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Introduction

This dictionary is carefully named. It is a dictionary of *rhyming slangs*; *slangs* rather than *slang*. That plural is important to us. Our intention is to provide a comprehensive account of the varieties of rhyming slang found in and around English-speaking communities worldwide. Our purpose is to give the terms collected herein geographic and social identity and thereby offer an authoritative, up-to-date record of the variant rhyming slangs used in the anglophone world.

Ambitious purpose notwithstanding, when we first jointly focussed on creating this dictionary, in March 2011, the breadth of this work was unpredicted. Detailed researches uncovered a significantly greater lexicon than that indicated by any previous study or collection. As a result, this dictionary is a far more considerable volume than was presupposed when the compilation commenced. We had anticipated an expansion of the documented vocabulary by, perhaps, as much as a third again. In the event we were surprised: the *Dictionary of English Rhyming Slangs* is, by headword count alone, about three times as long as that set forth by any previous authority. Nor have we included every rhyming term that was discovered. A substantial proportion of a yet greater rhyming slang vocabulary has been retained, awaiting possible transitions from coinage to currency. These currently excluded terms may be the nonce result of expediency or inspired tomfoolery, but that is in the evolutionary DNA of all slangs.

All slang conveys cultural information, a degree of informality and a sense of inclusion or exclusion. However, it is an ironic heritage of all slang lexicography that an actual definition of slang itself is uncertain. Some items in the general slang vocabulary teeter and topple into the realms of colloquial and informal expression; which words, and at what tipping points, differ according to various authorities' points of view. This is not the place to rehearse those arguments. Rhyming slang is identifiable for what it is, and as such serves all the purposes of general slang. Yet, however deeply embedded in less arcane or more respectable vocabulary a rhyming slang term may be, it always remains an inextricable part of the slang register. The precept for this dictionary is that all terms that meet the technical and etymological criteria of rhyming slang, and any lexical items that may be derived therefrom, must by definition be rhyming slang, and that the respectable circumstances of everyday speech should not disbar any term from entry here. Paradoxically, there are some terms which, despite being widely accepted to be rhyming slang, do not meet our criteria. These exceptional items are considered later in this introductory matter.

Rhyming slang is playful, delightful and conniving. There is often more to comprehend than meets the eye. Rhyming slang, by virtue of the amount of words employed to express and disguise a user's intention, is especially rich in cultural nuance. To borrow and retool a cliché, every picturesque term tells a story. Technically, rhyming slang is a word-formation process in which any given word, slang or otherwise, is replaced by another word or phrase – most often a double-stressed expression – rhyming with it. The rhyming part of the slang term is often and characteristically clipped: *apples and*

pears, meaning ‘stairs’, is shortened to *apples*, and to the uninitiated the phrase *up the apples* is rendered as nonsense. To confuse matters further, rhyming slang as a linguistic feature encompasses a number of variant structural forms and types.

From the warp of high culture to the weft of nursery, rhyme is a powerful element in the practice of language. Rhyming reduplicatives and compounds, for example, decorate the patterns of our speech. In formal and informal English, rhyming words add depth or variety to the surface of meaning. The refined use of rhyme that is rhyming slang, in the forms with which we are concerned in this dictionary, and in which the surface meaning is deliberately obscured as a lexical mechanism of inclusion or exclusion, is a linguistic feature that demonstrates individual or geographically unique ownership of our common tongue. It was first noted as a distinct form amongst the criminal and underclasses in London. Since then it has packed its bags, travelled and made its home in many places. As with any slang or process of slang word-formation, it is not easy to unpick the origins and social history of rhyming slang. Nor is it practical, beyond the briefest overview, to attempt to do so in this short introduction. Our focus here has been to compile a comprehensive dictionary of rhyming slangs and let the collected words, citations and individual histories illustrate the life and times of this fascinating subset of the language.

Origins and growth of rhyming slang

Rhyming slang is a primarily spoken form. At this remove we can only measure its birth, growth and early strength through study of the written records left by authors, journalists and lexicographers who were there at the time.

The earliest known item of rhyming slang was recorded in 1839 by H. Brandon Esq., who added a *Dictionary of the Flash or Cant Language, Known to Every Thief and Beggar* to William Augustus Miles’s *Poverty, Mendicity and Crime*. Brandon’s word-list included *lord of the manor*, meaning ‘sixpence’ via an unspecified rhyme on *tanner* (itself a relative newcomer to the slang vocabulary of the time).

On 31st January 1850, the London *Morning Chronicle* published an article by Henry Mayhew that included the following: ‘The new style of cadgers’ cant is nothing like the thieves’ cant, and is done all on the rhyming principle’. This is the first explicit recognition of a slang form based on rhyme. The article was later collected in Mayhew’s *London Labour and the London Poor* (1851) under the heading ‘Statement of a Beggar’.

The next collection of slang to include rhyming slang, although those items are still not yet named as such, is *The Vulgar Tongue: Comprising Two Glossaries of Slang, Cant, and Flash Words and Phrases, Principally Used in London at the Present Day*, authored pseudonymously by Ducange Anglicus and published in 1857 in London by Bernard Quaritch, an ‘Oriental and Philological Bookseller’ of Castle Street, Leicester Square. Alphabetically, the first rhyming slang to be recorded in that slim volume is

‘APPLE AND PEARS, stairs’, categorised as ‘Th. [Thieves]’. Apparently, this very soon evolved into *apples and pears*, in which form, more than a century and a half later, it remains in circulation, a classic or a cliché of the form.

The earliest explicit use of the term *rhyming slang* is in *A Dictionary of Modern Slang, Cant and Vulgar Words*, compiled by publisher, pornographer and lexicographer John Camden Hotten and first published in 1859. Writing in 1858, Hotten dated the introduction of ‘the Rhyming Slang’ to ‘about twelve or fifteen years ago’, that is, 1843–45. This author, in contradiction to Mayhew’s ‘nothing like thieves’ assertion, credits the origination of rhyming slang to ‘chaunters and patterers’, peripatetic street traders of the period:

Like the costermongers, however, they have a secret tongue or cant speech known only to each other. This cant, which has nothing to do with that spoken by the costermongers, is known in Seven Dials and elsewhere as the RHYMING SLANG, or the substitution of words and sentences which rhyme with other words intended to be kept secret.

The italics, which are Hotten’s, provide the earliest workable definition of *rhyming slang* and a name for the form. Critically, he also addresses the spread of rhyming slang usage:

Numbering this class of oratorical and bawling wanderers at twenty thousand, scattered over Great Britain, including London and the large provincial towns, we thus see the number of English vagabonds who converse in rhyme and talk poetry,—although their habitations and mode of life constitute a very unpleasant Arcadia. These nomadic poets, like the other talkers of cant or secret languages, are stamped with the vagabond’s mark, and are continually on the move.

Hotten’s estimated ‘twenty thousand’ can be measured against, but may not be part of, a population in England, Scotland and Wales in the region of twenty-three million.¹

For his ‘Glossary of the Rhyming Slang’, included as a separate section nearly at the end of the dictionary, Hotten compiled a list of one hundred and forty items, which he accounts as ‘only a selection’.² It is interesting to note that he does not list *lord of the manor*, the one specimen of rhyming slang recorded by Brandon twenty years earlier. However, in the twelve or fifteen years of Hotten’s reckoning, a substantial vocabulary had been ‘concocted’, mainly in the metropolis of London, true, but it was also known in the larger towns and wider reaches of the island. There is no doubt that the early use of rhyming slang is London-centric, but this linguistic feature grew, travelled and migrated. Rhyming slang – the words, the very notion – took root in

¹ Great Britain and Ireland Census, 1861.

² For the second edition, published in 1860, this selection grew very modestly to one hundred and forty-four headwords.

vibrant, mainly urban or underworld cultures in the constituent regions and nations of Britain, then the British Isles and the wider horizons of the English-speaking world.

In the popular view, rhyming slang is most typically associated with the colourful vocabulary of the mythic (or self-mythologised) Cockney ‘geezer’. As a semi-ubiquitous generic catch-all, ‘Cockney rhyming slang’ has tended to weaken a fuller appreciation of rhyming slang as a linguistic feature with regional and national variations and identity. Awareness of the Cockney cliché accounts for the fact that some rhyming slang items have often come to be used somewhat artificially, or at least self-consciously, for purposes of ‘enregisterment’, that is, as indices of the prototypical Cockney speaker. Some items of rhyming slang are so closely associated with London’s East End that the rhyming slang itself reflects Cockney culture itself and, by extension, is accepted as a generalised representation of ‘London’ culture. This must be due in part to a mixed or muddled understanding of the word *Cockney*, long since loosely applied to Londoners, though traditionally and more narrowly used to refer to those born and bred in the East End – or, more specifically still, as John Minsheu first put it in his *Guide into Tongues* (1617), to those born ‘within the sound of Bow Bells’, the bells of St Mary-le-Bow in Cheapside.³ ‘Yer actual’ Cockney rhyming slang (including enregistered expressions like *apples and pears*) and its practical cousin, London rhyming slang, are at the heart of this dictionary, but their dialect boundaries are rather blurred.

Within Britain, there are native rhyming slangs in almost every urban centre, especially in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland; less so in Wales. Beyond Britain, rhyming slang thrives most strongly in the Republic of Ireland and Australia, and, with less intensity, in the subcultures of America, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. Rhyming slang words, of whatever indigenous provenance, have crossed and recrossed the anglophone world. That happens now, in major part, through the agency of the Internet but, as is evidenced by the content of this dictionary, lexical borrowing and cross-fertilisation are inherent in the history of rhyming slang.

It is likely that rhyming slang arrived in Australia as a result of Britain’s policy of penal transportation (1787–1868) or, perhaps, with the mass immigration occasioned by the gold rush that started in 1851. London, as an acknowledged centre of this linguistic feature, and Liverpool, another important location where rhyming slang is found, were major seaports for travel to Australia, America and the rest of the world. Liverpool was, and remains, a major focus for travel to Ireland and of Irish immigration. The actual journeys that rhyming slang may have taken can only be imagined, but the destinations and the people who carried it with them (transported convicts, those facing military conflict and others in search of a better future) are certain and, if you are of a mind to, can be partially deduced through the entries and bibliography

³ Note that Seven Dials, in London’s West End, from whence Hotten made his observations, is not actually located within the sound of Bow Bells.

in this dictionary. It should be noted that any history of slang inevitably becomes, to some degree, a history of its lexicographers and commentators, dictionaries and glossaries, great and small.

Julian Franklyn, writing in *A Dictionary of Rhyming Slang* (1960), considered a possible prehistory of rhyming slang. He dismissed as a ‘fortuitous rhyme’ *baa-cheat* for *bleat*, meaning ‘sheep’, hence ‘sheep-stealing’, as found in Daniel Defoe’s *Street-Robberies, Consider’d* (1728). Nevertheless, he included the word in his hugely important dictionary ‘to prevent well-meaning people from calling attention to its omission’. Franklyn also made the point that there was a ‘vague hint at the possibility of a rhyming form of flash language’ in the third edition of Francis Grose’s *Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue* (1796). Captain Grose, that great slang lexicographer, included some words that might easily be mistaken for early rhyming slang. One such word already listed in the first (1785) edition of his dictionary is *bubbly jock* for a turkey cock. Though the expression may be taken to be a slang rhyme, it is just as likely, or perhaps even more so, to have an imitative origin. An example that does underline the deliberate rhyming playfulness of informal English is *arsy varsey*, defined by Grose as ‘To fall arsy varsey, i.e. head over heels’. However, reduplicative rhymes of this type patently fail to conform to the structures of rhyming slang and should be disregarded if for no other reason that their formation does not rely on the existence of an underlying target word.

Dictionaries are, of necessity, behind the times, so it is almost always logical to presume earlier use. That having been said, according to the evidence collected for this dictionary, the linguistic form that we accept as rhyming slang starts in Britain in 1839. It is recorded in America as early as 1859. The *Australian National Dictionary* (1988) claims that *Jimmy Grant*, meaning ‘immigrant’, is rhyming slang and gives evidence for its first use in New Zealand and Australia in 1845 and 1859 respectively. However, it may be argued that rhyming slang is not just slang that rhymes. The earliest indisputable recordings of the classic form of rhyming slang in Australia are found in 1897, and after that there was no stopping them. Australia, Britain (especially England and Scotland) and Ireland (and now the Internet) have provided the most fertile environments for the development and spread of rhyming slang. Ireland, surprisingly, is seen as a latecomer to rhyming slang: the earliest evidence is not found until 1941.

Lately, the word *Cockney* has been used in the formation of a number of blended words, including *Jockney*, *mockney* and *popney*. Although they have the unmistakable whiff of journalistic invention, and are scarcely appropriate as linguistic labels, they are nonetheless useful as shorthand for three identifiable subsets of rhyming slang.

The label ‘Jockney’, in general, is used to categorise those features of modern Scottish English pronunciation and lexis that are thought to reveal the influence of Cockney (in a loose sense of the word). Jockney rhyming slang, by contrast, is a unique vocabulary specifically contrived to reflect Scottish culture whilst nominally acknowledging and following the structural form of Cockney rhyming slang.

Mockney is a faux or ersatz Cockney accent, sometimes also inaccurately dubbed ‘Estuary English’, adopted (and derided) as an artificial social stratagem. This, in turn, has inspired tomfoolery to create mockney rhyming slang items that, in content, mock the social status.

Popney rhyming slang, deliberately based on the names of popular musicians and cultural icons, was created in late 2000 on the music website *www.music365.com*. This online diversion soon caught the public and journalistic imagination. As a result, a surge of new terms was given currency and that, in turn, invigorated interest in rhyming slang in general. A number of popney items, notable among them *George Michael*, meaning ‘a bicycle’ (via the rhyme on *cycle*) and ‘the menstrual cycle’, have proved to be especially successful additions to the rhyming slang vocabulary.

Rhyming slangs, mischievous and often amusing, remain in rude health, especially so in Britain, Australia and Ireland, constantly reinvigorated by wordplay and tomfoolery that reflect cultural changes. In tune with the origins of the form, criminal, semi-legitimate and underclass activities still inspire terms that serve particular cryptolectal needs, but in general rhyming slang is much less private now, with some terms in such wide circulation that the rhyming roots are all but forgotten.

The existence of Jockney as a separate, identifiable entity (notwithstanding the potentially loaded use of the word) is an example of the spread and growth in popularity of rhyming slang far beyond its original London home. This and other regionally restricted types of rhyming slang intersect with social variables in a fascinating way, thus giving rise to a rich landscape of rhyming slangs specific to certain areas or social groups, or shared by two or more of them, including anglers, musicians, scaffolders, second-hand car dealers, the disabled community, etc. All of these are covered in this dictionary.

The regional dialects represented in the dictionary are equally varied and comprise a number of geographical levels: the UK, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jamaica, New Zealand, the US, Canada, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Zambia; Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales; Northern England, North-West England, North-East England, South-East England, the Midlands, the East Midlands, the West Midlands; Bedford, Birmingham, Brighton, Coventry, Durham, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Preston, Sheffield, Sunderland.

Criteria for entry

Many terms collected in this dictionary are evidenced in a number of variant forms and spellings. Some terms occur, or seem to occur, only in clipped or disguised form, whilst others are always used in full. That is compounded by the fact that capitalisation is often at variance with use. Such complications and irregularities are part of the essence of slang in general and of rhyming slang in particular, and have required a style guide in constant evolution. Likewise, given the protean, untameable nature of

this type of lexis, it has been necessary to develop a specific set of rules to govern criteria for inclusion and management of the peculiar requirements of rhyming slangs.

The pluralised *slangs* of our title is, as noted above, intended to suggest the regional and national vocabularies of rhyming slang, but it could equally refer to the variant structural forms of rhyming slang. The three major kinds of rhyming slang that meet our criteria for inclusion are conventional rhyming slang, pseudo-rhyming slang and slang rhymes. The litmus test for conventional rhyming slang and slang rhymes is the existence of a rhyming target word. Pseudo-rhyming slang, however, is based on homophony or phonological identity, not rhyme, but its formal make-up and some of its structural patterns are in many respects similar, sometimes nearly identical, to those of conventional rhyming slang. These three types of slang may perhaps best be thought of as forming a continuum, with a number of imperfect, hybrid or overlapping variations showing different degrees of approximation to, or divergence from, one type or another. The close relationship between the three categories of rhyming slang can be easily seen in some items that result from the convergence or combined action of rhyme and homophony. In all forms it is the essential artificiality of a rhyming or homophonous structure that is a key characteristic, and it is that that sets it apart from all other types of slang and suits it to this lexicon. Here follows a description of each of these forms of rhyming slang and their variant patterns.

Conventional rhyming slang

1. Perfect rhyming slang

This is the most recognised, indeed the most recognisable form of rhyming slang: words, often a name or variation of a name, or a phrase in which the final element comprises a perfect rhyme for the target word. In practice the rhyming element may then be clipped to further obscure the meaning. To give a well-known example, *apples and pears* ‘stairs’ is often reduced to *apples*.

The process of identifying a perfect rhyme is naturally affected by the accent and slang vocabulary of its locality of origin. For example, in Ireland *jeyes* is used to mean ‘the state of being naked’ because there *Jeyes Fluid* rhymes perfectly on *nude*; *Mick Jagger* rhymes perfectly on *lager* in Scotland; and in America *Little Joe* is given a mock dialect pronunciation to rhyme with *four* in the game of craps.

2. Imperfect rhyming slang

This variant is structurally the same as perfect rhyming slang, with the singular exception that there is no rhyme as such, but assonance: the vowel sounds correspond, but at least one of the subsequent consonants does not. Compare the perfect rhyming slang *Callard and Bowers* and the imperfectly rhyming *Leslie Crowthers*, both meaning ‘trousers’. As with the perfect form, the imperfect rhyming part of the

expression may be clipped to further obscure the meaning. Thus *Leslie Crowthers* may sometimes be rendered as *leslies*.

Once a rhyming slang word has been reduced by ellipsis of the rhyming element, as shown above, it may then undergo further modification, becoming, in essence, a sophisticated kind of pun. These mutations of rhyming slang fall into the following types.

3. Compounded rhyming slang

Sometimes a rhyming slang term is clipped and used as the basis for other words. The resulting expression may have two or more layers of rhyme. An example of double or two-layered rhyming slang is *Barney Rubble*, meaning ‘a laugh’ via the rhyme on *bubble*, itself the shortened form of *bubble bath*. The original slang term at the root of a double rhyming slang item may be further obscured by compounded layers, each generated by the same process. The word *ala*, meaning ‘the buttocks or anus’, is a good example of this form. It originated as a shortening of *alabaster*, rhyming on *plaster*, itself an elliptical version of *plaster of Paris*, rhyming on *aris*, a clipping of *Aristotle*, rhyming on *bottle*, which in its turn is short for *bottle and glass*, the original term in the sequence, formed as rhyming slang on *arse*.

4. Covert rhyming slang

An oblique reference to the semantic substance of a rhyming slang item may give rise to a new, unrhymed term. In its simplest form, this punning process accounts for *bunny*, which takes on the sense ‘talk’ on the analogy of *rabbit*, a shortening of the rhyming slang *rabbit and pork* ‘talk’. Similarly, *fruit* and *oranges and lemons*, both meaning ‘stairs’, derive from the rhyming slang *apples and pears*. A more convoluted form of pun is found in the expression *the Ike and Tinas* ‘cancer’, a covert offshoot of the rhyming slang *Private Dancer*, disguised as a reference to the musical duo of the 1960s and 1970s Ike and Tina Turner. The connection with ‘Private Dancer’, a song recorded in the early 1980s by Tina Turner as a solo artist, may be tenuous but obvious. A similar pun is *meet the golfer*, meaning ‘to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation’ by virtue of a semantic link with *Tom Kite* (or *Tam Kite*), rhyming on *shite*.

5. Minor types of rhyming slang

The roguishly inconstant nature of rhyming slang allows for more variations of form and meaning than are readily apparent. Some of these coinages may surprise, but they are noteworthy as examples of word-formation and bear testament to the creativity of slang and the living language at large. One inventive instance must serve here to illustrate the myriad possibilities of an evolving slang: *scouse* ‘inferior, trivial

or worthless' is a reversal of *Mickey Mouse* as a rhyming slang equivalent of *Scouse* 'a person from Liverpool', combined with an interpretation of the adjective *Mickey Mouse* in its usual slang sense.

Occasionally, a new rhyming slang item can be created by altering the morphological make-up of an ordinary phrase. This can be attained in two ways, by clipping and restructuring a phrase or by rearranging its sounds or letters. The first technique accounts for *berryhuckle* 'a round of drinks', formed from an ellipsis of *Huckleberry Hound*; the second is used in the creation of pig Latin or pig Latin-like versions of ordinary rhyming slang terms, as in *ormstay and ifestray* 'a wife' and *enryhar hetar hirdtar* 'a contemptible person', from *storm and strife* and *Henry the Third* (via the rhyme on *turd*).

A further minor type of rhyming slang is that in which the link between the slang term and the target word is based on an eye rhyme, a kind of rhyme that, as its name implies, works visually, but not phonologically. *Half a pint* and *squint*, for example, do not form a true rhyme, but the similarity in spelling between *pint* and *squint* accounts for the expression *half a pint* 'a quick look'.

Pseudo-rhyming slang

Pseudo-rhyming slang is based on phonological identity (homophony) or similarity rather than rhyme, but in other respects follows the structural requirements of perfect or imperfect rhyming slang. *Dick Van Dyke*, meaning 'a lesbian', puns on the homophones *dyke* and *Dyke*, while *Sandra Bullocks*, meaning 'the testicles' and 'nonsense; rubbish', plays on the similar-sounding words *bollocks* and *Bullocks*. Like many of the terms falling into any of the above categories, these are also often used in a shortened form (*dick van, sandras*).

As with conventional rhyming slang, pseudo-rhyming slang may also have more than one formative layer. Such is the case with *Burlington Bertie* 'cold', *Norfolk tit* 'a hat' and *Lew Lakes* 'crazy'. What makes this type of word particularly worthy of note is that it shows how pseudo-rhyming slang blends with conventional rhyming slang to yield a hybrid type of expression where a perfect or imperfect rhyming slang term is embedded, as it were, into the structure of a pseudo-rhyming slang item. Thus, *Burlington Bertie* is a disguised version of *bertie*, itself the short form of *Bertie Auld*, rhyming on *cold*; *Norfolk tit* derives from *tit*, the first element of *titfer*, a common clipping of *tit for tat*, rhyming on *hat*; and *Lew Lakes* is based on the first element of *Lakes of Killarney*, which rhymes imperfectly on *barmy*.

Slang rhymes

1. Perfect slang rhymes

An ordinary slang rhyme is created by replacing a target word with another expression (usually a single word) rhyming on it. From a morphological point of view, the difference between this and other types of rhyming slang is that here the slang word has the same number of syllables as the word it replaces. Some examples are *jimmygrant* ‘an immigrant’, *ruddy* ‘bloody’, *toy* ‘a boy’ and *banker* ‘an obnoxious person’ (the last via the rhyme on *wanker*). Occasionally, the slang item is shorter than the target word, as in the disyllabic *snorter*, formed as a slang rhyme on the trisyllabic *reporter*.

The identical syllabic length of a target word and its rhyming substitute may sometimes result from the clipping of the first element of a rhyming slang phrase. To give an example, *cinder* ‘a window’ is a shortening of *burnt cinder*, rhyming on *winder*, a colloquial pronunciation of *window*. This often means the distinction between a slang rhyme and a ‘conventional’ rhyming slang item may get blurred. Such is the case with *frisky* ‘whisky’, which may be either a slang rhyme or an otherwise unrecorded clipping of *bright and frisky*, *gay and frisky* or *I’m so frisky*.

2. Imperfect slang rhymes

As with other rhyming slang expressions, slang rhymes are sometimes based on assonance. Examples are *Tom rabbit* ‘a pomegranate’, *Pork and Beans*, meaning ‘Portuguese troops; Portuguese soldiers’ and *basket*, meaning ‘a disagreeable or despicable person; a person of a specified kind’ via the rhyme on *bastard*.

3. Doubled slang rhymes

A slang rhyme may be made up of more than one element, as in some of the examples above. However, sometimes the target word itself may also be a compound, a binomial or any other expression with two content words, each one generating a rhyming element in the new slang item. Two examples are *balloon car*, a rhyming equivalent of *saloon bar*, and *Muddy Trench*, a term for the French via a doubled rhyme on *bloody French*.

4. Covert slang rhymes

Some lexical puns are based on hidden slang rhymes, their playful effect relying on linguistic and cultural knowledge. Take for instance *Grenadier Guards*, used as a nickname for the Strand, a major thoroughfare in central London. The pun hinges on the rhyme *band* - *Strand*, but the word *band* is concealed in the name *Grenadier Guards*, used primarily to refer to a British infantry regiment whose band is famous the world over. A similar example is *tisket*, which can be linked to the target word *bastard* via

its rhyming synonym *basket*, the final element of *a little yellow basket*, a phrase used in the Ella Fitzgerald song ‘A-Tisket, A-Tasket’ (1938).

Exclusions

Etymology and etymologies: folk, faux or false

All compilers, of any type of dictionary, are hostage to scholarly fortune. Inherently problematic to such endeavour is any decision regarding what is suitable for inclusion and, therefore, which items should be rejected. As one of the primary purposes of the *Dictionary of English Rhyming Slangs* is to present the most comprehensive collection of rhyming slang yet gathered, decisions of what to exclude were made with the greatest caution, especially in one regard: ought items that may be present in the work of earlier authorities yet which are actually falsely claimed for the rhyming slang lexicon by virtue of folk, faux or false etymologies be excluded? Lexicographic scholarship argues against inclusion in order to maintain the absolute integrity of the dictionary. On the other hand, we have the example of Julian Franklyn, as quoted above, who decided to include *baa-cheat* in his *Dictionary of Rhyming Slang* ‘to prevent well-meaning people from calling attention to its omission’. Franklyn’s strategy, based on a ‘damned if you do and damned if you don’t’ way of thinking was, without question, a sensible and balanced approach. In this dictionary we have followed his principle, if not his example: while accepting that there is a general validity in the inclusion of words that a reasonably informed reader might expect and, therefore, that the larger expectations of folk-etymology should be acknowledged, we have resisted inclusion of all but those that have arisen as folk-etymological elaborations of non-rhyming slang words. Examples abound: *Scapa Flow* ‘to go; run away; leave quickly’, from the Lingua Franca and Polari verb *scarper*, *kettle and hob* ‘a fob watch; a wristwatch’, from the slang *kettle*; *poppy red* ‘money’, rhyming on *bread*, from the slang *poppy*. Still, if any term that the reader believes to be rhyming slang is missing from this dictionary, please rest assured that we are unlikely to have overlooked it and that its absence, like that of *baa-cheat*, is deliberate. That having been said, we do acknowledge responsibility for any errors of content.

Ghost words

A ghost word is one that has surreptitiously made its way into dictionaries or other reference works by mistake. It may be a misprint, a misreading or the result of etymological confusion, etymological presumption or unevidenced interpretation. Two examples are *tracy bits* and *water hen*. The former, listed by Franklyn (1960), results from a confusion with *trey bits*, whilst the latter, entered in the eighth (1984) edition of

Partridge's dictionary, stems from the misinterpretation of a somewhat obscure play on words in Charles Drummond's *The Odds on Death* (1969). A ghost word may haunt a commentary and yet be denied headword status herein.

Spoor words

Another type of word that has been excluded from this collection is what, in the absence of a better term, may be called a 'spoor word'. This is a rhyming slang expression that is only recorded in an altered or elliptical form. One such expression is *gone berserk*, the immediate source of the term *gon-bee*, meaning 'a Turk'. It may be argued that the full form somehow 'exists', yet no evidence has been found to substantiate its use.

Non-rhyme-motivated words

Deliberate rhyming is a major motivating factor for the creation of rhyming slang. A rhyming slang word may be triggered, influenced or reinforced by other lexemes or word-formation processes, but its creation is invariably motivated by an underlying word rhyming with it. Certainly, intention is important here: expressions which are not deliberately coined to match a rhyming word simply do not qualify as rhyming slang. And rhyming coincidences are quite common, as it happens – witness, for example, *chew the fat* 'to chatter idly or gossip', rhyming with *chat*, and the slang *hook* 'a criminal', rhyming with *crook*.

Rhyme may also arise inevitably (rather than coincidentally or deliberately) as a linguistic by-product of a process of word-making other than rhyming slang. Blending is a case in point. A target word (often a name) may be punned, satirised or spoofed by blending it with another word that is generally, and with the spirited sassiness of slang coinage, intent on undermining or criticising the original meaning or reference. The blend and the target word rhyme, of course, but that is an effect of the structure of the blend itself. The examples that follow – one place and one person – are but two among many: *Shitsburgh* for the American city of Pittsburgh, a coinage claimed by British actress Sienna Miller in 2006 (though actually seen in use a couple of years earlier); *David Hameron*, a jocular reference to British Prime Minister David Cameron, coined in 2015 in the immediate wake of allegations that, whilst at Oxford University, he had placed his penis in the mouth of a pig's head.

Interestingly, *Shitsburgh* and *David Hameron* contrast with tautologous blends such as *brasstitute* and *Tod Jones*, which have been included in this dictionary because at least one of their source words actually originated as rhyming slang: *brasstitute*, from *brass* (a shortening of *brass nail* 'a prostitute', rhyming on *tail*) + (*pro*)stitute; on *one's Tod Jones* 'on one's own', from the rhyming slang synonyms *on one's Tod* (*Sloan*) + *on one's* (*Jack*) *Jones*.

Tomfoolery

Among the great joys of rhyming slang are its artificiality and its sense of fun. These two facets, however, are also responsible for a plethora of contrived and extemporised words and phrases that have to be treated with great caution by the dictionary-maker. Magazines, newspapers and Internet forums occasionally invigorate their discourse with displays of newly-minted rhyming slang tomfoolery. Wonderfully playful, often topic-sensitive or -specific and always random, most of these expressions are less than nonce words, for they serve no purpose other than to enhance the usually humorous lists in which they sit. Nevertheless, these lists are to be treasured – if not included – as it is in this creative hotchpotch that we may see the viable origins of a new item of rhyming slang.

Dating, antedating and postdating

Source books are generally noted by the year of publication and, where appropriate, identified by edition. If a quotation has been found cited in another work and not sourced directly, that is clearly indicated and the date of the original is highlighted. Films are noted by the year of original release, and television and radio sources are dated to first broadcast. All other reference materials are displayed with as much information as possible on the model ‘day/month/year’. Some Internet sources are supported only by date of access.

All dictionary compilers strive to discover the earliest uses of words. In this way they quite literally get ahead of other lexicographers. The *Dictionary of English Rhyming Slangs* contains a significant number of antedatings. For example, *Hampton Wick* ‘the penis’, rhyming on *prick* and *dick*, is shown elsewhere, in a major work of slang reference, as 1930; it is antedated here to 1898, with a citation from *The Horn Book: A Girl’s Guide to the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, a sex manual that has been attributed to British spiritualist and lexicographer John S. Farmer.

Of equal significance is the postdating of some rhyming slang terms. Finding examples of use that postdate the latest examples known is equally important in order to cover the span of a word’s history. Postdatings are nevertheless more provisional than antedatings: a word that has fallen out of use may be revived or coined anew, and one that is thought to be obsolete may in fact be leading an underground life, thus escaping the notice of lexicographers. A defunct word may also be reused artificially, often for effect, atmosphere or local colour, in consonance with the sheer artificiality of rhyming slang itself.

Our examination of the dating evidence given in major dictionaries has also yielded a number of findings of interest to students of slang. *Bucket afloat* and *plates of meat*, for example, have been claimed to be recorded in the first (1859) edition of Hotten’s dictionary, yet our research shows that Hotten did not include

these items until the fifth edition, published posthumously by Chatto and Windus in 1874.

Sources

Exploration of the dictionary will reveal spoken quotations, broadcasts, song lyrics, ephemera, letters from correspondents and extracts of digital discourse; these last in particular, as the online record of contemporary cultures has grown, provide the most illuminating examples of 21st-century rhyming slang. We have listed in excess of 1,800 titles in the Select Bibliography, but that falls a long way short of the total of sources given in this work.

We have quoted, probably without exception, all published authorities and standard sources. Certainly, we have consulted them all. While it may be reasonably argued that dictionaries and glossaries are not evidence of the items in use, sometimes they are the only evidence that a word has existed. These sources have been treated with considerable care.

We have also included quotations cited by earlier authorities, but usually only when we have been able to verify them against the original texts; otherwise, when we have used a quotation as found in another dictionary, we have fully referenced both that dictionary and the original source.

A number of the quotations in this dictionary, furnished in support of date and location of use, are taken from overseas reports and given in a wide range of sources. The published location of such reportage cannot, without further proof, be presumed to be a location of use. For instance, the earliest recorded use of *Sexton Blake* ‘a steak’ is from the Brisbane *Sunday Mail* of 14th November 1954, but the word is quoted from a conversation with a Londoner. Quotations are necessarily abstracted from a greater text, the content of which is usually essential, or at least helpful, in order to pinpoint the location (and perhaps the speech community too) where a word has been found. It is nonetheless possible that the text of a particular quotation may contradict or confuse any evidence of location, in which case it is clarified in that entry’s commentary. That kind of clarification is necessary, for example, to understand why *greengage* ‘the stage’ is labelled as ‘UK’ even though it is first recorded in an American source.

Using the dictionary

The structure of this dictionary is strictly alphabetical and its entry organisation echoes that of other dictionaries based on historical material. It has nevertheless proved necessary to set a number of rules specific to the requirements of a catalogue of rhyming slang.

Order of entries

Entries are listed alphabetically letter by letter, without regard to intervening spaces or hyphens; hence, for example, the sequence *Mel B*, *Melbourne Grammar*, *Melbourne pier*, *Mel C*. Because of the nature of the lexis recorded here, it has been necessary to supplement conventional part-of-speech labels with other labels for specific kinds of nouns and different types of exclamatory words (including interjections), phrases and sentences. Words having different parts of speech or functions are ordered as follows:

noun
nickname
proper name
numeral
adjective
verb
adverb
determiner
exclamation
preposition

When a conventional rhyming slang word or slang rhyme has the same form as a pseudo-rhyming slang term, the latter is always entered first. Thus the noun *Oliver Twist*; *Oliver*, formed as a pun on the slang *twist* ('cheating; a dishonest trick') and *the twist* ('a prison sentence of indeterminate length'), precedes the noun *Oliver Twist*; *oliver*, meaning 'the fist', 'the wrist' and, figuratively, 'one's signature'.

Form and order of headwords

An entry begins with a headword or entry head in bold type. Where the entry head has variant forms or spellings, these have been arranged according to the following criteria:

- The most prevalent full form of any rhyming slang item is presented first.
- This is followed, if supported by sufficient evidence, by any major variant spelling or spellings; this rule has sometimes been slightly bent, but only when it has seemed appropriate, to allow the correct spelling of a proper name to take precedence.
- The shortened variant form (or forms) of any rhyming slang item is presented last. If a shortening is the only form in evidence, then that is taken as the headword and the commentary is used to demonstrate how the full form has been deduced despite lack of direct evidence.
- Variant forms and spellings are separated by a semicolon.

- Initial capitalisation or otherwise is used in headwords to reflect the substantive usage of the term that is being defined.
- If the full form is a proper noun, then it will be shown correctly, even if the target word is a decidedly common noun.
- Any shortened form, even if it is the sole headword, will generally reflect the grammar of the target word. This will sometimes look strange to the eye, but the rule has been adopted in order to present all entries logically and consistently, as an attempt to impose sense and order on an area of language that is notoriously inconstant. It is no stranger than capitalising *Apples and Pears*. The only exceptions to this rule apply to (i) shortenings whose target word is a proper noun (for example, *Two Dogs Fighting*; *Two Dogs Fightin'*; *Two Dogs*, a nickname for Huyton, a town in Merseyside, England) and (ii) shortened names that are used to form pseudo-rhyming slang words, which helps to signal the existence of a punning pseudo-rhyme (for example, *up the Hilary Duff*; *up the Hilary*, meaning ‘pregnant’, and *Savalas*, meaning ‘television’, from a pun on the homophones *Telly* and *telly*).
- Initial capitals are used for full forms of all proper names (including accidental misspellings); for example, *Harvey Nichols*; *Harvey Nicholls*; *harvey*, meaning ‘pickles’.
- Deliberately singularised versions of proper names that do not have a proper noun as the target word are not capitalised; for example, *harvey nichol*, meaning ‘a difficult situation’ (rhyming on *pickle*).
- Conversely, proper names that appear pluralised are given initial capitalisation; for example, *Cecil Gees*, meaning ‘knees’, from the name *Cecil Gee*.
- Terms derived from proper names are not given capitals; for example, *sylvester stalloned*, meaning ‘intoxicated by drugs’ (rhyming on *stoned*), from the name *Sylvester Stallone*.

Order of senses

- A headword or entry head covers all senses within its part of speech or function. This also applies to nicknames and proper names with more than one referent; all the referents of a name are treated in the same entry. Thus, the entry for *Ruby* (an elliptical form of *Ruby Murray*) contains two referents, Scottish singer and musician Justin Currie and English footballer Darren Currie.
- A limited exception has been made in order to avoid a confusion of singular and plural senses. The difference is discoverable in the shortened form of the headword and is perhaps most easily explained by example: *Mary Rose*; *mary*, meaning ‘nose’, has been separated from *Mary Rose*; *marys*, meaning ‘toes’. The singular sense is always listed first.
- All senses and referents are ordered subject to earliest dating of available evidence.

Definitions

Entries are defined in British English. Some of them are cross-references directing the reader from a variant form of a word to the main entry. Culture-specific elements and nuances of interpretation are explained in the commentary (see below).

Labels

Evidence of first use in any national or (within the UK) regional location is summarised in a geographic label that follows the definition. The order of labels for each usage maps to the order for which earliest evidence has been found. For example, *roses red* ‘a bed’ is labelled US/AUSTRALIA/UK; that matches the fact that the earliest citation is American, next earliest from Australia, while the British evidence is the most recent. The geographic labels used in the dictionary are as follows:

AUSTRALIA
 CANADA
 HONG KONG
 INDIA
 IRELAND
 ISLE OF MAN
 JAMAICA
 NEW ZEALAND
 SOUTH AFRICA
 SRI LANKA
 UK
 UK: MIDLANDS; EAST MIDLANDS; WEST MIDLANDS
 UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND; NORTH-EAST ENGLAND; NORTH-WEST ENGLAND
 UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND
 UK: NORTHERN IRELAND
 UK: SCOTLAND
 UK: WALES
 US
 ZAMBIA
 ZIMBABWE

Within the UK the following English city centres are identified and used with reference to the regional hinterland:

BEDFORD
 BIRMINGHAM

BRIGHTON
 COVENTRY
 DURHAM
 HULL
 LEEDS
 LIVERPOOL
 MANCHESTER
 NEWCASTLE
 NOTTINGHAM
 PRESTON
 SHEFFIELD
 SUNDERLAND

In general, the label UK, unless given a narrower ancillary location, or otherwise noted in the commentary, presupposes London, its hinterland and a non-specified national area of use. The status of London as a centre of British linguistic culture accounts for the rapid spread of many usages which can now be heard in many (mostly urban) areas across Britain. The same thing applies to several other broad geographic labels used in this dictionary. All these generally imply the existence of at least one focal area (whether a major urban centre or a large region) where rhyming slang has traditionally originated. The rhyming slang terms recorded in these varieties may be assumed to be used in these areas, although many, and possibly most, are also to be found elsewhere.

| | <i>Implied focal areas</i> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| UK: NORTHERN IRELAND | Belfast |
| UK: SCOTLAND | Glasgow and Edinburgh |
| UK: WALES | Cardiff |
| IRELAND | Dublin |
| AUSTRALIA | Melbourne and Sydney |
| US | West Coast, especially California |

Logically, a major exception to this system of geographic labelling is applied to proper names and some nicknames whose use transcends dialect boundaries. These entries are left unlabelled. Personal and place names which are applied to no one individual or place in particular are governed by our usual labelling system.

In addition to geographic labels, the dictionary also makes use of three special tags that give information about those terms that have not taken hold in any specific variety of English. These tags are E-ANGLOSPHERE, LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS and MARKETING/ADVERTISING.

The first label is applied to a number of popney rhyming slang items whose use outside of the Internet cannot be substantiated. Chance and the whims of language

have helped *Posh and Becks* ‘sex’ and *Jethro Tull* ‘the skull’ to enter British usage, but our evidence shows that the vast majority of popneyisms remain confined to where they originated. The term *e-Anglosphere* accordingly aims to reflect both the non-physical nature of cyberspace and the supraregionality of popney rhyming slang.

In the same way that E-ANGLOSPHERE is given to most popney rhyming slang terms, LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS is applied to nonce creations found in culturally valued works, including poetry, literary fiction, comics, films and TV and radio series, or in unpublished texts by famous authors. Two terms tagged with this label are *pretty polly* ‘money’ (rhyming on the slang *lolly*), coined by Anthony Burgess in his 1962 novel *A Clockwork Orange*, and *waterfalls* ‘the testicles’ (rhyming on *balls*), a word that occurs in an unpublished version of a poem by W. H. Auden.

The label MARKETING/ADVERTISING is applied to terms that have been created for commercial purposes. Among these nonce usages are *Huckleberry Finn* ‘a PIN (personal identification number)’ and *Fleet Street* ‘an ATM slip showing one’s bank balance and transaction details’, both of which were introduced on a number of London ATMs in 2009.

Commentary

Definitions and labels are generally followed by a brief note or longer commentary that serves three major purposes:

1. To identify the target word with which the headword rhymes (if this word is not part of the definition itself) and note any nuances or ambiguities of interpretation drawn from the evidence.
2. Where relevant, and where known, to give information on the word’s origin and usage, with reference to the social circumstance or local significance of dialect and accented speech. The immediate etymon or source of the word is preceded by the symbol <.
3. To direct the reader’s attention to related words through cross-references. These are marked ► *see* HEADWORD or simply noted within the text as HEADWORD.

Abbreviations

In the interests of clarity, we have deliberately avoided, as far as is practical, the use of unfamiliar abbreviations and specialised linguistic notations.

Citations

The cultural mish-mash born of a common form, which we have collected in this volume, is in no place more evident than in the quotations that support the entries. Many of these are rich in rhyming slang that is other than that being defined; however, we have left it to the reader to turn the pages and decrypt such mysteries. To have done otherwise would have rendered this volume unwieldy and harmed the character of countless citations by the weight of our parenthetical interruptions.

For the same reasons, we have resisted the temptations of *i.e.* and *sic*. We have accurately recorded quotations with the original – in some cases *very* original – spelling and grammar, choosing to rely on the dictionary’s user making sense of it.

Citations are listed in order of original publication. When a citation from a print or electronic source is taken from an edition other than the original text, the date of the edition cited is given in square brackets. This is always followed by the date of the original source, which is shown in bold type.

Citations are essentially used to exemplify the fullest history of a rhyming slang term. This point can be demonstrated by an edited account of a familiar term:

APPLE AND PEARS — **1857** [UK]
 APPLE and PEARS — **1859** [UK]
 ... apples and pears ... — **1892** [UK]
 ... ‘Apples and Pears’ ... — **1896** [AUSTRALIA]
 ... apples and pears ... — **1914** [NEW ZEALAND]
 ... apples ... — **1920** [UK]
 ... “apple and pears” ... — **1930** [UK]
 ... apples and pears ... — **1931** [US]
 apples — **1984** [AUSTRALIA]
apples and pears — **2007** [IRELAND]

We have refrained from imitating the practice found in many records of rhyming slang: this dictionary does not invent jocular examples to illuminate entries. That is not to say that we have not quoted the embellished examples of others where appropriate.

Citation of sources

The major exception to our policy of minimising the use of abbreviations is in the citation of sources in the body of the dictionary. The weight of evidence that supports the content of this work would render it unmanageable had we not omitted certain bibliographic details of the sources cited, such as place of publication and publisher’s name. Many of the titles of these works are routinely abbreviated. The titles of dictionaries are usually abbreviated in the form of initials, while the titles of other

sources are often shortened to at least one of their key words. For instance, Ducange Anglicus's *The Vulgar Tongue* (1857, London, Bernard Quaritch) and Bob Aylwin's *A Load of Cockney Cobblers* (1973, London, Johnston & Bacon) are abbreviated in the text to D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857 and B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, 1973. A number after the short title of a dictionary indicates the number of the edition cited. *DSUE3*, for example, is the short title of the third edition of Eric Partridge's *Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English* (London, Routledge & Kegan Paul). Generally, the titles of non-dictionary sources, including word books, academic articles and literary works, have been abbreviated depending on length and subject to the frequency of quotation.

Conclusion

In 2002, in an article entitled 'Rhyming Slang', slang lexicographer Jonathon Green recorded the sum of rhyming slang as 'barely 3,000 words' and, describing it as 'a London dialect' and 'Cockney patois', suggested that had the form 'emerged from Newcastle, Liverpool or some other provincial centre', it would have a lesser place in mainstream slang. Naturally London-centric, that underestimates both the numbers and worldwide impact of rhyming slang. It is not clear whether the 'barely 3,000 words' refers to headwords or senses; on a headword count alone it is a considerable underestimate, falling dramatically short of the total to be found in these pages by about twice as much again.

Geographically and historically, the origins and spread of an idea depend far more on the idea than the source. Rhyming slang has been born and owned, reborn and shared in London, Melbourne, Glasgow, San Francisco, Dublin and many points in between, around the world and into cyberspace. In practice, whatever its geographic start in life, rhyming slang originated among the underclasses. Over the years it has gained a sheen of respectability, a hint of media fame, and been seen in the finest company, but its fluency still hides many secrets. Rhyming slang invigorates the slang-ridden areas of sex, drugs, drinking, money and crime and lends sparkle to all other areas of life. Its acrobatics are flaunted as a symbol, as a signal of group identity, and as an essential trait of the arcane, much stereotyped language of the underworld at large.

Today, the creative impulse that delights in rhyming slang seems to be as lively as ever. As lexicographers, engaged and excited by our subject, we hope that the contents of this dictionary, like the use of rhyming slang itself, will inform, surprise and entertain you in measures appropriate to your needs.

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Dictionary

A

AB

noun

► see AFTERBIRD

abandon hope

noun

soap [UK]

< 'Abandon hope all ye who enter here', the legend over the gate to hell in Dante's *The Divine Comedy* (ca 1308–1321).

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, **1983**

Abel and Cain

noun

rain [UK]

< Abel and Cain, the sons of Adam and Eve. A reversal of the conventional phrase *Cain and Abel*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Abe Lincoln; abe; abes

adjective

► see ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abercrombie and Fitch; abercrombie

noun

1 a despicable woman [UK/US/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bitch*. < Abercrombie & Fitch, an American fashion brand with an international chain of retail outlets. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· I'm from northern ireland but i know a lot of cockney (english) rhyming slang [...] abercrombie and fitch = bitch (lmao) that's a few that i know. – *www.youtube.com*, 13th September **2009**

· Old bitch ass nigga, Abercrombie and Fitch ass nigga. – *Su Woo*, lyric, Lil Wayne, **2010**

· My mom's a real Abercrombie and Fitch. – *www.mom-logic.com*, 19th October **2010**

· [J]ust as long as no-one calls you an Abercrombie and Fitch!! – *www.tennisplanet.me*, blog, 13th January **2011**

· She kicked me out. Absolute Abercrombie and Fitch. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

2 one's girlfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *bitch*.

· Gotta go – I'm gonna try to Bobby Moore a quick Jodrell off my Abercrombie. – *LedZeppelin.com* forum, 18th June **2011**

Aberdeen

adjective

not generous, miserly [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *mean*. < Aberdeen, a city in the north-east of Scotland. Suggested by the fiscal prudence of stereotyped Aberdonians, which provides structure to countless jokes told at Aberdeen's expense.

· Gie the wean a tenner and stop being so Aberdeen ya big dumplin'. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Aberdeens

noun

beans, especially baked beans [UK]

< Aberdeen, a city in the north-east of Scotland. Puxley (1998) gives the headword as *Aberdeen(s)*, but the word is typically used in the plural.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Aberdour

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Aberdour, a village in Fife, Scotland.

· An Aberdour and then I'm off oot for a Don Revie[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th January **2001**

Aberfoyle

noun

oil [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Aberfoyle, a village in Stirling, Scotland.

· Ya flamin' idiot! Ah telt ye tae check the Aberfoyle afore we left. – Laidler and Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Abergavenny

noun

a penny [UK]

< Abergavenny, a town in Monmouthshire, Wales.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, **1973**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· What sort of a girl do you think I am, selling my thoughts for a mere Abergavenny? – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], **2003**

· These include a 1.5, a 1.8 and Lionel's favourite the 112PS 2.2 dCi which, due to an average fuel consumption of 48 mpg, saves on the Abergavennys (pennies). – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November **2003**

· It's not just healthy – it saves the old Abergavennies. – *tvfillers.coi.gov.uk*, 12th July **2004**

· I ain't got an abergavenny. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

abide with me

noun

a round currant bun, usually toasted and buttered [UK: LEEDS]

Rhymes on *tea*, one of the elements of the term *teacake* (or *currant teacake*). < 'Abide with Me' (1820 or 1847), a Christian hymn written by Henry Francis Lyte, now generally sung to the tune 'Eventide' (1861) by William Henry Monk.

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples: – [...] bottle of water (daughter), abide with me (currant teacake)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Abie Lincoln

adjective

► see ABRAHAM LINCOLN

able and willing; able

noun

a shilling [UK]

· 'Ere mate I'm skint, lend us an Able. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th April **2008**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

a-bo-peep

adjective

asleep [UK]

Formed on the noun BO-PEEP.

· I'll bet that in three minutes I'll be up the apples, in the Uncle Ned and fast a-bo-peep on the weeping willow. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, **ca 1937**

above and beneath

noun

the teeth [US]

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Abraham Lincoln; Abe Lincoln; Abie Lincoln; abe; abes

adjective

1 stinking [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *stinkin'*, and takes on all the senses of this word: 'foul smelling; disgusting; very unpleasant or bad'. < Abraham Lincoln (1809–65), the 16th President of the United States. In Irish English, only recorded in the forms *Abraham Lincoln* and *Abe Lincoln*.

· **Abraham (or Abie) Lincoln** Stinkin: 'Your feet are Abraham Lincoln.' – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Abraham Lincoln = stinkin[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

· These clothes are Abraham Lincoln. – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, 20, December **1999**

· nobody wants glad rags art or otherwise that are fuckin abraham lincoln – O. McCafferty, *Shoot the Crow*, p.44, **2003**

· Brian Harvey in the jungle? He's Abraham Lincoln. – *The Sun*, London, 1st December **2004**

· im pure abe lincoln, i need a sven vath[.] – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**

· You're pure Abraham Lincoln, ya clatty git. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.147, **2007**

· Abe means stinking, smelly, shite, vulgar, foul, awful, ridiculous. [...] "your face is abe, hoe." – *UD(.com)*, 27th December **2009**

· The Andy Lee is Abe Lincoln tonight. [...] Dubs were Abraham Lincoln (stinkin). – *twitter.com*, 24th May and 13th June **2010**

· Furthermore, even using the public transport system to get around can be an assault on the senses. Well, when I say senses I really mean sense, your sense of smell in particular. [...] A disturbing number of people are, to use a bit of Glasgow rhyming slang, Abe Lincoln. – *juanmanandhisdug.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th August **2011**

· [L]ove the whisky one but the ginger beer one is abit Abe Lincoln (Stinking)[.] – *www.hotukdeals.com*, 15th February **2013**

· Abraham Lincoln = Stinkin' (smelly). – *www.reddit.com/r/northernireland*, 26th February **2014**

· **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** [...] sometimes shortened to 'Abes', as in 'That khazi is absolute Abes!' [...] 'I need to change my almonds, they're proper Abes'. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.329/330, **2015**

2 drunk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *stinkin*. Only recorded in the form *Abraham Lincoln*.

· Fu' as a puggie. Abraham Lincoln. As a newt. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

Abraham's willing; willing

noun

a shilling [UK]

Also used in the phrase *not care an Abraham's willing* 'to not care at all'.

· ABRAHAM'S WILLING, a shilling. – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**

· The rhyming slang of London vagabonds is another illustration; in this, "Abraham's willing" means shilling, and "Isle of France," dance. – *The Inlander*, University of Michigan student magazine, January **1896**

· 'Lend us a willing.' He don't care an Abraham's willing for anybody. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Rhyming slang turns the useful coin into "Abraham's willing"[.] – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 30th April **1937**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham's willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· 'An Abraham's willing on it?' He held up the shilling. – R. Gordon, *Private Life*, p.96 [2001], **1980**

a-brusselling

verb

► BRUSSELS SPROUT

accies

noun

► see HAMILTON ACCIES

acebray and itsbay

noun

a woman's breasts [US]

A pig Latin version of BRACE AND BITS.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

ace of spades*noun*

AIDS [UK]

< *ace of spades*, traditionally known as *the death card*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 'e's been dealt the ace of spades, poor bloke[.] – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- I have half a mind to kick you in the Davina McCalls and get the chavs to deal you the Ace of Spades! – *Skateboard-City* forum, 2nd June **2008**
- [H]e had contracted the Ace of spades (AIDS). – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

ache and pain*noun*

rain [UK]

- I'm not goin' out in the ache and pain! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

ache and pain; ache*verb*

to rain [UK]

- Almost the norm for it to be 'aching' during Wimbledon fortnight[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

achin' molar*noun*

in cricket, a rolling device used for flattening the pitch [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *roller*.

- They're just puttin' the achin' molar over the Khyber Pass. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

acid trip; acid*verb*

to rip [UK]

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Did your trousers just acid? – *ginabum.webs.com*, accessed 20th May **2014**

Acker Bilk; acker*noun*

milk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Acker Bilk, the stage name of English jazz musician Bernard Stanley Bilk (1929–2014). *Acker* is a Somerset dialect word for 'friend'.

- I find rhyming slang's used more in Manchester than it is here. [...] There's bottle of acker, Acker Bilk, milk... – *Sounds* magazine, London, 9th September **1978**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**
- **milk Acker Bilk** (Acker)[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- [I]t happened right when i was drinking a glass of Acker Bilk! – *twitter.com*, 7th March **2013**
- I take Acker in my Rosie. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

ackjay and illjay*noun*

a till [US]

A pig Latin version of JACK AND JILL.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

ack willy; ack willie*adjective*

silly [AUSTRALIA]

< *ack-willy*, also spelt *ack-willie*, the signalese used during World War II for the acronym AWOL, standing for *absent without leave*.

- – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

Acme wringer*noun*1 ■ **gae one's Acme wringer** to give full vent to one's anger or to do something enthusiastically [UK: SCOTLAND]Rhymes on the Scots *dinger*, used only in the phrase *gae one's dinger* 'to go one's dinger'. < Acme Wringer, a former Glasgow-based manufacturer of domestic laundry machinery.

- 'Aye,' said she, 'youse urr ferrly gaun yer Acme wringer the day!' I'd never heard the rhyming slang for 'Gaun yer dinger' before or, as the English would say, going at a tremendous lick, and I giggled all the way into Argyle Street. – M. Weir, *Toe*, p.139 [1975], **1973**

2 ■ a finger [UK: SCOTLAND]

Usually plural. *Wringer* and *finger* rhyme perfectly in typical Scottish pronunciation.

- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- 'Acme wringers' are...? [...] b. Fingers. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.27, **2002**

ada*noun*

▶ see A TO Z

Adam and Eve*noun*

a sleeve [AUSTRALIA]

< Adam and Eve, the first created man and woman of Abrahamic religions.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**

Adam and Eve; adam*verb*

1 ■ to believe [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

< Adam and Eve, the first biblical man and woman. Often in the phrase *would you Adam and Eve it!/would you adam it!*, an exclamatory question used to express genuine or ironic surprise or disbelief. In Irish and New Zealand usage, only recorded in the full form. Hence the adjective UN-ADAM-AND-EVEABLE.

- – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**
- I come round the front of the machine and – you would not Adam and Eve it, the dirty old devil has got inside with her. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.136, **1974**
- You won't adam what I sees[.] – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

- Next time you see that Bob Hoskins being interviewed on the telly, don't Adam and Eve a word he says. It's all porkies. – *Viz* comic, June/July **1997**
- I'll tell you this— whoever tells this Jack to get up and throw itself in the coffee and doesn't doubt it in their stop, but really Adams that it's gonna happen, it will happen for them. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.102, **2001**
- Mr Crumb could not Adam and Eve the evidence of his own eyes. – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], **2005**
- Well would you adam and eve it, Joe knows all his DIT canteens. – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th November **2007**
- I hope she “adam and eved” you. – *Cruise Critic* forum, 16th November **2011**
- Would you adam it? A *man* won BBC Sports Personality of the Year. – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2011**
- Crime fighter extraordinaire Paul Williams in corrupt relationship with the polis. Who'd have adam and eved it??? – *Politics.ie* forum, 12th December **2012**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- No one will Adam and Eve that. – *Birds of a Feather*, UK TV: ITV, 15th January **2015**
- 2 to leave, especially in a hurried manner [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: *Evening Dispatch*, Birmingham, 19th July **1937**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- When it's time to go, it's time you were 'Adam & Evening'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Adam Ants; Adam and the Ants; adam; adams

noun

1 men's or women's underpants [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *pants*. < Adam Ant, the stage name of English singer and actor Stuart Goddard (b.1954); he was the frontman of Adam and the Ants, a rock band popular in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Recorded in the forms *Adam Ants* (UK, Ireland), *Adam and the Ants* (UK) and *adams* (UK).
- She got some fresh Adam's [- Ants = pants or Adam's Ale = water] there. – *Wordsmith.org* forum, 27th March **2001**
 - Adam Ant. Pants. Get your adam's on. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
 - Adam and the Ants is Cockney slang for Pants. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th June **2001**
 - **Adam Ants** pants. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
 - **Adam & the Ants** pants. – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
 - Yesterday he found out about me corn on a cob and hours later I ran after nearly getting into his Adam's. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 14th May **2006**
 - Do you fancy that sexy-looking Richard in the leather Adam Ants? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 - On the summer weekends away I'd spend time simply deciphering – “Holly Ghost” <toast> and “Adam Ants” <pants> still spring to mind[.] – *www.yapp.co.uk*, blog, 1st March **2010**
 - **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Off to get some bo peep....Hand down the Adam Ants[.] – *twitter.com*, 14th April **2010**

- It's old. Not underpants. Which Brits just call pants = adams. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 8th September **2011**
- 2 rubbish; nonsense [UK]
- Rhymes on the colloquialism *pants*. Recorded in the forms *Adam and the Ants* and *adam*.
- The Teessider, who the Cockneys probably thought had been Adam and the Ants until he scored, had been so anonymous that Orient boss Martin Ling was preparing to replace him. – *www.bournemouthcho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**
- – Please say you talk like this in real life :P – Aaaw :-/ that's Adam and the Ants :-/ – *help.com*, **2012**
- This is so Adam. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**
- 3 hot pants [UK]
- Recorded in the form *Adam Ants*.
- – An 80 year old cockney bloke just told me he likes my hot pants. – did he say it in rhyming slang? “A nice pair of Adam Ants” or something. – *twitter.com*, 10th July **2013**

Adam Faith

noun

a safe [UK]

- A perfect rhyme in Cockney. < Adam Faith, the stage name of English pop singer and actor Terence Nelhams (1940–2003).
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - Better keep your bees and honey in the Adam Faith. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Adrian Chiles; adrians

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- Rhymes on *piles*. < English TV and radio presenter Adrian Chiles (b.1967).
- – *PESGaming* forum, 15th October **2006**
 - Luckily, my FSM sports the standard metallic roof section, so my “Adrians” (Adrian Chiles) are unaffected by extreme moisture, as in your unfortunate case. – *Club126UK* forum, 12th November **2008**
 - My Adrians are a bit sore tonight. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**
 - I would rather have Adrian Chiles the size of black puddings than go to Boundary park. – *BBC 606* forum, 1st March **2010**
 - OMG My Adrians aint arf hurting on my bum. – *Purestorm* forum, 22nd December **2010**

Adrian Knox

noun

syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection

[AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *the pox*. < Australian judge Adrian Knox (1863–1932), who was Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1919 to 1930 and Chairman of the Australian Jockey Club from 1906 to 1919.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Adrian Mole; adrian*noun*

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < Adrian Mole, the protagonist of a series of books by English writer Sue Townsend (1946–2014).

- Adrian < Adrian Mole < dole = welfare. – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**
- Are you on the Adrian Mole? – *www.watchwithmothers.net*, 1st July **2009**
- He's on the Adrian Mole. – D. Crystal, *Little Book*, p.156, **2010**
- [S]o I fink I got to frow in the Simon Cowell and go on the Adrian Mole. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 7th October **2011**

Adrian Quist; adrian; adrians*adjective*

drunk [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *pissed*. < Australian tennis player Adrian Quist (1913–91).
- He used to beat the bejesus out of her, and one night he come home, real Adrian Quist he was, she smashed him over the head with a bottle of this vino rosso. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st December **1970**
 - I'm on the turps again – got Adrian Quist somethin' terrible the other night. – G.A. Wilkes, *DAC3*, 1990: *The Australian*, Sydney, 31st May **1978**
 - Rhyming slang has not been kind to Quist. Two generations, who never saw him play, use his name as a colloquialism for drunkenness. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 26th January **1988**
 - – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**
 - – A. Delbridge et al., *MD*, **1991**
 - Most RS. users however prefer to be 'a bit Adrian.' – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
 - [Y]ou might get a bit 'Adrians' (Adrian Quist, a famous tennis player). – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**
 - The company would invite some of their bigger clients and it was frowned upon if any of the staff got Adrian Quist and made a spectacle of themselves[.] – R.G. Charman, *My Story*, p.143, **2011**
 - Don't misjudge the value of getting adrian quist every now and then. – *LetsRun.com* forum, 30th January **2016**

adult fun*noun*

in bingo, the number twenty-one [UK]

- Plays on the age twenty-one as an accepted measure of adulthood.
- – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**
 - – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**
 - – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**
 - – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

aesop*noun*

a table [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Shortened from *Aesop's fable*. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions from a Health Farm* (1974), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea. < *Aesop's fable*, a reference to any of the stories attributed to Aesop, a Greek storyteller who is thought to have lived as a slave on the island of Samos in the 6th century BCE.

- 'You don't play bridge, do you?' says an aristocratic bint and three pairs of pleading eyes look up at me from a green beige Aesop. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.94, **1974**

African nigger; african*noun*

1 a rest for a billiard cue [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *jigger*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

2 a cigarette [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *cigger*.

- Lighting up an African he gargled on slowly. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.11, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**
- – A. Delbridge et al., *MD*, **1991**
- Have you got an african? – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

afterbird; AB*noun*

discreet after-licensed-hour drinking in a pub; a lock-in (in a pub) [UK: SHEFFIELD]

Formed on *bird*, a shortening of BIRDLIME.

- Once word got round that we stayed open after hours, more people started coming in. For the 'afterbird', they called it. – S. Beckett, *Animals*, p.54, **1995**
- Saturday night is Karaoke night! i meet all my friends there ... its great. they also do a quiz with karaoke on a thursday night which is perfect as im mic shy – nice atmosphere and a friendly bunch. great afterbird. – *www.bestpubs.co.uk*, 9th March **2005**
- – [W]e cannot find anyone not on the forum till we go out tonight for a bit of afterbird. – I agree after bird is drinking after the bell has gone... many a weekend night we would ask the land lord if we were OK for a bit of "AB". – *Sheffield Forum*, 23rd October **2006**
- I didnt know the castle had closed ... ahh the pen nook ... dingy but great for an afterbird. – *Sheffield Forum*, 24th January **2007**
- [W]e sometimes had afterbird as well some Saturday nights. – *Sheffield History* forum, 3rd June **2011**
- "After-bird" was an expression for after-hours drinking before the British licensing laws were relaxed (rhyming slang: *birdlime/time*). – L. Hoy, *The Effect*, p.157, **2012**

after dark; after*noun*

1 a bookmaker's clerk [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· [A]s the "After-Dark" stooped to pick it up—even before he stretched out his arm—his pal had put his foot on the leather case[.] – A.M. Binstead, *Pink 'Un*, p.229, **1898**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] clerk (after dark); lodger (artful dodger); hair (Barnet fair). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

2 a park [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Then we'll get a close and muggy and go for a dead and alive through the after dark. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

3 a playful adventure; a harmless prank [UK]

Rhymes on *lark*. Only recorded in the full form.

· "Bushy Park" for "lark" I have seldom heard. "Regent's Park," "after dark," and "beano" are all preferable, at least in more frequent use. – *The London Figaro*, 26th November **1898**

4 a shark [AUSTRALIA]

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· AFTER darks: Dorsal-finned masticators seen at Mornington or Manly. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· You can go 'jungle-jimming' at Bondi Beach, avoiding the 'afters' (after darks – sharks)[.] – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**

· Watch out for the after dark. – L. Stewart, *ASD*, **2011**

After Eight*noun*

a romantic appointment [UK]

Rhymes on *date*. < After Eight, a popular brand of after-dinner mint chocolates made by Nestlé.· – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.25, **2007**· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th June **2007**

· Gotta dash, got an After Eight later. – *ginabum.webs.com*, accessed 20th May **2014**

After Eight mint; after eight*adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < After Eight, a popular brand of after-dinner mint chocolates made by Nestlé.· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****Agatha Christie***noun*

whisky [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English mystery writer Agatha Christie (1890–1976).

· [A]fter a couple of Agatha Christies and a Vera Lynn I felt better. – R. Crutchley, *Post Script*, p.164, **1992**

agony and strife*noun*

a wife [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of TROUBLE AND STRIFE.

· What your agony and strife would do to you is a bit of a Barry Crocker (shocker). – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 29th March **2012**

AIF*adjective*

deaf [AUSTRALIA]

< AIF, an acronym of *Australian Imperial Force*.

· We was talkin' to yer, me and Toss was. And you must be a bit AIF, like, 'cos yer just wasn't participatin' with us. – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.9 [1987], **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**

ain't it a treat*noun*

a street [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· An' oh, the day when they outed the copper's nark! Bits of him all up an' down the ain't-it-a-treat as fur as the ole 'Glue Pot.' – E. Pugh, *The Spoilers*, p.67, **1906**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [D]ont you come on my Ain't It A Treat unless you want your Hampstead Heath knocked out[.] – *MoneySaving-Expert.com* forum, 15th August **2006**

ain't she sweet; ain't she*noun*

a seat [UK]

< 'Ain't She Sweet', a song written in 1927 by Milton Ager (music) and Jack Yellen (lyric) and recorded by many artists, including Gene Austin, Frank Sinatra and the Beatles.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Air Force*noun*

sauce [UK]

· Do you wan't any Air Force on yer chips luv? – *CRS (co.uk)*, 3rd February **2003**

· – *www.crash.net*, 23rd October **2008**

· Would you like a bit of Air Force on your dinner. – *www.pinterest.com*, **2013**

air gunner

noun

an extraordinarily beautiful and attractive person, especially a woman [UK]

Rhymes on *stunner*.

· Cwar! She's a right Air Gunner! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st November **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *www.fanartreview.com*, 29th September **2012**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

airhay and ainbray

noun

a chain [us]

A pig Latin version of HAIR AND BRAIN.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

air miles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th February **2008**

air raid warning

noun

a morning [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

airs and graces

noun

1 trouser braces (suspenders) [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.29, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· He's got his new airs on. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Mother, where have you put me airs and graces? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

2 Epsom races (the horse races at Epsom Downs in Surrey, in the south-east of England) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· I once went to airs and graces and put a bag of sand on a tomato sauce at Shakin' Stevens[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 faces [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Cor there's some dodgy looking airs in here to-night. Let's go somewhere else. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

4 horse races [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In British usage, a generalisation of sense 2. Only recorded in the full form.

· I decided to nip down to the **J Arthur** for some **Oscar** and then get a **smash and grab** to the **airs and graces**.

– E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· [M]eeting your China, from China plate (mate) at the airs and graces (races). – D. Gregory, *All About Australia*, p.19, **2004**

· Fred's off to the airs and graces Fursday. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

airy apist

noun

► see HAIRY APIST

airy Jane

noun

an aeroplane [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R.W. Bone, *Maverick Guide*, p.93, **1982**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

aisyday outsray

noun

boots [us]

A pig Latin version of DAISY ROOTS.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Aitor Karanka; karanka; karanker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < Spanish football player and manager Aitor Karanka de la Hoz (b.1973). Coined in November 2013, when Karanka was appointed head coach of Middlesbrough.

· That's made you look like a right Karanka! – *twitter.com*, 12th November **2013**

· [R]ejoice you bunch of Karankas. – *ComeOnBoro.com* forum, 17th November **2013**

· [B]unch of Karankers... – *twitter.com*, 13th March **2016**

· i visited it after someone on here posted a link about him above, he's a total karanker. – *FansOnline* forum, 24th April **2016**

· [T]here are four Aitor Karankas in the ITV studio to-night. – *twitter.com*, 15th November **2016**

Ajax

noun

any kind of tax, especially car tax and betting tax [UK]

< Ajax, a brand of cleaning products.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – J. Scroggie, *Tic-Tac*, p.91, **2008**

· – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.64, **2012**

· – *www.beatthebookie.tv*, accessed 24th October **2013**

A. J. Hackett*noun*

a jacket [UK]

Genuine or pseudo-rhyming slang. If the *h* in *Hackett* is not aspirated, the rhyme disappears and *J 'ackett* becomes a homophone of *jacket*. < New Zealand entrepreneur A. J. Hackett (b.1958), who pioneered commercial bungee jumping in the late 1980s.

• Where's me AJ Hackett? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th September **2002**

• I whispers in 'er shell-like to git 'er weasel an' stoat, an' I'll get my AJ Hackett. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

• – What are you getting for chrimbo? [...] – Pair of harpers and queens and an AJ Hackett. – *Fragmasters* forum, 19th December **2006**

ala*noun*

the buttocks or anus [UK]

A shortening of *alabaster*, rhyming on *plaster*, the short form of PLASTER OF PARIS. Alternatively, *alabaster* could well have originated as a covert pun on *plaster of Paris*, with the rhyme playing a reinforcing role. Although Puxley (1998) enters the full form of the word, he notes it is always shortened to *ala*.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Alabama; ala*noun*

in the building trade, a hammer [UK]

< Alabama, a southeastern state in the United States.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Alabammy*nickname*used as a substitute for the pet name *Sammy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Alabammy*, a colloquial form of *Alabama*, a southeastern state in the United States.

• – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

alacompain; allacompain; a la complain; all complain*noun*

rain [UK/US]

Probably < *à la campagne*, a French expression meaning 'in the countryside'. In British usage, recorded in the forms *alacompain* (Hotten 1859), *allacompain* (Barrère and Leland, 1889; Franklyn 1960) and *all complain* (Puxley 1992). The variant *a la complain* has been recorded in American sources (Pollock 1935; Maurer 1944).

• – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

• – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, **1944**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Aladdin Sane; Aladinsane; aladdin*noun*

rain [UK]

< *Aladdin Sane*, a 1973 album by English rock musician David Bowie.

• Fortunately the current bun came out after a week of torrential Aladdin's*. [...] *Bowie's Aladdin Sane = rain. [...] Didn't look too clever when I left the Towers after a night of torrential Aladinsane. – *justindegquack.com*, blog, 3rd February and 22nd April **2014**

Aladdin's lamp*noun*

1 a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

< Aladdin's lamp, a reference to the magic lamp in the story of Aladdin, one of the tales in *One Thousand and One Nights* (better known in English as the *Arabian Nights*). Tramps' slang.

• A typical instance of the peculiar rhyming slang is the term Aladdin's lamp meaning a tramp. – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 15th February **1935**

2 a postage stamp [UK]

• – M.E. Moore, *Understanding British English*, p.229, **1989**

a la mode*noun*

a code (for communication) [UK]

< *à la mode* 'up to date; in fashion'.

• We've got to talk a La Mode round by the dustbins. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th October **2003**

• Or take a butcher's at his fancy whistle and flute, and try out the local a la mode. – R. Steves and G. Openshaw, *Rick Steves' London 2011*, p.83, **2010**

• – A. Muir, *Guide to Britishness*, p.129, **2012**

• I will tongue in cheek in a la mode to confuse the elitist Hampton Wicks. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

Alan*noun*

a very good-looking car [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *minter* (an attractive person or thing) and *Minter*. Used by car salespeople. < English boxer Alan Minter (b.1951).

• – S. Elmes, *Talking for Britain*, p.138, **2005**

Alan Border; alan*adjective*

▶ see ALLAN BORDER

Alan Carr*noun*

a star [UK]

< English comedian Alan Carr (b.1976).

• So thank your lucky Alan Carrs for celebrity culture. – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

Alan Dinnie*noun*

a can of beer [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *tinny*. < Scottish footballer Alan Dinnie (b.1963).· You getting a few Alan Dinnies for the train? – *twitter.com*, 19th August 2015**Alan Gow; alan***noun*

a contemptible woman [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cow*. < Scottish footballer Alan Gow (b.1982).· It read: “My mother-in-law didn’t understand the joke – they don’t get rhyming slang in Tarbert.” Silly auld Alan Gow. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 13th December 2008· It’s a new one to the scene but rhyming slag for burds – An Alan Gow = Cow. Or Alan for short. – *Not606* forum, 16th February 2010**Alan Hansen***noun*

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*. < Scottish footballer Alan Hansen (b.1955).· We’re gonnie be late fir the Alan Hansen. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006· I’m away to the Alan Hansen. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007· [Y]ou coming tae the Alan Hansen??? – *twitter.com*, 6th May 2012**Alan Hutton***noun*

mutton [UK]

Used in the phrase *Alan Hutton dressed as lamb*, said of a middle-aged or old woman dressed in a fashion deemed unsuitable to her years. < Scottish footballer Alan Hutton (b.1984).· Check the state of that auld yin! Talk about Alan Hutton dressed as lamb? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007· [W]hen up town, you always see some Alan..... “Hutton dressed as lamb”. – *twitter.com*, 29th January 2015**Alanis Morissette; alanis***noun*

a veterinary surgeon [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *vet*. < Canadian-born singer Alanis Morissette (b.1974).· My hamster’s got a dodgy eye. I’ll take him down the Alanis. – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January 2001· Bubbles isn’t looking too clever, Michael – best get him down the Alanis. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March 2001· Is your pet sick? Take it to the Alanis right away[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February 2011**Alan Knott***adjective*

(of weather and food) hot [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< English wicket-keeper Alan Knott (b.1946). ► see ENGLISH WICKET-KEEPER

· It ain’t half Alan Knott in here. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th January 2003· [I]ts a bit Alan Knott[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004· Jellied eels are an old East End favaahrite where they are still sold from field ov wheat stalls, ter be eaten from china bowls sprinkled wiv Alan Knott chilli vinegar. – *TheDaddy.org* forum, 30th September 2004· That Ruby Murray last night was Alan Knott. – *Munsterfans* forum, 7th June 2007**Alan Ladd***noun*

things or events that are bad or that are morally wrong [UK]

Rhymes on *the bad*. Functionally shifted from the adjective.· To separate the Robin Hood from the Alan Ladd. – *The Gadget Show*, UK TV: Channel 5, 19th December 2014**Alan Ladd; alan***adjective*

1 sad [UK]

< American actor Alan Ladd (1913–64). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 studious and obsessive [UK]

Rhymes on *sad*. Only recorded in the full form.· Anyone who, by choice, knows the difference in widths of any two given railway tracks in the world is laughed off as being ‘a bit Alan Ladd really’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

3 bad [UK]

· It’s well Alan. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th July 2009· The Sherbet cost me a Bobby Moore, not to Alan Ladd really, all considered. – *Alt-country.org* forum, 14th February 2012

4 cold [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on the dialect form *caad*. Only recorded in the full form.· Bright now in Berwick drying fast but a bit ‘Alan Ladd’... – *Z4-forum.com*, 25th April 2015**Alan McGhee’s***noun*

the knees [UK]

< Scottish record label mogul Alan McGee (b.1960).

· I’ll continue my health report by letting you know that my Jeff Beck is fine, my Alan McGhee’s are problem free, but as for my Notting Hillbilly, just don’t ask. – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August 2002

Alan McNally*noun*

alcoholic drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < Scottish footballer Alan McNally (b.1963).· I think he had too much of the Alan McNally on Friday night. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June 2007**Alan Minter; alan***noun*

1 a wood splinter [UK]

< English boxer Alan Minter (b.1951). Used by woodworkers.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· I got an Alan in my finger. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

2 a computer printer [UK]

· Looks like the paper has got jammed in the Alan again! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th February 2002· – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July 2010**Alan Moore***noun*

a whore [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Alan Moore (b.1953), an English writer of comic books and graphic novels.

· Even the Alan Moore's in Dundee are giving the punters their Tony Cole for free to cheer them up. – *We Are Perth* forum, 11th March 2009**Alan Pardew; alan***noun*

flu [UK]

< English footballer and manager Alan Pardew (b.1961).

· Alan Pardew is Cockney slang for Flu. "I've got a bad case of the alan!" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May 2006· I can't come out, mate; I've got the Alan. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015**Alan Rough***noun*

1 nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *guff* and *stuff* (as used in the phrase *stuff and nonsense*). < Scottish footballer Alan Rough (b.1951).· Why dae we come here every week? It's just a pile o' Alan Rough. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006· That's pure Alan Rough. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February 2016

2 ■ up the Alan Rough pregnant [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *duff*, used in the phrase *up the duff*.· That's why I've nae intention of getting the burd up the Alan Rough the noo – she's a fat disgrace. – *Tartan Army* forum, 13th April 2010**Alan Stringer; alan***noun*

an ugly person [UK]

Rhymes on *minger*.· Those birds last nite were a right pair of Alans! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th July 2004**Alan Wells***verb*

smells [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish Olympic sprinter Allan Wells (b.1952). A synonym of *smell* in the third person singular of the present tense.· Dinnae go near that guy, he totally Alan Wells. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006**Alan Whicker; alan***noun*

a pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nicker*. < English journalist and broadcaster Alan Whicker (1925–2013).· An equally acceptable acknowledgment came from a Cockney milkman I heard asking a neighbour, 'Got 'arf an Alan?' He wanted a ten-bob note, or a half a nicker. – A. Whicker, *Within Whicker's World*, p.240, 1982· B: Ow much are yer Herberts then? A: To you me ol' son, an Alan Wicker for a bag. – J. Chaffee, *Thinking Critically*, p.349 [1991], 1985· [S]ome people still say i'm gonna put an Alan in the fruit machine[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 20th May 2007· My American girlfriend was mystified to be charged an "Alan Whicker" for some veg by a stall-holder on Walthamstow market. – *www.theguardian.com*, 2011· The BU could buy the club for an alan whicker. – *JA606* forum, 16th February 2012**Alan Whickers; Alan Wickers; alans***noun*

women's or girls' underpants [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < English journalist and broadcaster Alan Whicker (1925–2013). Also used idiomatically in the phrases *get one's Alan Whickers in a twist* (or *get one's alans in a twist*) 'to become agitated or angry' and *keep your Alan Whickers on* (or *keep your alans on*) 'stay calm'.· Can't grumble. But I'd be better off selling Alans. The Richards spend more sausage. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971· You'll never get her Alan Whickers off. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.132, 1976· There is also the calming 'Don't get your Alans in a twist.' – A. Whicker, *Within Whicker's World*, p.240, 1982· Where does the Queen buy her Alans? – *The Times*, London, 11th October 1990· All right, all right, keep your Alans on! – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, 1998· He also let him know that she was as good as gold and would smuggle in puff for him in her Alan Wickers[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.278 [2012], 2004· Keep your Alan Whickers on I told him, the plods are as much use as tits on a bull, they'll not be knowing who they're after. – *www.midnightplumbers.com*, 1st September 2004· She's on her back. You can even see her Alan Whickers. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 28th December 2004

· [I]f I'm going to get into this bird's Alan Whickers, I'm going to have to play along with the whole romantic scene she's obviously got going on in her head. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.316, **2007**

· I don't know why you're getting your Alan Whickers in a twist over it[.] – *TruckNet UK* forum, 1st May **2011**

· Did she get her Alan Whickers off for Playboy? – *Munsterfans* forum, 13th September **2012**

· 'You're only saying that 'cause you want to get into her alans.' 'Eh?' 'Cockney poetry. Alan Whickers, knickers.' – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 8th October **2012**

· I think I'm gonna wet me Alan Whicker's! – J. Tovey and V. Clark, *Puppy*, p.48, **2015**

Alastair Cook; Ali Cook

noun

a book [UK]

< English cricketer Alastair 'Ali' Cook (b.1984). Coined after Cook made his Test debut in March 2006.

· Alastair Cook – book. "I'm reading a really good Ali Cook at the moment". – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006**

albatross

noun

1 a ship's captain [UK]

Rhymes on *boss*. Naval slang.

· The Albatross / Is the captain and boss, / the sea-gull queers / Are the offi-ceers; / And the Carey chickens, as I guess, / Is every one an A.B.S. – [From a MS. of Sea Ballads], A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*: s.v. *A.B.S.*, **1889**

2 a boss [AUSTRALIA]

· A man at the Trades Hall asked a girl in an office if the "albatross" was in. The girl replied that the boss was not in. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 18th January **1941**

3 a head prison officer [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *boss*. Prison slang.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Albert

proper name

the official football of the 2012 Olympic Games, held in London

A shortening of ALBERT HALL. < Albert Hall, known more fully as the Royal Albert Hall or the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, a major concert venue in London. The name was suggested by Robert Ashcroft from Long Eaton, Derbyshire, in a competition run by Adidas, the ball's designer and an official Olympic partner.

· Official Football At London 2012 Olympic Games To Be Named 'The Albert'. – *www.londonthenews.com*, 24th July **2011**

· Would you Adam and Eve it? The Olympic football is to be called Albert [...] It's to be called "The Albert", but the cockney rhyming slang to which the London 2012 Olympic football owes its name may offer quite a different ring. – *The Guardian*, London, 25th July **2011**

· A PR missive on behalf of adidas advises us that the official football for the Olympic tournament is to be known as Albert – "after Albert Hall, cockney rhyming slang for ball." – *www.independent.co.uk*, 14th August **2011**

Albert Draper

noun

a newspaper [UK: HULL]

< Albert Draper & Son Ltd, a scrap metal company in the city of Hull in northern England. Possibly a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· Anyway, I'm laid out on me towel, trying to read the Albert Draper, and one of em keeps shoving this wooden elephant under me nose. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.102, **2013**

Albert Hall; albert

noun

1 a wall [UK]

< Albert Hall, known more fully as the Royal Albert Hall or the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, a major concert venue in London. Also used in the phrase *drive someone up the Albert Hall* 'to infuriate someone', the direct equivalent of *drive someone up the wall*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· – T. Taniguchi, *Rhyming Slang*, p.76, **1978**

· Harassed parents may be driven up the Albert Hall by troublesome offspring. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Albert Hall = Wall (as in "drive up the wall" or annoy). – L. Szachnowski and G. O'Connell, *The London Guide-book*, p.86, **1996**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a ball (as used for games and sports) [UK]

▶ see ALBERT

· Doing business in New York was like playing cricket. Bags I'm Ian Botham! Facing the problems. Freddie True-man coming at you at 500 miles an hour. I had to Gower the Albert. [...] Albert Hall = ball. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.55, **1986**

· Boyd collected a low pass from Aiden Palmer, held off Russ Perrett and slotted the Albert Hall past Begovic from around 12 yards. – *www.bournemouthcho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**

· And what he can't do with an Albert Hall! – *www.green-andgoldrugby.com*, 9th November **2009**

· German national footballer Lukas Podolski can be sure not to hit the "Albert Hall" into the "beans on toast" this season after getting a crash course in Cockney rhyming slang from his new Arsenal teammates. – *www.stan-dard.co.uk*, 10th October **2012**

3 ■ **have an Albert Hall; have an albert** to have a very good time [UK]

Rhymes on *ball*, used in the phrase *have a ball*.

· A collection of cryptic photographic creations celebrating Cockney rhyming slang. The aim of the book is to 'ave an Albert' (Albert Hall: ball) and to keep alive a colourful London tradition, which is in danger of disappearing. – *www.blurb.co.uk*, 2nd December **2010**

Albert Halls; Royal Albert Halls; alberts; royal alberts; royals*noun*

[1] nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Royal Hall, known more fully as the Royal Albert Hall or the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, a major concert venue in London. Only recorded in the forms *Albert Halls* and *alberts*.

• British pride is just a load of Albert Halls. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 19th September **2002**

• I've met and worked with a number of cockneys/sarfeasterners and I've never heard them use that much rhyming slang. I find the whole thing a load of Alberts[.] – *newsarc.net*, 29th July **2004**

• Pete you are talking Albert Halls. – *MelodicRock.com* forum, 19th May **2005**

[2] the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *Albert Halls*.

• I got kicked in the Albert Halls. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th November **2002**

• You wanna kick in the royal albert halls? – *Live4ever* forum, 28th July **2005**

• For balls (testicles) you have: [...] Niagaras (Niagara Falls – which I've heard you, Jimbo, and others use), Orchestras (Orchestra Stalls) or Royals/Alberts (Royal Albert Halls). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

• You sir, will be getting a boot in the Albert Halls. – *Black and White Army* forum, 1st October **2006**

• Balls (testicles). Royal Albert Hall. I kicked this geezer straight in the Royal Alberts. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

• Whoever plans the racing days in Britain needs a good kick in the 'Albert Halls' for today's racing!!! – *OLBG.com* forum, 22nd June **2007**

• Tidily enough, it looks like "Jacob's crackers" (or simply "Jacobs") is one of many cockney euphemisms for the aforementioned male appendages. There's also "Berlin walls", "cobbler's awls", "coffee stalls", "Niagara falls", "orchestra stalls", and "Royal Albert Halls". – *knacker edhack.com*, blog, 13th July **2007**

• **Re: Aussie Slang Thread [...] Testicles (Balls) Albert Halls.** – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

• Young Jack worked his Royal Alberts off, a bright prospect and great product of the saint Lawrence youth academy. – *www.stlawrencefc.com*, 23rd December **2008**

• So while attitude is good, too much British English slang is as bad as kick in the Alberts*. – *www.velocitypartners.co.uk*, blog, 15th October **2010**

• [A] translation of "being kicked in the Alberts" may be unnecessary. – *The Guardian*, London, 25th July **2011**

• Grab it by the Alberts, my saaaahhhn! – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.297, **2015**

Al Capone; al*noun*

[1] a telephone [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

< Italian-American gangster Alphonse 'Al' Capone (1899–1947). The shortened form is confined to Australian usage.

• I wuz hopin' you'd ring. [...] I'll put him on da Al Capone. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.43, **1968**

• "Answer the Al Capone!" means the telephone is ringing. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, 'Aussie Dialog', 24th August **1969**

• It began with secret calls on the Al Capone[.] – K. Lette. *Girls' Night Out*, p.164 [1993], **1987**

• Hey Eddie, there's a Gregory under the Al. – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

• – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.27, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**

• Every ten years there'd be a new word for telephone – Al Capone, eau de cologne, rag 'n' bone. – *Time Out: London Calling*, p.193, 2008: interview with Ian Dury, dated 7th October **1998**

• – H.W. Orsman, *DMNZS*, **1999**

• There's a killing to be made on the Al Capone. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 9th February **2001**

• She just keeps Rabbiting on the Al Capone. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2003**

• Or pass me the Al Capone. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**

• Call me on the Al Capone. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

• – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

[2] used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Al Capone* [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

• "You're all on your Al Capone" means "you're all on your own". – *Hartford Courant*, Hartford, CT, 'You're on Your Al Capone with "Strine"', 30th September **1998**

• And that's The Sports Factor for this week. And that music is a reminder that I don't do this on my Al Capone; thanks as ever to the hard-peddalling Maria Tickle and to Technical Producer Melissa May. – *Sports Factor*, Australian radio: ABC Radio National, 11th July **2003**

• [A]ll on his Al Capone. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

• I find with people/business around there seems to be more pressure which increases adrenaline levels at least for me anyway (and I'm now officially on my Al Capone' so adrenaline levels have been lower lately). – *The Corroboree* forum, 31st August **2004**

al caponed; al capone'd*adjective*

intoxicated by drugs or alcohol [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *stoned*. < Italian-American gangster Alphonse 'Al' Capone (1899–1947).

• Are we getting Al Caponed tonight? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th November **2002**

• [A]h you missed out man!!!!!!! me and the lads got totally al caponed!!!!!! there was drunk white women for everybody!! – *UD(.com)*, 22nd May **2007**

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**

· [S]houldn't have smoked that joint, I'm feeling so Al Capone'd! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· Not to mention I got completely Al Capone'd[.] – *jens-spaghettiblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th April **2011**

alderman's eyes

noun

flies (flying insects) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.21, **1973**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

alderman's nail; alderman's; alderman

noun

1 a tail, especially a dog's [UK]

The word has two shortened plurals: *aldermans* and *aldermen*. ► see TELL ALDERMAN'S NAIL

· 'Does he wag his Alderman then?' [...] 'Happy as a dog with two Aldermen.' – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· 'e's wagging 'is alderman's. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· [A]s happy as a dog with two aldermans. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [H]e's got 200 beagles wrapped round his alderman's nail. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.78, **2015**

2 ■ on someone's alderman's nail following closely behind someone [UK]

Rhymes on *tail*, used idiomatically in the phrase *on someone's tail*.

· That Andrew Marr's been on my Alderman's nail for a mile now. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, s.v. *Alderman's Nail*, **2015**

Aldershot ladies

noun

1 in bingo, the number forty-four [UK]

< *Aldershot ladies*, a sanitised version of *Aldershot whores*, rhyming on *all the fours*. The Hampshire town of Aldershot has long been seen as the home of the British Army, and therefore, according to the stereotype, a nest of whores.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Aldershot Whore*, **2003**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

2 in darts, a double four [UK]

< *Aldershot ladies*, a sanitised version of *Aldershot whores*, rhyming on *two fours*. Synonymous with TWO WHORES.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

Aldershot whore

numeral

four [UK]

The Hampshire town of Aldershot has long been seen as the home of the British Army, and therefore, according to the stereotype, a nest of whores.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aldgate East; aldgate

noun

a priest [UK]

< Aldgate East, a station on the Hammersmith & City and District lines of the London Underground.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aldgate Pump; aldgate

noun

a bad mood, a fit of sulks [UK]

Rhymes on *hump*. Used in the phrase *have/get the Aldgate Pump* 'be or become annoyed or sulky'. < Aldgate Pump, an ancient water pump in the City of London.

· ANYWAY, I WONT LET IT GIVE ME THE 'ALDgate PUMP'. – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

· To be displeased or fed up is to have 'the right Aldgate' (pronounced 'Allgit'). – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [T]he spring water of the Aldgate Pump was appreciated by many for its abundant health-giving mineral salts, until – in an unexpectedly horrific development – it was discovered that the calcium in the water had leached from human bones. This bizarre phenomenon quickly entered popular lore, so that a bouncing cheque was referred to as "a draught upon Aldgate Pump," and in rhyming slang "Aldgate Pump" meant to be annoyed – "to get the hump." – *spitalfieldslife.com*, 9th March **2011**

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Alexander

noun

an entry intercom [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bell* (in reference to a doorbell) and *Bell*, with an underlying metaphor based on the similarity between an intercom and a telephone. *Alexander Graham* (or just *Alexander*) is also a common jocular term for a telephone. < Scottish-born American scientist Alexander Graham Bell (1847–1922), inventor of the telephone.

· Stopped by a white gate got the intercom. No need for using the Alexander though on account of a posse of geezers all geared up in brown were stood by the gate nodding and smiling at us. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, pp.46–47, **2002**

Alexander Graham Bell; Alexander Graham; Alex

noun

1 ■ give someone an Alexander Graham Bell; give someone an Alexander Graham; give someone an Alex to telephone someone [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bell*, used in the phrase *give someone a bell*, and *Bell*.

< Scottish-born American scientist Alexander Graham Bell (1847–1922), inventor of the telephone. In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· Give us an Alex on da ole Sharon when ur ready mate! – *www.bebo.com*, 5th July **2006**

· I use those quite a lot, in a kind of non-rhyming-actually-using-the-correct-word-but-with-other-words-added kind of cockney rhyming slang. E.g. “give me an Alexander Graham Bell later” (phone me later)[.] – *undesirablenoise.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th November **2008**

· [Y]ou can give us an Alexander Graham Bell, tap out an email, or even send us a fax. – *www.stu-art.com.au*, 18th December **2012**

· I really think they should be your backing band for when you write, I’ll give them an Alexander Graham (Bell) on your behalf. – *reconstructingchristina.com*, blog, 26th July **2014**

ring an Alexander Graham Bell; ring an Alexander Graham to sound familiar [UK/US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *bell*, used in the phrase *ring a bell*, and the inventor’s name. In American English, only recorded in the full form.

· Hmmm, TFL, your suggestion rings an Alexander Graham. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 13th June **2008**

· Still not ringing an Alexander Graham Bell? – *modernjackassmag.wordpress.com*, blog, 22nd December **2009**

· [H]er name rings an ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL. – *unfamousthoughts.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th October **2012**

Alexander Graham Bell

noun

a prison cell [AUSTRALIA]

< Scottish-born American scientist Alexander Graham Bell (1847–1922), inventor of the telephone. Prison use. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Alexander Graham Bell

adjective

in good health [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *well*. < Scottish-born American scientist Alexander Graham Bell (1847–1922), inventor of the telephone.

· I’m not feeling Alexander Graham Bell. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Alexander Graham Bell

verb

to tell [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish-born American scientist Alexander Graham Bell (1847–1922), inventor of the telephone.

· [S]he Alexander Graham Bells all, takes the money and runs. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Alexander Hleb; alexander

noun

a person of low social standing; an unsophisticated or uncultured individual [UK]

Rhymes on *pleb*. < Alexander Hleb, the anglicised name of Belarusian footballer Aliaksandr Hleb (also

popularly known as ‘Pleb’, ‘the Pleb’ or ‘Hleb the Pleb’, b.1981), who played for Arsenal from 2005 to 2008.

· I’m sorry. I made a complete Alexander Hleb of myself last night. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 29th October **2007**

· You’re a right Alexander. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Alexander the Great; alexander

noun

a plate [UK]

< Alexander the Great (356–323 BCE), who was king of Macedonia from 336 BCE until his death.

· Plate. Alexander the Great. Don’t try and scarper before you’ve washed those alexanders. – *A(.com)*, accessed 15th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Alexei Sayle

noun

email; an email [UK]

< English comedian and actor Alexei Sayle (b.1952).

· Send us an Alexei Sayle later on with the details. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th May **2004**

· Even with Sean not getting in it because he can’t check his Alexei Sayle except at the Dog’s Knob, we still got him with this Rum and Coke. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January **2009**

Alex Nash; alex

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st July **2006**

· I need an Alex. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Alex Totten

adjective

rotten, stinking [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish football player and manager Alex Totten (b.1946).

· In bed last night with the bird and let a regi blinker of a fart go and the smell was Alex Totten. Done the usual shake off the bed sheets and the bird went mental. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 3rd May **2009**

· It’s feckin’ Alex Totten. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd June **2013**

Alf

adjective

(of weather) dull, overcast [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *grey* and *Grey*. < English football referee Alf Grey (b.1935).

· It’s a little Alf here in BN1 ... But have no fear. Albion will ram a few home today in front of over 30,000. Bring one of those pack-a-macs. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 2nd May **2016**

Alf Garnett; Alf Garnet

noun

the hair [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *barnet*, a shortening of BARNET FAIR. < Alf Garnett, a Cockney character in

the British TV sitcoms *Till Death Us Do Part* (1965–75), *Till Death...* (1981) and *In Sickness and in Health* (1985–92), played by English actor Warren Mitchell (1926–2015). Underpinned by the irony that Alf Garnett was completely bald.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• Big Ben's little bro - tall guy, mildly tricky blonde alf garnet. – *IndieSoc* forum, 4th March 2005

• I don't fancy pullin' the blonde on account she looks like she's got a syrup on 'er bonce. I offered to cull the barber wot done 'er Alf Garnett (Barnet). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

• Who is this bleach barnet'd bargain hunt who calls himself the fucking Shadow Minister for Education? [...] The twat can't even sort out his Alf Garnet let alone our saucepans' future nutrition. – *free.uk.internet.isp*. *blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October 2006

• I hope he gets rid of that daft alf garnett (barnet). – *twitter.com*, 9th October 2013

Alf Gover; alf

noun

in cricket, a set of six consecutive balls bowled by a bowler from one end of the pitch [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *over*. < English Test cricketer Alf Gover (1908–2001).

• Alf Gover – over: as in “How many Alfs are there to go?” – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April 2003

Alfie Bass

noun

gas [UK]

< English actor Alfie Bass (born Abraham Basalinsky; 1921–87).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Alfie Gange

noun

change (money) [AUSTRALIA]

< Melbourne taxi operator Alfred 'Alfie' Gange, founder of the now defunct Astoria Taxi company and member of a prominent family in the taxi industry. Taxi drivers' slang.

• – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 22nd May 1994

Alfie Moon; alfie

noun

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. < Alfie Moon, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Shane Richie (b.1964).

• Oh look, there's an Alfie Moon[.] – *UD(.com)*, 26th October 2006

• That Alfie has stolen my Kentucky!! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th May 2008

2 a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; often specifically Glasgow or Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Also used in the phrase *hit the Alfie Moon/hit the alfie*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

• I'm heading up the Alfie Moon for some booze. Failing that I'll just head to the west end. – *twitter.com*, 30th April 2010

• Fancy a night up the Alfie moon tonight, hope the boys aren't going to be lesbians? – *twitter.com*, 10th November 2012

• You hitting the alfie moon? – *twitter.com*, 12th April 2013

• Oot the night up the alfie[.] – *twitter.com*, 15th August 2014

• Parents off up the Alfie Moon on an afternoon jolly, whilst the young uns are both at work. – *twitter.com*, 25th July 2015

• [H]e's ganna hit the alfie n pawn it. – *twitter.com*, 19th June 2016

• Buzzing for a night oot in the Alfie moon the morra night, love a Thursday sesh. – *twitter.com*, 21st September 2016

3 a song or piece of popular music [UK]

Rhymes on *tune*.

• – *www.youtube.com*, November 2012

• [W]hat an Alfie Moon! – *twitter.com*, 25th March 2015

4 the afternoon [UK: SUNDERLAND]

• – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February 2013

Alfie Moon

adverb

soon [UK]

< Alfie Moon, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Shane Richie (b.1964).

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Alfred the Great; alfred

noun

weight [UK]

< Alfred the Great (849–899), king of Wessex from 871 to 899.

• [T]hose wishing to reduce their 'Alfred'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Alger Hiss; alger

noun

an act of urination; urine [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. < American State Department official Alger Hiss (1904–96), who was convicted of perjury for having denied that he had passed secret state documents to Whittaker Chambers, a one-time agent for the communists, in 1938. Also used in the phrase *take the Alger Hiss*, the direct equivalent of *take the piss*.

• After a sublime piece of skill by Thierry Henry, taking the Alger Hiss out of Leverkusen, the commentator said something along the lines of...<p> 'is this a Champion's League match or a pre-season friendly at St. Albans?' – *Non League UK* forum, 27th February 2002

· I'm going for a alger. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st July **2008**
 · **piss** (*Sir*) *Arthur Bliss, Alger Hiss*. – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, **2009**

· Well, if you push this through a filter designed to weed out extraneous, irrelevant material, there's nothing left but a pint of the old Alger Hiss, a gypsy's kiss, if you catch my drift. – *archives.econ.utah.edu*, 31st March **2009**

Alhambra

noun

a photographic camera [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Alhambra, the short name of London's Alhambra Theatre, demolished in 1936, and the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford, West Yorkshire, built in 1914 and still working; ultimately from the Alhambra palace in Granada, Spain.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Ali

noun

a person's nickname [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *moniker* and *Monica*. < Bangladeshi-born British writer Monica Ali (b.1967).

· To the rest of the world, the sporting moniker – or “your Ali” as it is know in cockney-rhyming slang, in tribute to the most borrowed author from the player's library at Upton Park – is all about flair and excitement. A South American winger will be the Cheetah with the Dancing Feet, whereas England have Stevie G. – *The Independent*, London, 19th July **2010**

Alibi Ike

noun

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*. < *Alibi Ike*, a 1935 American film directed by Ray Enright and its eponymous hero; based on a satirical 1915 short story of the same name by American writer Ring Lardner.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th January **2002**

· Perhaps it's a good thing you're not on your Alibi Ike. – *ApriliaForum*, 6th September **2003**

· Yeah, get on yer Alibi Ike, you're all abit Kate Mossed. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th August **2005**

Ali Carter

noun

a person who farts [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *farther*. < English snooker player Ali Carter (b.1979).

· – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

Alice band; alice

noun

the hand [UK]

· You is a flyer. I seen you, guv'nor. Take us on. I's a willing apprentice. Good wiv me Alices.' [...] ' Alice Bands: Hands. [...] And might I shake your Alice also? – R. Rankin, *Witches*, pp.28/305, **2003**

· You're sitting on my Alice Bands. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd August **2008**

Alice Cooper; alice

noun

a pooper scooper [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Alice Cooper, the stage name of American rock singer Vincent Furnier (b.1948).

· Alice Cooper = Pooper scooper (“I'm not going anywhere near that without my Alice!”) – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

Ali Cook

noun

▶ see ALASTAIR COOK

Ali G; ali

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *Ali G*, the spoof hip-hop gangsta persona of English comic actor Sacha Baron Cohen (b.1971). The character first appeared on Channel 4's *The 11 O'Clock Show* in 1998.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I need an Ali G. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th October **2008**

· – D. Crystal, *Little Book*, p.156, **2010**

2 in bingo, the number thirty [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· Holiday camp operator Butlins has given the game a revamp by adding a host of modern references as rhyming slang for many of the numbers. [...] “Dirty Gertie” (30) will become “Ali G” after the comic character[.] – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 5th May **2003**

· Yet some of the old ones sound cheeky enough, like “Dirty Gertie, number 30”. This becomes “30, Ali G”, a perfect rhyme giving way to an imperfect one. – *The Guardian*, London, 8th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

Ali McGraw; ali

noun

the state of affairs; the current situation [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. < American actress Ali MacGraw (b.1939).

· Ali McGraw is Cockney slang for Score. “What's the Ali mate?” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th March **2005**

Ali McGraw

verb

in football, to score [UK]

< American actress Ali MacGraw (b.1939).

· While Cherries' polished performance hardly had their supporters in floods of Britney Spears at the final whistle, they will know Bond's charges could find themselves in a spot of Barney Rubble unless they start to Ali McGraw – and quickly. – *www.bournemouthecho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**

ali oop; allez oop*noun*

excrement [UK]

Rhymes on *poop*. < *alley-oop*, an exclamation accompanying the performance of a physical (especially acrobatic) feat, perhaps taken from, or influenced by, 'Alley Oop', a hit song for the Hollywood Argyles in 1960, in turn inspired by the eponymous hero of American cartoon strip *Alley Oop*, created in 1932 by V. T. Hamlin; ultimately an anglicisation of the French *allez-hop*. The form *ali oop* is given by Puxley (1998), Nind (2003) and Ash (2009). The more frenchified version *allez oop* is listed by Puxley (2003).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, 2009

Alison Goldfrapp; alison*noun*

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < English musician Alison Goldfrapp (b.1966), best known as one half of the electronic music double act Goldfrapp.

- I'm posting this while having an Alison. [...] Goldfrapp. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 12th March 2014
- Stay in that position love, I'm just off for an Alison. – *twitter.com*, 28th June 2014

alive or dead*noun*

the head [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.55, 1973
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

alkchay armfay*noun*

the arm [US]

- A pig Latin version of CHALK FARM.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

allacompain*noun*

▶ see ALACOMPAIN

all afloat*noun*

1 a coat [UK/US]

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859
- – A.J. Pollock, *Underworld Speaks*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, 1944
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, 1981

2 the throat [UK]

· Other Cockney rhyming slang terms are "All Afloat" for throat, "Bushel and Peck," for Neck[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th April 1939

3 a boat [UK]

- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

all alive*noun*

in bingo, the number five [UK]

- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, 1974

Allan Border*noun*

an order, especially for the purchase of drinks [UK]

- < Australian cricketer Allan Border (b.1955).
- [L]ast allan borders[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Allan Border; Alan Border; allan; alan*adjective*

wrong, unacceptable [UK]

Rhymes on *out of order*. < Australian cricketer Allan Border (b.1955).

- Bang Allan Border. Bang out of order. He's bang Allan (used when someone does something nasty to someone else). – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February 1999
- More recent additions have been cricketers Darren Gough (meaning cough), the Australian Test Captain Alan (Border = out of order), Arthur (Ashe = cash) the American tennis star[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002
- Its a lot safer living in old Blighty and not having to worry about all them Ships Anchors....don't think I am Alan Border, it's just that I've had too many Richards[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March 2006
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- That's totally Allan Border China Plate. – *U2 Feedback* forum, 14th October 2008

all behind*adjective*

blind [UK]

- What do you mean you didn't see me, what are you, all behind? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th May 2014

all complain*noun*

▶ see ALACOMPAIN

all cotton and kite; all cotton*adjective*

satisfactory; reasonably good [UK]

Rhymes on *all right*.

- "All cotton" is a shortening of "all cotton and kite," which means "all right." – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September 1915

allez oop*noun*

▶ see ALI OOP

all forlorn; allfor*noun*

the erect penis; an erection [UK]

Rhymes on *horn*. Influenced by ‘This is the maiden all forlorn / That milked the cow with the crumpled horn’, from the traditional nursery rhyme ‘The House That Jack Built’ (1755).

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, **1973**
- I can see Mrs Reynolds wondering how she ever allowed me to vacuum her bristols with my all forlorn. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.84, **1976**
- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**
- [W]aking up with an ‘allfor’ and having no-one to share it with. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

all harbour light; all harbour
adjective

all right, satisfactory [UK]

- She said to herself, “If they’re decent stuff, / It’s all harbour, I think they’ll do; / I’ll half-inch ‘em—they’re sure to fetch enough/ To purchase a Brian or two!” – D. Childers, ‘Meg’s Diversion’, *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**
- **All-harbour-light**. All right. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *DSCE*, **1912**
- I fixed up wiv da guv’nor to gimme Sahtdee awf, an’ it’s all ‘arbour! – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- It’s all ‘harbour’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, **1973**
- All harbour – **All Right**. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- [A]sk him for some Jenny Hills to make you feel all harbour light. – *British Medical Journal*, London, August **2002**

Allied Irish Bank; allied irish; allied
noun

an act of masturbation [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *wank*. < Allied Irish Bank, one of the largest banks in Ireland.
- You turn up, sign a few forms. Then, a quick indulgence in what is known to devotees of rhyming slang as a bit of Allied Irish, and hey presto, there you are 10 quid richer[.] – *Sunday Tribune*, Dublin, 27th November **1994**
- I lie on my bed, staring at the ceiling, trying to decide whether I should have an Allied Irish or ring Sorcha back. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.211, **2004**
- The Molly Bloom soliloquy, which is (apparently: I’ve never read it) all about her masturbating, lasts over 40 pages and takes up about 20,000 words. The final chapter will thus be condensed to: Then Molly had a massive Allied Irish. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 11th February **2004**
- The one where yer man gets caught having an “Allied Irish” and then his ma comes in....classic! – *Boards.ie* forum, 17th April **2006**
- I need to go for an allied. – *UD(.com)*, 25th April **2006**
- I can confirm that I have never gone there for an Allied Irish Bank. – *The Free Kick* forum, 12th January **2011**
- Asking a boy to study at home without having an Allied Irish is like asking a fish not to get wet[.] – *twitter.com*, 25th April **2012**

Allied Irish banker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of ALLIED IRISH BANK.
- Quinn. I’d say you’re a real Allied Irish Banker. – N. Quinn, *Autobiography*, p.72 [2003], **2002**
- [A]nd I hold up my hand and go, ‘Guilty as charged,’ hoping that didn’t make me sound like a total Allied Irish Banker. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.199, **2005**
- As Mauler says, even if the ref is a clown or if the opposition are a bunch of Allied Irish bankers, we need to watch the chat[.] – *Babbling Brook/Leinsterfans.com* forum, 22nd June **2007**

Allie McCoist

noun

▶ see ALLY McCOIST

alligator

noun

an aerial navigator [CANADA]

- A slang rhyme used in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II.
- Then my alligator lectures me on tactics. – D. McIntosh, *Terror*, p.68, **1980**
- Gee was the first radar navigation aid, and navigators were *alligators*. – J.D. Harvey, *Boys*, p.66, **1981**
- ...anybody seen that bus full of alligators? It’s overdue again! – T. Langeste, *WW*, **1995**

alligator

adverb

later [UK/US]

- < ‘See You Later Alligator’, a 1955 song by Bobby Charles (real name Robert Charles Guidry), popularised by Bill Haley and His Comets in 1956.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- “Right! see you, alligator then!” I said. – S. Mpasu, *Nobody’s Friend*, p.17, **1995**
- We’ll be back a little alligator. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.27, **2001**
- I said do me a little favor and hit me on my pager, / But for now I know its gonna be a see you alligator[.] – *Do This*, lyric, Pepper, **2003**
- My mom said “See you Alligator!” to which Connor replied “No I’m actually Connor.” – *www.blessedbybrenna.com*, blog, 13th March **2013**

all Isle of Wight

adjective

satisfactory; reasonably good [UK]

- Rhymes on *all right*. < Isle of Wight, an island off the south coast of England, near Portsmouth. The earliest quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that the word has been used in America; at least some of the rhyming slang words in the greater text have not

been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English.

· Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] Here is a sample of it: “Hello, old pot and pan, how is your trouble and strife?” “All Isle of Wight. Her Chevy Chase is still bad, but she’s on her plates of meat at last.”] – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**

· We once read a chapter on actors’ slang in which men were represented as saying not only “All Isle of Wight” for “all right”—with other amusing perversions—but “Hello, old pot-and-pan, how is your trouble-and-strife?” meaning “Hello, old man, how is your wife?” – *New Statesman*, London, 25th August **1917**

· Then he’ll take charge and everything’ll be all Isle of Wight. – J.B. Yeats, *Rattle*, II.ii, p.185 [1971], **1933**

· It’s Isle of Wight without being pound noteish. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· Anything kushti manti is ‘all Isle o’ Wight’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Allison Durbin; Allison Durban; allison; alison

noun

bourbon [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born pop singer Allison Durbin (b.1950). In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *Allison Durban*.

· Abbreviated local rhyming slang is also used. ‘I’d love an aristotle of alison’ means ‘I’d love a bottle of bourbon’—bourbon rhyming with Alison Durbin. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *The Dominion Sunday Times*, Wellington, 14th February **1988**

· **aristotle of allison** A bottle of bourbon[.] – D. McGill, *DNKS*, **2011**

· **Allison Durbin** [...] bourbon[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· And someone spilt an Allison Durban all over my Gary Pert. Not happy. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

all masterman

adverb

already [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *already* and *all ready*. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*. < *all Masterman Ready*, a combination of *all* and *Masterman Ready*, the title of an 1841 novel by Captain Frederick Maryatt.

· Maybe you minced it all masterman. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.190, **1968**

all me eye; all me

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

< *all my eye* ‘utter nonsense’.

· [O]ften indeed the slang term is longer than the real word, as in tie, which is *all me*, from *all me eye*, and hat,

which is *this and that* in full. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

all-night rave

noun

a shave [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *TheForce.net* forum, 27th November **2003**

all-night rave

verb

to shave [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· You’d better all-night rave for the interview. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

all quiet on the western front; all quiet on the western; all quiet; western front

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < *all quiet on the western front*, a catchphrase used to describe a state of affairs in which not much is currently happening. The phrase gained widespread popularity after its use as the title of a 1930 war film based on Erich Maria Remarque’s novel *Im Westen nichts Neues*, published in 1929. Recorded in the forms *all quiet on the western front*, *all quiet on the western* and *all quiet*.

· When one refers to another as a ‘Ballina’ there is obviously a serious level of animosity between the two. Some prefer ‘**All quiet on the Western Front**’ (all quiet). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I once heard a man described as an all quiet on the western. I will not go into this any deeper. – *Just a Minute*, UK TV: BBC1, 10th May **1999**

· Another was used by Australian TV personality Graham Kennedy, using Cockney-style rhyming slang to describe a newspaper reporter as a “little All Quiet On The Western”[.] – *Oz Hip Hop* forum, 11th December **2005**

· So next time you get annoyed with someone, confuse them by calling them an “all quiet”, unless they’re a Cockney in which case expect a thick ear at least. – *rosswagman.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th November **2013**

· There’s an Aussie term for the same word, ‘drop kick’. [...] Another rhyming slang term that is very rarely used here, is also “All quiet on the western”, as in “All quiet on the western front”. – *alexoloughlinintensetudy.wordpress.com*, blog, 29th May **2013**

2 the vagina [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. In British usage, only recorded in the curtailed forms *all quiet on the western* and *all quiet*. In Australian English, recorded in the forms *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *all quiet*.

· – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.peevish.co.uk*, accessed 1st June **2013**

3 a woman or women regarded as a sex object [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Recorded in the forms *all quiet on the western* and *western front*.

· 'e's out for some all quiet on the western tonight. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· – If a boy says 'she's my western front' what does he mean? – omg i cant believe no one got this! Its rhyming slang... you do the maths... – *answers.yahoo.com*, 16th December 2009

all-round-my-houses

noun

▶ see ROUND THE HOUSES

all the rage

noun

the stage, hence the acting or theatrical profession [AUSTRALIA]

· They tell me that he's lost his raspberry tart to a twist and twirl on all the rage. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

all-the-same

noun

a name [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.

· And there was like that saucepan-lid, Lazarus his all-the-same. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, 1968

all-time loser

noun

a pub [UK]

Rhymes on *boozier*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – *UD(.com)*, 12th February 2005

· And a good drink in the all-time-loser (a boozier) may help you a lot to get that flavour! – *Antimoon* forum, 5th August 2006

· I'll be down the all-time loser. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Ally McCoist; Allie McCoist

noun

1 a hoist [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish football player and manager Alistair 'Ally' McCoist (b.1962).

· You need an Ally McCoist to lift her out of bed. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

· ally mccoist = hoist (used to call it this when working on building sites). – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June 2011

2 a joist [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Recorded in use among scaffolders.

· First job is vertical shore to the Allie McCoists (Joists)[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

Ally McCoist; ally

adjective

1 (of a woman) sexually excited; ready for sex [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *moist*. < Scottish football player and manager Alistair 'Ally' McCoist (b.1962).

· We hear Ally McCoist has now become rhyming slang among the ladies of this parish who are feeling, how can we put it, a bit frisky. They apparently refer to this sensation as "I'm a bit Ally". – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 24th December 1997

· David Ginola makes her very Ally McCoist. – *BBC 606* forum, 27th May 2008

· My pal likes to use "I made her Ally McCoist!" – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 13th March 2010

· Groundbreaking research into arousal levels experienced by traffic wardens has demonstrated [...] 86% of female wardens admit to being a bit 'Ally McCoist' when issuing tickets, which cannot be explained entirely by so-called provocative parking. – *NewsBiscuit* forum, 14th June 2011

· Oooh, Steven, you're getting me all Ally McCoist! – *twitter.com*, 14th February 2013

2 moist [UK: SCOTLAND]

· That's a lovely fruit loaf maw. It's really very Ally McCoist. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 4th September 2008

· Only out work 15 mins n I think it's safe to say I'm a wee bit ally mccoist (moist). – *first-thoughts.org*, 14th December 2013

Ally McLeod

adjective

loud [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Ally McLeod (b.1951).

· Hey pal, turn the music down. It's a bit Ally McLeod. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Alma Gray

noun

a threepenny piece [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *trey*. < English music-hall singer and dancer 'Little' Alma Gray, who was popular in the early 20th century.

· – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

almond rock; almond

noun

1 a sock [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

< *almond rock* 'a hard, almond-flavoured confectionery'. In New Zealand and Irish English, only recorded in the full form. ▶ see ROCKS

· After this he goes up the "apples" and puts on a clean "Oxford," changes his "almonds," brushes his "Barnet," and dons his "turtles." He then pays a visit to the "rub-a-dub-dub." [...] 'Oxford Scholar' (collar, also used for dollar), 'apples and pears' (stairs), 'almond rock' (sock), 'Barnet Fair' (hair), 'turtle doves' (gloves), and 'rub-a-dub-dub' (pub). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August 1910

· Similarly one detects an ablique and wry fun in the professional army man's use of the word "sieda" to mean

“socks.” (The new army more feebly dubs them “almond rocks.”) – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.228, **1917**

· ALMOND ROCKS—Socks. – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, **1919**

· The rhyming slang such as “Almond rocks” for socks, or “Babbling brook” for an army cook, is even more absurd and tantalising. – *The Queenslander*, Brisbane, 27th March **1920**

· During the war, also, the commingling of social classes brought to the surface a rich variety of words belonging to the speech of submerged classes in Great Britain [...] Words of this class which have been recently cited are: *daisy roots*, ‘boots’; *almond rocks*, ‘socks’[.] – G.H. McKnight, *English Words*, p.54, **1923**

· Socks—Almond rocks. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· Four-and-a-Arf said that he was wearing two pairs of almonds[.] – E. Smith, *Red Wagon*, p.202, **1930**

· *Socks ... Almond Rocks. [...] The abbreviation may be used “Almonds.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· ALMONDS: Sox. – S.J. Baker, *PDAS*, **1941**

· And he would put on his almond rocks and his Dicky Dirt[.] – *The Two Romnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· Where’s me almonds? – *Newsday*, Long Island, New York, 29th June **1995**

· almond rocks *n.* socks. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· [P]ull ya almonds up. – [DAD] *Clan* forum, 4th July **2005**

· Almond rocks Socks. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· I thought you were on about my almond rocks! – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2016**

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. A metaphor that conjures up images of oral sex.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

· – Roger’s *Profanisaurus*, **1997**

3 a clock [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.50, **1968**

4 a woman’s or girl’s dress [UK]

Rhymes on *frock*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· She then began removing / Her full-length *almond rock*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.21, **1979**

Al Murray

noun

a curry [UK]

< English comedian Al Murray (b.1968).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· [F]ancy an al murray[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

· Off for an Al Murray and a few pints with the boys later, missed them. – *twitter.com*, 4th October **2013**

Al Pacino

noun

1 cappuccino [UK]

< American actor Al Pacino (b.1940).

· – S. Dent, *The Language Report*, p.98, **2003**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st June **2006**

· Oh, here comes a Pork Chop, I’m off to have an Al Pacino. – *InterPals* forum, 6th January **2011**

· I like Al Pacino at the Colonel Gadaffi. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, 7th December **2011**

· Today’s deal is for half a dozen tiddlywinks (drinks) and we’re not talking Al Pacinos (cappuccinos). – *www.quantico.uk*, 16th February **2012**

2 a casino [UK]

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· [L]ets hit up the al pacino after we leave scruffys tonight. – *UD(.com)*, 6th August **2006**

Alphonse

noun

1 a pimp [UK]

A French loanword whose continued use and survival in British slang has been influenced by the rhyme on *ponce*. < French slang *Alphonse*, first recorded in 1860 and later reinforced by the name of the leading character in *Monsieur Alphonse*, an 1873 play by Alexandre Dumas (*fils*); hence also the Polish *alfons*, used in the same sense, and the Russian *al’fóns* ‘a male lover who lives off a woman’s earnings’.

The influence of the rhyme on *ponce* is unlikely to have had an effect on American English, where *Alphonse* is found in use as early as the late 19th century. The word occurs, for example, in a passage from Abraham Cahan’s memoirs (1894), as reproduced in ‘Sex Trade, Then and Now’ (*forward.com*, 22nd April 2013): ‘Allen Street was the center of the brothel district and owners of these disorderly houses were known as “cadets” or “alphonses,” as one would call the revolting creatures who live off the disrepute of the women they enslave and whom they dominate with unlimited power’.

· “Dicker. An alphonse, a candle-sconce, a diddly-donce, of the first water.” His hearers nodded their comprehension that the late Dicker had been a souteneur. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, p.57, **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.202, **1962**

· Then there was the day, long ago, when he sold an SSK Mercedes to a ponce, a right Alphonse, as George would describe him. – J. Leasor, *They Don’t Make Them*, p.158, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*. Dark (2003) defines it specifically as ‘homosexual’.

· Don’t be such an Alphonse – have your dinner and come out. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [B]ut to say that cockney is browned sorry mi ol China, yer way off the mark. It's only the alphonses who don't like it, but then yer average fridge don't give a tom about them anyway. – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

3 a parasite or sponger [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Al Roker; al

noun

a cannabis smoker [UK]

Rhymes on *roker*. < American weatherman and TV personality Al Roker (b.1954).

· I'm just yer occasional Al Roker. I just don't get monged no more. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· That guy is an Al. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Alsatian dog

noun

a person of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern background [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *wog*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

also ran; also

noun

a man [UK]

< *also-ran* 'a horse that does not finish among the first three in a race'.

· "Well, me old also, shall we Sampson to the nearest evening and have a skating? I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn't be home till gipsies." [...] Also—also ran (a racecourse term) Man. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), 'The Secret Language', 15th August **1918**

Alton Towers; altons

noun

flowers [UK]

< Alton Towers, a theme park in Staffordshire, England.

· [A] bunch of 'altons' may bring pleasure to a recipient. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

alum rocks

noun

socks [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

< Alum Rock, an area of east Birmingham. Also in the phrase *pull one's alum rocks up* 'to make a determined effort to do better', the direct equivalent of *pull one's socks up*.

· – C. Chinn and S. Thorne, *Proper Brummie*, **2002**

· – *peteashton.com*, blog, 16th March **2004**

· Come on, pull your Alum Rocks up! – *www.birmingham-mail.co.uk*, 27th March **2016**

Amelia Earhart

noun

a fart [AUSTRALIA]

< American aviator Amelia Earhart (1897–1937), who was the first female to fly solo across the Atlantic.

· There's also Amelia Earhart; we love Royce Hart though. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

American medley

adjective

deadly [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, 1994: **1979**

Amos and Andy; amos

noun

1 brandy [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Amos 'n' Andy, the tandem identity of Amos Jones and Andrew Hogg Brown, two black sitcom characters set in Harlem, New York, created and originally performed on American radio from 1928 and in a 1930 American film by white actors Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll. The same characters were played on American television in *The Amos 'n' Andy Show* (1951–53) by black actors Alvin Childress and Spencer Williams. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUES*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [K]eep out the battle cruiser and stay off the amos. – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.56, **2011**

2 shandy [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

ampster; amster

noun

the confederate of a sideshow operator who acts as an enthusiastic member of the audience with the intention of attracting customers [AUSTRALIA]

Probably a clipping of *Amsterdam* (often pronounced *Ampsterdam*, with an epenthetic *p*), rhyming on *ram* 'a trickster's accomplice'. Perhaps < Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands.

· The ampster's is an easy job. He stands in the front row of the listening crowd registering intense interest and enthusiasm while the showman 'spruiks'. – K. Tennant, *The Battlers*, p.181, **1941**

· With all these tourists in Sydney, the amsters are out in force. – *Los Angeles Times*, 1st October **2000**

ampster

verb

to assist a sideshow operator by acting as an enthusiastic member of the audience [AUSTRALIA]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Mr. Fosdick was agreeable, provided the busker would 'ampster' for him. – K. Tennant, *The Battlers*, p.181, **1941**

Amsterdam; amster*noun*

jam [UK]

< Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands.

- No matter what fruit it's made from it's all 'amster'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Anchor Spreadable; anchor*adjective*

incredible [UK]

< Anchor Spreadable, a brand of butter that can be 'spread straight from the fridge'.

- You've gotta remember ya roots. Cocker-ney is Anchor... just like the state of Shane's Bexleys. – *The Pogues* forum, 13th April **2004**
- Cor that goal was Anchor Spreadable. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th April **2005**
- The evenin' is far too Anchor spreadable to worry about the Stewart Granger. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- It's an Anchor Spreadable (*Incredible*) experience. – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

ancient Greek; ancient*noun*

a very odd or unconventional person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *freak*.

- This geezer, he's a right Ancient Greek. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th March **2003**
- **Ancient:** freak (short for "Ancient Greek") [.] – Bathroom Readers' Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.129, **2007**
- – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

ancient Rome*noun*

home [AUSTRALIA]

- Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here's an example: 'I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road), and met the cheese and kisses (missus) under the goose and gander (verandah) of the rubberdy dub (pub), and had a piping hot (pot) of oh my dear (beer), and then to ancient Rome (home), and sank my lump of lead (head) on the weeping willow (pillow), and went to plough the deep (sleep).' – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **1943**

Andie Caine; andie*noun*

▶ see ANDY CAIN

Andrea Corr; andrea*noun*

1 in bingo, the number fifty-four [UK]

< Irish singer Andrea Corr (b.1974), best known as the lead vocalist of The Corrs. Always used in full.

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

2 a door [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**· Will somebody shut that Andrea? – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**· – *www.dailyreckless.com*, accessed 15th June **2012****Andreas Hinkel***noun*■ **give someone an Andreas Hinkel** to telephone someone [UK: SCOTLAND]Rhymes on *tinkle*, used in the phrase *give someone a tinkle*. < German footballer Andreas Hinkel (b.1982), who played for Celtic from 2008 to 2011.· I'll give you an Andreas Hinkel tomorrow[.] – *Follow Follow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011****Andre the Giant***noun*

a pint, especially of beer [IRELAND]

A near enough perfect rhyme. < André the Giant, one of the ring names of colossal French wrestler and actor André René Roussimoff (1946–93).

· [G]ive us a andre the giant of bud. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006****Andrew Marr***noun*

a car [UK]

< Scottish journalist and broadcaster Andrew Marr (b.1959).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th April **2009**· He has been rhyming slang for "car" for quite some time now but it's Andrew Marr's choice of motor that tells us the most about this famously private man. – *Daily Star*, London, 1st May **2011**· That Andrew Marr's been on my Alderman's nail for a mile now. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, s.v. *Alderman's Nail*, **2015****Andrew Strauss***noun*

a house [UK]

< South African-born English cricketer Andrew Strauss (b.1977).

· I'm just moving into a new Andrew Strauss. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006****Andrew WK***adjective*

homosexual [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Andrew WK, the stage name of American rock musician Andrew Wilkes-Krier (b.1979).· You're a bit Andrew WK. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th February **2002**

· You're quite the looker, would you fancy a drink some time or are you Andrew WK (Gay)? – *bruceandmandy flaps.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th March **2003**

· u r all andrew wk! – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**

· [M]y god look how Andrew WK he looks. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

Andy Bichel

noun

a pickle [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricket player Andy Bichel (b.1970).

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Andy Cain; Andie Caine; andy; andie

noun

1 a train [UK]

· After settling terms many a comedian will explain that he is rather late in arriving owing to the “Christmas” telling him that the “Andie” waited several minutes at the junction [...]. These expressions mean “Christmas card” (guard), “Andie Caine” (train)[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

2 rain [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Seven days from now, you're gonna see more Andy Cain than you've ever seen in your fork; it will keep on raining for forty days and nights [...] Think about the worst Andy you've ever been in. – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.17/19, **2001**

· How much **Andy Cain**? – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.12, **2009**

· Let's get out of the Andy Cain. – *www.smashwords.com*, 10th August **2012**

Andy Cain; andy

verb

to rain [UK]

· As it began to Andy Cain and I had no Quaker oat, I took the baa lamb to the Gates of Rome. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April **1952**

· Seven days later, it started to Andy and Andy and Andy... I think you get the idea!! The Flood came! – M.Coles, *Bible*, p.19, **2001**

Andy Capp; andy

noun

1 an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < Andy Capp, a comic strip character created in 1957 by Reg Smythe for the *Daily Mirror*, a London newspaper. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· [O]ne goes for an ‘andy’ and flushes the resultant produce away[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 the action or activity of borrowing or cadging or attempting to borrow or cadge [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tap*. Used in the phrase *on the Andy Capp*, an equivalent of *on the borrow*. This sense is supported by a character trait of the comic strip original. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

· [A]nyone ‘spoutin’ a load of Andy’ is talking rubbish. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I once went to airs and graces and put a bag of sand on a tomato sauce at Shakin’ Stevens but the deep in debt was Andy Capp in the handicap and left me so coals and coke I had to Duke of York to the gates of Rome. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.276, **2008**

· I think it must be the product of killer of music and entertainment guru Simon Cowell’s show as it featured Ant & Dic, Louis Walsh, The Hoff, Leona Lewis etc. Absolute load of Andy Capp. – *www.wiganworld.co.uk*, 3rd September **2011**

Andy Cole

noun

1 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. < English footballer Andy Cole (b.1971). Used in the phrase *get one’s Andy Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one’s hole*.

· [T]he things that guys come out with to get their Andy Cole... – *NightB4* forum, 5th November **2004**

· [D]id you get your andy cole with any of those girls? – *faltermeyer.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th September **2005**

· Balls to golf, get your Andy Cole. – *thescore.thejournal.ie*, 21st July **2012**

2 unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· I get me Andy Cole money through next week. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 17th April **2009**

· Signing on the Andy Cole. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

3 in football, a goal [UK]

· Of course Andy Cole = Goal in Cockney Rhyming Slang. – *www.youtube.com*, 31st March **2012**

· [T]rying to BOBBY MOORE an ANDY COLE. – *CRS (co.uk)*, blog, 26th July **2012**

Andy Crane

noun

a train [UK: SUNDERLAND]

< English TV and radio presenter Andy Crane (b.1964).

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Andy Devine*noun*

wine [AUSTRALIA]

< American actor Andy Devine (1905–77).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Andy Farley***noun*

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < Australian-born British dance music DJ Andy Farley (b.1966).· *andy farley* – line of charley! – *HarderFaster* forum, 15th August 2003· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd May 2005· – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September 2005· I don't do no Billy, no Charlie, Lemon Barley, Andy Farley[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November 2005· [F]ancy a line of andy farley. – *HarderFaster* forum, 29th March 2006**Andy Flower***noun*

a shower [AUSTRALIA]

< South African-born cricketer Andy Flower (b.1968).

· [G]oing to have an 'andy flower'[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October 2002**Andy Hunt***noun*

1 a contemptible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English footballer Andy Hunt (b.1970).· I wish he'd take that sodding Xmas hat off, he looks a right Andy Hunt[.] – *www.slideshare.net/paulwooding*, 11th August 2002· [T]hat Pardew is a right Andy Hunt. – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th October 2015

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make an Andy Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.· The other story that has trundled along all week is 'Team GB', a concept first trailed by Gordon Brown and Tory-Seb Coe. The British Olympic Association have made a right Andy Hunt of it. – *bellacaledonia.org.uk*, blog, 25th June 2011**Andy Lee***noun*

the sea [IRELAND]

< Irish boxer Andy Lee (b.1984).

· The Andy Lee is Abe Lincoln tonight. – *twitter.com*, 24th May 2010**Andy Mac***noun*

in pre-decimalisation currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *zack*.· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, 1966· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Andy McGinn; Andy Maginn***noun*

the chin [US/UK]

First recorded in American English, where *Andy Maginn* seems to be more common than *Andy McGinn*.

The latter form is given by Maurer (1944), an American author, and is the only one listed in British dictionaries.

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, 1944· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**Andy McGuire; Andy Maguire***noun*

a fire [AUSTRALIA]

The earliest form is *Andy McGuire*, recorded by Baker (1966). *Andy Maguire* is recorded by Meredith (1984).· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, 1966· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984**Andy McNab; andy***noun*

1 a taxicab [UK/IRELAND]

< Andy McNab, the pen name of English writer and former SAS soldier Andy McNab (b.1959).

· I'm goin gettig an Andy McNab home. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th December 2001· I stayed long enough to sink a couple of Britneys (beers), chat to Claire Sweeney and pick up an invite to Gary Beadle's (Paul Truman) Otis (wedding) before catching an Andy McNab (cab) home. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 29th November 2002· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· I'm there, 'Try to get to the front door of the shopping centre, Ro. I'm going to grab an Andy McNab for us.' Which is exactly what ends up happening. I jump into the front passenger seat of the first cor on the rank[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Downturn Abbey*, p.42, 2013· I'll grab an Andy and I should be there in a sec. – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, 2014

2 a kebab [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th May 2006· I'm gonna nosh an Andy. – *popshifter.com*, 29th November 2009· Listen out today and you do stand a chance of coming across "Andy" (McNab) for a kebab, "Johnny" (Vaughan) for yawn – and porn. – *The Independent*, London, 1st April 2012

· With new phrases based on celebrities – such as Gary Neville (level) and Andy McNab (kebab) – it would seem that rather than dying out, cockney rhyming slang is not brown bread, but merely evolving and the findings

of this survey are really a load of old pony. – *The News*, Portsmouth, England, 10th April **2012**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, **2014**

Andy McNabs; andys

noun

pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*. < Andy McNab, the pen name of English writer and former SAS soldier Andy McNab (b.1959). ▶ see SANDY McNABS

· Don't take 'er 'ome – you'll get a right case of the Andy's. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th October **2003**

· By now I don't care if I get Andy McNabs, 'alf a gross of the Surrey Docks, or catch the Ace of Spades. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· There you all were thinking that Andy McNabs was rhyming slang for nasty little things you found IN your undies... – *The Sun*, London, 7th December **2005**

· Sometimes you can be more irritating than a dose of the Andy McNabs. – *This Aint News* forum, December **2009**

Andy McNish

noun

fish, especially as food [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australia, only recorded in Navy use to refer to any kind of fish served to the crew.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Andy Maginn

noun

▶ see ANDY MCGINN

Andy Maguire

noun

▶ see ANDY MCGUIRE

Andy Murray; andy

noun

a curry [UK]

< Scottish tennis player Andy Murray (b.1987).

· You may even order in an Andy Murray. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

· He ate a dodgy Andy Murray last night[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· Once you've had a few of those, you'll need an Andy Murray (a curry) or perhaps a Basil Fawty (balti). – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

· – Night off in Glasgow so heading out for a curry. – The official term (outside the East End) is an Andy. – *twitter.com*, 13th September **2012**

· A 'Ruby Murray' [...] used to stand for a curry. Now, it is an Andy Murray or just an Andy. – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, pp.118–119, **2013**

· Then he ate some Andy Murray[.] – *My Writers Circle* forum, 25th January **2014**

· Fancy gettin' an Andy Murray the night? – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

Andy Pandy; andy

noun

1 brandy [UK]

< *Andy Pandy*, a British children's television series first broadcast in 1950 and its title puppet character. Only recorded in the full form.

· The old boy wouldn't take any money for the Andy Pandy, simply waved away my fiver[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.18 [2001], **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 shandy [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· You sell bitter, do you? What about Andy Pandy? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, as heard on the album *Steve Penk's Greatest Hits*, **2000**

3 a dandy [UK]

· Andy Pandy is Cockney slang for Dandy. "He's a bit of an Andy!" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May **2006**

· He's a right Andy. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Angela Merkel; angela

noun

1 the Circle line on the London Underground [UK]

< German politician Angela Merkel (b.1954).

· There was a bearded, Asian-looking bloke on the ol' Angela[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 24th January **2010**

· I'm taking the Angela Merkel darn t'Shadwell... – *chef-de-jour.hubpages.com*, **2012**

· Going to the museums? Take the Angela Merkel and get orf at South Kensington. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th May **2012**

2 a circle [UK]

Also used in the phrase *go in Angela Merckels*, the direct equivalent of *go in circles*.

· Delegates were asked to come up with mathematical rhymes and amongst the favourite suggestions was 'an Angela' for a circle because circle rhymes with Angela Merkel. – G. Griffiths and D. Kaye, *Numeracy Works for Life*, p.viii, **2010**

· We're goin' in Angela Merckels. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Angelina Jolie; angelina

noun

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toley*. A perfect rhyme relying on a common mispronunciation of *Jolie*. < American actress Angelina Jolie (b.1975).

· [A]way for an angelina' (tolly). – *twitter.com*, 24th July **2010**

· Do you realise Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are currently in the country where both their names are rhyming slang for "jobby"? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 24th August **2011**

angel's kiss; angel's*noun*

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. The short form is given by Spilsted (1997).

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

Angie Watts*noun*

sexual desire [UK]

Rhymes on *the hots*. < Angie Watts, a character in the popular BBC soap *EastEnders*, played by English actress Anita Dobson (b.1949).

- Turns out he's got the Angie Watts for Christian instead. – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th April **2008**

Anglo Irish Bank; anglo irish*noun*

an act of masturbation [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Anglo Irish Bank, one of Ireland's largest banks.

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**
- I'd a quick Anglo Irish during the *Afternoon Show* earlier and would have considered myself wankrupt until she storted coming on to me. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.395, **2010**
- [I]reland was a happier country when "anglo irish bank" was merely rhyming slang for interfering with yourself[.] – twitter.com, 24th July **2012**

Angora goat; angora*noun*

1 a totalisator; hence, the Tote, a system of betting on horses based on the use of the totalisator [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the short form.

- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

2 the throat [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the full form.

- – alldownunder.com, 2nd February **2005**
- M8 if I went to the show down in Steak and Kidney (Sydney) the Cheese n Kisses would grab me by the Angora goat (throat) till my Mud pies (eyes) bulged. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 28th March **2012**

3 a coat [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the full form.

- – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

Angus and Coote*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *root*. < Angus & Coote, an Australian jewellery chain founded in Sydney in 1895. Possibly suggested or informed by the obsolete phrase *get a downtown jeweller* 'to have sexual intercourse'.

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· [G]oing to have an angus and coote[.] – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May **2005**· I remember him, but I was too busy TRYING to get an Angus and Coote to care about Politics. – *League Unlimited* forum, 29th January **2014**

- [A]t least the special envoy to the middle east did not get an angus and coote from my missus while my back was turned. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 17th February **2014**

Angus Armanasco*noun*

a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *brasco*. < Australian racehorse trainer Angus Armanasco (1912–2005).

- Needing to shake hands with his wife's best friend he adjourned to the Angus Armanasco to splash the boots. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.11, **1983**

Angus Deayton; Angus Deaton*verb*

cheating [UK/IRELAND]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *cheating* as *cheatin'*. < English comedian and TV presenter Angus Deayton (b.1956). In 2002 Deayton was dropped as host of the satirical BBC quiz show *Have I Got News for You* following sordid revelations about his private life, including cheating on his partner with a prostitute. Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

- He's been Angus Deaton on his wife. – www.quizmasters.biz, **2005**
- Angus Deaton ... Cheatin (on the wife). – *The Ford RS Owners Club* forum, 25th May **2005**
- That bloke, I heard he was Angus Deaton, but I also heard he was Apple Bobbing her[.] – *Gaia Online* forum, 18th August **2005**
- – www.bebo.com, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**
- Oi! Don't you be Angus Deayton! – www.friendsreunited.co.uk, March **2012**

Angus MacGyver*noun*

a person who evades work or duty [UK]

Rhymes on *skiver*. < Angus MacGyver, the title character of the American TV series *MacGyver* (1985–92), originally screened in Britain from 1994 to 1996.

- [Y]ou're a right Angus MacGyver. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2004**
- – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Angus Murray*noun*

a curry [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian criminal Angus Murray (real name Henry James Donnelly; 1882–1924).

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

animal crackers*noun*

the testicles [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *knackers*. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions from a Haunted House* (1979), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pseudonym Timothy Lea. < *animal crackers* ‘a snack of animal-shaped biscuits’, an Americanism familiar to British speakers, notably via the Marx Brothers’ film *Animal Crackers* (1930) and the Shirley Temple song ‘Animal Crackers in My Soup’ (1935).

· I had promised to write and I was feeling guilty about my abortive trip to find a postcard. It had yielded nothing except an ache that still haunted my animal crackers. – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.132, **1979**

ank*adjective*

▶ see HANK MARVIN

anker of rum*noun*

the buttocks [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *bum*. A nonce word coined by Irish writer James Joyce (1882–1941) in his 1922 novel *Ulysses*. *Anker* is an obsolete term for an 8-gallon cask for wines or spirits.

· Got a prime pair of mincepies, no kid. And her take me to rests and her anker of rum. Must be seen to be believed. – J. Joyce, *Ulysses*, p.347, **1922**

ankhay and ankfray*noun*

a bank [US]

A pig Latin version of HANK AND FRANK.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935****ankher***noun*

a contemptible person [UK]

A slang rhyme on *wanker*. < *ankh* ‘an ancient Egyptian symbol of life formed as a cross with a loop as the uppermost arm’.

· A bunch of ankherers. – *alt.atheism.narkive.com*, 8th March **2005**

· Typical – Egyptians are a bunch of Ankherers anyway. – *The FredDysHouse* forum, 2nd August **2010**

· He was a bit of an Ankher to be fair. – *Betfair Community* forum, 20th June **2012**

Annabel Chong; Annabelle Chong*adjective*

wrong; totally wrong [UK]

< Annabel Chong, the stage name of Singaporean-born American porn actress Grace Quek (b.1972). Also a pun on literal and figurative senses of *totally fucked*. Used in the phrase *go Annabel Chong*, the direct equivalent of *go wrong*.

· But after six months or so, it all went Pete Tong between me and the Squad, as these things have a habit of doing. More than that actually, it went Annabel Chong. – T. Turbo, *King of Clubs*, [2015], **2006**

· It’s all gone Annabelle Chong. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**

Annabel Giles; annabels*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English media personality Annabel Giles (b.1959).

· And I’d hate to suffer from Annabel Giles. – *The Sun*, London, 31st March **1994**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Jesus your holiness, I’m getting some gyp off me annabels today, I can tell you. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus Rex*, **2005**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.125, **2011**

Annabell Croft*noun*

a loft [UK]

< English tennis player and commentator Annabell Croft (b.1966). In use among plumbers. Synonymous with LAURA CROFT.

· Laura Croft – loft. (used to be annabell croft, but Laura is better looking). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

annalise*noun*

men’s intimate waxing [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Annalise Braakensiek*, rhyming on *back, sack and crack*, a colloquialism for the removal of hair from the lower back, buttocks, scrotum and anal area by waxing. < Australian model and actress Annalise Braakensiek (b.1972).

· [T]hat cloven hoofter’s having a bloody annalise to-night. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Anna Louise; Annie Louise*noun*

cheese [AUSTRALIA]

The variant form *Annie Louise* is given by Meredith (1984).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Anna Mae Wongs*noun*

a pair of tongs [UK]

< American actress Anna May Wong (1905–61).

· When in London I worked with an old cockney who used lots of film star names as slang, you’re a bit of a Stewart Granger, pass me the Anna Mae Wongs[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 6th January **2005**

Anna Maria; Annie Maria; anna*noun*

1 a domestic fire [UK]

· He offered to stand me a booze, so I / Took him round to the "Mug's Retreat;" / And my round the houses I tried to dry / By the Anna Maria's heat. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· He will probably tell the landlady that she need not light the "Annie Maria" (fire), as it is getting much "Daisy Dormer." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· [T]he fire is the *Anna*, from *Anna Maria*. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· There used to be a popular song among the ladies and gentlemen of Whitechapel and the New Cut, Lambeth—a tough district in South London years ago—which started with the following: As I sat in front of the Anna Maria / Warming my plates of meat, / There came a knock at the Rory O'More / That made my raspberry beat. – *The New York Times*, 4th April **1915**

· – W.L. Hanchant, *Newgate Garland*, p.133, **1932**

· "Use your loaf" means "use your loaf of bread" (head), "Anna Maria" (fire)[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· "Got a match?" asked Snowey. "I ain't got one." "Yes, I got some somewhere, I guess," she looked around. "Never mind, I'll get a light from the old Anna Maria." – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.28 [1938], **1937**

· I'm seated one night at the Annie Maria[.] – C. Simpson, *Wake Up*, p.298, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

2 fire as a destructive burning or conflagration [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Anna Maria*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Anna May Wong; Anna Mae Wong*noun*

an unpleasant smell [UK]

Rhymes on *pong*. < American actress Anna May Wong (1905–61).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Anna May Wong; anna may*verb*

to smell unpleasantly [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pong*. < American actress Anna May Wong (1905–61).

· And asked his opinion of a girl, he replied that she was all right but inclined to "Anna May". – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

Anne Boleyn; ann; anny*noun*

gin [UK]

< Queen Anne Boleyn (ca 1501–36), second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I.

· Anne Boleyn – Gin (alcoholic drink). – *www.pinterest.com*, **2013**

· gin – rhymes with Anne Boleyn – shortens to Ann. – *www.nancy.cc*, 7th March **2013**

· anne boleyne? vera lynn? cor blimey, it's more gin! – *the-harlequinpub.wordpress.com*, blog, 11th October **2013**

· "Truthfully? That was at your place? Well ... in that case, you can buy me that drink and I'll see what I can do to help. Gin and French, if you would.' Siddons held up his empty glass. [...] 'Oh, Pearson dear!' called out Siddons. 'On second thoughts, I shall take my anny *sans la Française!*' 'Sorry?' 'Gin, neat—make it a triple,' said Harley. – P. Lecomber, *Mask of the Verdoy*, p.80, **2014**

· – Richard the Third buried again eh, the only monarch to be immortalised in rhyming slang I would venture. – Queen Vic...sick Ann Boleyn...gin Elizabeth Regina... – *twitter.com*, 26th March **2015**

Anne Frank; Ann Frank; Anne*adjective*

frank, honest [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *frank* and *Frank*. < Anne Frank (1929–45), a German-Jewish girl known around the world for her diary, published posthumously by her father in 1947, in which she recorded her family's two years of hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic. Used in the adverbial phrase *to be Anne Frank/to be Anne* 'to be frank, frankly'.

· To be perfectly Anne Frank when I first bought my pants I did marvel at the near perfect carrot leg shape, but I balked because I'm a coward. – *www.isabelleoc.co.uk*, 28th November **2009**

· [T]o be ann frank, i wish i lived in russia. – *citysilence.blogspot.com*, 2nd December **2010**

· to be Anne – to be totally honest (with you). – *Saga Woteva* iPhone app, **2011**

· I did post that I was gonna give it the side-eye, but to be Ann Frank, I really don't care!!!!!!! – *necolebitchie.com*, 22nd June **2011**

Anne Frank; Ann Frank*noun*

1 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Anne Frank (1929–45), a German-Jewish girl known around the world for her diary, published posthumously by her father in 1947, in which she recorded her family's two years of hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.

· Off for an "Ann Frank". – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th June **2003**

· Please hollywood tell me you weren't having an "Ann Frank" when you were typing out that last post! – *BlackjackTournaments.com* forum, 24th September **2006**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, **2009**

· **Anne Frank** Ever had one in work??? Came up in the conversation in the pub on Saturday and it seems it's

about 50–50 as to who had ‘knocked one out’ in work at some stage. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th August **2010**

· Don’t mind me, i’m going upstairs for a quick Anne Frank. – *UD(.com)*, 25th October **2010**

· A is for an Anne Frank, a quick bit of DIY stress relief in a suitably dark & quiet hiding place. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 11th August **2012**

· It’s unreal how you couldn’t give a shit for women after having an ‘Anne Frank’. – *twitter.com*, 13th August **2015**

2 in dominoes, an end of a tile with no pips [UK]

Rhymes on *blank*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Anneka Rice; *anneka*

noun

1 ice [UK]

< Welsh TV presenter Anneka Rice (b.1958). Only recorded in the full form.

· – *www.freelang.net*, 1st February **2001**

2 advice [UK]

· He should take my fucking Anneka and keep his opinions, like his Fred Astaire, under his fucking titfer. – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

· I said to the boys – let me give you some Anneka Rice[.] – *Tottenham Hotspur Supporters* forum, 26th October **2008**

· Planning a visit to London but want to stand out from the locals? Then have a butcher’s at this. It’s full of Anneka on how NOT to be a Londoner[.] – *www.mydestination.com*, blog, 17th December **2011**

· For anyone travelling over the bridge to Coastal Spray (i.e. Swansea Bay), we’ve got some Anneka Rice on Welsh words and phrases you may want to know. – *www.visitswanseabay.com*, **2012**

· You want my Anneka Rice? – *LOPforums.com*, 19th January **2012**

3 a price [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· If the Anneka is right. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Annie Laurie; *Annie*

noun

a three-ton lorry [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang of army origin, based on the similar-sounding *lorry* and *Laurie*. < ‘Annie Laurie’, a traditional Scottish ballad, very popular during World War I. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· It might take you weeks to discover that Annie Laurie in Cockney slang means, in a decidedly uncomplimentary way, a three-ton lorry. – *Medicine Hat News*, *Medicine Hat*, Alberta, 28th March **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Annie Louise

noun

▶ see ANNA LOUISE

Annie Maria

noun

▶ see ANNA MARIA

Annie May Wong; *annie may*

adjective

strong [UK]

< *Annie May Wong*, a familiar form of the name of American actress Anna May Wong (1905–61).

· Annie May Wong is Cockney slang for Strong. “That’s a bit Annie May.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th February **2007**

· [T]he EWNCW is actin lemon with us but the JBW will hold Annie May Wong. – *EWrestling News* forum, 2nd May **2011**

· I like my Rosie Annie May. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Ant and Dec; *ant*

noun

a cheque [UK]

< Ant and Dec, the tandem nickname of English TV presenters Anthony McPartlin (b.1975) and Declan Donnelly (b.1975).

· Some new(ish) rhyming slang. [...] Ant (and Dec) – cheque. – *alt.usage.english*, *Usenet Newsgroups*, 12th July **2003**

· – *TalkCeltic* forum, 13th November **2010**

· Can I pay by ‘Ant & Dec’ = Cheque. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March **2012**

Ant and Dec

nickname

the Trek Club, a nightclub in Seaford, a coastal town near Brighton in the south-east of England

< Ant and Dec, the tandem nickname of English TV presenters Anthony McPartlin (b.1975) and Declan Donnelly (b.1975).

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Ant and Decs

noun

1 oral sex [UK]

< Ant and Dec, the tandem nickname of English TV presenters Anthony McPartlin (b.1975) and Declan Donnelly (b.1975).

· Bet she’s up for Ant n Decs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June **2003**

· “Ant ‘n’ Dec’s” is apparently now an accepted representation of “Oral Sex”. – *iLXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a pair of glasses [UK]

Rhymes on *specs*.

· [I’ve] lost my gregory pecs or was it my ant and decs[.] – *www.bebo.com*, 15th October **2007**

· – C. Roberts, *Lost English*, pp.74–75, **2009**

· Where’s me Ant n Decs? – *twitter.com*, 21st November **2011**

3 underpants [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *kecks*.

· Oi, Maggie! Throw us up another pair of Ant & Decs, will you? I've shat this one. – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Das Krapital*, 2010

4 sex (sexual intercourse) [IRELAND]

· You don't have to tell me whether you'd Ant and Decs with the girl. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.320, 2010

· It was honestly some of the best Ant and Decs I've ever had. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.102, 2011

Anthea Turner; anthea

noun

a profitable activity [UK]

Rhymes on *earner*. < English TV presenter Anthea Turner (b.1960).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· [T]hey've been talking on the Sharon Stone about a nice little Anthea Turner to buy a Camilla Parker Bowles[.] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November 1998

· Anthea Turner – Earner (probably criminal). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd February 2001

· A right good little Anthea Turner. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th July 2004

· The guy that removed the stupid thing has built a whole business around doing exactly that. A two post ramp, a laptop, and a few spanners. Three cars a day, 3 week full order book at any time, £350+VAT a pop. Nice little Anthea really. – *PistonHeads* forum, 3rd July 2013

Anthony Blunt

noun

▶ see SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

Anthony Perkins

noun

gherkins (small pickled cucumbers) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< American actor Anthony Perkins (1932–92).

· – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 9th May 2007

Anthony Wedgewood Benn's

noun

▶ see TONY BENN'S

antiseptic

noun

a person with anti-American views [UK]

From *septic*, a shortening of SEPTIC TANK. Hence DETTOL, DOMESTOS, LISTERINE and SAVLON.

· And for a band made up of anti-septics to come up with such a American title as 'Stoopid Ass' is worrying. – *GTA in NME, Yahoo! Groups*, 6th October 2000

· An extension of the septic ie septic tank = yank = American is that someone with anti American views may be referred to as an antiseptic or "listerine"[.] – *MasterRussian.NET* forum, 25th January 2008

· He's a Cause Celebre for anti-septics (septic tank = Yank in Cockney rhyming slang) over here. – *CycleWorld* forum, 2nd July 2012

antiseptic

adjective

anti-American [UK]

From *septic*, a shortening of SEPTIC TANK. Hence GERMOLENE and LISTERINE.

· I 'ate George Bush, are you Antiseptic too? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December 2008

· Someone who is anti-American is antiseptic. – *www.dailykos.com*, blog, 1st August 2010

anti-wank

adjective

(of a weapon) designed to damage or destroy enemy tanks [UK]

A slang rhyme on *anti-tank*. Army use.

· – E. Partridge, *DFS*, 1948

· anti-wank gun. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

antonio

noun

■ on the old antonio alone [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *ownio*, an embellishment of *own*, used in the phrase on *one's own*. A nonce formation coined by Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*. < Victorian music-hall ditty 'Oh, oh, Antonio, he's gone away, / left me on my ownio / all on my ownio'.

· The gobblers leave it strictly on the old antonio. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.119, 1968

ants' eggs

noun

clothes pegs (clothespins) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English author Christopher Wood in *Confessions of a Window Cleaner* (1971), the first of a series of humorous erotic novels he wrote under the pseudonym Timothy Lea.

· She's got a packet of ants' eggs in one hand and Dorothy's undies in the other. – T. Lea, *Window Cleaner*, p.51, 1971

any racket

noun

a penny faggot [UK]

According to Franklyn (1960), this is a perfect rhyme of *ragit* and *fagit*, relying on the pronunciation of *racket* and *faggot* as *raggit* and *faggit*. Faggots are a traditional British dish consisting of rissole-like balls of minced pork and offal. At the time the word was recorded, they were sold for a penny each.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889

aphrodite

noun

a nightdress [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *nightie*.

· [O]ne of them had tucked her feet well inside the hem of her 'aphrodite', and stretched them well down to the bot-

tom of the bed[.] – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: G.L. Meredith, *Maoriland*, p.48, 1935: letter written ca 1875

A.P. McCoy

noun

a toy [IRELAND]

< Northern Irish jockey A.P. McCoy (b.1974).

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October 2007

Apple

nickname

English philosopher Alfred Jules Ayer (1910–89), a major proponent of logical positivism [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce nickname formed as a shortening of *Apple and Pear*. Coined by Welsh writer Frank Parkin (1931–2011) in his novel *The Mind and Body Shop* (1987).

· They're on the top floor now, slinging out all the portraits and plaster busts. I can't bear to watch. Oh no, there goes Isaiah Berlin, and Gilbert Ryle, and Austin. And that was Apple. 'Apple? The departmental computer? That's going too far.' 'No, guv, Apple and Pear. A. J. Ayer.' – F. Parkin, *Mind*, p.176, 1987

apple and banana

noun

a piano [US/UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, 1973

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

apple and Eve

verb

1 to leave [US]

< *apple and Eve*, a phrase inspired by a biblical event.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.50, 1968

2 to believe [UK]

In this sense coined as a variation on ADAM AND EVE.

Often used in the phrase *would you apple and Eve it!*, an exclamatory question expressing genuine or ironic surprise or disbelief.

· Would you Apple and Eve it? The Sun does a The Sun style profile of Jonathan Ive. – *noisydecentgraphics.typepad.com*, blog, 11th January 2007

· Cockney rhyming slang, I couldn't apple and Eve it! – *Waygook* forum, 21st April 2011

· Can you apple and eve it? The Scots sounding Cockney. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 10th September 2013

· – There's an Apple Watch sex toy now. – Would you Apple and Eve it. Wankers. – *www.facebook.com*, 29th August 2015

apple and peach

noun

a beach [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Beach, Apple and Peach. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929

apple and pear

noun

1 a fare [AUSTRALIA]

· Pull on the almond rocks and four by twos, don the jumpers' flat and you bolt for the grand slam. You pay your apple and pear—no Henley and Grange these days, either—and stand all the way to town with the bloke next door treading on your plates o' meat. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July 1952

2 a chair [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.50, 1968

apple and pears

noun

▶ see APPLES AND PEARS

apple and pip; apple

verb

1 to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *sip*, a backslang form of *piss*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· [G]o for an apple. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 to sip [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

apple bobber

noun

a robber [UK]

< *apple bobber* 'a participant in an apple bobbing contest'.

· Because these apple bobbers are actually chicken and rice. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August 2012

apple bobbing

verb

robbing [UK]

< *apple bobbing* 'a popular game in which participants have to catch apples in a barrel or bucket of water using only their mouths'. Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

· He's been out Apple Bobbing again. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th November 2004

· Terry (Hardiker) and his one and t'other Andy (Tread-away) are apple bobbing the J Arthur Rank. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August 2012

· He's apple bobbing you blind mate! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

apple charlotte*noun*

a female prostitute [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *harlot*.· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**apple cider; apple***noun*

a spider [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· [M]ake me run like an apple cider (spider)! – *running-masters.blogspot.com*, 24th March 2015**apple core; apple***noun*

1 twenty pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· ‘You fucking Cockneys. What do you call the scores in Lun-dun? – he stretched out the syllable with a mocking inflection – ‘I know the cock and hens are tens.’ ‘Apples – apple cores. Or Georges. “What are the scores, George Daws” – from *Shooting Stars*.’ – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.81, 2004· Amid all the publicity surrounding the invasion of the ‘bad apples’, it wasn’t too long before the tabloids seized upon this fact. – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.103, 2005· The Barney Rubble of a cockle is a score, what is also known as an apple or a Dudley, or the Horn of Plenty. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005· apple = apple core = score (20). – P. Coppard, *In Spite of Everything*, p.452, 2012

2 in horse-race betting, odds of twenty to one [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.· – J. McCririck, *World of Betting*, p.112, 1991· When he talks about racing and money he reverts to rhyming slang. A Burlington Bertie is 100/30, a bag of sand is a grand and apple is 20 to 1 (presumably apple core, score, 20; although Keith and the rest of his staff are uncertain.) – *Evening Standard*, London, 26th June 2000· Like so many industries, racing has a language of it’s own. Here are a few covering the main odds. [...] 20-1 Score or Apple Core or Double Net. – *www.morningcode.co.uk*, accessed 8th June 2014

3 twenty years’ imprisonment [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.· **Apple or Apple core:** Score – 20, hence 20 years or £20. – *Do or Die* magazine, Brighton, ‘The Prison Lexicon’, 2003· *Apple* Basic prison rhyming slang: apple core = score = 20, as in years, or £20. – N. Harper, *Man Skills*, p.85, 2006

4 the state of affairs; up-to-date intelligence; the current situation [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. Always with the definite article.· [W]hats the apple mate? – *FileSharing Talk* forum, 30th September 2003· So what’s the apple core then, kids? – *SoundsXP* forum, 16th August 2006· [A] fellow from Bermondsey... robbing the same bank twice. He went back to the bank and said to the staff “You know the apple”. – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, 2014: spoken, south London criminal, 2012· What’s all this caper then, eh? What’s the apple, the score, the bleedin’ apple core? – *howestreet.com*, 1st February 2012· Oi, guv, what’s the apple with my peter? [...] He knew the apple. If he didn’t want his face slashed then he should have kept his nose out. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.133/331, 2015**apple-dancing***noun*

the act of stealing from offices in multistorey buildings

[UK]

An equivalent of the slang *stair dancing*. Formed on *apple*, an attributive use of *apples*, itself the short version of APPLES AND PEARS.· – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, 1953**apple fritter***noun*

1 bitter (beer) [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941· While children crawl underfoot, the men knock back two or three pints of “apple fritter (bitter)”[...] – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London’s Cockneys on the Way Out’, 10th November 1969· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971· What do you fancy doing? A few pints of apple fritter down the rubber? – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.102, 1975· Eight apple fritters an’ a Vicar of Bray squire. – *Courage Best Bitter* beer mat, 1980· This bleedin’ apple fritter’s a bit cloudy, innit? – L. Liley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990· Pint-a apple fritter, chief ... an’ a bag-a nats. – *Viz* comic, October/November 1996· In the restaurant, do you sell apple fritter? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, 1997

2 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th June 2003· – *esssexgirl2004.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th August 2004· – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 4th March 2005· I’ll give you 5/1 that she takes it up the apple fritter. – *twitter.com*, 4th July 2012

3 a toilet [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

- [E]xcuse me mate, where's ya apple fritter? – *UD(.com)*, 24th September **2003**
- 'Where's she gone?' he goes. 'The apple fritter?' – Ross O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.162, **2008**

applejack*noun*

- crack cocaine [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

apple pie; apple*noun*

- the sky [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**
- It's a nice day when the 'currant's shining in the apple pie'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- There will be more of them than there are bloomin' stars in the apple, or bits of sand on the beach. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.24, **2001**
- As Saul was getting quite close to the city of Damascus, there was suddenly this real dazzling merry-and-bright that flashed in the apple pie all around him. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.77, **2002**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- We couldn't have wished for better weather, with a clear blue apple without a Girls Aloud to be seen. – *justin dequack.com*, blog, 17th May **2014**

apple pie*verb*

to whimper [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cry*.

- His resentment at this taunt killed all thought of an apology. No fear, he wasn't going to 'apple pie' to a fellow that cut up rough like that over a little joke. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: J.M. Thomson, *Bush Boys*, p.75, **1905**

apple pies*noun*

the eyes [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – S. Climo, *T.J.'s Ghost*, p.59 [1991], **1989**

apple pips; apples*noun*

the lips [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**
- Who can resist nice rosy 'apples'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – M. Ramachandran and M. Ronson, *The Medical Miscellany*, p.83, **2005**
- She had plump *apples* and he had false *hampsteads*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

apples and pears; apple and pears; apples*noun*

stairs [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/IRELAND]

- According to the available evidence, the different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *apples and pears* (UK, Australia, New Zealand, US, Ireland), *apple and pears* (UK), *apples* (UK, Australia). ► see APPLE-DANCING, FRUIT and ORANGES AND LEMONS
- APPLE AND PEARS, stairs. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- APPLE AND PEARS, stairs. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- He stuck to the I'm so to drown his cares, / While I went to the far and near, / Until the clock on the apples and pears / Gave the office for us to clear. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, pp.187–188, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**
- It's all right, but chuck this 'port and wine' as you pass the 'Miller's daughter' at the 'Cain and Abel' on the 'Apples and Pears.' – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**
- I got up the Cain and Abel (table); went out to the Maggie Moore (door); fell down the apples and pears (stairs), and busted the sweet peas on my terrace houses (burstured the knees of my trousers). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**
- "The trouble and *strife's up the apples*," he said; "or else out in the Dolly Varden." – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**
- Rhyming slang can often be far more subtle than the mere use of "apple and pears" for "stairs," or "cage and lark" for clerk. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, England, 18th December **1930**
- Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few examples: [...] apples and pears—a stairway[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January **1931**
- What about slippin' up the apple and pears and getting' in feather? – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, pp.188–189, **1934**
- **Apples and pears**, stairs. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- STAIRS. Apples and pears[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- Apples-and-pears Stairs. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**
- The Doctor had shot up the apples like a V2, leaving me by the front window downstairs. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.56, **1956**
- Sorry love. No single birds allowed in. Up the apples now. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.107, **1970**
- [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef* – Chief; *Bit-an-Brace* – Face; *Mince Pies* – Eyes; *Two-by-four* – Door; *Plates of Meat* – Feet; *Fork and Knife* – Wife; *Apples and Pears* – Stairs[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

- An accident on the apples and pears. – *The Spectator*, London, 26th April **1975**
- **apples** *pl. n.* stairs. – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**
- **apples and pears:** stairs. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- At five o'clock every day / he got to his plates of meat, / nodded to the dead loss, / settled his tit for tat / on to his loaf of bread, / went down the apples and pears into the field of wheat[.] – A. Witting, 'Quality of Life', in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**
- **Apples And Pears – [Prison: Aryan Brotherhood]** Stairs. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- **apples and pears** stairs. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**
- I'll fix the apples and pears. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 2nd December **2013**

apples and plums

noun

threepence [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *thrums*. A variation of the earlier *currants and plums*.
- The alert Cockney, with his fondness for rhyming-slang, turns "thrums" into "apples-and-plums." – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 30th April **1937**

apples and rice

noun

mice [UK]

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**
- – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

apples and rice; apples

adjective

nice [UK]

- Usually ironic, especially when used in the full form. Some authorities claim this to be the origin of the Australian and New Zealand slang *apples*, as used in the phrase *she's apples* or *she'll be apples* 'everything's OK; everything will be OK', but this is unsupported by evidence. Another theory is that this idiomatic use of *apples* derives from the Australian rhyming slang *apples and spice*; however, the existence of this phrase outside of dictionaries (for example, Wilkes 1978: s.v. *apples*, *everything's* and Seal 2009) remains unsubstantiated.
- With mock admiration, he murmured: "Oh, ve-ry nice! Oh, ve-ry apples-and-rice!" – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.10, **1943**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- Oh that's very apples and rice. I'm out of work and you're pregnant again. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [A] sunny day may be 'apples'[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

apple sauce

noun

a horse [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**
- – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – L. Szachnowski and G. O'Connell, *The London Guidebook*, p.86, **1996**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

apple tart; apple

noun

1 art (as part of an educational curriculum) [UK]

Schoolchildren's slang. Only recorded in the full form.
▶ see *FART* and *TREACLE TART*

- – I. Opie and P. Opie, *Lore and Language*, p.173, **1959**

2 the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person's emotions, thoughts, etc.) [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Recorded in the forms *apple tart* (Australia, UK; also spelt solid, as *appletart*) and *apple* (New Zealand).

- "Go for the appletart, Lionel!" will be the instruction to try to induce cardiac arrest in his worthy opponent. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, 'Aussie Dialog', 24th August **1969**
- He's got a helluvan apple. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand English Newsletter* 3, **1989**
- She's all apple is Granny Smith. – H.W. Orsman, *DMNZS*, **1999**
- – *www.secc-online.org.uk*, August **2008**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a fart [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

- Who the fuck knows what an apple tart is going to smell like before they do one? – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.110, **2007**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

· A disgusting stench often follows a dropped 'apple'[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

4 courage [NEW ZEALAND]

- Rhymes on *heart*. Only recorded in the short form.
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

apple tart

nickname

the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit), a regular suburban railway service which runs along the coast of Dublin, from Malahide and Howth in north Dublin to Greystones in the south

Note the misspelling in the first quotation.

- Yup, going to nip home on the old apple fart (note place of residence)[.] – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**
- In the tin heading for the apple tart (dart) to Charlie. – *twitter.com*, 14th April **2010**

apple tart*verb*

to fart [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- Ooze apple taahrted? – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.72, **1972**
- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**
- I just showed that to my daughter and she apple-tarted while she was standing next to me. – *ForumGarden*, 22nd December **2006**
- I just apple tarted and it stinks[.] – *Zazz* forum, 14th June **2007**
- [B]efore we'd come home to watch "I'm Alan Partridge" every night as we lay in our single beds 'apple-tarting' and laughing. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 1st November **2011**
- One of the dogs has apple tarted. – *twitter.com*, 31st August **2012**

approbation; appro*noun*

a railway station [UK]

- On the following Sunday he pays his 'Beecham's pill,' tells the landlady he thinks it is going to 'Corney' ('Corney Grain'—rain), and off he goes to the 'appro' ('approbation'—railway station). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

après-ski; apres ski*noun*

in bingo, the number sixty-three [UK]

- – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**
- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**
- – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

apricot and peach; apricot*noun*

the beach [UK]

- We go down the apricot, get some currant and look at the lemons. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – T. Breverton, *Breverton's Nautical Curiosities*, p.9, **2010**
- For your summer holidays you may spend time on the apricot (apricot & peach = beach). – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th October **2011**

April and May*adverb*

today [US]

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

April Fool; april*noun*

1 a tool [UK]

- Originally applied to a burglar's tool. The short form is first recorded by Wright (1981).
- – V. Davis, *Phenomena in Crime*, p.251, **1941**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- Pass me April fools – I need to fix the cupboard. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

- I will need to sort out my April Fools (Tools)[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

- Later in his testimony he referred to the 'jam jar', meaning car, and the 'April', which he explained meant 'April fool – tool'. – *Daily Mail*, London, 1st August **2014**

- Hand us that April. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

- 2 a stool, usually a bar stool [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- 3 a man's penis [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *tool*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

- 4 a weapon [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *tool*.

- E ad an April wiv im in his 'appy bag. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th September **2009**

- April Fool – Tool (gun). – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

- An April can be anything from a cosh to a machine gun. In prison you should be aware of Aprils in the showers that come your way! – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.60, **2015**

April Fools; aprils*noun*

1 the football pools [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.23, **1969**

- I was taking a 'butchers' at the 'linen' the other day and I saw that old 'Oats' had won the 'April Fools'—20,000 'Plymouth Sounds'! – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.39–40, **1973**

- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

- Everybody's dream. To win the 'Aprils'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- Fred's won the April Fools. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

- 2 tools [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.

- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

April in Paris; april*noun*

1 a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

- Compounded rhyming slang on *aris*, a shortening of ARISTOTLE. < 'April in Paris', a song written in 1932 by Vernon Duke (music) and E. Y. Harburg (lyric), sung and recorded by many notable artists, including Do-

ris Day in *April in Paris* (1952) and Count Basie and his Orchestra (1956).

· But you see, from that day I swore that I would *never* run away from anything in my life, I mean, you know if a wild lion were to come in here now, my old april'd be pouting like a good 'un, but I'd stand me ground. – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 4th November **1982**

· The old april going, is it? – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 15th January **1989**

· April in Paris. Arse. I'm 'aving terrible trouble with me April. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Course, when she gets those Dixie Deans off, I can see wot a fine pair of pins she's got... go right up to 'er April. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· [N]ice april. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· That bloke's a right pain in the April! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th February **2009**

· You can shove it up your April in Paris! – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

· [S]he's got a nice April[.] – *The Holmesdale Online* forum, 8th August **2014**

· Well, you can imagine the shock, my old april went from nought to sixty in two seconds flat. – D. Trotter, *He Who Dares...*, p.101, **2015**

2 nonsense [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *aris*, a shortening of ARISTOTLE, and thus linked to the slang *arse*, as in a *load of arse*.

· Despite fleeting moments of brightness, Snatch is a load of old April (April in Paris ... aris ... Aristotle ... bottle ... bottle and glass ... oh don't worry about it). – *www.dailyinfo.co.uk*, 30th August **2000**

April morn

noun

scorn [UK]

· "I don't mean that you Berk," he said, his minces ablaze with April Morn[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.v, **1973**

April showers; April

noun

1 flowers [UK]

Probably < 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers', an English proverb recorded from the mid-16th century. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Quite apart from accents, there is rhyming slang to contend with. "April Showers" means flowers[.] – D. de Villiers, *South African Way*, p.93, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.78, **1973**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [W]hen all at once I saw these April Showers; / [...] having a Kick and Prance. It was right Mork and Mindy. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

· To pick up Cockney rhyming slang and some April showers (flowers), take a Sunday morning ball of chalk (walk) down Columbia Rd's Flower Market. – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, Queensland, 10th July **2016**

2 Flowers, an English beer brand [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [A] pint of 'April'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

apron string

noun

a ring (for the finger) [US]

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Apron String–A ring. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

Arabian knight

noun

an act of defecating [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. Possibly a variant spelling of ARABIAN NIGHT.

· [G]on fur an arabian knight. – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

Arabian Night

noun

excrement; an act of defecating [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *shite*. < *Arabian Nights*, the popular English title of *One Thousand and One Nights*, a famous collection of Arabian folk tales.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.44, **1972**

· – The average piss for a 60–70 year old man is about 6–7 minutes. Hurry up I'm bursting here. – You sure he's not having an Arabian night? – *twitter.com*, 3rd February **2013**

Arabian Nights; arabians

noun

diarrhoea [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the shites*. < *Arabian Nights*, the popular English title of *One Thousand and One Nights*, a famous collection of Arabian folk tales.

· I've got a touch of the Arabians. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th March **2003**

· I had a touch of the old Arabians! – *www.bebo.com*, 5th July **2006**

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**

· Arabian nights (shites). – *TalkCeltic* forum, 13th November **2010**

· I 'ad the Arabians all night. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Arab's knees

noun

keys (for operating locks) [IRELAND]

· I can't wait. Give me the Arab's knees. – *Dublin*, spoken, male, 25, November **2003**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

aras

noun

▶ see ARISTOTLE

arbyday ellykay*noun*

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [US]

A pig Latin version of DARBY KELLY.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935**Archbishop Laud; archbishop***noun*

fraud [UK]

< Archbishop Laud, a reference to William Laud (1573–1645), archbishop of Canterbury.

· Archbishop = Archbishop Laud = fraud [...]. [M]any was the time over our long association when I'd had a touch and been handy to have around when it came to paying the duke with my beehives down to a bit of archbishop.

– R. Cook, *Crust*, Glossary/p.34, 1962

Archie Gemill; archie*noun*

amyl nitrate [UK]

Rhymes imperfectly on the slang *amyl* and perfectly on *hemel*, itself a distorted slang version of *amyl*. < Scottish footballer Archie Gemmill (b.1947).

· [A] good one from my rave days in the late 80.s ...amylnitrate... = was called hemel....then ...archie gemill ,,,,dyou want a sniff of archie. – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March 2011

Archie MacPherson*noun*

a person [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish sports commentator Archibald 'Archie' MacPherson (b.1937).

· He's a strange Archie MacPherson. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Archie Moore; archie*adjective*

having no money [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *poor*. < Archie Moore, the ring name of American boxer Archibald Lee Wright (1913–98).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

arfa*noun*

▶ see HALF A GROSS

arf-a-dollar; arfer*noun*

▶ see HALF A DOLLAR

arfur*noun*

▶ see HALF A NICKER

aris hole; arris hole*noun*

[1] a despicable person [UK]

Derived from shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· Hes a bigger aris-hole than the bloke who invented the Frog ringtone – *Briskoda.net* forum, 1st September 2005

· Sorry, i had a bit of a “im going to be an arris hole” moment there. – *Airgun BBS* forum 20th May 2007

· But what an Aris hole! If you see a Red S-turbo starting with the number plate DE02 give it a wide berth as the driver is a complete knob! – *Subaru Forester Owners* forum, 5th March 2009

· To be polite, he is an arris hole. – *Vital Football* forum, 31st October 2012

[2] the anus [UK]

Extended from shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· Perhaps some advise on how to prevent obtaining an aris hole like an inside out elephants trunk, I suspect you're up to speed on that. – *The Anglers Forum*, 13th June 2007

· S Donohoe's arris hole, is it a safe place today? – *Betfair Community* forum, 13th January 2014

· Whilst obviously taking your point, my response is a resounding 'no thanks' as that would surely tear the SP an even bigger new arris-hole. – *Interactive Investor* forum, 15th March 2014

aris lick; arris lick; harris lick*verb*

to behave sycophantically; to fawn over (someone)

[UK]

An equivalent of *arse-lick*. Based on shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· Or maybe it is our desparate need to arris lick the Americans by supporting every dumb thing their dumb as a rock president gets up to[.] – *UK Bike Forum*, 13th March 2008

· i have no need to harris lick[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 15th December 2010

· Do you use your little Mousey tongue to Aris lick? – *FM-TTM* forum, 2nd February 2012

aris licker; arris licker; arris kisser; harris licker; harris kisser*noun*

a sycophant [UK]

Equivalents of *arse-licker* and *arse-kisser*. Derived from shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· If you are having to guard your thoughts amongst mates because of some sneaky, cowardly, arris licker at work using it against you (they dont know me so they can think what they like) then the world is truly a sadder place for it!!! – *UK Bike Forum*, 3rd June 2005

· The same goes for uk.e.c, and other groups which have their own Drivels – and their own version of Drivel's band of blinkered, sycophantic harris lickers and mutual winkers. – *The Home Owners' Online Community* forum, 14th January 2006

· Always prefer honesty to arris lickers! – *TheLongside.co.uk* forum, 22nd February 2009

· I'm no aris licker either[.] – *Bob's Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 24th October 2009

· I'm exhausted but, that's what I thought, from all of the posts I read here about him and the others, sounds like

a super harris kisser[.] – *Perugia Murder File* forum, 18th January **2011**

· My old boss went on about ‘solutioneering’ and ‘long screwdriving’ and it didn’t take too long until I heard the same guff from the arris kissers! – *PistonHeads* forum, 10th July **2014**

· Just hope all the blue nosed arris kissers are happy with the thin end of the wedge on our hospital, safe under his hands, I don’t think so. – *www.oxfordmail.co.uk*, 29th July **2015**

arris licking; arris licking; arris kissing

noun

servile flattery, sycophancy [UK]

Equivalents of *arse-licking* and *arse-kissing*. Based on shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· A bit late for the arris licking aint it Ps. – *UK Bike Forum*, 20th March **2007**

· What a fantastic example of arris kissing, are you lovers? – *www.watfordobserver.co.uk*, 8th May **2009**

· The new season will be here soon, then he can resume his arris licking of Ferguson and Utd. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 8th July **2010**

· As most if you know I’m probably one of the most cynical posters on here, and don’t stand for any groundless Aris-licking of AVB, but another away win has to be commended[.] – *JA606* forum, 26th February **2013**

arris licking; arris licking; arris kissing

adjective

sycophantic; fawning [UK]

Equivalents of *arse-licking* and *arse-kissing*. Based on shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

· [T]his is not a aris licking rant to gain more discount on my new mag elite. – *The Fishermans Net* forum, 16th May **2007**

· Ghastly, horrible sycophantic arris licking slag. – *House Price Crash* forum, 11th May **2009**

· Without being a huge “Arris” kissing sycophant, very good. – *idlersquest.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th May **2013**

Aristotle; Arrystottle; aris; aras; arris; ariss; ari; arry; arra; harris

noun

1 a bottle [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

< Aristotle, a Greek philosopher (384–322 BCE). Hence HORACE TOTTLE. Recorded in the forms *Aristotle* (Australia, UK, New Zealand), *Arrystottle* (Australia), *aris* (UK), *aras* (Australia), *arris* (UK), *ari* (UK), *arry* (UK) and *arra* (Australia). The clipped variants with -s (*aris*, *aras* and *arris*) double as singular and plural. In British English, also used in the phrase *on the Aristotle* ‘drinking heavily’.

· Bottle (of anything)–‘Aristotle’. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 7th August **1897**

· Asked about the supper, he will suggest an “Aristotle” of “pig’s ear”[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· Bottle ... Aristotle. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· Remote and alone, Aristotle is the solitary classical allusion. It would be interesting to discover how his name was given to “bottle.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· Bottle ... Aristotle ... Ari. – Anon., *DRSL*, **1941**

· You want a couple of Aristotles, so you dive into the sky rocket and off goes a Rhodes Scholar. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

· We had a *ball of chalk* down the *channel fleet*; then went into the *rub-a-dub* and had two *Aristotles of morning mass* with *four languages*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**

· *aras*, bottles of beer. (Usually in plural only; ex *Aristotle* as rhyme on bottle.) – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· I used to mix an Aristotle of fine and dandy wif me dad and mum. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.96, **1968**

· How about stickin’ around till I knock off at seven, an’ then we’ll take a few Arrystottles out to your joint. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: D. O’Grady, *A Bottle of Sandwiches*, p.93, **1968**

· Cor, what a long boat you got! Someone ‘arf inch yer ‘arris’? – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**

· [T]here is not an Aristotle of pig’s ear in the Mickey Mouse. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.125, **1974**

· aristotle (bottle) arra (bottle). – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· How about going to the pub and picking up half a dozen Aristotles? – *Sunday Tasmanian*, Hobart, 19th June **1990**

· – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· If you want milk, put the Ari on the doorstep. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· She orders an Aristotle of pig’s ear (bottle of beer)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· A bottle, however is called an “aris” [...]. When I was living in London’s East End in the early 1980s, I once heard a fellow in a pub saying to the barman “Give us an ari of pig’s!” – *Wordwizard* forum, 15th December **2004**

· Pass the Arry, me lad. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

· Been on the Aristotle? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 among buskers, street entertainers and other performers, the money collected after a performance [UK]

Rhymes on *bottle*. Recorded in the forms *Aristotle* and *aris*.

· “What’s the bottle, cull?” “Dewey funt, tray bionk, dai-ture soldi medza, so the divvi is otta bionk nobba peeroon and tray medzas back in the aris. (Aristotle).” – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.6, **ca 1937**

3 the buttocks or anus [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bottle*, the short version of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Recorded in the forms *Aristotle* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *aris* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *aras* (Australia), *arris* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *ariss* (UK), *harris* (UK). Also used idiomatically, as in the British phrase *lick* (or *kiss*) *arris*. ▶ see APRIL IN PARIS, GREEK, JUDGE-

MENT, PLASTER OF PARIS, REGGIE, ROLF HARRIES *and* SHARRIES

· Hence, by a process of elision, “aris” comes to denote part of the anatomy. (“Aris,” short for “Aristotle” = “bottle,” short for “bottle and glass” = “arse.”) – *New Society* magazine, London, 31st March **1966**

· [A] quick lance straight up the aris. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 9th November **1970**

· **Aristotle Bottle** Always reduced to ‘Aris’ it refers to any bottle and is also an instance of slang in reference to the backside. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Madam, I neither wish for another skin nor to exhibit my harris, I wish merely to cover my nakedness, from the loins even unto the thighs, beyond, even, down to the trotters. – P. O’Toole, *Loitering with Intent: The Apprentice*, p.289 [1997], **1996**

· There were women in here bending over settees and all you could see was their harris and their hat. – B. Robinson, *Peculiar Memories*, p.28 [1999], **1998**

· Your report (TheGame, February 10) quotes David James, the West Ham goalkeeper, bemoaning the fact that had his team-mate’s “Harris” been bigger, it might have deflected the ball away from goal instead of into it. – *The Times*, London, 24th February **2003**

· **aristotle** rhyming slang for ‘bottle’. From Cockney. Hence, in Australia, through a convoluted process, also rhyming slang for ‘arse’. [...] Sometimes shortened to **aris** or **aras**. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· **Aris – arse, meaning bottom.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Give them a kick in the ‘arris from me! – *Dublinforum.net*, 27th June **2010**

· that’s hardly proof that he takes it up the aris! – *CPFC BBS* forum, 5th July **2010**

· I’m certainly not, however, one of your sycophantic cronies who lick aris (that’s not a typo by the way)[.] – *RLEANS* forum, 3rd January **2011**

· Think the proles are too unrefined to talk philosophy? Stick it up your Aristotle. – *Politics.ie* forum, 26th January **2011**

· [A] finger up your ‘arris would be the most unerotic thought you could imagine. – *The Corroboree* forum, 24th October **2011**

· I have to creep, lick aris, do the washing up (god forbid) Hoover up, and go without food for a week. – *Rogue Forces* forum, 17th November **2012**

· Its ok, Mourinho is coming back to give him a kick up the harris[.] – *Boards.ie*, 5th December **2012**

· Mind you if the teacher hits me with the ruler this time I promise to shove it up his Aristotle[.] – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th December **2012**

· Small scratch to back of hand, sleep well and the pain in the aris removed for good. – *www.thescarborough-news.co.uk*, 1st May **2013**

· That ‘arris, ‘arry ‘arris, is an adjectival ache in the aris – translates as ‘That weed Harry Harris is a royal pain in the rectum’. – *www.facebook.com*, 9th May **2013**

· It’s almost as though the WRU had tried to take RRW up the aris instead of the other way round. – *Munsterfans* forum, 2nd March **2014**

· He threw off the sheet, hopped off the table and ran around the lab like a cat with its Aristotle on fire. [...] I don’t like standing out here with the damp air whistling round me Aris. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, pp.150/160, **2016**

4 courage, bravery [UK]

Rhymes on *bottle*, the short version of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Recorded in the forms *Aristotle* and *arris*.

· It must have taken a lot of Aristotle to challenge the Brigadier over the tiddlywinks game. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.12, **1985**

· [L]oads of ‘arris. – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, **1990**

· How you still got the Aristotle to try this thrupney bit is beyond me. – *Two Plus Two Poker Forum*, 11th July **2012**

aristotled

adjective

1 bothered [UK]

An adjectival offshoot of ARISTOTLE ‘the buttocks or anus’. Used in the phrase *can’t be aristotled*, the direct equivalent of *can’t be arsed*.

· I’m afraid I’m not adding any more brownie points to my total today, as I really can’t be Aristotled to cook the lamb stew I promised. – *emmanccann.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th February **2010**

· I can’t be aristotled. – *twitter.com*, 12th May **2013**

2 very drunk [UK]

Perhaps from ARISTOTLE, meaning ‘a bottle’ or, more probably, ‘the buttocks or anus’, on the model of *arseholed*. Alternatively, in this usage the word could simply be a jocular alteration of *arseholed* itself.

· **Everyone Should Get Drunk Once A Year** any adult who’s never ever been drunk has missed out on an essential life experience. In fact, anyone who has never got totally Aristotled shouldn’t even have the vote. – *YickYak* forum, 24th January **2012**

· Who wants to dick about with food all the time when entertainment and getting aristotled is the real purpose. – *For and Against* forum, 25th February **2015**

· Laurie persists, saying he heard the expression “aristotled”, meaning very drunk[.] – *A(.com)*, ‘Questions’, accessed 9th June **2015**

Aristotle kisser

noun

a sycophant [UK]

An equivalent of *arse-kisser*. Derived from ARISTOTLE.

· At the risk of sounding like an aristotle lick, I think Mellie would make a good Agony Aunt. – *Sky Blue Un-trust* forum, 18th August **2006**

ariswipe; arriswipe; harriswipe

noun

a contemptible person [UK]

An equivalent of *arsewipe*. Derived from shortened forms of ARISTOTLE.

- Wilf sounds like your boss is a bit of a arriswipe[.] – *UK Bike Forum*, 28th April **2004**
- [I]t's too expensive, Morrally repugnant and full of clueless arriswipes who think Sky TV invented it... – *The Anglers Forum*, 2nd January **2006**
- [Y]ou utter ariswipe. – *FMTTM* forum, 9th January **2009**
- [T]o think these harriswipes actually get paid for yhe garbage they all spout. – *London South East* forum, 25th March **2013**
- [D]on't people have the right to live somewhere without some ariswipe dumping their rubbish behind their houses? – *www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk*, 6th December **2013**
- 8/10 for me and a 4–3 victory over the pompous ariswipe. – *FansOnline* forum, 16th September **2015**

arm and leg

noun

an egg [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Armadillo

noun

a pillow [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Armadillo, the nickname given to the Clyde Auditorium in Glasgow, itself based on a visual metaphor.
- Ma heid just hit the Armadillo. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Armenian

noun

an Irish Catholic [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *Fenian*.
- Then again, many moons ago in my first IT job for one of biggest local councils [in Scotland], the manager referred to me and others as 'Armenians'. – *sluggerotoole.com*, 28th April **2011**

armitage shank; armitage

noun

1 a bank [UK]

- < Armitage Shanks, a British manufacturer of sanitaryware.
- I'm off to the armitage. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th February **2003**
- [T]he interest should possibly be 0.000814p in total at 2.2% a month, making the total debt still a matter of pence even with bulk stationary [including the "free" hole-punching (I'd like to punch their holes... erm, on second thoughts...)], ink, electricity and sychophantic staff costs for the "Armitage Shank" (bank). – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 20th February **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 an act of masturbation [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· Having an Armitage Shank. – *Personal correspondence*, Dublin schoolteacher, 17th March **2005**

· It's made more interesting with Cockney Rhyming Slang, where the word in question is substituted with a rhyming phrase stripped of its rhyming word. So: Merchant (banker) = wanker Sherman (tank) = wank J. Arthur (Rank) = wank Armitage (Shanks) ... you get the idea. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 27th September **2005**

· **Armitage Shanks** 1. wanks. What teenage boys call a 'number three' in a toilet. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· He's havin' an armitage. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I'm just off for an Armitage. – *SaintsWeb* forum, 21st October **2008**

· As long as they aren't having an Armitage Shank in there I don't care what they do! – *LiverpoolFC Official Forums*, 2nd December **2011**

· A quick Sherman. Or possibly an Armitage. Both mean the same thing, really. – *CycleChat* forum, 17th September **2012**

· Armitage shank [1990s] to bash one's bishop, usually with the aid of a scrot mag. – *nobillydictionaryandphrasebook.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd February **2014**

armitage shanker

noun

a despicable person [UK]

- Rhymes on *wanker*. < Armitage Shanks, a British manufacturer of sanitaryware.
- Pay attention you lazy bunch of Armitage Shankers, this is the future of the washbasin. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 25th May **2000**
- [Y]ou must have picked that up from a thread that's at least a year old you sad armitage shanker!! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, forum, 25th January **2006**
- [W]hat a total Armitage Shanker! – *Purestorm* forum, 9th October **2009**
- Total, complete and utter Armitage shankers. – *Omega Owners Forum*, 23rd May **2011**

armour float

noun

a coat [AUSTRALIA]

- Possibly an alteration of I'M AFLOAT.
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXII, **1967**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

armour rocks

noun

socks [SOUTH AFRICA]

- – H.C. Bosman, *Jerepigo*, p.136 [1957], 2002: 'South African Slang', originally published in *The South African Opinion*, 18th–19th June **1946**

army and navy; army*noun*

gravy [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· Other Cockney rhyming slang terms are [...] “Army and Navy” for gravy, “Uncle Ned” for bed, “Tick-Tack” for sack, and “Bees and Honey” for money. – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th April **1939**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *CRS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.78, **1973**

· – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

· – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley’s Guide*, p.116, **1985**

· We would be as mystified as anyone if someone asked us to pass the ‘army and navy’ when they wanted gravy, or if a bus inspector asked to see our ‘bat and wicket’ rather than ticket. – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.128, **1987**

· Why do they always drown my food in army and navy? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· Pass the army, will you? – *www.fun-with-words.com*, 31st October **2003**

· All i wanted was some Army and Navy on me Frank Skinner. – *Ultimate-Guitar.com* forum, 11th January **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

army rocks*noun*

socks; specifically woollen army socks [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· The feet, clad in “ARMY (or BRIGHTON or ALMOND) ROCKS” (socks) were thrust into “DAISY ROOTS” (boots) or, for the more affluent, “P’s-AND-Q’s” (shoes). – *On the Wire*, newsletter of the Great War Association, Gillette, NJ, autumn **2007**

army tank*noun*

an American [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *Yank*.

· The English were the *to and froms*, while *army tanks* did for Yanks. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.162, 1953: *The Sun*, Sydney, 22nd September **1945**

· [O]ne of the ‘army tanks’ hit him in the ‘chevy chase’ and ‘ding dong dell’ broke out. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

Arnold Palmer; arnold*noun*

1 a farmer [UK]

< American golfer Arnold Palmer (1929–2016).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

2 a golfer who spends time playing in the rough [UK]

Rhymes on *farmer*, a punning reference to *long grass*, itself a common descriptive term for the rough. Both *Arnold Palmer* and *arnold* are first recorded in 2001.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

Arnold Palmer*adjective*

calmer [AUSTRALIA]

< American golfer Arnold Palmer (1929–2016).

· [T]he seas are a bit Arnold Palmer today. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 12th January **2004**

Arnold Palmers; arnolds; arnies*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *farmers*, the short version of FARMER GILES. < American golfer Arnold Palmer (1929–2016).

· [I]f your ‘grapes’ are the size of golf balls, you’ve got ‘Arnolds’ or ‘Arnies’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Arnold Schwarzenegger; arnie*noun*

a male beggar, especially one who begs on the London underground [UK]

< Austrian-born American bodybuilder-turned-actor-turned-politician Arnold Schwarzenegger (b.1947). The male counterpart of a SAMANTHA EGGAR.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

around the houses*noun*

▶ see ROUND THE HOUSES

arra; arris*noun*

▶ see ARISTOTLE

arris hole*noun*

▶ see ARIS HOLE

arris kisser*noun*

▶ see ARIS LICKER

arris kissing*noun*

▶ see ARIS LICKING

arris kissing*adjective*

▶ see ARIS LICKING

arris lick*verb*▶ *see* ARIS LICK**arris licker***noun*▶ *see* ARIS LICKER**arris licking***noun*▶ *see* ARIS LICKING**arris licking***adjective*▶ *see* ARIS LICKING**arriswipe***noun*▶ *see* ARISWIPE**Arrivederci Roma; arrivederci***noun*

a state of unconsciousness caused by a blow to the head [UK]

Rhymes on *coma*. < ‘Arrivederci Roma’, an Italian song written in 1955 by Pietro Garinei, Sandro Giovannini (lyric) and Renato Rascel (music). Suggested by the Italian meaning of *arrivederci* ‘goodbye until we meet again’.

· The victim was knocked into an ‘arrivederci’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Arrystottle; arry*noun*▶ *see* ARISTOTLE**arsehole of the goanna***noun*

the varsovienne, a ballroom dance that combines elements of polka and mazurka [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *varsovianna*, a variant name for this dance. *Goanna* is an Australianism for a monitor lizard. ▶ *see* HEART AND SOUL OF THE GOANNA

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

arsenic*noun*

the face [UK: SCOTLAND]

A shortening of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. < *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a 1939 play by American playwright Joseph Kesselring, best known through Frank Capra’s 1944 film adaptation starring Cary Grant.

· So shut yer arsenic or I’ll rip your barnet out. – *News General* forum, 15th October 2009

arse-over-Anna; arse-over-header*noun*

the varsovienne, a ballroom dance that combines elements of polka and mazurka [AUSTRALIA]

Arse-over-Anna rhymes on *varsovianna*, one of the several variant names for this dance. *Arse-over-header* rhymes imperfectly on the variant *varsovienna*.

· Thus the quadrille is ‘cadrill’, the schottische becomes the ‘shotteze’ while the varsovienne may be ‘varsovianna’, ‘varsovienna’ or ‘varsovianna’. The latter’s popularity is also celebrated by being honoured with a couple of rhyming slang epithets, the ‘arse-over-header’ and the ‘heart-and-soul-of-the-goanna’. – J. Meredith et al., *Folk Songs of Australia*, p.81, 1987

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

‘arstard*noun*▶ *see* CHARLEY ARSTARD**Artful Dodger; artful***noun*

1 a lodger [UK/US]

< Artful Dodger, the nickname of Jack Dawkins, a character in Charles Dickens’s novel *Oliver Twist*, published in volume form in 1838; so called because of his cunning as a pickpocket. There is no evidence of its use in the short form in American English.

· How many *artful dodgers* have you? – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulary*, 1859

· ‘Artful dodger’ often stood for ‘lodger.’ – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915

· During the war, also, the commingling of social classes brought to the surface a rich variety of words belonging to the speech of submerged classes in Great Britain [...] Words of this class which have been recently cited are: *daisy roots*, ‘boots’; *almond rocks*, ‘socks’; *artful dodger*, ‘lodger’; *isabeller*, ‘umbrella’; *field of wheat*, ‘street’[.] – G.H. McKnight, *English Words*, p.54, 1923

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] lodger (artful dodger); hair (Barnet fair)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, 1944

· The artful dodger beat his storm and strife for not darning his charley rocks and went to moan and wail. – *Writer’s Monthly*, Springfield, MA, 1945

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· ‘N’ es only the *Artful!* – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.19, 1969

· One could see that the ‘artful’ was a ‘Bernard’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.39, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *todger*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· [T]hat blokes artful dodger (todger) is well small. – *HarderFaster* forum, 15th August 2003

· I’ve heard the Artful’s got an eight-inch Artful. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

arfur*noun*

▶ see CONAN DOYLE and HALF A NICKER

arthur*verb*■ **arthur oneself** to laugh uncontrollably [UK]

An elliptical form of *Arthur Bliss*, itself an unrecorded verb version of ARTHUR BLISS. Formed as an equivalent of *piss oneself*.

· I proper Arthured myself when I found out that his Richard was a [...] west end thespian. – *Minifinity* forum, 30th June 2005

Arthur Ash; arthur*verb*

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Functionally shifted from the noun ARTHUR ASHE, also spelt *Arthur Ash*.

· Arthur Ash – urinate. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July 2008

· “After two pints of Winona I always Arthur on my Ky-lies.” [...] Arthur Ash – Slash. – *www.zootoday.com*, 26th November 2008

Arthur Ashe; Arthur*noun*

an ashtray [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *ash* and *Ashe*. < American tennis player Arthur Ashe (1943–93).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July 2010

Arthur Ashe; Arthur Ash; arthur*noun*

1 cash [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< American tennis player Arthur Ashe (1943–93). The short form is exclusively British.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· More recent additions have been cricketers Darren Gough (meaning cough), the Australian Test Captain Alan (Border = out of order), Arthur (Ashe = cash) the American tennis star[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002

· Mix money and rhyming slang and you get East Endisms such as “Arthur Ashe” (cash), “whistle and toot” (loot), “Lady Godiva” (fiver), “Ayrton Senna” (tenner) and “bag of sand” (grand, or £1000). – *The New Zealand Herald*, 22nd June 2002

· That blokes not short of Arthur. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· aussies use a lot of slang unlike americans second we tend to abbreviate or shorten everything we use rhyming slang which we inherited from the poms [...] cash = Arthur ash. – *Just Old Trucks* forum, 1st June 2014

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. The shortened version is indistinguishable from the short form of ARTHUR BLISS.

· Arthur Ash is Cockney slang for Slash. “Going for a quick Arthur.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th February 2007

· [Y]ou can say you’re going for an Arthur but be careful not to say you’re going for a J Arthur. – *youngestpensioner.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th January 2009

· Arthur Ashe Cash/Slash. – C. Dervaes and J. Hunter, *UK to USA*, p.105, 2012

Arthur Bliss; Sir Arthur Bliss; arthur; sir arthur*noun*1 ■ **take the Arthur Bliss; take the arthur** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*. < English composer Arthur Bliss (1891–1975).

· Are you taking the Arthur Bliss? – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 26th December 1974

· [T]o ‘take the Arthur’ is to assault verbally, to ‘take the proverbial piss’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· I heard a newsreader say that it was unfair for Barac Obama to take the “Arthur Bliss” out of David Beckham at a gathering of the LA Galaxy. – *www.facebook.com*, 16th May 2012

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. ▶ see ARTHUR ASHE

· I’ve been drinking all day and now I’m dying for an Arthur Bliss. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· Sir Arthur Bliss is Cockney slang for Piss. “I’m bursting for a Sir Arthur.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th October 2006

· The council by their actions have made it inevitable that people are going to pull over at the side of the road for an Arthur Bliss or Tommy Tit. – *Caithness.org* forum, 3rd March 2009

arthur blissed*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. Formed on an unrecorded verb version of ARTHUR BLISS.

· [S]omeone said “are you arthur blissed” to me earlier. – *Toontastic* forum, 16th September 2005

· Sounds if someone could be a bit Arthur Blissed! – *Yachting and Boating World* forum, 1st October 2005

· [E]veryone else got arthur blissed (wedding photography job). – *nbpearl.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th June 2012

arthur blissed off*adjective*

very annoyed [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed off*. An adjectival offshoot of the phrasal verb ARTHUR BLISS OFF.

· im so Arthur Blissed off with him[.] – *z6.invisionfree.com*, *Acid Rap Nation* forum, 27th March 2005

Arthur Bliss off*verb*

1 to go away [UK]

Rhymes on *piss off*. Formed on an unrecorded verb version of ARTHUR BLISS.

· You've got no heart. How the f*** are you going to help? Go on. arthur bliss off. – *Big Soccer* forum, 6th January **2003**

· 'arry drove by, wound down his window and offered them a lift to Loftus Road, but they told him to arthur bliss off! – *CFCnet* forum, 29th January **2013**

2 ■ **Arthur Bliss off** to annoy someone [UK]

Rhymes on *piss off*.

· [W]ould you lot be for or against this?? personally i would take him, because A) he gives his all 2) would arthur bliss off utd even more. – *JA606* forum, 8th May **2013**

Arthur Conan Doyle; arthur

noun

► see CONAN DOYLE

Arthur Cox

noun

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *box*. < Arthur Cox, a leading Irish law firm.

· I was pulling the Arthur Cox offa her. – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Arthur Daley

nickname

the Central Criminal Court in London

Rhymes on *Old Bailey*, the popular name of the court. < Arthur Daley, a comic character with a propensity for crime in the British TV series *Minder*; played by English actor George Cole (1925–2015).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Arthur Fowler

noun

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *growler*, an altered shortening of GROWL AND GRUNT. < Arthur Fowler, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2000**

· I went to lick her out, but her arthur fowler looked like a bad doner kebab. – *UD(.com)*, 29th August **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· *Tampon-makers can't mention the V-word. Period.* Here is where cockney rhyming slang would come in useful. They could have referred to the Elizabeth (Elizabeth Regina) or the Arthur (Arthur Fowler) or the Sigourney (Sigourney Weaver) and no-one in the USA would have a clue what it refers to and thus their moral sensitivity would not have been provoked. – *www.theguardian.com*, 18th March **2010**

· I went to lick her out, but her arthur fowler looked like a bad doner kebab. – *UD(.com)*, 29th August **2011**

2 a fart [UK]

Rhymes on *growler*.

· I was on the train today and someone did an Arthur Fowler so bad that the whole carriage emptied at the next station. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Arthur J. Rank; arthur

noun

► see J. ARTHUR RANK

Arthur Lyster

noun

a sister [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian race-caller and sports commentator Arthur Lyster, who was popular on radio in the 1960s and 1970s.

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

Arthur Murray

noun

1 a curry [AUSTRALIA]

< American dancing teacher Arthur Murray (1895–1991), who established a franchised international chain of Arthur Murray Dance Studios.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**

· I went to the **Gene** for a quick **Werris** then caught a **left jab** downtown to get some **Arthur Murray** and a bottle of **Lindsay**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

2 a hurry [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.17, **1983**

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

Arthur Murrays

noun

■ **no Arthur Murrays** no problem, not to worry; also used as a polite formula for responding to thanks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *worries*, used in the Australian phrase *no worries*. < American dancing teacher Arthur Murray (1895–1991), who established a franchised international chain of Arthur Murray Dance Studios.

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

Arthur Nicker; arthur

noun

► see HALF A NICKER

Arthur Rank; arthur

noun

► see J. ARTHUR RANK

Arthur Scargill; Arthur Scargle

noun

an alcoholic drink; alcoholic drink [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *gargle*. < English trades union leader Arthur Scargill (b.1938), who was president of the National Union of Mineworkers from 1981 to 2002.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

· – *www.jackeen.com*, 1st February **2001**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.150, **2002**

· Me, I'm off to the Pigeon Club to meet a few of the lads for a few Arthur Scargles – darling. – *The People*, London, 27th April **2003**

· I had a few too many arthur scargles last night. – *Eru-tu-fo-n* forum, 5th March **2004**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Cul-ture*, p.120, **2007**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.116, **2009**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Having early bo peep. Too much Arthur Scargle last night. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2010**

arthur scargilled; arthur scargled; arthur'd

adjective

drunk [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *gargled*. An adjectival adaptation of ARTHUR SCARGILL.

· 'e's right Author'd. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· No idea really. Good night though, was arthur scargled. – *www.bebo.com*, 25th June **2009**

· Yiz all must be arthur scargilled. – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 18th March **2012**

· 1 Air locked 2 Annihilated 3 Ar deargmheisce 4 Arsed 5 Arseholed 6 Arthur Scargilled 7 (cont). – *twitter.com*, 23rd September **2013**

Arthur Scargle

verb

to drink (alcohol) [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *gargle*. Functionally shifted, with an altered spelling, from the noun ARTHUR SCARGILL.

· And then arthur scargled a whole bottle of SoCo before the gig Saturday night and ran amok in there wit hsome geezer in an Inspirals t-shirt. – *www.network54.com*, *Banter Forum!*, 15th March **2004**

Arthur's Erotica

noun

masturbation, especially male masturbation [UK]

Formed on *J. Arthur*, a shortening of J. ARTHUR RANK.

· Went to see *Blow Out* at the Continentale. I left after about 40 minutes of boring rubbish. Came back and there was a great session of Arthur's Erotica with astonishing success. – R. Davies, *Kenneth Williams*, p.371, 1993: diary entry dated 16th January **1975**

Arthur's Seat

noun

1 the feet [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Arthur's Seat, a landmark hill in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh.

· My Arthur's Seat are loupin'. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· Haud on, I wantae rest mah Arthur's seat. – *www.scots-man.com*, 2nd February **2016**

2 heroin [UK: SCOTLAND]

A covert pun on *Arthur's Crag* (a popular misnomer for *Arthur's Seat*), rhyming on *scag*. Synonymous with SALISBURY CRAG.

· "For a while there, heroin was known as 'Arthur's Seat.'" [...] "Arthur's Seat is also Arthur's Crag. Crag—" "Skag," Bridie finished for him. – A. Stemple, *Steward of Song*, p.81, **2008**

artichoke

noun

1 a cigar, cigarette or pipe [UK]

Rhymes on *smoke*. A shortening of the noun ARTICHOKE RIPE.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a man [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bloke*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

artichoke ripe

noun

a tobacco pipe [UK]

A nominalisation of the verb ARTICHOKE RIPE.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

artichoke ripe

verb

to smoke a pipe [UK]

Combines a double rhyme with a pun on *hearty choke*, the effect that smoking a pipe may have on the smoker.

· – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**

Artist Formerly Known As Prince

noun

extra-strong mints [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < The Artist Formerly Known as Prince, the marketing-friendly proper noun version of 'the artist formerly known as Prince', a practical formula adopted when American pop singer-songwriter Prince Rogers Nelson (1958–2016), the recording artist then known as Prince, changed his name to 'the love symbol', an unpronounceable glyph.

· – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

· I think I'll have a packet of Artist Formerly Known as Prince... – *b3ta* forum, 7th February **2003**

Arto

nickname

English footballer Tom Soares (b.1986)

Pseudo-rhyming slang based on *tomarto sauce*, a respelt version of *tomato sauce*, whose second element is phonetically similar to *Soarse* (pronounced *Saws*).

· Stoke midfielder Tom Soares has been dubbed 'Arto'. – *footballblog.co.uk*, blog, 4th December **2008**

· I've been calling Tom Soares "Arto" for a while now. – *The Oatcake* forum, 8th March **2009**

arty rolla; arty roller

noun

a collar [AUSTRALIA/UK]

According to Baker (1945), *Arty Rolla* is recorded in Australian English as far back as 1898.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

Arvy Mariah

noun

► see AVE MARIA

Asafa Powell*noun*

a towel [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded only in the phrase *throw in the Asafa Powell* 'to admit defeat'. < Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell (b.1982). Coined in late August 2007: when world record holder Powell finished third in the 100 metres final at the World Championships in Osaka, he admitted that he had 'panicked' and given up in the middle of the race.

• Arsenal 3–0 Sparta Prague. Sparta to throw in the Asafa Powell. – *Arsenal World* forum, 28th August 2007

• After Asafa Powell revealed he had given up in the dash the other day, Schwarter has coined the phrase *thrown in the Asafa Powell*, a lovely bit of rhyming slang to denote full-blown surrender. – *Breakfast*, Australian radio: ABC Radio National, 29th August 2007

Ascot Heath; ascots*noun*

the teeth [UK]

< Ascot Heath, an area of north Ascot, Berkshire, best known for its racecourse.

• As Hugh Grant may have remarked of Divine Brown: 'You don't come across Ascots like hers every day.' – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Ascot races; ascots*noun*

1 trouser braces (suspenders) [UK]

< Ascot races (formally the Royal Meeting), a fashionable race meeting held annually at Ascot Heath in Berkshire, England.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 orthodontic braces [UK]

• If your teeth are wonky, get down that dentist and get those ascot races! – *twitter.com*, 28th August 2012

Ashley Cole*noun*

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *arsehole* and *hole*. < English footballer Ashley Cole (b.1980). Synonymous with CHERYL COLE.

• Shove it up your Ashley Cole[.] – *The Oatcake* forum, 22nd March 2008

• Easily done enough for a new contract, unless he's demanding crazy money in which case he can shove it up his Ashley Cole. – *JA606* forum, 14th March 2012

2 an action that unintentionally harms one's own interests [UK]

Rhymes on *goal*, used in the expression *own goal*. Inspired by the footballer's off-field exploits, which tarnished his public image. Possibly influenced by the first sense.

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

3 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *get one's Ashley Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*. Synonymous with CHERYL COLE.

• Nothing worse than trying to get your Ashley Cole and that song comes on. Spoils the moment[.] – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 5th March 2010

• [G]ood effort gremlin, did you get your ashley cole? – *twitter.com*, 12th June 2012

Ashley Giles*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English cricketer Ashley Giles (b.1973).

• For Ashley Giles is no longer just a joke figure. Now he is a much loved joke figure. And excellent new rhyming slang for haemorrhoids, too. – *The Wisden Cricketer* magazine, London, January 2005

• Who invented them?? Sandy Lyle, Emma Freud, Ashley Giles or Lord Chalfont? – *Newcastle-Online* forum, 9th April 2009

• [O]ne out of two people suffer from the old Ashley Giles, for me it worked[.] – *www.amazon.co.uk*, 10th November 2012

• He told Kevin Pietersen he batted like he had a dose of the Ashley Giles. – *twitter.com*, 21st January 2013

• [B]usting for a Tom Kite, but it will Knack my Ashley Giles. – *FMTM* forum, 4th April 2013

Asian flu*noun*

a snooker cue [UK]

< *Asian flu* 'a strain of influenza that caused a pandemic in the late 1950s'.

• Now pick yourself a nice Asian flu[.] – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, 1987

Asier Del Horno*noun*

1 a pornographic film [UK]

Rhymes on *porno*. < Spanish footballer Asier del Horno Cosgaya (b.1981), who played for Chelsea in the 2005/06 season.

• I, along with what I would guess to be a fair few other red-blooded JKbers, have enjoyed the, ahem, occasional 'Asier Del Horno'. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th July 2008

• Honestly couldn't say the last time I've had 5 mins to myself to watch some asier del horno's on my iPhone. – *twitter.com*, 10th January 2013

2 pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porno*.

• I do like battlecruiser for boozier. And Frankie Vaughan for porn. An amusing modern variation on the latter is former Chelsea player Asier Del Horno. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013

ask for more*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-four [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**
- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Askit Pooder; askit*noun*

shoulder [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *shooder*. < Askit, a brand name of headache and flu powders.

- Shove in your askits. – C. Macafee, *Glasgow*, p.45, **1983**
- “Ma Askit Pooders are Batman an’ Robin,” said the host. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th November **1997**

asteroids*noun*

haemorrhoids [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

Aston Villa; aston*noun*

1 a pillow [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *pillow* as *pill-er*. < Aston Villa, a football club based in Birmingham, England. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a pillar [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Astroturf*noun*

a person who informs on a big-time criminal ring, often in return for immunity from prosecution or a lenient sentence [UK]

< *AstroTurf*, a brand of artificial grass, thus punning on SUPERGRASS.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- [A]stroturf aka “supergrass”, very dangerous people, who will tell all for a few bucks and a new identity also known as dirty bastards. – *Bluemoon* forum, 26th July **2010**
- In the mid nineties a flat nosed detective from Sarf Lunnun said to me and a group: “Gotta go, meetin’ my Astroturf”. – *Leicester Tigers* forum, 10th November **2010**

athlete’s chimney*noun*

athlete’s foot (a fungal infection) [UK]

Formed on *chimney*, the short version of CHIMNEY AND SOOT.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Chimney & Soot*, **2003**

atholl*noun*

the nose [UK]

A shortening of *Atholl Brose*. < *Atholl Brose* ‘a traditional Scottish drink made with whisky which is mixed with oatmeal, cream and honey, then strained’.

- Shall I give him one on the Atholl? – *The Times*, London, 16th December **1985**

atomic bomb*noun*

a British (especially English) person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *pom*.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Atomic Bomb*nickname*

used as a substitute for the name *Tom* [UK: SCOTLAND]

- [O]ne day me and my cousin Tom came in to our granny’s house and Wee Joe noticed that Tom’s nose was running, and I’ll never forget his response, ‘Here Atomic Bomb, there’s a Pansy Potter running doon yer Rose Hip. Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it’s in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowdenbeath’. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August **2015**

Atomic Kitten*adjective*

infatuated; captivated [UK]

Rhymes on *smitten*. < Atomic Kitten, an English all-girl pop group.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

A to Z; ada*noun*

a shed [UK]

Probably < *The A–Z*, a familiar shortening of *A–Z Street Atlas*, an atlas that maps a range of urban locations; it is published in many editions by the Geographers’ A–Z Map Company. The shortened variant *ada* is a slurring of *a to*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Many men seek refuge and solitude in their ‘ada’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

atray and ousemay*noun*

a house [US]

A pig Latin version of RAT AND MOUSE.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

at the gate*noun*

in bingo, the number eight [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

- His pal, the Master of the Hunt, repeats the numbers after him—in this fashion: [...] (Bagman) Number eight!

- (M. of H.) At the gate. Somebody shouts, “Housey-housey”[.] – F. Clune, *Tobruk to Turkey*, p.282, **1943**
- Number eight, at the gate, she said she’d marry me. – *Bingo! (I’m in Love)*, lyric, Dave Carey, **1961**
 - – www.philbrodieband.com, **2006**
 - – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
 - – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

Attila the Hun; attila

noun

- a 2:1 (‘two-one’) honours degree [UK]
- < Attila the Hun (d.453), nicknamed ‘Flagellum Dei’ (Latin for ‘Scourge of God’) by the Romans, who was king of the Huns from 434 to 453. The full form is listed by Tibballs (2008), but the quotational evidence suggests that the word is invariably used in the short form.
 - For the record, a first is known as ‘a Geoff’ (Hurst), a 2.i is ‘an Attila’ (the Hun) and a third is ‘a turd’. Don’t blame *Push* if you get a third – we didn’t invent the rules of Cocker-nee rhyming slang. – R. Bushi et al., *Push Guide*, p.754, **2005**
 - And an upper-second or a 2:1 is an attila. – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**
 - A 2:1 is known as an Attila or a Don after Attila the Hun and Don Juan (‘2:1’ para-rhymes with ‘the Hun’ and ‘Juan’). – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 20th March **2007**
 - Congratulations on getting an Attila; I only got a Desmond. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 - These days, degrees have different names, derived from rhyming slang: [...] a first is a Geoff for the footballer, or a Damien for the artist; and a 2:1 a Billy after the wrestler Billy Gunn, or an Attila, after the Hun. – *The Guardian*, London, 5th July **2012**
 - [T]here is a significant hourly-wage premium for achieving a first, a “Geoff Hurst” in rhyming slang, or a 2:1, known as an “Attila the Hun”. – *The Observer*, London, 15th February **2016**

Attila the Huns; attilas

noun

- diarrhoea [UK]
- Rhymes on *the runs*. Attila the Hun (d.453), who was king of the Huns from 434 to 453.
 - – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

atwhay amay

noun

- a ham [US]
- A pig Latin version of WHAT AM.
 - – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Aughnacloys; Auchnacloys

noun

- 1 the members of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) or the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the Boys*. < Aughnacloy (also spelt *Auchnacloy*), a village in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, on the border with the Republic. Like its non-rhyming slang equivalent (*the Boys*), *Aughnacloys* is used by members and supporters of the PIRA and INLA. The variant *Auchnacloys* is recorded by Feldman (1991). ▶ see BON JOVIS and CHOCOLATE BICKIES

- – A. Feldman, *Formations of Violence*, p.271, **1991**
- I remember a time when the walls of West Belfast were covered with SSRUC, UTP and FTQ, which I have confidence in your ability to decipher for yourself. Nowadays, it’s UTH and FTRA, which is a telling reflection both of the number of hoods in my part of the world and those fine gentlemen’s attitude toward the Aughnacloys. – saoirse32.dreamwidth.org, blog, 7th May **2005**
- Ah, so *all* the Brutish Occupation Farces killed by the Aughnacloys are now “Irish people”? – *Politics.ie* forum, 27th September **2011**
- 2 the testicles [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]
- Rhymes on *toys*, the short version of TOY DOLLS. Hence, probably a piece of compounded rhyming slang.
- Ye git a kick in the Auchnacloys yel b in pain. – *Belfast Forum*, 20th October **2008**
- Working on a day like today. What a kick in the Aughnacloys. – twitter.com, 26th May **2012**

Auld Lang Syne

noun

- mutual, simultaneous oral sex between two people [UK]
- Rhymes on *sixty-nine*. < ‘Auld Lang Syne’, a song written in 1788 by the Scottish poet Robert Burns; usually sung on New Year’s Eve to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the new. The title is in Scots and literally translates as *old long since*, meaning *times gone by*.
 - – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Auld Reekie

adjective

- very odd or strange [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on *freaky*. < Auld Reekie (literally, ‘Old Smoky’), the Scots nickname given to Edinburgh.
 - Clock the napper on that – Auld Reekie or what!? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**
 - That’s a bit auld reekie, eh? – www.scotsman.com, 2nd February **2016**

Aunt Annie; Auntie Annie; Aunty Annie

noun

- 1 the vagina [UK]
- Rhymes on *fanny*.
 - **Vagina** [...] Aunt Annie[.] – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.145, **1999**
 - **Aunt Annie Fanny**[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 - **Auntie Annie fanny**. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**
 - Thread: Name a shop for me? – [...] I quite like the simple ‘Aunty’s’ meself. – Not good mate, more slang Aunty

Annie = Fanny. – *The Rev Counter* forum, 3rd February **2008**

· fanny- aunty annie. – *www.experienceproject.com*, 6th February **2011**

2 women as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *fanny*.

· – Persuade Jules to bring some female members to the board. – Here here, we need more aunt annie on this board. – *Excoboard.com: Health and Lifestyle Forum*, 25th October **2007**

Aunt Doris

noun

a forest [UK]

A near enough perfect rhyme.

· One day after a TV appearance we were on our way through the Black Forest. Somebody'd heard I loved a kipper, so I was loaned a new Mercedes sports. Zoomo through the Black Aunt Doris. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.85, **1986**

Aunt Ella

noun

▶ see AUNTIE ELLA

auntie

adjective

silly [AUSTRALIA]

A semantic inversion of *uncle*, the short form of UNCLE WILLY. Only used in the expression *don't be auntie!*.

· – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, s.v. *Uncle Willy*, **1960**

· “Aw, don't be auntie,” crowed a hoarse and heavenly voice. “No bloody speeches, but. Do you moind?” – H. Porter, *The Cats of Venice*, p.192, **1965**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Auntie Annie

noun

▶ see AUNT ANNIE

Auntie Cissy

noun

slightly drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissy*, a convenient variation of the slang *pissed 'drunk'*.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.51, **1973**

Auntie Ella; Aunt Ella; auntie

noun

an umbrella [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The earliest form is *Auntie Ella*, listed by Franklyn (1961), Jones (1971) and Plumtree (1992). *Aunt Ella* is given by Aylwin (1973), Wilkes (2004) and Seal (2009). This latter form is the only one recorded in Australian usage.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· You'd better take your game of nap and Aunt Ella. – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, **1992**

· Where's my Auntie Ella? – *London*, spoken, February **1997**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [A]ll I got from the old man (husband) was some lousy almond rocks (socks) and an Auntie Ella (umbrella). – *The People*, London, 10th December **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Then the pleasure came pouring; no Auntie around[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

Auntie Joanna

noun

▶ see AUNT JOANNA

Auntie Maud

noun

fraud [UK]

· Clearly, being 6ft 9in and so conspicuous in a crowd is something of a handicap in the Auntie Maud business. – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.171, **2005**

Auntie Meg

noun

a keg (usually of beer) [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· [W]e've got an auntie meg for after the game. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Auntie Nellie; Auntie Nelly; Auntie Nellie; Auntie Nelly; Aunt Nelly; auntie; aunty

noun

1 the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The variant *Aunt Nelly* is exclusively Australian. All other forms have been recorded only in British usage.

· My daisies I bullock'd for two pig's ears / To warm my Auntie Nelly. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.291, **1957**

· No mate. I won't 'ave no more—me ole Auntie Nellie's playin' me up. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· So Chalky got rorty, showed 'im an Oliver, 'it 'im in the north, Irish and minces, gave 'im one in the Auntie and messed up 'is new whistle. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.32, **1973**

· [F]or 'belly' you have the politer choices *pot o' jelly*, *Auntie Nelly* and *Derby Kell(y)*. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

· From this moment onwards, you're gonna have to crawl around on your Aunty, and you're gonna eat dirt and dust for as long as you live. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.14, **2001**

· My Aunty Nelly is so big I can't see my shoes. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – Size is relative. – I've got a big fat Auntie - does that count? – *Cable Forum*, 12th October **2010**

· My Auntie Nellie was gurgling and rumbling, trying to get my attention. Feed me, it was saying, as if I didn't know I was hungry. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.86, **2016**

2 television; a television set [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*. Only recorded in the form *Auntie Nelly*.

· If you ever do it on the Auntie Nelly, / That wouldn't half be good. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

· Anything on the auntie nelly tonight? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Auntie Ruth

noun

the truth [UK]

· Best I tell her the Auntie Ruth in the bargain. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.174, **2002**

Auntie Willy

noun

an eccentric [SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *silly*. Gay slang, hence the oxymoronic, ambisextrous use of a male's name for a female relative.

· Don't be such an Auntie Willy! – K. Cage, *Gayle*, p.54, **2003**

Auntie Willy

adjective

(of a person) silly [SOUTH AFRICA]

A variation of UNCLE WILLY. Gay slang.

· – K. Cage, *Gayle*, p.54, **2003**

Aunt Jane

noun

an aeroplane [UK]

· On the way to Biggin Hill where his lordship keeps his Aunt Jane two louts cut in. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.73, **1986**

Aunt Jenny

noun

a penny [AUSTRALIA]

· The two captains have just swaied the Aunt Jenny, and our blokes have won the fairy floss. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

Aunt Joanna; Auntie Joanna

noun

a piano [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. An offshoot of JOANNA coined to conform to the bipartite structure of much rhyming slang. First recorded in the form *Aunt Joanna*.

· – *www.coledavid.com*, 19th October **2003**

· I'd splurge for the baby grand but I've already got me an Auntie Joanna. – *www.esquire.com*, blog, 30th December **2013**

· Favourite Cockney rhyming slang? Auntie Joanna or the old Joanna = Piano. – *peachperfect95.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th August **2014**

Aunt Lil

noun

a pill [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aunt Lily

adjective

silly [UK]

Originally listed by Puxley (1992) in the form Auntie Lily, perhaps in the belief that this was the full form of the adjective AUNTIE. Later given in other dictionaries by the same author (Puxley 2003; 2008) as Aunt Lily, which suggests that the diminutive Auntie Lily was an error.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aunt Mabel; Aunt Mable

noun

a table [UK/IRELAND]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· Put the fruit on the Aunt Mabel. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th January **2007**

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**

Aunt Maria

noun

a domestic fire [UK]

· This is the rhyming slang of London, commonly used by factory hands, small traders, workmen, and others. [...] These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– Jam (beef and ham); cakes (give and takes); trousers (round me houses); man (pot and pan); fire (Aunt Maria); stairs (apples and pears). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.204, **1950**

· – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.107, **1981**

Aunt Molly

noun

an umbrella [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *broolly*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Aunt Nell

noun

1 a bell [UK]

· Ring the Aunt Nell! Get off! He's a loony after us! – B. Ashley, *Johnnie's Blitz*, p.187 [2003], **1995**

2 a smell [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· What's that Aunt Nell? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 hair gel [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aunt Nell

verb

to smell [UK]

· He don't half Aunt Nell. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· It don't 'alf Aunt Nell in 'ere. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Aunt Nelly

noun

▶ see AUNTIE NELLIE

Aunt Sally

noun

aluminium [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *ally*. Scaffolders' slang.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

· – *Scaffolders Forum* 21st April **2013**

Aunty Annie

noun

▶ see AUNT ANNIE

Aunty Lou

noun

flu [UK]

· – *www.secc-online.org.uk*, August **2008**

Aunty Maud; aunty

adjective

bald [UK]

A perfect or nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where final and pre-consonantal *l* (as in *bald*) is commonly vocalised.

· I am a Cockney and was born into rhyming slang [...] Av a Butchers at his Barnet he must ave a syrup? bet hes well Aunty! [...] Aunty Maud = Bald so Aunty = Bald[,] – *Cruise Critic* forum, 5th and 9th June **2013**

Aunty Maud's

noun

corduroy trousers [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *cords*.

· Anyone got a pair of aunty Maud's. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 12th October **2014**

Aunty Nellie; Aunty Nelly; aunty

noun

▶ see AUNTIE NELLIE

austin power; austin

noun

1 a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK]

< Austin Powers, the hero of the films *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery* (1997), *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (1999) and *Austin Powers in*

Goldmember (2002), written and directed by Canadian actor Mike Myers (b.1963).

· Just jumping in the Austin. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January **2004**

· I'm going for an Austin Power. – *TheForce.net* forum, 5th February **2004**

· [T]hat was until i had an austin power (shower) and gave the ol fella a good scrub. – *Stormfront* forum, 10th September **2006**

· JUS AVEIN A QUIK AUSTIN POWER[.] – *www.bebo.com*, male from Lewisham, London, 27th May **2007**

· I'm gonna have an Austin... – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**

2 a shower of rain or snow [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· After yesterday's lugubrious April Austin Power's it was great relief when the old current peeped out from behind the George O'Dowds. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 21st April **2014**

Austin Powers; austins

noun

flowers [UK]

< Austin Powers, the hero of the films *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery* (1997), *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (1999) and *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (2002), written and directed by Canadian actor Mike Myers (b.1963).

· I once got, and I quote a bunch of Austin's (Austin Powers = Flowers). – *www.noddleit.com*, 30th October **2009**

· What no Austins? (Austin Powers – flowers). – *Olympus UK E-System User Group* forum, 14th October **2013**

Austin Stack

noun

the back [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Irish revolutionary republican Austin Stack (1879–1929).

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· We need a new mattress. My Austin Stack's killing me. – *Belfast*, spoken, male, 62, September **2010**

autumn leaf

noun

a thief [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Ave Maria; Arvy Mariah

noun

a domestic fire [UK]

Relies on an unconventional pronunciation of *Ave Maria*. The form *Arvy Mariah* is recorded by Puxley (2003).

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.29, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

awful-doom*noun*

room, space [AUSTRALIA]

· [M]y-blanky knock-me-silly takes up so much of the ocean floor that there isn't awful-doom enough for me to get my rosy-red down onto the weeping willow. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

awful sinner*noun*

a dinner [UK]

· – *The Saturday Review of Politics, Literature, Science, and Art*, London, 14th May **1887**

Axel Foley*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *toley*. < Axel Foley, the hero of the American film series *Beverly Hills Cop* (1984, 1987 and 1994), played by Eddie Murphy (b.1961).

· [G]oing for an Axel Foley. – *Black and White Army* forum, 27th December **2008**

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 21st March **2013**

Axl Rose; axl*noun*

1 the nose [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American singer Axl Rose (b.1962), best known as the frontman of the rock band Guns N' Roses.

· This cold's terrible. I can't breathe through my Axl. – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

· My Axl Rose (nose) has been running since I caught the U2 (flu) riding my George Michael (cycle) in the rain. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, SA, 20th March **2001**

· – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.186, **2007**

· And no cheating, or your golf buddy might go a bit Mariah and punch you in the Axl[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

2 a hose [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· [G]oing to wash the car, anyone got an axl rose? – *www.facebook.com*, 25th July **2012**

Ayers Rock; ayers*noun*

1 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Ayers Rock, also known by the Aboriginal name Uluru, a landmark red sandstone mass in Northern Territory, Australia.

· – *CRS (co.uk)*, 20th March **2007**

· [C]heck out the hanging Ayers. – *UtadaNet* forum, 20th July **2009**

2 an objectionable individual [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Don't be such an Ayers Rock. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

aygay and iskyfray*noun*

whisky [US]

A pig Latin version of GAY AND FRISKY.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Aylesbury duck; aylesbury*noun*

something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Aylesbury duck* 'a domestic duck of a breed originating in Aylesbury, in the south of England'. Used in the phrase *not give an Aylesbury duck* (or *not give an aylesbury*) 'to not care at all'.

· Me give up ma fuckin holiday for some stiffed nig-nog? Aye, right. I look fuckin sweet right enough. As if I give an Aylesbury. [...] I do not give an Aylesbury Duck. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.17/368 [1999], **1998**

· But I don't give an Aylesbury. – M. Jenner, *Conundrum's Book*, p.31, **2008**

· I couldn't give an Aylesbury Duck if you are offended by my comment. – *The East Dulwich Forum*, 28th June **2009**

aylesbury ducked; aylesbury'ed*adjective*

1 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of AYLESBURY DUCK.

· I'm absolutely Aylesbury'ed, so I decide to knock off early taking the motor out to my pal Hector The Farmer's, who's got some good video tapes. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.22 [1999], **1998**

· I wish I could, but me V8 might just give up if I did and then I would be aylesbury ducked. – *Land Rover Addict* forum, 7th March **2002**

· Waterloo was overated, if it hadn't of happened. The Allied would still be intact, the Prussian army was still intact and Russia, Prussian and British armies had been dispatched and were arriving soon. Napoleon was Aylesbury Ducked whatever anyways. – *All Empires* forum, 19th October **2005**

· The poor sap is Aylesbury Ducked. Live and learn. – *House Price Crash* forum, 9th July **2007**

2 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· Beat Millwall and Wolves in our last two games (which probably means this plan is Aylesbury ducked from the outset). – *Shocker Soccer* forum, 26th April **2005**

· However, it is far more common to find that the rod is already as tight as it will go and the neck is Aylesburied. – *Mombu the Music Forum*, 16th June **2012**

aylesbury ducking; aylesburying*adjective*

used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

An adjectival adaptation of the verb **AYLESBURY DUCK**. The short form *aylesburying* is used in the exclamation **AYLESBURYING DING-DONG BELL**.

· Yeah there is a very good one at the dockside as the French ‘merchant bankers’ keep going on ‘aylesbury ducking’ strike and blockading the ports / tunnel. – *Land Rover Addict* forum, 5th September **2000**

Aylesbury duck me

exclamation

used for expressing shock, astonishment, satisfaction or resignation [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuck me!*. From the noun **AYLESBURY DUCK**.

· Awright geeezzaa! Aylsebury Duck me dis is some strong shit! – *Cannabis.com* forum, 27th August **2006**

aylesburying ding-dong bell

exclamation

used as an expression of shock, surprise, amazement or anger [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fucking hell*. Derives from *aylesburying*, a shortening of **AYLESBURY DUCKING**, and **DING-DONG BELL**. Synonymous with *fucking ding-dong* and **DONALD DUCKING HELL**.

· Aylesburying ding-dong bell[.] – *www.gingerbaker.co.uk*, accessed 14th May **2013**

Ayrton Senna; ayrton

noun

a ten-pound, ten-dollar or ten-euro note or the sum of ten pounds, ten dollars or ten euros [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Brazilian motor-racing driver Ayrton Senna da Silva (1960–94). First recorded by Puxley (1992) in both the full and the short form. In Australian and Irish English, only recorded in the full form. ▶ see **DEAD BRAZILIAN**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· A modern word for a beer is a Germaine, after Germaine Greer or a £10 note, known as a tenner, becomes an Ayrton after the late racing driver Ayrton Senna. –

South China Morning Post, Hong Kong, 28th December **1996**

· Youngsters now talk of borrowing an Ayrton Senna (tenner), of feeling Calvin Klein (fine) or being Terry Waite (late). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· [I]t’s cooler to demand an Ayrton (Senna) or a Pavarotti (tenor – get it?), but promise to return it “Christian Slater” and not too “Terry Waite”. – *www.theguardian.com*, 12th October **1999**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· I actually felt sorry for you. I was going to throw you an Ayrton Senna – can you believe that? – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.286, **2008**

· Customers will now head down to the fish tank, enter their Huckleberry Finn and take out their bangers and mash in Ayrton Sennas. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 30th August **2009**

· First off, can anyone lend me an ayrton? – *Ultimate-Guitar.com* forum, 2nd February **2013**

Ayr United; Ayr Utd

adjective

excited [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Ayr United, a football club based in Ayr, South Ayrshire, Scotland. Synonymous with **LEEDS UNITED**, **MAN UNITED**, **SHEFFIELD UNITED** and **TORQUAY UNITED**.

· Who’s getting ayr united. – *The Zoostation* forum, 18th September **2006**

· Sorry got all Ayr Utd there and forgot to say ho scored. – *GreenockMorton.org* forum, 14th October **2006**

· Don’t go getting all Ayr United, Son. – S. Mark, *Paying for It*, p.204, **2007**

· – [I]’m getting all ‘man united’ about my 3some[.] – What does that mean? [...] – same as ‘ayr united’ – excited. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 5th July **2008**

· [I]t’s not really worth getting all Ayr United about. – *BBC 606* forum, 15th July **2008**

· If you are capable of reading all the posts in context and take a minute before getting all Ayr utd about something you don’t like then do it. – *scotslawthoughts.wordpress.com*, blog, 6th July **2013**

B

baa lamb

noun

a tram (streetcar) [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- As it began to Andy Cain and I had no Quaker oat, I took the baa lamb to the Gates of Rome. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April **1952**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.29, **1979**
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**
- Electric baa lambs ran in London from 1901 to 1952[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

B. A. Baracus; BAs

noun

the testicles [UK]

- Rhymes on *knackers*. < B. A. Baracus, a character portrayed by Mr T (the stage name of Laurence Tureaud) in the American television series *The A-Team* (1983–87) and by Quinton ‘Rampage’ Jackson in the film of the same name (2010). *B. A.* stands for ‘Bad Attitude’. The short form is recorded in 2013.
- I kicked him in his BA Baracus[.] – *www.kuntandthegang.co.uk*, 6th October **2009**
 - – Roger’s *Profanisaurus: Hail Swearly*, **2013**

babble

noun

crime or criminal activity [UK]

- Formed on *babblers*, a shortening of the noun *BABBLING BROOK*. Used in the phrase *on the babble* ‘engaged in criminal activity’.
- [H]ye’s been on the babble all his life. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

babble

verb

to cook [UK]

- Formed on *babblers*, a shortening of the noun *BABBLING BROOK*.
- Who’s babbling? – N. Whitby, *Green Fields*, p.4, **2000**
 - I couldn’t babble a boiled egg. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

babbling brook; babbler; babbling; babblins; bab

noun

1 a cook, especially and originally a sheep station, camp or army cook [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/UK]

- Recorded in the forms *babbling brook*, *babblers*, *babblins* and *bab*. The first two are common in all three locations of use; the third and fourth are exclusively Australian.

- Ninety per cent of the cooks do their full share of work. The offsider gets a third and emerges for next season as a full-fledged Babblers—that is if he takes to the game. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Worker*, Sydney, 6th August **1904**
- Blanky pork an’ beans – an’ why? Becos the babblin’ brook’s a blanky fool! – *Aussie: The Australian Soldiers’ Magazine*, 16th February **1918**
- He reviled the officers’ cook for being a a..thieving, dirty, greasy, ‘babbling brook’. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *The Kia Ora Coo-ee* magazine, 15th October **1918**
- *BABBLING BROOK*; *BABBLER* (n.)—An Army cook. Also *BABBLINS*. – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, **1919**
- Babbling brook, that’s the cook. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 2nd May **1929**
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, **1930**
- There was no fear of travellers being sent empty away by a crotchety “babblers” at Dareel (“babblers” being “cook” in the language of the bush). – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 9th August **1932**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- Old ‘Forty-Mile Tom’ is the ‘bab’ on our station, But, though he is famed all along the Paroo, He sets little store by his great reputation For making a duff or concocting a stew. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 22nd July **1936**
- Arch, the cook—oh, how that bold ‘babblers’ could curse. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: F. Bruno, *Desert Gaze*, p.33, **1944**
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- No doubt about it, my Mary is a bottling babbling brook. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- We have a tame Babbling Brook, who in civvy life was a parson. The other day he was carrying two dixies of water to our trench when Fritz put over a collection of five-nines just in front of him. The holy Babblers ducked energetically and then continued on his watery mission. [...] Shortly after, another collection of hate-stuff arrived, scattering about half a hundredweight of France over the Bab. and into the dixies of water. – R. Fair, *Anzac Humour*, p.34, **1965**
- The next job was the “babbling brook”. I once had a chap (a cook himself) inform me that there were “cooks, cuckoos, cuckeroos, and cuckeroo b--s”. Needless to add my informant was a *cook*. – P. Newton, *The Boss’s Story*, p.65, **1966**
- Good babblers are hard to come by. – D. O’Grady, *A Bottle of Sandwiches*, p.152, **1968**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· [A] ‘babblers’ was an army cook of the first world war. It now applies to anyone who can wield a tin opener. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 a rogue or swindler; a criminal [US/UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *crook*. Recorded in the forms *babbling brook*, *babblers* and *babbling*. *Babbling brook* is common in both American and British slang, while *babblers* (Puxley 1992) and *babbling* (Smith 2011) are uniquely British. Partridge (1949) notes that this usage is originally Australian, yet there is no evidence that the term has been used in this sense in Australian English. Thus the noun *BABBLE*.

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· You’re a real babbling brook. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Fred was always a bit of a babbling, half-inching anything that took his fancy. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

3 the preparation of a heroin substitute from opioid painkillers like morphine and codeine [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *cook*. Occurs in the phrase *do a babbling brook*, the direct equivalent of *do a cook*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

babbling brook; babblers

adjective

unwell [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the Australian and New Zealand colloquialism *crook*. According to the available evidence, *babbling brook* is common in both locations of use, while *babblers* is restricted to New Zealand usage. The latter form is recorded by Kelly (2015).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Babe Ruth; babe

noun

the truth [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

< American baseball player George Herman ‘Babe’ Ruth (1895–1948). The short form is exclusively British.

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.244, **1982**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.27, 1999: Christchurch Women’s Prison, September **1997**

· Ain’t that the Babe. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th August **2003**

· That my friends, is the Babe Ruth! – *Mat Forums*, 30th April **2006**

· Now you could say I’m spouting Gobshite but gawd blimmey mate I’m telling the Babe Ruth. – *AVS forum*, 20th June **2007**

· They thought that I was lying, but it was the Babe Ruth. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O’ The Day*, p.6, **2008**

· Anyways I gets into a right **bull and cow**, wiv im insisting “it’s the **Babe**” an’ me tellin’ im ‘e’s “**Chicken Jalfrezi**.” – *www.wordsyoudontknow.com*, 24th August **2009**

· [T]o tell you the babe[.] – *www.moove2london.co.uk*, 16th April **2010**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Babe Ruth

nickname

the *New Zealand Truth* newspaper (Auckland)

< American baseball player George Herman ‘Babe’ Ruth (1895–1948).

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

babies cot; babies

noun

nasal mucus [UK]

Rhymes on *snot*. An apostrophe-less version of *babies’ cot* or *baby’s cot*.

· Babies (Cot) ... Snot. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

babies cries

noun

▶ see *BABY’S CRIES*

baboon

noun

a spoon [UK]

· I’ll start with a couple of new ones I heard the other day: Baboon = spoon. Roundshaw slag = fag. – *CPFC BBS forum*, 3rd March **2005**

Baptist preacher

noun

a teacher [UK]

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] teacher – Baptist preacher[.] – *h2g2 forum*, 15th August **2002**

baby blue

adjective

true [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

baby giraffe

noun

half a pint of beer [UK]

Noted by Thorne (2005) as being in use since 2000.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· The pub owner, Ralph Finnegan, walked up to Vex. “Whatcha ’avin mister?” “A baby giraffe,” Vex replied in a thick English accent[.] – A. Paige, *Nocturnally Vexed*, p.10, **2009**

· See you later up at the rub a dub darlin’, you can shout me a baby giraffe[.] – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 14th January **2013**

Baby Hicks*noun*

in craps, a roll of six [us]

A variation of JIMMY HICKS.

· His strawberry-blond hair fell across his pug face, a cigarette dangled insolently from his lips, and he brought the dice, cupped into his left hand, to his mouth. “Oh, baby,” he said. “Jimmy Hicks [...] Baby Hicks, Mamma Hicks, oh, baby, baby, baby, you do what Daddy says, you sweet, sweet baby six!” – S. Hunter, *Hot Springs*, p.42 [2001], **2000**

baby in the cot*noun*

rot [uk]

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] rot – baby in the cot[,] – h2g2 forum, 15th August **2002**

baby pap; baby’s pap*noun*

a cap [uk/us]

In all 19th-century sources the word is listed in the plural form *baby paps/baby-paps*. The singular *baby’s pap*, given by Franklyn (1960) and Aylwin (1973), is first recorded in 1909.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**
- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**
- – *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, ‘English As She Is Spoken. The Eurodite Dialects of London’, 4th March **1909**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.67, **1973**

baby’s cries; babies cries*noun*

the eyes [uk/us?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- “Yus! The goods. That’s ’ow you ’its my babies cries,” he explained, and mystified her again. – A. Hyder, *Black-Girl*, p.306, **1934**
- BABY’S CRIES – For eyes. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaefer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- baby’s cries. Eyes. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

baby’s head*noun*

bread [uk]

· We therefore offer a First Prize of ONE GUINEA and a Second Prize of HALF-A-GUINEA for the best list of six examples of new rhyming slang submitted. Existing examples: Bread = baby’s head; sick = Uncle Dick[.] – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April **1932**

baby’s pap*noun*

▶ see BABY PAP

baby’s pram; baby’s*noun*

jam (the preserve) [uk]

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by L. Atkinson, **1978**
- Jane makes her own baby’s pram, you know. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- A continental breakfast, bread, butter and ‘baby’s’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Bacardi and Coke; bacardi*noun*

a man [uk]

Rhymes on *bloke*. < Bacardi and Coke, a tandem combination of two branded drinks that form a recognizable and widely marketed third.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Bacardi Breezer; bacardi*noun*

1 a man [uk]

Rhymes on the slang *geezer*. < Bacardi Breezer, a branded rum-based alcipop. Hence *diamond Bacardi Breezer* ‘a splendid man’, the rhyming slang equivalent of *diamond geezer*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Awight me old Bacardi. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st June **2003**
- [T]he thought of going to work tomorrow and not being able to listen to smooth jazz or that bacardi breezer (geezer) Jimi king until sunday was a bit of a Bram Stoker (choker). – *SKY.fm* forum, 4th April **2006**
- JIMMY! you diamond Bacardi Breezer’ ahaa your always off your Harvey Nichol but we always have a tin bath[.] – *www.bebo.com*, male from Aldershot, Hampshire, 12th November **2008**
- 2 a freezer [uk]
- I’ll just stick it in the Bacardi. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th March **2004**
- People will say it’s like being in a Bacardi (Bacardi Breezer = Freezer) or in a Stamford (Stamford Bridge = fridge). – *Gibson Guitar Board* forum, 7th December **2008**

bacardi-breezing*noun*

a freezing cold temperature [uk]

Based on BACARDI BREEZER, interpreted here as if it derived from *Bacardi Breeze*, an unrecorded (and therefore hypothetical) verb form.

· George Raft is a right nasty old lemon-squeezer when it's a bit Mork and Mindy outside, about as welcome as the Kray twins at your sister's wedding, and capable of a right Bacardi-Breezing. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 26th November **2006**

Bacchus Marsh; bacchus

noun

a semi-erection of the penis [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun on BALLARAT. < Bacchus Marsh, a small town located *halfway* between Ballarat and Melbourne.

· A **Bacchus Marsh** is used for a semi-erection. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· Got a Bacchus Marsh (half a fat) when she hugged me. – *Personal correspondence*, 3rd January **2007**

· One of my favourites, because of it's obscurity is "Bacchus" for a semi-erect penis. See, it goes like this: The Rhyming slang for a proper nut-cracker hard-on is "Ballarat" (crack-a-fat). Bacchus Marsh is half way (from Melbourne) to Ballarat... haha. – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 9th May **2008**

· [I]f you have a Bacchus then you have half a fat; or a half open pen knife. – *Railbastard* forum, 3rd July **2011**

back-a-Bourke; back-a

noun

work [AUSTRALIA]

< *back o' Bourke*, an Australian idiomatic equivalent for *the outback* or *the back of beyond*. Bourke is a town on the banks of the Darling River in north-west New South Wales; it is famously known as 'the gateway to the real outback'.

· Fair dinkum me old China, I was so butcher's I couldn't face another day at back-a 'n had a sickie. [...] 'back-a-Bourke' (work)[.] – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February **2010**

back and front

noun

► see BACK TO FRONT

back door

noun

a whore [UK]

· [M]e ole mucka, t'was that fucking back door (whore) I met on the OKC dating site. – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

back porch

noun

a torch [UK]

· If there are no lights on your back porch then you'll need a 'back porch'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – L. Szachnowski and G. O'Connell, *The London Guidebook*, p.86, **1996**

Back, Sack and Crack

nickname

Irish DJ Annie MacManus (b.1978), more popularly known as Annie Mac

< *back, sack and crack*, a colloquialism for men's intimate waxing.

· "Could we get Back, Sack and Crack?" asks someone, tapping Geeneus on the shoulder. It turns out this is cockney rhyming slang. He's trying to book Annie Mac to headline a rave. – *The Guardian*, London, 27th August **2011**

backseat driver

noun

a person who evades work or duty [UK]

Rhymes on *skiver*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – J. Glenn and M. Kingwell, *The Idler's Glossary*, p.44, **2008**

· I've always *smiled*. Had loads of *couples*, not of them *bright*. Never been a *backseat driver*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, **2011**

backstage passes; backstages

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

· – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

back to front; back and front; backter; backta; back un

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *back and front*.

· [A]rsenal are 'back n fronts'... – *Non League UK* forum, 29th June **2005**

· That's the third message they've binned. What a bunch of back 'n' fronts. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 15th March **2008**

· [T]ruth of the matter is that you would be hard pressed to meet a more privileged bunch of back to fronts, unless you went to the Boat Race or The Henley Regatta, etc. – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 1st April **2009**

· Yer not wrong actually, I've had a rethink and they're a right pair of back and fronts. – *Notts County Mad* forum, 19th January **2010**

· "back un" – back and front - c***. – *Charlton Life* forum, 13th January **2012**

· [W]hat a bunch of back uns. – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th January **2012**

· [H]e's a right backter. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

· On Fox Footy 30 secs ago, Eddie was interviewing Kane Cornes and I'M SURE he just signed off, in a lighthearted way and called him an 'old back and front', then quickly corrected himself. – *Carlton Supporters Club* forum, 27th April **2014**

- And how the hell did a back-to-front like Bigby manage to bamboozle some poor cow into marrying him? – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, pp.126–127, **2016**
- [E]very time I tried to overtake he sped up. Absolute Backta! – *twitter.com*, 14th January **2017**
- He's a right backta. – *twitter.com*, 14th January **2017**

backward skid

noun

a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*.

- It must have been around 1928 when Sir Oswald Mosley's party was in full swing. The Jews were the ones to hate then. Most East Enders knew them as 'four by twos' or 'kangeroos'. The slang words for Yid were 'tea pot lid', or 'backward skid', or 'Billy the Kid'. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, pp.96–97, **1976**
- [S]top trying to re-write history ya backward skids. – *www.youtube.com*, **2011**

bacon and eggs; bacons

noun

the legs [AUSTRALIA/US/UK]

- < *bacon and eggs* 'two food items that are typically served together in a cooked breakfast'. The short form is exclusively British.
- – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, **1944**
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**
- Wot smashin bacons. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.80, **1973**
- The best place for yer plates of meat is at the end of yer bacon and eggs. – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**
- He reckons he's seen her in some Goldie but doesn't like the look of her bacons. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**
- [S]he had a great pair of bacon and eggs (legs).[.] – D. Gregory, *All About Australia*, p.19, **2004**
- He could say he'd like to stay at home, *stay around the cat and mouse (house) and Bob squash (wash) me boat race (face) and me bushel and peck (neck) and bacon and eggs (legs)*[.] – T. McWatt, *This Body*, p.74, **2004**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bacon and liver

noun

a river [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bacon baps

noun

the vaginal labia [UK]

Rhymes on *flaps*. A visual metaphor.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th January **2003**
- There ain't a single Rubic cube in sight. Just the way I like it too. I blinks an' the brunette is down there too in shot like, 'avin' an' orange peel around the blondes' bacon baps. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**
- – *CPFC BBS* forum, 16th April **2007**

bacon bits

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th April **2001**
- She showed me her bacon bits so I covered them with my special sauce. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- [C]or blimey! Check out that bird's bacon bits! – *www.londonolympicguide.net*, **2008**

bacon bonce; bacon head; bacon

noun

a sex offender, especially a child molester [UK]

Rhymes on *nonce*. < *bacon bonce*, a slang word variously used in the senses 'a slow-witted person; a simpleton', 'a bald or balding man', 'the head' and 'the face'. *Bonce* is a slang synonym for *head*. Prison use.

- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**
- An inmate sees me and shouts, 'Jones, you've had it, bacon.' – G. Powe, *The Final Verdict*, p.36, **1997**
- – P. Mann, *PS*, **2005**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
- Locally they were known as 'bacons', which is from the rhyming slang of *bacon bonce* meaning *nonce*. – *Prison Officer.org.uk* forum, 20th March **2008**
- [T]here are still the 'bacons' as well, who all do the laundry jobs as it's the only one they can have. – J. Mariner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.140 [2014], **2009**
- I do it all the time, the middle is my favorite lane, if you dont like it overtake me, the slow lane is for OAP's, HGV's and STD's and the fast lane is for Nonces, Ponces and Bacon bonces[.] – *Volkszone* forum, 18th March **2009**
- Bacon, Bacon Head = A Paedophile[.] – *www.english-project.org*, 'A Glossary of HMP Winchester Lingo' by Christopher Mulvey, 2012: October **2010**
- [S]ex case sex case hang him hang him filthy bacon bonces. – *Comunigraf* forum, 15th December **2010**
- VPU's may additionally house prisoners [...] who will nevertheless consider themselves to be 'superior to bacons, especially kiddie fiddlers; they really are the lowest of the very low' (Nigel, Grendon). – A. Stevens, *Offender Rehabilitation*, p.135, **2013**
- Another prison officer, Paul Leahy, told the jury Hazell tried to blame his Somali neighbours, claiming they were "bacons" – slang for paedophiles. – *The Sun*, London, 10th May **2013**

bacon bowl

noun

▶ see BAKING BOWL

bacon lardon

noun

an erection [UK]

An eye rhyme on *hard-on*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bacon rind; bacon*noun*

the mind [UK]

· Aren't you going to ask why?' 'Well, it was on the old bacon, like, er, bacon rind, mind.' – *The Good Life*, UK TV: BBC1, 18th April **1975**

· You off yer bacon?! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th January **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Coz when I'm in me Uncle Ned / feeling a bit Punch and Judy, / they flash upon my Bacon Rind / which is what being on yer Toblerone's all about. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

· 'She's out of her bacon!' 'My what?' 'Your mind. It's Cockney rhyming slang. *Bacon rind* – mind.' – *The Librarians*, US TV: TNT, 21st December **2014**

bacon rind; bacon*adjective*

blind [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· He's as bacon as a bat. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Is the ref Bacon Rind or what? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th November **2009**

· In some of the very early shots of it I can't see the escalators to the bus concourse were they put in afterwards or am I just bacon rind? – *SkyscraperCity* forum, 20th February **2014**

bacon roll*noun*

1 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Reinforced by sexual imagery (bacon rashers hanging from the roll as a metaphor for labia) and punning (*roll* 'an act of sexual intercourse'). Generally in the phrase *get one's bacon roll*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.

· When did you last get your bacon roll? – *www.facebook.com*, 10th June **2012**

· Im gonna get my bacon roll the night!! – *twitter.com*, 29th January **2014**

2 a scaffolding pole [UK]

Scaffolders' slang.

· – what the slang then guys use in the scaffolding trade? – my dad was a scaff for 30 years and 30 years of listening to him and his scaff mates watching the footy, immediate ones spring to mind: [...] bacon roll – pole. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 29th April **2013**

3 the mouth [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *shut your bacon roll!* 'stop talking!', the direct equivalent of *shut your hole!*.

· im not out yet so shut your bacon roll! – *twitter.com*, 27th July **2013**

bacon sarnie; bacon sarney; bacon*noun*

a Pakistani [UK]

Rhymes on *sarnie*, a colloquial reduction of *sandwich*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· They've hired a new bloke at the shop – he's a bacon. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Contracting's a good Bunsen Burner isnt it lads, but theres far too many Tea Caddies, Bacon Sarneys and Bengal Lancers at it. They've got to earn some Poppy Red right?, but their taking our Corn on the Cobs[.] – *Contractor UK forum*, 29th June **2006**

· – Cuch.... Come to Pakistan.... We love 'foreigners' – You're a bacon sarnie? – *Eyes on Final Fantasy* forum, 9th June **2010**

· [T]here are bacon sarnies (pakistanis) all over da shop! – *Sikhawareness* forum, 18th October **2013**

· Well, he's a Bubble, ain't he, and they always pick on the Turks. They're worse than the Bacon Sarnies. – S. Hancock, *Miss Carter's War*, **2014**

· [P]izzas are Italian not Pakistani so no wonder they don't have a clue, and I fucking hate the bacons too[.] – *Zoklet.net* forum, 22nd March **2014**

bacon sarnie shop*noun*

a corner shop operated by people of Pakistani or other South Asian background [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *Pakistani shop*. Formed on BACON SARNIE. Synonymous with JOE DAKI SHOP.

· One of da boys run round an all night Bacon Sarnie shop and got roll some cotton wool for Roy gob, before we dropped im outside Guys ospital to see a quack. – *Soccer Manager* forum, 24th March **2010**

bacon slicer; bacon*noun*

a cheat or someone who refuses to honour a debt [UK]

Rhymes on *shicer*.

· A 'bacon' will swindle, cheat or welsh on you. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Baden Harper*verb*

to run away [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *scarper*, a verb that underlies the British rhyming slang SCAPA FLOW. < Australian Rules footballer Baden Harper, who played for Claremont Football Club in the 1970s and 1980s.

· Yes, a shout is a Wally Grout. Yes, Barry Hall had a Barry Crocker in the granny. Yes, you Harold Holt, but I'm much more likely to Baden Harper. – *aftergrogblog.blogs.com*, blog, 21st November **2006**

Baden-Powell*noun*

1 a trowel [UK]

< English lieutenant general Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941), founder of the Boy Scouts.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· Yesterday I tore my steam-packet with a Baden-Powell. The old ivory-pearl hasn't seen it yet, but when she does I'll get it in the mince-pie!.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – *New Society* magazine, London, 10th January **1980**

2 a towel [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· I felt goodoh when I came out and dried myself with the Baden Powell. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· Much rhyming slang comes from the names of people, usually of a bygone age. Thus *Duke of York* (table fork), *Aunt Maria* (fire), *Baden Powell* (towel)[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – C. Davies, *Divided by a Common Language*, p.238, **2007**

Baden Powells; badens

noun

the bowels [UK]

< English lieutenant general Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941), founder of the Boy Scouts.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.74, **1973**

· Fred's 'avin trouble with his Badens again. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

badmintons

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

A shortening of *Badminton Horse Trials*, rhyming on *piles*. < Badminton Horse Trials, a four-day equestrian event that takes place annually in May in the park of Badminton House in Gloucestershire.

· "Emma Freuds" I'd heard of, but not "Badmintons" (Badminton horse trials) or "nauticals" (nautical miles) or "lever-arches" (lever arch files). – *Prospect* magazine, London, November **2007**

· [T]hankfully things are fine folks, after a routine bout of staple Hemorrhoidectomy treatment I can now happily confirm that my badmintons are as right as rain. – *lestersheepshanks-atifeindance.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th August **2008**

· I will never forget suffering from a severe case of the Badmintons[.] – K. Johnson, *Dodging Suicide*, n.p., **2012**

bag for life

noun

one's wife [UK]

A mischievous coinage that combines slang *bag* 'an unattractive woman' with the proposed duration of a marriage. < *bag for life*, a reusable shopping bag made from durable materials such as canvas, cotton and recycled plastic.

· I took me Bag for Life to the Dolly Mixtures. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st November **2002**

· Rhyming slang can work especially neatly when the words or phrases are fitting, such as "strawberry", for

heart (from strawberry tart), "bag for life" (wife) and the new Euan Blair (Leicester Square). – *The Independent*, London, 4th September **2010**

· I took me bag for life to the races. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2013**

· Permission from the *bag for life* to access all areas. – *Viz* comic, December **2016**

Bagga

nickname

Australian Greens politician Scott Ludlam (b.1970)

Based on *bagga*, a shortening of BAG OF FRUIT. A reference to Ludlam's supposed poor taste in suits.

· Scott Ludlam: Bagga (fruit). A new Greens Senator from WA. He turned up wearing the worst suit ever seen in the Parliament. If he paid more than \$10 for it, he was taken to the cleaners. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 8th September **2008**

bagga fruit; bagga

noun

▶ see BAG OF FRUIT

Baghdad

adjective

mad [IRELAND]

< Baghdad, the capital of Iraq. Inspired by the massive aerial bombardment of the city in March 2003, which was broadcast live around the world.

· The goy's focking Baghdad. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.30, **2004**

· Sorcha can't believe I'm being so understanding about her granny, who she and her old dear are now convinced is totally and utterly Baghdad. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.230, **2006**

· [T]his is Baghdad, it's like that movie *Crash*!! – R. Moore, *Pull a Gun*, p.54, **2011**

· Eh... are you stark raving Baghdad? – *AlfaOwner* forum, 1st November **2011**

· Falling asleep here on my bed, going totally Baghdad at the same time. – *twitter.com*, 25th September **2012**

bag of coal; bag

noun

sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective

[IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *hole*. Generally in the phrase *get one's bag of coal* (or *get one's bag*), the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.

· – *Irish Taxi* forum, 17th May **2010**

· Did ye get yer bag of coal. – *The Dublin Forums*, 9th July **2012**

· I got me bag of jacinta last night and me bollix is reefing. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 28th May **2014**

· Hoping that I'll get my Bag of Coal tonight if I'm honest. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2015**

bag of coke

noun

1 a man [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *bloke*.

· Struth, a bag of coke comes into th' Sydney Harbour for a dig in th' grave, and finds th' pitch and toss has gone down th' field of wheat. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945: *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October **1942**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· I look over her shoulder and see a middle-aged bag of coke looking over his specs at us and rubbing his hands together nervously. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.25, **1975**

· One bag of coke who notices the new me immediately is the ginger I bumped into when I first came aboard. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.83, **1976**

· I don't know 'ow you bags of coke wear those platform shoes. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, **1976**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*.

· It must be a bag of coke to remember because when I am leaning against a tree, trying to get my breath back, I notice that we have shunted the car three feet sideways. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.109, **1975**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

bag of flour

noun

a shower (for washing the body) [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· You'd take a bag of flour here. Don't forget the soap. – www.tracetheplace.co.uk, 21st December **2015**

bag of fruit; bagga fruit; bagga; bag

noun

a suit (of clothes) [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Bag of fruit is common in all three locations of use. *Bagga fruit* and *bagga* (the latter listed by Ramsay 1977) have been recorded in Australian usage. *Bag* is exclusively British.

· Bag of fruit, that's suit. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.16, 1993: *New York Evening Journal*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 7th May **1920**

· – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Bag of fruit*, a suit. – *Truth*, Sydney, 27th April **1924**

· – G.H. Lawson, *DAWT*, ca **1924**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· The man who said recently that “the babbling brook has bought a new bag of fruit” when he wished to convey that the cook had bought a new suit surely did not wish to be understood. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 14th February **1935**

· I think I'll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat, take off my bag of fruit, drop my Charley Hocks into my ones and twos[.] – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July **1942**

· In the course of dressing, he dons his “almond rocks,” “dicky-dirt,” “bag of fruit,” “evening news,” among other items of clothing, then clamps his “barrel of fat”

firmly on his “Uncle Fred” and sets out for work. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· [I]f you go down town to buy a “bag of fruit” the clerk will want to know your size and whether you want cuffs or wide lapels. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· Beforehand I'd donned the best bag of fruit to have lunch with Kathryn Greiner and 430 of her mates. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 13th March **1988**

· You're always cased up in your best ‘bag o' fruit’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· He turned up dressed in a bag. – *A.com*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Anyway, it is nice to see ATM owner Bank Machine even trying to raise a smile on customers' faces, whether or not they are wearing a bag of fruit. – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 26th August **2009**

· ‘You're not coming down here’ – I flicked his lapels – ‘in the good bag of fruit to talk procedure with Davie Prentice.’ – T. Black, *Loss*, p.36, **2010**

· It's a great bagga fruit – it's a Selvitex suit! – www.facebook.com, 25th August **2011**

· In my bag of fruit (suit) in randwick trying to flag down a left jab (cab)[.] – twitter.com, 2nd September **2011**

· He was wearing a bag of fruit. – *How to Talk Australians*, web TV: www.youtube.com, 29th July **2014**

bag of glue

noun

a clue [UK]

· [A] ‘Scooby Doo’, a ‘Bag of Glue’... A Clue. – *ABoard “Anabolic Steroids Discussion Forum”*, 28th December **2007**

· I didn't have a bag of glue what was going on half the time. – *Deva Chat* forum, 23rd July **2012**

· – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.306, **2014**

· The cunt hasn't got a bag of glue. – twitter.com, 21st January **2017**

bag of lead

noun

a bed [AUSTRALIA]

Prison use.

· – csusap.csu.edu.au, September **1990**

bag of lime

noun

a ten-cent coin [US]

Rhymes on *dime*.

· I'm a “brace and bit” man myself, and if they're warm, then I'll lose a “bag of lime” (dime) to Leo. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

bag of sand; bags of sand; bag

noun

1 the hand [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, only recorded in the form *bag of sand*.

· Now I come to pass my bag of sand round my out-and-in, I think I want a mariner's grave. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

· [T]he hand is *bag*, from *bag of sand*; the arm the *false*, from *false alarm*. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· Give us your bags of sand. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd February **1940**

2 one thousand pounds [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *grand*. Recorded in the forms *bag of sand* and *bag*.

· 'Oy! 'ow much you askin f' this motah, then, eh?' 'Why ... you interested, are yah?' 'I might be ... I might be ... Tell y'wot ... I'll give ya a bag o'saand.' – *Viz* comic, June/July **1994**

· 'Ow match does a narce little rab-a-dab cost?' 'A capple of 'undred bags of sand, samfink like that.' – *Viz* comic, October/November **1996**

· You might make 200 bags (bags of sand – grand) a year, and wallpaper your Captain's Log (bog) with Tony Beners (ten-ners). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· Best TV for a grand/bag of sand/grubby hand/rio/1 large? – *United Forum*, 29th March **2011**

· We ended up spending a bag of sand between us. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.235, **2014**

· – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.293, **2015**

· He's being paid 90 bags a week. – *The Times*, London, 31st December **2016**

bag of slack

noun

a girlfriend [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the dialect word *lack*. Used in Wexford, in the south-east corner of Ireland.

· That's surely one Pauro, not heard that [*mot*] anywhere outside of Dublin (for real I mean, as opposed to someone doing it in a comedy accent). Any other areas use it? We've a very similar one down here, but it's *lack* (and occasionally *bag of slack*). – *Foot.ie* forum, 11th February **2010**

bag of yeast

noun

a priest [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· If McClarty goes to Kirk, she'll be excommunicated – suspended *sine die* at least, as the bag o' yeast might say. – G. Munro, *Gold in his Boots*, I.iii, p.148 [2008], first performed at the Little Theatre in the Pleasance, Edinburgh, 27th January **1947**

· Yes, and the bag of yeast, old Father Flynn, thought the Red Dean[.] – F. Hardy, *Foolgarah*, p.89, **1971**

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.17, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· Or if a young Ralston ruckman had been the recipient of his last thoughts, or the bag of yeast who had give him

extreme junction only a few hours before? – F. Hardy, *Retreat Australia Fair*, p.67, **1990**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· When I was just a kid, starting out on the long road of fork, I felt a calling to be a *bag of yeast*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.152, **2011**

bags of sand

noun

▶ see BAG OF SAND

bailiffs at the door

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-four [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce coinage.

· Some pikey bingo calls, coming to a hall near you: [...] Bailiffs at the door = 24[.] – C.-A. Brackstone and L. Bushell, *Oi, Pikey!*, p.65, **2005**

bailiff's daughter

noun

water [NEW ZEALAND]

Probably < 'The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington', a traditional English folk-ballad.

· A concoction made from malt and hops and water / Is generally spoken of as beer; / Aqua pura now becomes "The Bailiff's daughter," / The barley brew, "Pig's ear." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

baile of hay

adjective

▶ see BALE OF HAY

bail or mace

noun

a person's credit or reputation [UK]

Rhymes on *face*.

· Everything is bail or mace – credit – in the wholesale game; everything is done on good faith. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.362, **2011**

bairns pram

noun

one gramme (of an illegal or illicit substance) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *bairn's pram*, a Scots equivalent of *child's pram*.

· A Bairns pram is a gram[.] – *poetryzoo.com*, 23rd December **2013**

· A bairns pram or farmers daughter? – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

baity

numeral

eighty [UK]

A slang rhyme. < *baity*, a dated slang word for 'angry'.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

baked-and-tasted*verb*

wasted [UK]

- Used as a past participle in passive voice constructions.
- Now all the hard work's been baked-and-tasted. – *The Guardian*, London, 27th February **1991**

baked bean*noun*

1 an obviously homosexual man [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *queen*.

- G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.91, **1999**

2 a sexual interlude [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scene*.

- I'm about to press the little green button to connect me to her number, to arrange a little baked-bean, my old gent's getting twitchy at the very thought, when as if by magic the phone starts to ring. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.107 [2001], **2000**

3 an article that is acclaimed as the best example of its type [UK]

Rhymes on *queen*.

- The standard one is the baked bean of leather sat on your hand brake. – *The Audi TT Forum*, 20th February **2008**

4 in a set of playing cards, the queen [UK]

– D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, **2011**

- Hope you enjoyed the show last night with Ian Fraser. The man tells it like it is and has a very funny way of describing hands too! "He's got the baked beans (queens) and he's going to put his chips in the hey diddle diddle (the middle) but your other player has got the conkers (kings)." – *Sky Poker* forum, 12th June **2011**

5 a wife or girlfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *queen*.

- D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, **2011**

6 a woman who is acclaimed as the most important or outstanding in a particular sphere or place [UK]

Rhymes on *queen*.

- The 'Baked Bean' of Walford and iconic British actress was officially made a Variety Ambassador at our April Crew Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London. – *www.variety.org.uk*, 20th April **2012**
- You are so the 'Baked bean' of news readers[.] – *twitter.com*, 26th July **2012**

Baked Bean; baked*nickname*

Queen Elizabeth II

Affectionate. Often as *the Old Baked Bean*. A less common sobriquet for the Queen is the **RUNNER BEAN**.

- Queen Elizabeth II, or the "Old Baked Bean," as my granddad Jim calls her in rhyming slang. – B. Watkins, *A Celtic Childhood*, p.23 [2011], **1999**
- Two British photographers in the royal press pack were comparing notes: "I've got the Baked Bean, an Aborigine and the Opera House in one wide shot," said one[.] – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 13th March **2006**

- One of my favourites is 'Phil the Greek and the Old Baked Bean'. – *h2g2* forum, 22nd January **2010**

Did you visit the baked's house when you were in London? – A. Sutherland, *Smell of Poo*, p.7, **2012**

- Sarah-Jane cordially invites you to celebrate 60 years of our Royal Baked Bean on the throne or simply love thy neighbour and partake of some jelly and custard. – *www.pictureperfectgallery.co.uk*, 20th May **2012**

Bond, Becks, Beatles, the Baked Bean... brilliant! – *The Sun*, London, 27th July **2012**

- I don't know the old baked bean. – J. Tovey and V. Clark, *Puppy*, p.50, **2015**

baked bean*verb*used as a substitute for *mean* in the expressions *you know what I mean?* and *if you know what I mean* [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]Also used on its own as an equivalent of *you know what I mean?*.

- Keegan falling for Fergie's psychological (damn spelling!!) mind games was a classic in recent seasons. DA is next season's clan hence a pre-season friendly. If you know what I baked bean. – *Wireplay Community* forum, 30th September **1999**

• **baked bean?** – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

- I can't be assed explaining. If you know what I baked bean, you'll know what I am spaghettin' at. – *Aussie Pythons and Snakes* forum, 30th March **2009**

Dead by Dawn, you know what I baked bean. – *www.facebook.com*, 10th July **2014****baked beans***noun*

jeans [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

– Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gatwart, *Other Side*, p.50, **1996**

- *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

This lovely hot weather is really too hot to wear "baked beans" – jeans. – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, 'LONDON-L Archives', 18th July **2003**

- Get yer backside into them baked beans. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

– L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.25, **2007**

- He always wears the same thing – great big *daisies* on his feet, a pair of classic *baked beans*, a white *dicky* and a smart black *weasel*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.98, **2011**

baked dinner*noun*

in horse racing, a winner [AUSTRALIA]

- Punters seek a baked dinner more than they seek a baked dinner. – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
- G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

baked potato; baked*noun*

a waiter [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*.

- I've asked the *baked* for a *Joe* an' some *rosebuds*. [...] I've asked the *baked potato* for a *Joe Blake* and some *rosebuds*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.10/12, **1969**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

baked potato; baked potater; baked*adverb*

later [UK]

Depends on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*.

- [A]hh fuck it mate, I'm off for a gypsy. I'll see ya baked. – *Oprano Adult Industry* forum, 3rd November **2002**
- I'll see ya baked. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**
- Baked Potater (later) on and it brought me to tears[.] – *Stormfront* forum, 17th May **2008**

baked potato; baked potata; baked potatah; baked potater; bake*exclamation*

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*, rhyming on *see you later*. ► see MARIS PIPER and POTATOES

- 'Baked potatah, ma!' 'Baked potatah, Wankah!' – *Viz* comic, June/July **1994**
- Cheers Wankah. Baked potatah! – *Viz* comic, August/September **1994**
- Baked Potata is Cockney slang for See you later. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Baked potater! – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd January **2008**
- Conversations end with "baked potato" – "see you later". – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 1st April **2012**
- **Bake** means I'll see you later[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.333, **2015**

baker's bun*noun*

in bingo, the number sixty-one [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.bingocalls.org*, accessed 15th October **2013**

baker's yeast*noun*

a priest [AUSTRALIA]

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.18, **1983**

Bakewell tart; bakewell*noun*

a fart [UK]

< *Bakewell tart* 'a shortcrust pastry base filled with frangipane and jam'.

- **Bakewell Tart** *Fart* Drop a 'bakewell' in the bath and someone is likely to bring you a hot-water bottle. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- Have you dropped a bakewell. – *www.facebook.com*, 10th April **2012**

baking bowl; bacon bowl*noun*

[1] the anus or buttocks [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*.

- Sorry, baking bowl in my world means Hole, as in two peaches in a hanky as in bum. (East Belfast slang lesson over) – *Snow Patrol* forum, 20th June **2006**
- I wouldn't have wiped my bacon bowl with it mate. – *FootballForums.net*, 12th June **2008**
- I'm not the world's most positive person and I need a virtual boot up the baking bowl on occasion. – *The Rev Counter* forum, 14th December **2010**

[2] sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Often in the phrase *get one's baking bowl* (or *get one's bacon bowl*), the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.

- Also, for my American cousins: "My bacon bowl" = rhyming slang for "my hole" = "some action" – *www.steviekane.com*, 12th March **2011**

balaclava; bala*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *charver*.

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, **1973**
- Just as well that I did not get to the balaclava (chaver Ed.) stage with Gretchen[.] – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.40, **1975**
- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.130, **1977**
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangage of Sex*, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Bala, short for balaclava which is slang for chaver. – *Bushcraftliving.com* forum, 1st June **2009**

Balamory*noun*

the facts about a particular situation; the state of affairs [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *story*. < Balamory, a Scottish children's TV show broadcast on the BBC between 2002 and 2005. Only recorded in the phrase *what's the Balamory?* 'what's happening?', the direct equivalent of *what's the story?*.

- – *www.reddit.com/r/northernireland*, 26th February **2014**

bald head*noun*

in snooker, a red ball [UK]

Triggered by the metaphorical link between a snooker ball and a bald head.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, 2011

bale of hay*noun*

1 a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- You should see how long it takes him to get ready in the evening. He's a right bale of hay. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003
- 2 a day [UK]
- Tomorrow's another bale 'o' hay. – *hellopoetry.com*, 14th September 2012

bale of hay; bail of hay; bale*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*.

- Don't bother Britany – he's bale. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
- He's a bit bail of hay. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th March 2004
- Didn't you know 'e's bale? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

bale of straw*noun*

■ in the bale of straw naked [UK]

Rhymes on *raw*, used in the phrase *in the raw*.

- I thought it would be fun to be on the back seat with you in the bale of straw. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012

bale of straw*adjective*

raw [UK]

The first two sources below define *bale of straw* as 'raw', which makes it impossible to determine its exact meaning. In the 2005 quotation the term is used in the sense 'sore and sensitive'.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – *www.oocities.org/knightshade3/cockney.html*, 1st February 2001
- [M]y mars and venus is a bit bale of straw. – *The FIAT Forum*, 2nd September 2005

bales*adjective*

rotten [UK]

Shortened from *bales of cotton*, a variation of REELS OF COTTON.

- I'd brushed me Hampsteads and gone down the apples and pears for breakfast to find the bacon had gone bales. I got on the dog and bone to my trouble and told her to

get to the lollipops. I had uncle Fred and Dr Crippen instead. – *weloveaccents.co.uk*, 9th April 2014**ball and bat***noun*

1 a hat [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

- – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- I think I'll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat[.] – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July 1942
- [I]t is certain that such expressions as "roses red" (bed), "fields of wheat" (street), "trouble and strife" (wife), "ball and bat" (hat)–all of which are legal tender in the verbal currency of Surry Hills and Fitzroy (Vic.)–if not definitely Cockney in origin are the result of the strong influence of the Cockney culture. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 23rd March 1946
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – Tit for (Tat) - Hat – I've also heard this as Ball and Bat. – *soc.culture.british, Google Groups*, 6th and 7th June 1991
- Why are you wearing that ridiculous ball and bat? – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

2 a stupid or unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *twat* and *prat*.

- I think he's a real Ball and Bat! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February 2003
- [A]m i tired and making myself to look a right ball and bat here lol? – *Dr Anselm's Lotteryfun Forum*, 10th October 2006
- [S]top filming things with your iPad. you look like a right ball and bat. – *twitter.com*, 21st March 2012
- The ball and bats who cruise around at super slow speeds and then when it comes to overtaking them they just stand in the way. – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community forum*, 4th July 2013
- 3 a woman's genitals [UK]
- Rhymes on *twat*.
- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006
- 4 a woman viewed as a sex object [UK]
- Rhymes on *twat*.
- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

ball and chalk*noun*

▶ see BALL OF CHALK

Ballarat*noun*

1 an erection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *fat*. < Ballarat, a city in central Victoria, west of Melbourne. Thus *half a Ballarat* 'a semi-erection', a synonym of BACCHUS MARSH.

· **Half a Ballarat** *N.* A half amorous impulse. – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, 1982

· – Roger's *Profanisaurus*, 1997

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, 2001

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

· I just got a ballarat! – *Dirtbikeworld.net* forum, 4th July 2007

· Something like “damn this wetties tight and I can't turn around cause that chics so hot I have half a Ballarat”. – *Seabreeze.com.au* forum, 22nd November 2008

· Don't know about you, but I cracked half a ballarat when I read that bit. – *rec.sport.rugby.union*, *Google Groups*, 17th November 2009

· [W]hen i woke up this morning i had a ballarat that hard that you could crush flee's on it. – *UD(.com)*, 9th August 2010

· I know a Bachus is half a Ballarat[.] – *Railbastard* forum, 24th December 2011

2 a cat [AUSTRALIA]

· A pet lover may have a **hollow** and a **ballarat** living in the house at the same time! – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.30, 1988

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

3 a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *cat*. Prison use.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

4 a hat [AUSTRALIA]

· Nice ballarat! – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 2nd December 2008

ballet dancer

noun

1 an unscrupulous opportunist [UK]

Rhymes on *chancer*.

· Cor he ain't half a Ballet Dancer. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th May 2006

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Ballina Punt; ballina

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Ballina is a town in northern New South Wales.

· When one refers to another as a 'Ballina' there is obviously a serious level of animosity between the two. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

2 the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

ball of chalk; ball and chalk; ball; ball-y

noun

1 an act of walking, especially for exercise or pleasure; an outing on foot; a manner of walking [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *walk*. Hence perhaps *go for a ball of chalk* 'to disappear; become progressively worse, go wrong; cease to function'. The forms *ball* and *ball-y* are confined to British usage.

· Ball of chalk ... walk. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.118, 1930

· I'll take a ball of chalk along there with you. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.152 [1938], 1937

· Walk, *Ball o' Chalk*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca 1937

· Going for a ball o' chalk down the Lane; comin'? – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.37, 1938

· You'll never alter my ball of chalk. – C. Madge and T. Harrison, *Britain by Mass-Observation*, p.157, 1939

· I'm taking a ball-of-chalk down the frog-and-toad[.] – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, 1953

· He was taking a ball of chalk in the Bayswater direction when he saw an open window on the top floor of a block of flats[.] – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.189, 1956

· “Go away,” said Copper Baldwin. “Your fire buckets full, to mivin one inch o' the rim. Two inches low in a fire bucket, an' I'm the sufferer. Ain't it, Copper?” “Oh, for Christ's sake, take a pen'orth” said Copper Baldwin. “Take a ball-o'-chalk!” – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.63, 1957

· As far away as Newcastle respectable children can be heard saying they are 'going for a ball of chalk' when setting out for a walk[.] – I. Opie and P. Opie, *Lore and Language*, p.320, 1959

· “ball and chalk” for walk[.] – F. Shaw, *Dialect of a Seaport*, p.33, 1959

· And he would say to Mary, his bricks and mortar, 'I will take a ball of chalk into the town, and buy some tobacco for my cherry ripe.' – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976

· ball of chalk – walk. – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.9, 1992

· As 'e started 'is ball through the city, 'e shouted out loudly, 'Listen up, you lot. Nineveh is gonna be smashed to bits in forty days. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.60, 2001

· [G]oing for a ball and chalk up the frog and toad. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st August 2007

· **Ball of Chalk** [...] Has tirelessly stridden the road of RS for generations, often as a 'ball-y'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 an established route or place for walking [UK]

Recorded in the form *ball and chalk*.

· Fortunately I took the smudge box so managed a few Barnaby Rudge's of the wuzzoes near the harbour and riverside ball & chalks. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 21st April 2014

ball of chalk; ball and chalk; ball

verb

1 to talk [UK]

Recorded in the form *ball o' chalk*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938: *The Evening News*, London, 13th November 1936

2 to walk [UK/US]

In American usage, only recorded in the form *ball and chalk*.

· He was Joe Brown at 'Jim's' by the bereaved and breft of the Roary O'More, resting his plates and enjoying a snout, when me and my china plate balled by and done him. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'Gangster Lingo in London Based on Rhyming Words', 10th December **1951**

· I didn't have the bird to ball to the rub-a[.] – *Monroe Morning World*, Monroe, LA, 'Rhymed Slang Vanishing Art with Cockneys', 31st May **1959**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· On the way back I got my daisy roots soaked after ball of chalking through the darling daughter. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October **1998**

· They carried on ball-of-chalking along. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.23, **2001**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· [Y]ou could have ball and chalked it home. – *MyLes-Paul.com* forum, 6th December **2008**

ball of fat

noun

a hat [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.67, **1973**

ball of lead

noun

the head [UK/IRELAND]

< *ball of lead* 'a musket ball'.

· *Ball o' Lead*. Head. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Notes & Queries* 12, Ser. IX, **1921**

· *BALL OF LEAD*: Head. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· Lay your ball of lead on the weeping Willow[.] – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, **1941**

· I was out of my ball of lead last night. Took six yokes. I was flying. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 20th September **2013**

ball of snot

noun

a girl; a girlfriend [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *mot*. A pejorative word. In Northern Ireland, it seems to be unique to the speech of County Armagh.

· [M]y 'ball of snot' also prefers the LHS[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th October **2007**

· Stayed in friday with the ball of snot. – *www.slang.ie*, recorded in use in County Armagh, accessed 15th December **2012**

· How's your mot? Or how's your ball of snot? – *Foot.ie* forum, 11th February **2010**

· [S]kinny was in me way at the time I told his ball of snot this site is like that bar in cheers, all are welcome. – *LSL* forum, 20th July **2011**

· While ur lying in bed with my ball of snot (ur wife) ask her can i go out fishing someday with u[.] – *Irish Kayak Angling* forum, 30th May **2012**

ball of twine

noun

a railway line [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

balloon car; balloon

noun

a separate area within a pub, better appointed than the public bar and originally intended for a mixed or more genteel clientele [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme on *saloon bar*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Meet me in the balloon. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Ballroom Blitz; ballrooms

noun

1 a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. < 'The Ballroom Blitz', a 1973 song originally recorded by the British rock band The Sweet. · She's got marvellous ballrooms. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· I've heard people use Brads (Brad Pitts), Ballroom Blitz[.] – *Toytown Germany*, 18th November **2005**

· Look at the state of Sam's ballrooms. Let's hope her old man's manslaughter appeal doesn't come through. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· When I'm having a Tommy Tank (a one handed sexual act) I love to think of a fit bird and her ballroom blitz (breasts)[.] – *theworldofdick.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th January **2010**

2 a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Used in the phrase *give someone the Ballroom Blitz*.

· [A]n intelligent man raised on reason might conclude that his addressee had been cruelly waylaid by an attack of the ballroom-blitz: what else could precipitate such an urgent departure? Yes. That would do. I was excused. No problem. – *www.fishingmagic.com*, 4th January **2010**

· Honestly, people like you realy give me the ballroom blitz!!! – *JA606* forum, 1st June **2012**

3 diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. The short form is given by Puxley (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· Did you tell them you had a dose of the ballroom blitz? – *twitter.com*, 29th July **2011**

ballroot

noun

▶ see BULLROOT

Ballybeens

noun

jeans [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Ballybeen, a large housing estate on the outskirts of East Belfast.

· – *Our Wee Country* forum, 31st August **2010**

Ballyclare

noun

the hair [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Ballyclare, a small town in County Antrim, about eleven miles from Belfast.

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· CHURCH DOMED MY BALLYCLARE. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Ballyjamesduff; Ballyjames

noun

■ **up the Ballyjamesduff; up the Ballyjames**

pregnant [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *duff*, used in the expression *up the duff*, and *-duff*, the final part of the word *Ballyjamesduff*. < Ballyjamesduff, a town in County Cavan, Ireland.

· [W]e're talking the night I broke my duck with Tina, my old pair buying her off when they found out she was up the Ballyjames and the whole thing coming out at the reception. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.33, **2005**

· Can't believe how many of you lunatics are TTC already, or already up the Ballyjames. – *Eumom* forum, 12th April **2009**

· My girlfriend is up the ballyjames so i'm pretty much off the booze too by default. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th January **2010**

· I turn my head and see a friend from our old art college days. Who is looking fab and also up the BallyJames-Duff. – *www.kikinaart.com*, blog, 15th January **2017**

Ballymagash; Ballymegash

noun

hashish [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hash*. < Ballymagash, a fictional town popularised by the RTÉ satirical show *Hall's Pictorial Weekly* (1970–82). The variant *Ballymegash* is recorded in 2006.

· – *Network54* forum, 'Dublin Slang', 16th October **2002**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 11th December **2003**

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· [A]nd only to get busted by the feds for a wee bit of ballymagash by the Glass factory! – *Biker.ie* forum, 15th March **2007**

Ballymun

noun

one hundred currency units [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *ton*. < Ballymun, an area of north Dublin.

· ballymun>Ton>100 euro. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th June **2010**

· I placed a single match odds bet on Ireland to beat Italy in the opening group game of the World Cup. The stake was twenty Irish punts. My reward, thanks to the great

Ray Houghton, was in Dublin rhyming slang, a 'Ballymun' (a ton or one hundred units). – *www.expatriate-spain.com*, accessed 3rd November **2015**

ballymunner

noun

an act of leaving fast in order to escape or avoid an unpleasant situation [IRELAND]

Used in the phrase *do a ballymunner*, the rhyming equivalent of *do a runner*. < *Ballymunner*, a native or inhabitant of Ballymun, an area of north Dublin.

· **to do a ballymunner** means to get the hell out of somewhere. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

ballymunners

noun

trainers (casual sports shoes) [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *runners*, an Irish synonym for *trainers*. < *Ballymunner* 'a native or inhabitant of Ballymun, an area of north Dublin'.

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· Ah Jasus, some fucker is after crepin me gaf an robbin me new ballymunners. – *UD(.com)*, 9th July **2009**

Ballymun tower

noun

a shower (for washing the body) [IRELAND]

< *Ballymun tower*, a reference to one of the seven landmark tower blocks in Ballymun, north Dublin; built for social housing in the 1960s, the towers came to epitomise urban decay, and were eventually demolished between 2004 and 2015.

· (In the) Ballymun Tower: In the Shower. – *www.jackeen.com*, accessed 2nd November **2015**

balmy breeze; balmy

noun

cheese [UK]

· He keeps within tradition by calling cheese "balmy breeze." – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.647, **1960**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Any type, colour or texture. It's all 'balmy'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

bamboo shoots; bamboos

noun

boots [UK]

· As any one seen my Bamboo's? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st April **2009**

· Team GB hopeful and Manchester United midfielder Tom Cleverley was among the first to get his bamboo shoots – boots – on the new ball at Coventry's Ricoh Arena yesterday. – *metro.co.uk*, 1st March **2012**

banana fritters

noun

diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the shitters* and *the squitters*, as well as on the Scottish slang *the skitters*.

- [A] dose of the banana fritters – i.e. skitters. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**
- Rach ur aboot as funny as a dose of the banana fritters!! – www.facebook.com, 3rd October **2013**
- Lay aff that Bovril Rab, youll get a dose of the Banana Fritters wae it[.] – twitter.com, 9th May **2014**

banana ripple

noun

a disabled person [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cripple*. < *banana ripple* ‘a type of vanilla and banana ice cream’. A variation of RASPBERRY RIPPLE and STRAWBERRY RIPPLE. Prison use.

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

banana splits; bananas

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < The Banana Splits, a musical band of animal characters who were introduced on American children’s TV in *The Banana Splits Adventure Hour*, broadcast from 1968 to 1970; the series was aired in Britain from 1969 to 1971. Puxley (1998) enters the word as *banana splits*, but notes that it is ‘[a]lways used in the first element’.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- [B]ananas tend to have a lot to do with bowel movement, banana splits for the shits and banana fritter for a toilet (the shitter)! – beingcheerful.blogspot.com, blog, 28th October **2011**
- That Ruby Murray (curry) gave me the banana splits. – blog.theoddballenglish.com, 4th August **2012**

Bananarama

noun

an exciting, tragic or dramatic situation or set of events [UK]

Rhymes on *drama*. < Bananarama, an English pop duo made up of Keren Woodward (b.1961) and Sara Dallin (b.1961); originally formed as a trio with Irish-born vocalist Siobhan Fahey (b.1958), who left the band in 1988.

- I’m having a right Bananarama today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th June **2009**
- [D]ant want nah Bananarama on the thread, or Barney’s... Savvy? Or I’ll be tellin ya to sort it awt pal. – *Sing-Snap* forum, 22nd February **2014**

B&B

noun

▶ see BRACE AND BIT

band box

noun

syphilis [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*.

- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

band in the box

noun

syphilis [US/UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

Band of Hope; bander

noun

soap [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Band of Hope, a temperance organisation. First recorded in the 3rd May 1924 issue of *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly* magazine as rhyming slang for *soap*, but this must be a typographical error. The earliest record of the word in Australia is from Baker’s *Popular Dictionary of Australian Slang* (1941), where it is listed as *bander*. This shortening is not recorded in British usage.

- – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd May **1924**
- He had barely made a good lather with the band of hope and started rubbing the dicky dirts[.] – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**
- – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**
- – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- [T]here must be more to it than lying on your back and watching a load of birds strip down to the buff and rub themselves with Band of Hope. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.120, **1974**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

bang and biff

noun

syphilis [US]

Rhymes on *syph*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

bangers and mash; bangers

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Only recorded in the full form. *Bangers and mash* is a colloquial synonym for *sausage and mash*. ▶ see SAUSAGE AND MASH

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th May **2001**
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- I took me Bag for Life to the Dolly Mixtures and left her while I went for a Bangers and Mash. – *The Steampunk Forum*, November **2010**
- My pal says she’s off to shake the lettuce. I wish she’d say she’s going for a wee. DH says he’s going for a bangers and mash. Too much detail. – *Mumsnet* forum, 18th May **2013**
- 2 cash; money [UK]
- Bangers and Mash. Cash. I knew his cheques were dodgy, so I got him to pay me in bangers. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- The person in the shop handed over the bag and said, "Here's the bangers." [Slang for money.] I was told it was a million. – G. Johnson, *Powder Wars*, p.276 [2005], **2004**
- CHARLIE: Is your guvnor in? I've got his bangers here. FRANCIS: His sausages? CHARLIE: Bangers and mash. – R. Bean, *One Man*, **2011**
- I've got no bangers. Can you lend me an ayrton? – *Charlton Life* forum, 12th January **2012**

Bangladesh

noun

McEwan's Special, a strong beer brewed in Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *spesh*, a colloquial shortening of *special*.
- Mine will be a pint of Bangladesh. – *Kirkcaldy*, spoken, male, 50, June **2004**
- I'm assuming you cannae get a pint of Bangladesh in Chicago. – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

bang on the drum; bang the drum

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-one [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. The variant *bang the drum* is listed by Schott (2004) and on the website *bingohalls.org.uk* (2011).
- – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**
- *Bang on the drum* (number 71) becomes *J-Lo's bum*[.] – N. Constable, *This is Gambling*, p.44, **2003**
- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.108, **2007**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**
- – *bingohalls.org.uk*, 14th December **2011**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *bingo.vernons.com*, accessed 27th September **2013**

Bangor boat

noun

a coat [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- < *Bangor boat*, a reference to the passenger boat services between Belfast and Bangor.
- – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**
- M, I'll hold your Bangor Boat while you dig Coats in the North and South. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Bangor Reserves; bangors; bangers

noun

nerves [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- < Bangor Reserves, the reserve team of Bangor FC. The British phrase *get on someone's bangers* is simply a jocular variation on *get on someone's tits* 'to irritate someone intensely', the word *bangers* being slang for 'breasts'.
- We always referred to an attack on your nerves as 'Bangor Reserves' which was then termed 'Bangers' and if your bangers were troubling you, then you certainly had

- problems. [...] We were all convinced that Hannibal was a 'plant' by the British, put there to wreck our bangers. – B. Devlin, *Interlude*, pp.15/17 [1985], **1982**
- [H]e lost his bangor reserves at the last minute and allowed one of the biggest idiots in cyberspace back onto the board. – *GAA* forum, 28th March **2008**
- [A]ye, his Bangor's have been fucked ever since The Hatchets blew a twelve point lead at Easter ten years ago. – *When Saturday Comes* forum, 14th March **2011**

bang the drum

noun

▶ see BANG ON THE DRUM

banker

noun

an obnoxious person [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- A slang rhyme on *wanker*. Probably triggered by MERCHANT BANKER. Often just a tainted word in which the rhyme on *wanker* conveys the sense 'a banker who is a wanker' (an idea nicely encapsulated in the blend *bwanker*). The strong phonosemantic link between *banker* and *wanker* also accounts for the popular spooneristic phrase *a wunch of bankers*. ▶ see WANKER
- He's a right banker! – *UD(.com)*, 30th August **2003**
- You are a munt and a right banker Futurz. – **** off, Bongo. – *Sharetrader.co.nz* forum, 15th July **2004**
- He must have felt like a right banker. – *MX Trax* forum, 19th September **2006**
- Losers are making me look a right banker. – *The Racing Post*, London, 9th October **2010**
- What a bunch of bankers. – *www.thepunch.com.au*, 3rd November **2010**
- – Natwest, where's my wages you useless bunch of cnuts? – Tell me about it. Their systems seemed to be fucked this week. – A right bunch of bankers... – *Mojo* forum, 22nd June **2012**
- Although the sound of bankers behaving like, well complete bankers, had a certain grisly fascination, the agreement between EU leaders on a pan-European mechanism for dealing with bust banks was much, much more important. – *www.independent.ie*, 30th June **2013**

banksie

noun

a schooner (a tall beer glass); hence, a glass of beer, beer [AUSTRALIA]

- A shortening of *Bankstown*, covertly punning on YAGOONA. < Bankstown, an area of Sydney that encompasses several suburbs, including Bankstown and Yagoona.
- And in certain parts of Sydney they would use rhyming slang and ask the barman for a "Banksie" (Bankstown/Yagoona = schooner). – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 17th July **2005**

bannister's

noun

▶ see ROGER BANNISTERS

Barack Obama; barack; obama*noun*

1 a charmer [UK]

< Barack Hussein Obama (b.1961), the 44th President of the United States.

• – *saskiaspot.blogspot.com*, blog, 11th August **2009**

• Well the artful's a real **Barack**, so I wouldn't put it past 'er, but I 'ad to argue the toss, did'n I? – *www.wordsy-oudontknow.com*, 24th August **2009**

• He's a right Barack. – S. Bell-Rehwoldt, *Codes*, p.25, **2011**

• Have you ever heard of someone being described as a "barack"? – *www.henleystandard.co.uk*, **2012**

• Oh Sharon, he's gorgeous! What an Obama! – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

2 a llama [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Barack Obama* and *barack*.

• And we shouldn't forget cockney rhyming slang, both traditional – Adam and Eve = believe and Mince Pies = eyes – or even recent such as Barack Obama = llama and Osama Bin Laden = garden (as in 'I cannot Adam and Eve my mince pies; I've just seen a Barack in the Osama'). – L. Palmer, *How to Win*, **2013**

Barack Obamas; baracks*noun*

pyjamas [UK]

< Barack Hussein Obama (b.1961), the 44th President of the United States.

• Where's my baracks? – *Croydon*, spoken, male, 32, May **2009**

• She was wearing her Barack Obamas. – D. Crystal, *Little Book*, p.156, **2010**

• Whatchoo doing still in your Barack Obamas, mate? You're on the Cheryl Cole? – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

• I dry myself with a Simon (Cowell) before putting on my Baracks (Obamas). – *www.theguardian.com*, 10th June **2014**

barbecue griddle; barbie*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*.

• Don't be surprised if, halfway through a meal, someone tells you they're going for a 'barbie'. – R. Puxley, *Brit Slang*, **2003**

barbed wired; barbed*adjective*

▶ see BARB WIRED

Barbie*noun*

Heineken beer [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the Irish slang *Ken*, a clipping of *Heineken*, and *Ken*, a pet name form of *Kenneth*. < Barbie and Ken, two dolls created by Ruth

Handler, co-founder of American toy manufacturer Mattel, in 1961 and 1959 respectively.

• I work in an offo and once had a guy come to the counter and ask if we had a case of 'barbie's'. – *Boards.ie* forum, 11th April **2008**

• I'd like a Barbie[.] – *guinnessandsexyaccents.tumblr.com*, blog, May **2013**

Barbie doll*noun*

a promiscuous woman; a prostitute [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *moll*. < Barbie, a popular plastic doll created in 1959 by Ruth Handler, co-founder of American toy manufacturer Mattel. With an ironic side-glance at the common slang sense of *Barbie* (*doll*) for a pretty but shallow young woman.

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

barb wired; barbed wired; barbed*adjective*

tired [UK]

Probably influenced by *Barb Wire*, a 1996 American film directed by David Hogan and starring Pamela Anderson.

• I'm going to bed, I'm barb wired. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd September **2002**

• Still everything else was bright and anyway I'm a bit barb wired[.] – *UK Hippy* forum, 25th January **2006**

• **Barbed:** tired (short for "barb wired")[.] – Bathroom Readers' Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.129, **2007**

• Oi, Doc, are you listening? I'm cream crackered, kerry packered, shepherd's bushed, barbed wired, show me the bleedin' Roger Moore. – S. Hovington, *The Grape Escape*, p.91, **2011**

• It's nothing at all, if anything perhaps lack of sleep. I'm barb-wired. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.16, **2012**

Barcelona; Barceloner*noun*

1 a person who complains a lot [UK]

Rhymes on *moaner*. < Barcelona, a city in the north-east of Spain. Recorded with the spelling *Barcelona*.

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 an erection of the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *boner*. Recorded with the spelling *Barceloner*.

• Dirty mags gie me a Barceloner you know... – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September **2009**

Barclays Bank; barclays*noun*

1 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *wank*. < Barclays Bank, a major British multinational banking firm.

• BLAKE: Where you been? HOSKINSON: Been for a slash en I? BLAKE: Long enough for a Barclay's en you? – C. Wood, *Prisoner and Escort*, sc. iv, p.57, **1965**

• Returned home feeling really quite tranquil. Indeed I had the barclays. – R. Davies, *Kenneth Williams*, p.371, 1993: diary entry dated 9th March **1970**

· ‘Freddie and Groucho can have a Barclays Bank if they want to, but I prefer a damn good fuck any day,’ retorted Simon. – J. Charles, *Ultimate Vibrations*, p.22 [2006], **1997**

· – Roger’s *Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· Porn, eh? You been having a Barclays? – R. Merrick, *Guilt-Edged Seduction*, p.63, **2008**

· I did try and cut down my barclays banks a couple of years ago but it was pointless. – *Manchester City Forums*, 13th December **2011**

· I bet you have a right “barclays bank” over that you sicko... – *Millwall MAD* forum, 14th January **2013**

2 a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wank*. The form *barclays* may also be a shortening of BARCLAYS BANKER.

· He’s a right “barclays bank” as they say. – *BBC 606* forum, 19th January **2008**

· I always thought Danny was a bit of a Barclays – Barclays Bank – but he’s really a diamond geezer. – *The Sun*, London, 22nd February **2010**

· It is this fantastically accurate and well-researched presentation that we’re paying £140+ for in our TV licence. What a bunch of Barclays! – *Leicester Tigers* forum, 5th March **2011**

· Bunch of Barclays. – *WeightWatchers.co.uk* forum, 17th December **2012**

Barclays banker; barclays

noun

1 a masturbator [US/UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of BARCLAYS BANK. Only recorded in the full form.

· In the Plaster Casters’ diary, a penis is called a “rig”; fellatio is called “plating” [...] and a masturbator is called a “Barclay’s banker.” These terms come from British slang, taught the two girls by members of an English rock group. – J. Burks and J. Hopkins, *Groupies and Other Girls*, p.104, **1970**

· – Swanson’s marginalia, since he seems to have told nobody about the notation, is as furtive and private an act as, well, masturbation ... [...] Far be it from me to suggest that an Eton boy may have been a Barclays Banker. – *Casebook* forum, 5th May **2012**

2 a stupid or contemptible person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· Julian Franklyn’s *Dictionary of Slang* (Observations, 17 April) omits one witty and widely-used example of rhyming slang which has slid into general usage during the past decade, namely “BARCLAYS” (ie, Barclays banker). Pupils at a school where I once taught would refer to their headmaster, for example, as “a right old Barclays.” – *New Society* magazine, London, 1st May **1975**

· But Dave, you utter Barclays Banker, I went out on a limb. – J. O’Connor, *True Believers*, p.43 [2008], **1991**

· “Referee, you’re a tosser” screams the Liverpool man behind me to Swiss Mr Roethlisburger, “you’re a bleedin’

Barclays Banker, you are, you’re a shaggin hand shandy merchant, ref.” – J. O’Connor, *Secret World*, p.216, **1994**

· Like Barclays Banker (meaning wanker). I didn’t know what the word meant anyway. – J. Civil, *Sexuality at Work*, p.155, **1998**

· [M]ost of the other forums are full of barclays bankers. – *NSR250.net* forum, 15th January **2005**

· I always thought Barclays was Barclays Bankers (wankers). – *Total Football Forums*, 16th September **2012**

· Bet he votes Tory – what a Barclays Banker! – *www.the-guardian.com*, 25th April **2015**

barclays banking

noun

masturbating [UK]

Rhymes on *wanking*. Formed on an unrecorded (and therefore hypothetical) base form of the verb *Barclays Bank*, itself stemming from BARCLAYS BANK.

· Thats all very well but WHAT does Jason DO except for barclays banking? – *Digital Spy* forum, 31st July **2004**

· My pyjama partition offered some protection at the moment of climax, but as regular Barclays Banking was difficult when sharing a room, heaps of Harry was dying to get out in the hope of creating a capitalist/communist Heinrich or indeed Harry. – *payingforitthediaryofabi-polarpunter.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th May **2012**

bareback rider

noun

cider [UK: MANCHESTER]

· [A]lthough it was a relatively cheap style, I blew all of my poke on Woodbine ciggies, pinball machines and ‘bareback rider’ (cider), so I still couldn’t afford the main clobber. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.4, **2014**

bare naikit

noun

a jacket [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *jaykit*. < *bare naikit*, the Scots form of *bare naked*.

· Ma ain favourite is ‘bare naikit’ for ‘jaikit’. – *scotshaun-buik.co.uk*, 24th September **2015**

barf

noun

1 half an ounce of a drug [UK]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of HURL AND BARF. < *barf*, a slang word for vomit (as both a noun and a verb) or disgusting food.

· – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2007**

2 a laugh [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· Havin a barf me old china. – *Digital Spy* forum, 23rd July **2013**

barroom tap

noun

a Japanese person [UK]

< *barfroom tap*, a play on *bathroom tap*, formed on the slang *barf* 'vomit'. A punning variation of BATHROOM TAP.

- You won't find too many barfroom taps at HQ this week. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

Bargain Hunt; bargain

noun

a fool; a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < *Bargain Hunt*, a BBC television programme that has been on air since 2000.

- In Cockney rhyming slang, [...] 'back to front' (abbreviated to 'backter'), 'Bargain Hunt' (abbreviated to 'bargain'), and 'Charlie Hunt' (abbreviated to 'Charlie') are all euphemisms for 'cunt'. – *www.matthewhunt.com*, 12th August **2003**

• He's a right Bargain Hunt! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January **2004**

• [T]hat david dickinsons a bit of a bargain. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**

• "David Dickinson/Bargain Hunt" is rhyming slang. – *The Sun*, London, 8th December **2005**

• **bargain** *rhym. slang*. A *cuntish* fellow. From the popular daytime TV show, *Bargain Hunt*, which was originally hosted by popular orange *bargain* David Dickinson[.] – *Roger's Profanisaurus: The Magna Farta*, **2007**

• [I]f someone tells you that you are a 'bargain', make sure it's in jest. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

• [Y]ou bunch of Bargain Hunts. – *b3ta* forum, 12th January **2009**

• Fiz (Corrie) – hanging's too good for her? Teen Wolf, left – no bite? Falling Skies – falling ratings? Antiques Master – bargain hunts (rhyming slang). – *Daily Star*, London, 10th July **2011**

barge and tug; barge

noun

a mug (for drinking) [UK]

• Old rivermen would have had a 'barge of ROSIE LEE'[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

bark and growl; bark and howl

noun

in the building trade, a trowel [UK]

A perfect rhyme for many British speakers.

• Now, then, my china-plate, out with your cherry-ripe, off with your steam-packet, and set your bark and growl agoin. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

• A Burgess Hill builder and contractor sends me the following examples: Fisherman's daughter (water); bark and howl (trowel)[.] – *Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 30th November **1927**

• **bark and growl**: a trowel. – S. Dent, *Dent's Modern Tribes*, p.170, **2016**

barley

noun

cocaine [UK]

A slang rhyme on *charlie* or perhaps a shortening of FRUIT AND BARLEY, LEMON BARLEY, OATS AND BARLEY or PEAS AND BARLEY. Also in the form *Charlie Barley*, recorded by Bronson (2008: 205).

• – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: 'Cocaine Lingo', *Good Drugs Guide* [Internet], **2003**

• [T]here's barley coming in tomorrow, fifty quid a gramme. – *UD(.com)*, 9th August **2004**

• [I]t's all about 'fields of barley' which is rhyming slang for 'charlie' which is of course cocaine... – *The Independent*, London, 27th May **2005**

• I used to live in SE4, Brockley. Long time ago, never ever could find drugs except for barley. – *Bluelight* forum, 11th July **2013**

barlinnie

noun

a Mini car [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Barlinnie, a prison in the north-east of Glasgow.

• How many folk can ye actually squeeze in tae yer barlinnie? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

barmaid's blush

noun

in poker, a flush [AUSTRALIA]

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

• – A. Delbridge et al., *MD*, **1991**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

• – V. Battersby, *Australian Language and Culture*, p.118, **2007**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Barnaby Rudge; barnaby

noun

1 a judge [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Barnaby Rudge*, an 1841 novel by Charles Dickens and its eponymous hero. In Australian English, recorded in use among solicitors.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• The Barnaby Rudge gave me a carpet bag. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.135, **1977**

• – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 'Solicitors: A Language All Their Own', 29th May **1994**

• I was the Kingpin, I made the rules, I was Copper and jury and Barnaby and, when occasion demanded, I was Finisher of the Law. – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.158 [1999], **1998**

• Of course, when the Barnaby Rudge (judge) sent Mr Aitken to his flowery dell (cell) after the erstwhile minister had asked his Dustbin Lid (kid) and Duchess of Fife (wife) to tell Porky Pies (lies) for him – his Rightwing China Plates (mates) worried he might have trouble fitting in. – *Evening Standard*, London, 24th December **1999**

• I'm up in front of the Barnaby tomorrow morning. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Before his feet could touch the ground Fred was in the *brighton* in front of a *barnaby*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

· Criminals' vocabularies widen considerably when they reach court. They stand in the **Brighton** (Rock – dock), and listen to the **garden** (gate – magistrate) or **Barnaby Rudge** (judge)[.] – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.136, **2012**

2 a photograph [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *smudge*. Photographers' use.

· The water's so high on the Ancient Highway to Restharow Scrape, I couldn't make a Barnaby Rudge for your delectation, so I thought I'd write an ode instead. [...] There was a little egret lurking, but he wouldn't show too much of himself to get a reasonable Barnaby. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 11th February and 13th May **2014**

Barnaby Rudge; barnaby

verb

to photograph [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *smudge*. Functionally shifted from the noun form. Photographers' use.

· Here's one little tinker that I was lucky to Barnaby through the dim visibility. [...] Had an interesting discussion with photographer Steve Ray about the Lesser Black-Backed Gull we'd both Barnaby Rudget the day before on the scrape. [...] Hence a Fat Boy of Peckham luncheon but no wuzzoes Barnabied. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 11th February, 29th March and 26th May **2014**

barnaby rudgering

noun

photographing [UK]

From a blend of the verb BARNABY RUDGE and the noun *smudger* 'a photographer'.

· Of course I did get a bit of wuzzoe watching in as well as a tad of Barnaby Rudgering. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 5th June **2014**

Barnacle Bills; barnacles

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pills*. < 'Barnacle Bill the Sailor', also known as 'Bollocky Bill the Sailor', a bawdy rugby song and its eponymous hero.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Anyone been grabbed by the Barnacle Bills lately? – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th March **2001**

· I turn on my heel and begin to run as he shouts, "Me barnacle bills!" I have no idea what he means by that, but whatever it is that he's talking about, he doesn't sound too happy. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 29th January **2004**

· In the current climate, a boot in the barnacles is never too far away and those at the head of the house are seldom slow to deliver the blow. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd March **2004**

· Ye take that back afore I gi' ye a kick in the barnacles! – *BoardGameGeek* forum, 28th October **2011**

-barneted; -barnet'd

adjective

used as a substitute for *-haired* [UK]

Based on *barnet*, the short version of BARNET FAIR.

· As the *Daily Mirror* later commented, next to a picture of the shaven-headed Repka confronting the peroxide-barneted James, 'Hammers are putting up a fight – the trouble is it's with each other'. – P. May, *Hammers in the Heart*, [2013], **2005**

· Who is this bleach barnet'd bargain hunt who calls himself the fucking Shadow Minister for Education? – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

· With the reluctant help of scruffy fellow 'jumper' Jamie Bell, Christensen eludes the pursuing Paladins (don't ask) lead by blond-barneted baddie Samuel Jackson. – *www.timeout.com*, 15th February **2008**

Barnet Fair; Barnett Fair; Barney Fair; Bonney Fair;

Bonnie Fair; Bonny Fair; barnet; barnett

noun

1 hair; the hair [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/IRELAND]

< Barnet Fair, a horse fair held annually in Barnet, north London. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *Barnet Fair* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *Barnett Fair* (UK), *Barney Fair* (Australia, US), *Bonny Fair* (US), *Bonney Fair* (UK, US), *Bonnie Fair* (US), *barnet* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *barnett* (UK). The word is particularly common in British and Irish English, where it almost invariably occurs as *barnet*. Hence the British phrase *keep your barnet on* 'stay calm', the direct equivalent of *keep your hair on*. ► see ALF GARNETT, BARNEY and NETHER BARNET

· BARNET-FAIR, *n.* Hair. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· BARNET FAIR, hair. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Come, cows and kisses, put the battle of the Nile on your Barnet Fair, and a rogue and villain in your skyrocket[.] – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], 'Thieves' Slang', 8th February **1883**

· Next morning I brushed up my Barnet Fair[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· "Barnet Fair" is a suitable variant for "hair," and even now "daisy roots" or "daisies" is current in thieves' slang for "boots." – *The Gentleman's Magazine*, London, October **1896**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Barnet (Barnet Fair), hair. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, England, 28th July **1900**

· He had had his Barnet cut since I last saw him, and his loaf looked smaller. – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· **BARNEY FAIR**–Hair. – G.H. Lawson, *DAWT*, ca **1924**

· The bonny fair, that's your hair. – D. Ryan, *Angel's Flight*, p.20, **1927**

· I'm heelin' down to the Sidney Harbour's for an ocean wave and a work-out on the bonny fair. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, **1928**

· Ay, but it carn't be a bloody man, 'cause look 'ow long 'is bloody Barnet is. – M. Harrison, *Weep for Lycidas*, p.229, **1934**

· Hair–barney fair. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Bonny fair**, hair (onnybay airfay). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· **BONNY FAIR**. Hair. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· I simply adore your Jem Mace (face), your neat little I suppose (nose), and your blonde Barnet Fair (hair). – *The Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania, 22nd November **1947**

· 'Watch the bristols!' I echo, soaking my boat, scrubbing it with a towel and combing the barnet. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.60, **1962**

· My skipper (aircraft captain) knows it, so does that navigator with the ginger Barnet[.] – J. Hayward, *Wod-dee*, p.99, **1973**

· Dry yer Barnet on that. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.163, **1976**

· **BARNEY FAIR: HAIR** [...]. **BONNY FAIR: HAIR**. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· The pop charts were closely linked with your man aldiss and brunitec and stablond barnet potions and reflected sheet music sales. – I. Dury, *Razors Out*, p.23, **1981**

· **Bonnie Fair** – [**Prison: Aryan Brotherhood**] Hair. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· **BONNIE FAIR** ... (Aryan Brotherhood) ... Hair. – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· "Bonny fair" was hair. – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

· Have another Vera Lynn, switch off the Lisa Minelli, comb yer Bonney Fair, put yer Edward Heaths in a mug and get some Bo Peep[.] – *ActiveBass* forum, 14th October **2005**

· **Barnet, Barnet fair** Hair. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· Bonney Fair: Hair. – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

· Alright calm down, keep your barnet on! – *twitter.com*, 25th February **2011**

· My bonney fair had turned white over night[.] – E.D. Lough, *Baritones*, p.47, **2012**

· Bald is great – no bad hair days and low maintenance – no worrying about the Barnet Fair being blown about on a windy day or getting it wet. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 28th August **2012**

· Ok Reg, keep your barnet on! Think what you like, I can still call a hypocrite a hypocrite though. – *www.watfordobserver.co.uk*, 11th September **2012**

· She may look the part with her long blonde hair, model looks and figure, but Claudine has a brain under her barnet with a double first in Economics and Finance from UCD. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 26th November **2012**

· [Y]ou really think im gonna crop my barnett fair!!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 17th March **2013**

· If you like sitting down, getting your barnet cut with purple pooches at your feet, [...] this is the place for your next chop. – *www.rayv.com.au*, accessed 22nd March **2014**

· However you dry or style your Bonney Fair, a little spritz of this and you're lid will be lightly conditioned[.] – *www.emilyshaw.co.uk*, blog, 11th November **2015**

2 the head, especially as a source of intelligence and common sense [UK]

From the previous sense. Always shortened to *barnet* or *barnett*. Generally in the phrase *use one's barnet* 'to use one's common sense, to think sensibly and intelligently'.

· My barnett–My head. – *Variety* magazine, 'English Underworld Slang', 8th April **1931**

· Don't Scapa–Use Your Barnet! – *Derby Evening Telegraph*, 30th May **1947**

· So far I've planned out a Godfather storyline, but I'm having to use my barnet to adapt it into an interesting wrestling scenario. – *Grey Dog Software* forum, 12th April **2007**

· I Think it's do-able if Coleman uses his barnet and just plays him in the more competitive of games and not for meaningless friendlies. – *Cardiff City Football Forum*, 11th August **2013**

· [A]ye don't worry yourself with that me ol mucker, just use yer barnet and keep schtum. – *4plebs* forum, 6th May **2015**

barney

noun

the head; hence, one's mind [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Used in the phrase *bother one's barney* 'to take the trouble to do something; to feel concern about or interest in something'. Generally in negative constructions, especially as *not bother your barney*. Probably < *barney*, an alteration of *barnet*, the short form of **BARNET FAIR**, the meaning of 'mind' being arrived at metonymically ('hair' > 'head' > 'mind'). ▶ *see also* **BARNEY MCGREW**, **BARNEY RUBBLE** and **BARN OWL**

· Another way of saying 'Don't bother going to the trouble' runs 'Don't bother your Barney.' – J. Pepper, *What a Thing*, p.29, **1977**

· Don't bother your barney doin it! – L. Todd, *WA*, **1990**

· – C. Macafee, *CUD*, **1996**

· Why indeed in this new ethos should anyone bother their barney with students and teaching? – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 28th June **2005**

· That's if you bother your barney telling them, or if they bother their barney noticing. – *WeddingsOnline.ie* forum, 29th July **2011**

barney
adjective

(of a measure of spirits) double [UK]

< Barney Rubble, a character created by Hanna-Barbera in the TV cartoon series *The Flintstones* (1960–66).

· I'll have a Barney Bacardi and Coke[.] – *autonomy.com*, '18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley' by Ben Stafford, 8th February **2012**

barney
verb

in snooker, a stroke in which a ball is deliberately bounced on one or more of the table's cushions [UK]

Rhymes on *double*. < Barney Rubble, a character created by Hanna-Barbera in the TV cartoon series *The Flintstones* (1960–66)

· I'm gonna Barney the eight ball into the middle pocket. – *autonomy.com*, '18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley' by Ben Stafford, 8th February **2012**

barney
adverb

double [UK]

< Barney Rubble, a character created by Hanna-Barbera in the TV cartoon series *The Flintstones* (1960–66).

· 'Score barney.' 'Rubble. Double!' – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· Either I'm really seeing 'Barney' or there's two blinkin' balls in this hole. – *autonomy.com*, '18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley' by Ben Stafford, 8th February **2012**

barney brack
noun

dismissal from employment [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the sack*. < *barney brack* (or *barm brack*) 'a sort of fruitcake that is traditionally eaten in Ireland at Halloween'.

· In Dublin rhyming slang, Tosh has suffered the oul' 'barney brack' four times in 29 years, so he's under no illusions about the hot seat. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 24th March **2007**

· How Two Wannabe Apprentices Who Got the Barney Brack from Bill Cullen Also Lost Their Jobs in the Real World. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 20th December **2009**

· Maybe you will be happy with the yes man the yanks would appoint if our manager does get the barney brack! – *IrishKop* forum, 15th March **2010**

barney brack
verb

to dismiss from employment [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *sack*. < *barney brack* (or *barm brack*) 'a sort of fruitcake that is traditionally eaten in Ireland at Halloween'.

· Bill said: "I won't be shouting 'You're fired'. I think there's better ways. Fired is a very American term – what we say down here is hit the road, close the door after you, you're Barney Bracked which is slang for you're sacked, or worse still you're Donald Ducked.["] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th June **2008**

· Matt Cooper on Tuesday's *The Last Word* (Today FM, weekdays) asked Cullen if he was too nice to say, "You're fired!" Cullen said, "I might say you're barney bracked!" Is he tough enough? – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 14th June **2008**

· If you ask my opinion, the editor should be "barney bracked"! – *www.wiredwithwhelan.com*, 5th February **2010**

Barney Dillon; Barney Dillin
noun

1 a shilling [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *shilling* as *shillin'*. *Barney Dillon* is common in all three locations of use. *Bob Dillin* is only recorded in Northern Ireland.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *The Daily Telegraph*, 8th March **1935**

· So I said to the trouble and strife that I had a few barney dillons in me dean's grange[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, **1966**

· – M. Munro, *CPI*, p.199, **1996**

· A BARNEY DILLON THAT WAS A SHILLING[.] – *Belfast Forum*, 10th February **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· Barney Dillin: A one shilling coin. – *www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/voices/atilazed*, **2007–2011**

· [S]hilling, a barney dillin, half crown, 2 and a kick, half-penny, a moke, or a make. – *Belfast Forum*, 3rd September **2010**

2 a child [UK: SCOTLAND]

A metaphorical extension of sense 1. Based on the notion that a shilling is small yet precious.

· That's what Ah caw the weans [= children], "Come oan, ma Barney Dillon, ma wee shillin." – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.62, **1994**

Barney Fair
noun

▶ see BARNET FAIR

Barney McGrew; barney
noun

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poop*. < Barney McGrew, a fireman in the children's TV series *Trumpton*, first broadcast on the BBC in 1967. The rhyme is intensified by the preceding names in the regular roll call of characters: 'Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, Grub'.

· If you were in need of a toilet, you needed a 'Barney', as in 'Barney McGrew' of Trumpton fame. "Pull over here,

i need a barney.” – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 25th January **2003**

· I’m Just going for a Barney! – *PistonHeads* forum, 2nd August **2003**

② an act of sexual intercourse [UK]
Rhymes on *screw*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Barney McGuire; Barney Maguire; Barney McQuire

noun

a fire [AUSTRALIA]

· “Yes,” we agreed, “we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, ‘Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I’ll get a false alarm of rickety-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.’” – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**

· I have tossed my cherry ripe into the Barney McGuire[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Barney Marlin

noun

used as a term of endearment or casual address [UK]

Rhymes on *darlin’*. Formed as a variation of BRINY MARLIN.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – Maybe you’ve become too “London” – That’s entirely possible Barney Marlin. I am a bit southernified. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2014**

· [T]ell him ‘orite barney marlin, cant wait to see your boat me old china lets have a coupla kitchen sinks’. – *twitter.com*, 4th March **2015**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

Barney Moke

noun

① a wallet [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*. Criminal slang.

· – V. Davis, *Phenomena in Crime*, p.254, **1941**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

② an act of poking [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

③ an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Barney Moke

verb

① to poke [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

② (of a man) to have sexual intercourse with [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

Barney Rubble; barney

noun

① trouble [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Probably suggested by *barney* ‘an angry argument’. < Barney Rubble, a character created by Hanna-Barbera in the TV cartoon series *The Flintstones*, originally broadcast from 1960 to 1966. Re-runs of the series, TV specials, two Hollywood films, etc. have ensured its continuing cultural impact.

· So unless we intend to do this job in Reno, we’re in barney. Barney Rubble! Trouble! – *Ocean’s Eleven*, US film, script by Ted Griffin, **2001**

· Me old **cheerful giver** is giving me a bit of **Barney Rubble**[.] – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

· – M. McCrindle, *Word Up*, p.80, **2007**

· Ugh, I’m in so much Barney. – *The Escapist* forum, 24th September **2009**

· Would you Adam and Eve it? The future of cockney rhyming slang is in deep Barney Rubble. – *Metro*, London, 29th March **2012**

· [Y]ou could be making a Jaffa Cake (*Mistake*) and get yourself into a bit of Barney Rubble (*Trouble*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

· Aw um in serious Barney Rubble inra wurk byaway. – D. Nairn, *Glaswegian Patter Book*, **2013**

· Hope I don’t chris mew or I might be in a bit of Barney rubble off the cheese n kisses!! – *www.facebook.com*, 18th January **2015**

· [T]here’s a lot of Barney Rubble for the Carters this week. – *The People*, London, 12th June **2016**

② a double measure of spirits [UK]

Only recorded in the short form.

· Here’s your scotch. You sure you didn’t want a barney? – *www.phrases.org.uk*, 26th March **2002**

③ the double (of a figure or amount) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· The Barney Rubble of a cockle is a score[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

④ in scaffolding, a metal clamp used for joining horizontal tubes to upright tubes at right angles [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *double*, an elliptical form of *double coupler*.

· Off a Manchester building site (scaffolders) [...] Barney Rubbles = Doubles. – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

· Again the young team have their mandy dingles and barney rubbles[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th April **2012**

· Barney – as in Rubble slang for double. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 7th November **2012**

⑤ a fish that weighs over ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *double*. Angling slang.

· The first half of the week saw me achieve a personal ambition, in the shape of a ‘barney’ barbel from the Thames. [...] As soon as I saw it, I knew it was ‘the one’ (I suppose wives are similar, even if barbel are much

cheaper) and when I weighed it in the net it scaled round to 12lb. The net on its own weighed 1lb, so bingo, there was Bertie the Barney. – *www.1skysports.com*, 2nd November **2007**

· Can't beat a bit of free fishing, especially when the fishing can produce a monster. Very popular venue in St Austell and holds up to possibly 20 barney rubbles. – *www.fishingmatch.net*, July **2014**

6 in golf, a score of two strokes over par on a single hole [UK]

Rhymes on *double*, an ellipsis of *double bogey*. Only recorded in the full form.

· barney rubble is (rhyming cockney slang) that's what we call a double bogey, it's better than a raspberry ripple (triple). – *twitter.com*, 4th September **2009**

7 a laugh [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *bubble*, an elliptical form of BUBBLE BATH. Used in the phrase *you're having a Barney Rubble* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting. Only recorded in the full form.

· – One of the best strikers the PL has seen. – You're having a Barney Rubble. – *Liquid Football* forum, 11th September **2009**

· Modarators having a barney rubble that's funny. – *Unreal Engine* forum, 5th May **2015**

8 in dominoes, a tile with the same number of pips on each half [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *double*.

· A double of any of the above is a Barney (Rubble). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

9 a double shift (as a working pattern) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Barney Rubble is a double shift. – *twitter.com*, 26th March **2011**

· – you are starting to sound like a grumpy old man today. – waddaya mean starting? I'm on a Barney Rubble. – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2013**

10 a Greek [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *bubble*, an elliptical form of BUBBLE AND SQUEAK. The plural of the shortened form is sometimes spelt *barnies*.

· – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

· Greek aka Barnies. – *twitter.com*, 13th December **2013**

barneys

noun

a game of doubles, especially in pool [UK]

From a shortening of BARNEY RUBBLE.

· I've got the next pool game – dya fancy playing barneys? – *www.phrases.org.uk*, 26th March **2002**

barn owl; barney; barny

noun

1 a row, an acrimonious quarrel or stormy dispute [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Probably an elaboration of the colloquialism *barney*. Always used in full.

· 'ad a right barn owl with the missus last night. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

2 in the building trade, a trowel [UK]

A perfect rhyme for many British speakers.

· We've got a few in work[:] a hammer is a Franz (Klammer), trowel's a barny (barn owl)[.] – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 22nd June **2012**

bar of soap; bars of soap

noun

1 an illicit drug; narcotics; sometimes specifically cannabis (in Britain) or heroin (in the United States) [UK/US]

Rhymes on *dope*. Not to be confused with *soap bar*, which is British slang for a type of low-quality hashish.

· "And, anyhow, cargo of what, William?" "Bars o' soap," 'Big Bill' answered tersely, then added explanatorily, though quite unnecessarily: "Dope." – J.G. Brandon, *Gang War!*, p.200, **1940**

· *bars of soap*. Drugs. – H.J. Anslinger and W.F. Tompkins, *Traffic*, p.305, **1953**

· **bar(s) of soap** *Dope*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· *Dope bars of soap*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· **bar of soap** cannabis (slang *dope*). – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Bar of soap – dope, cannabis. – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· Cannabis [...] Bob Hope or Bar of Soap. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

2 a stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *dope*. Recorded in the form *bar of soap*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a rope [UK]

· If you've got a bar of soap I'll give you a tow. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 the Pope [UK]

Recorded in the form *bar of soap*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Barossa Pearl; Barrosa Pearl; Borossa Pearl; barossa; borossa

noun

a girl or young woman [AUSTRALIA]

< Barossa Pearl, an Australian brand of sparkling wine produced from the 1950s to the 1970s.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – B. Hornadge, *The Australian Slangage*, p.197, **1980**

· Meantime, a little girl falls prey to rhyming slang in the phrase **Barossa pearl**. [...] As is their habit, the Aussies will clip the slang phrase and **barossa** alone becomes synonymous with girl. – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.55, **1988**

· Borossa Pearl – girl (met a fine borossa at the pub). – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· ‘A Barossa’ used to refer to a sweet wine called ‘Barossa Pearl’, and is archaic rhyming slang for a girl. – *www.websterworld.com*, **2006**

· Who remembers when a Barrosa Pearl was a Girl? – *www.facebook.com*, 20th May **2014**

barrel of fat; barrel

noun

a hat [AUSTRALIA]

Sometimes as *old barrel of fat*.

· Look out you don’t lose your old barrel of fat[.] – C.E.W. Bean, *On the Wool Track*, p.163, **1910**

· A hat is sometimes designated “barrel of fat,” or just “barrel.” – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· His barrel-of-fat blew away, and while he chased it along the field-of-wheat he fell on his knees and tore his round-the-houses. – *The Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th January **1935**

· Barrel of fat ... Hat. – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**

· In the course of dressing, he dons his “almond rocks,” “dicky-dirt,” “bag of fruit,” “evening news,” among other items of clothing, then clamps his “barrel of fat” firmly on his “Uncle Fred” and sets out for work. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· So I threw off my barrel of fat, dicky dirt, rammy rousers and daisy roots[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

barrer moke

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*. < *barrer moke*, a colloquial pronunciation of *barrow moke* ‘a donkey that pulls a costermonger’s barrow’.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, **1973**

Barrier Reef; barriers

noun

the teeth [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme in some varieties of Australian English. < *Barrier Reef*, a popular reference to the Great Barrier Reef, a coral reef in the Coral Sea, off the northeast coast of Australia. The short form is given by Spilsted (1997).

· [S]he smiled showing a couple of Barrier reef missing from between her painted penny dips. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

Barrosa Pearl

noun

▶ see BAROSSA PEARL

Barr’s Irn-Bru; barrs

noun

a clue [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Irn-Bru, the brand name of a popular fruit-flavoured soft drink manufactured by A. G. Barr plc.

· I didn’t have a Barrs Irn Bru what he was on about. – *Jolt* forum, 18th January **2002**

· The one I heard this morning was – I haven’t got a Barrs (Barr’s Irn Bru – Clue)[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 29th April **2002**

· The people in charge of these organisations haven’t got a Barr’s Irn-bru. – *www.dunfermlinepress.com*, 9th January **2011**

Barry Beath

noun

the teeth [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Barry Beath (b.1944).

· [H]ows your barry beef[?] – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May **2005**

· Schifcofske, the toughest name for hacks to spell since Souths legend Zbignien “Ziggy” Niszczot, is making a habit of getting his boys home by the finest strands of tartar on their Barry Beath. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 6th April **2006**

· Got my Barry Beath checked last month. – *Wollongong*, NSW, spoken, male, 21, December **2006**

· [J]eez I love your Barry Beeth I’ve got a toothbrush (broom) if you want to give em a tidy up. – *Seabreeze* forum, 10th November **2009**

· – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

· [T]hat botox must be good stuff not so sure about his “barry beath” though. – *Race Cafe* forum, 17th June **2011**

· The second anecdote concerns a woman whom the players nicknamed ‘Barry Beath’, as rhyming slang for her teeth, which were badly decayed. – D. Waterhouse-Watson, *Athletes*, p.38, **2013**

Barry Bianco

noun

an act of defecating [UK: SCOTLAND]

A variation of BARRY WHITE. Formed by replacing the second element of the expression by its Italian equivalent.

· [W]hen he is heading to the latrine it is now a “Barry Bianco”. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

Barry Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Probably < Jamaican reggae singer Barry Brown (ca 1962–2004).

Also used in the phrase *hit the Barry Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

· Up the Barry broon. – *twitter.com*, 21st November **2015**

· [T]ime you hitting the Barry broon?? – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2015**

Barry Brown*verb*

to frown [UK]

Probably < Jamaican reggae singer Barry Brown (ca 1962–2004).

· Stop Barry Brownin'. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th May 2006· – I. Hall, *RCDDBS*, 2016**Barry Cable***noun*

a table [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer and coach Barry Cable (b.1943).

· [J]ust stick your greg deer on the barry cable. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004· Household items. Barry Cable (table), dog and bone (phone), Gary Ablett (tablet), Johnny Raper (paper). – *www.donteverlookback.com*, blog, 20th October 2010· Put the Yul Brynner on the Barry Cable[.] – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May 2016**Barry Crocker; Bazza Crocker; Bazz Crocker; barry; bazza; bazz***noun*

a person or thing that is shockingly bad or offensive; hence, a very bad day, a terrible mistake, a shockingly poor performance or event [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *shocker*. < Australian singer and actor Barry Crocker (b.1935). Often used in the phrases *have a Barry Crocker* and *do a Barry Crocker*, in both of which the form *Barry Crocker* alternates with the other variants. ▶ see BETTY CROCKER· The only thing that worries me is the refereeing. I mean ... what about that McCallum, Ray? Mate, did he have a Barry Crocker in the final or what? – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 20th September 1994· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997· I had a barry of a day. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000· I've had a real Barry – nothing went right. – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 2nd January 2003· What I was pissed with was my fielding – had a Barry Crocker. – *cricket.courtesy.co.nz*, 25th August 2003· Those ratbags in Canberra won't get stuck in, they're a bunch of Barry Crockers. – *The Guardian*, London, 14th July 2005· Women are Charlie's – Charlie Wheeler, Sheila – and, if you make a hash of talking to one, you are said to be having a bit of a Barry – Barry Crocker, shocker. – *The Observer*, London, 19th November 2006· What a Bazz Crocker of a decision that was. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 16th June 2007· Barry/Bazza (Barry/Bazza Crocker) – shocker[.] – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009· He caught the go ahead touchdown in SB42 before the defense did a Barry Crocker. – *PatsFans.com* forum, 12th January 2010· I found it a bit of a shocker, a Barry Crocker, to hear recently the banks may phase out chequebooks in a year or two. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 26th July 2011· Aussie were poor, very poor, yet they were still within striking distance all of the way. Beale had a Bazza Crocker, big ironic cheer from the Aussie crowd when he finally caught one[.] – *Sportsfreak.co.nz* forum, 21st August 2012· I am having a Barry/Baz (as in Barry Crocker ... a shocker – ie: a bad run of luck, or just not alert & on the ball). – *macquariedictionary.com.au*, 'Australian Word Map', accessed 25th December 2013· [O]ur last game before the end of the season was a Barry Crocker, we lost by fifty points. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015**Barry Lang***noun*

slang; rhyming slang; sometimes specifically Irish slang or Irish rhyming slang [IRELAND]

Synonymous with BEN LANG and JOE LANG.

· If you were Malahide to the Barry Lang, see, you'd have no problems being wide to such slang. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th August 1996**Barry McGuigan; barry; bazza***noun*

1 something or someone big in size or importance; a large piece of excrement; a large-framed or overweight person [UK]

Rhymes on *big 'un*, a colloquial rendering of *big one*. < Irish-born champion boxer Barry McGuigan (b.1960).Recorded in the forms *Barry McGuigan* and *barry*.· When asked which of the remaining three loaves he wanted a customer replied, 'the Barry McGuigan'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· Francis Rossi says he has just spotted a Barry walking out of the Ilie. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February 1999· I wouldn't go in there if I was you, I've just done a Barry. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003· Barry. A big woman (Barry McGuigan=big 'un). – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.XI, 2004· – One month till the big one! – the Barry McGuigan! You got it all off work? Everyone coming now other than grat. – *twitter.com*, 22nd July 2013

2 the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *the jiggin*. Only recorded in the full form.· Are you headin' up the Barry McGuigan? – *Erutufon* forum, 29th October 2003· Mah best pal wiz crazy aboot hur best pal an' they hud a long standin thing gaun. If they met at the Barry McGuigan, they wid try tae lumber thur respective mates wi' each ither. – *Pat's Guide to Glasgow West End* forum, 26th October 2009· Anybody going to the Kai Johansen tonight? Sometimes known as the Barry McGuigan or the Alan Hansen. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June 2011

3 ■ **give it the Barry McGuigan; give it the Barry;**

give it the bazza to behave in an outlandish, outrageous or otherwise excessive way; to act in a vigorously confrontational or confident manner [UK]

Rhymes on *the big 'un*, used in the phrase *give it the big 'un*.

· [Y]ou'll be the proper Rob Roy innit givin it the Barry down the awld rub-a-dub. – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 2nd October **2006**

· He's keeps giving it the Barry McGuigan with 'I say let people eat what they like... Why shouldn't they push pies through the railings?'.] – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, Google Groups, 15th October **2006**

· I noticed some god giving it the Barry McGuigan (big 'un) through a water splash. – *Visordown* forum, 1st November **2006**

· giving it the Barry McGuigan/bazza = giving it the big un = acting hard. – *The Ax Forum*, 21st February **2007**

· Giving it the Barry[.] – *Charton Life* forum, 19th June **2007**

· The number of Nouse journalists who stated most people are “off their bonk and giving it the Barry” during Freshers' Week. – *www.nouse.co.uk*, 13th October **2010**

· [D]on't wanna give it the Barry mcguigan cos he knows where that leads... – *twitter.com*, 15th December **2010**

· Stupid girl, I merely laughed at a joke and she wants to give it the Barry mcguigan. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2014**

· If someone tells you to 'stop giving it **the Barry**', they mean for you to stop acting so flash or cocky[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.268, **2015**

Barry Sheenes

noun

jeans [UK]

< English motorcycle racer Barry Sheene (1950–2003).

· Spread your cash around various pockets, then if you get dipped, you wont lose the lot, also stick a copy of the Yellow Pages down the back of ya' Barry Sheenes (Jeans), and a cheap umbrella[.] – *Bluemoon* forum, 18th October **2011**

Barry White; Barry

noun

■ excrement; an act of defecating [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < American soul singer Barry White (1944–2003). Hence SEE BARRY WHITE. In New Zealand English, only recorded in the full form. ▶ *see also* BARRY BIANCO

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Just nipping out for a Barry! – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· I've a mate who insists Cockney Rhyming slang is popular in Drogheda [...] Here's some he uses: Going for a Barry = Going for a Barry White = Going for a shite. – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

· “I need a Barry White.” Vinny ran towards the door marked TOILET as he heard giggles from the table. – D. Lavin, *Bangkok*, p.216, **2006**

· I hit the basement for a Barry, then had a quick dickie and a chaz. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· ‘I need a Barry White.’ ‘No fucking way, Raymie. You'll need to hold it in.’ – D. Moore, *Old Dogs*, p.133, **2010**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· [H]e's gone off for a Barry White... – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th August **2015**

2 a fright [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· Crikey, that Blair Witch Project gave me a right old Barry! – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

· [L]egendary tubby soul singer Barry White's name means “fright”. – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

3 something inferior or worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. In New Zealand English, only recorded in the full form.

· Either I was adopted and no-one told me or the Science magazine findings are a load of Barry White. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 10th March **2001**

· It's a load of old Barry white, and anyone who says any different is a pedal and cranker. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

· I've now watched both Twilight movies with my daughter and thought they were both a load of Barry White. – *Cheap Trick* forum, 28th April **2010**

· ‘What did you think of the live music?’ ‘Barry White.’ – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December **2011**

· This opening is a load of Barry. – *ChessPub Forum*, 31st May **2012**

· [H]e buys a load then publishes a load of Barry White of his cruddy little page that has no more information on it than this board and sells on the spike. – *www.lse.co.uk*, 30th January **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Barry White

adjective

right, correct [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < American soul singer Barry White (1944–2003).

· I fink you might be Barry White. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

Barry White

exclamation

used as an expression of anger, frustration or disgust [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < American soul singer Barry White (1944–2003).

· Ohl Barry White, I've forgotten me Mushy Peas. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *Mushy Peas*, 14th November **2002**

Barry White hole*noun*

an unpleasant place [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *shithole*, formed by blending this word with BARRY WHITE.

- No ones louder than the cock n eye, especially the one who thinks London's brilliant (when everyone else knows it's a Barry White hole).] – *TruckNet UK* forum, 17th September **2011**
- 1.5 million of my countrymen choose to live in Greater Glasgow. Doesn't make the place any less of a Barry White-hole. – *World of Tanks* forum, 21st October **2014**

barry whiter*noun*

an event or task that continues for the whole night, especially a drinking spree or a rave [UK]

Rhymes on *all-nighter*. < American soul singer Barry White (1944–2003).

- – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: *Writers' News*, Leeds, **2003**
- [H]ow many barry-whiters will you be pulling next year? – *Archinect* forum, 6th September **2005**
- Failing to find myself available to attend any of them, a Barry Whiter** in Ross was my last hope. – *boardgamegeek.com*, blog, 30th April **2011**
- I actually pulled an all-nighter and an all-dayer back-to-back (a Barry Whiter and a Leo Sayer respectively). – *www.bugbitten.com*, blog, 12th May **2012**

Barry Whites; barrys*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shites*. < American soul singer Barry White (1944–2003).

- The evening was slightly ruined when I got home by an unexpected occurrence of the Barrys[.] – *sparkymalarkey.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th February **2007**
- [T]he fact i get a dose of the barry whites everytime i eat chilli. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 4th July **2009**
- Avoiding any food that's likely to give you the 'Barry Whites' is another important factor[.] – *Myprotein* forum, 13th May **2013**
- [H]ahahah yi got the Barry Whites like Ford? – *twitter.com*, 2nd May **2014**

bars of soap*noun*

▶ see BAR OF SOAP

Bartley Hunt; Bartlet Hunt*noun*

1 the vagina [US]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

2 a woman regarded as an object of sexual gratification [US]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Recorded with the spelling *Bartly Hunt*.

- “What do they call a lady then?” I thought for a second and answered sweetly, “A smart Bartly Hunt, or a warm Storm and Strife, or a stacked Twist and Twirl.” – M. Blanco, *The Dream Smugglers*, p.144, **2007**

Barton Docks; bartons*noun*

socks [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Barton Dock, an abbreviation of Barton Dock Road on the south-western outskirts of Manchester in the north-west of England.

- Examples of Manc Rhyming Slang: Bartons = socks (derived from Barton Docks) Claires = trainers (derived from Claire Rayners) Newtons = teeth (derived from Newton Heath) Whalley = change/loose change (derived from Whalley Range). – *Bluemoon* forum, 14th September **2012**

Basement*noun*

a toilet [IRELAND]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *jacks*, an Irish slang word for a lavatory, and *Jaxx*. < English dance music duo Basement Jaxx, made up of Felix Buxton (b.1971) and Simon Ratcliffe (b.1969).
- I hit the basement for a barry, then had a quick dickie and a chaz. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

Basement Jaxx*noun*

1 ■ **make Basement Jaxx** to go or run away [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tracks*, used in the slang phrase *make tracks*. < English dance music duo Basement Jaxx, made up of Felix Buxton (b.1971) and Simon Ratcliffe (b.1969).

- I'll be making Basement Jaxx now. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th October **2002**
- Time to make Basement Jaxx (Tracks), methinks. – *bruceandmandyflaps.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th March **2003**
- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
- – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**
- Well I should be making Basement Jaxx (I actually can't stop) so see you me old mucker[.] – *whatcanpossiblygowrong.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th June **2012**
- 2 fax; a fax [UK]
- im just sendin a basement jaxx (fax) to someone. – *HarderFaster* forum, 15th August **2003**
- – *UKSaabs* forum, 24th October **2006**

Bash Street Kid; bash street*noun*

a Jew [UK]

- Rhymes on *Yid*. < The Bash Street Kids, a comic strip that has appeared in the British children's comic *The Beano* since 1954.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Basil*noun*

forty pounds sterling [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang relying on the pronunciation of *forty* as a homophone of near-homophone of *Fawlty*, a common feature of Cockney and London speech in general. < Basil Fawlty, the lead character in the classic BBC sitcom *Fawlty Towers* (1975–79).

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Basil Boli; basil*noun*

▶ see BASILE BOLI

Basil Brush; basil*noun*

genital thrush [UK]

< Basil Brush, a puppet fox created by Peter Firmin in 1962 for the children's TV show *The Three Scampies*; he later appeared in other shows before getting his own series, *The Basil Brush Show* (1968–80).

- – www.london slang.com, accessed 10th June **2000**

- I've got a bad case of Basil. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th November **2004**

- Touch of Basil (as in Brush) = suffering from thrush! – *GaGaJoyJoy* forum, 2nd December **2009**

- Its called basil brush in my house lol Nothing to be embarrassed about we've all had it. – *BabyCentre* forum, 11th January **2014**

Basildon Bond*adjective*

intoxicated by alcohol or drugs [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *bombed*. < Basildon Bond, a British brand of stationery developed in 1911; possibly via the name of a spoof secret agent character created by comedian Russ Abbot in the 1980s.

- – *Brass Eye*, UK TV: Channel 4, 5th February **1997**

- Ross' guide to Lancastrian and Mancunian words [...] barmy: crazy. basildon bond: completely bombed, wasted. bazzing: great. – *Planet Tolkien* forum, 14th March **2003**

Basile Boli; Basil Boli; basil*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *toley*. < French footballer Basile Boli (b.1967), who played for Glasgow Rangers in the 1994/95 season.

- I'm just nipping out for a Basil. – *h2g2* forum, 30th July **1999**

- Consequently the aroma of the Basil Boli (does that term meet with your tacit approval?) was akin to the gas chambers of Belsen. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 1st January **2011**

- [A]way to the dressing room for a Basile boli sir haha. – twitter.com, 21st January **2013**

- [A]way for a basil boli. – twitter.com, 19th April **2016**

Basil Fawlty; basil*noun*

balti; a balti meal [UK]

< Basil Fawlty, the lead character in the classic BBC sitcom *Fawlty Towers*, broadcast from 1975 to 1979.

- I'm going down the road for a quick Basil[.] – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

- – S. Dent, *The Language Report*, p.98, **2003**

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- Let's go for a ruby – how about that basil place near you? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

- I was late for the Basil Fawlty. – www.facebook.com, 20th March **2012**

- Fancy a Basil Fawlty tonight? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

basin*noun*

a short sleep [UK]

Probably a shortening of *Basin Street Blues*, rhyming on *snooze*. < 'Basin Street Blues', a jazz classic written by American pianist and composer Spencer Williams (1889–1965) in 1923.

- You bin to bye-bye all the time and you looked so nice in dreamland that I felt I'd have a basin and all myself just to see whether it was as good as it looked. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.166 [2008], **1938**

basin of gravy; basin*noun*

a baby [UK/US?]

Imperfect rhyming slang. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

- – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.29, **1979**

- A leaking, bawling, sleep reducing, time consuming, stress inducing, pocket emptying bundle of happiness. That's a 'basin'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- LIFE WITH A BASIN OF GRAVY Allison Pearson welcomes a book that reveals just what your baby will do to you. – *The Guardian*, London, 8th Jun **2002**

- I must stop now, for I'm expected for lunch by my "bricks and mortar" (daughter) and her "basin of gravy" (baby). – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd February **2003**

· I accept that it is probably too close to the birth of her **basin of gravy**, but it would be tops if she could come. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· Oi, guvnor! Come 'ere and 'ave a Captain Hook at me Basin of Gravy! – *www.heatworld.com*, 5th February **2015**

Basin Street Blues; basin streets

noun

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

< 'Basin Street Blues', a jazz classic written by American pianist and composer Spencer Williams (1889–1965) in 1923.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

basket

noun

a disagreeable or despicable person; a person of a specified kind [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

An imperfect slang rhyme on *bastard*.

· Go on, buzz off, you little basket! – *Sabotage*, UK film, script by Charles Bennett, **1936**

· Why do you talk like that? Why can't you say "all right", eh? All this American rot you talk, you silly young baskets! – R. Westerby, *Wide Boys Never Work*, p.23 [2008], **1937**

· What a silly basket he was! – P.H. Johnson, *Winter Quarters*, p.147 [1944], **1943**

· Don't worry – I'll tinned peach the little basket a lesson. – *The Bill*, UK TV: ITV, **1984**

· You lucky baskets! – *The Maynooth Newsletter*, June **1995**

· I have often thought that of Auckland and the silly baskets that choose to live there with their traffic gridlock. – *teamrc17.net*, 6th March **2006**

· – If the silly bastards can't think of anything interesting to say without being prompted by some inane 'topic', then it just aint worth it. – Beehive - beehave, I'm one of those silly baskets[.] – *Sudoku.com.au* forum, 27th August **2006**

· – Hope you carry deodorant. – Who, Chris 'cos he's sweaty or Al 'cos he's a fat basket. – *Alfa Romeo Forum*, 2nd November **2011**

· He'd swapped my arms not to punish me but to protect me! The clever old basket. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.68, **2016**

basmati rice; basmati

noun

a synthetic cannabinoid blend best known as *spice* [UK]

A variation of RICE used by prisoners and their suppliers. < *basmati* (rice) 'a variety of long-grain rice'.

· Yo, do you want some spice? / It's called basmati rice[.] – G. Mackay, 'Say No to Books', poem, *www.insidetime.org*, 3rd January **2015**

· "Someone had too much basmati." The word basmati, meaning a type of rice, is rhyming slang for Spice. – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 3rd April **2016**

Bass and Flinders

noun

windows [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *windows* as *winders*. < Bass and Flinders, English explorers George Bass (1771–1803) and Matthew Flinders (1774–1814), who in 1798 proved that Tasmania was an island, and not, as was then believed, a southern extremity of the Australian continent.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.18, **1983**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, **1999**

· – P. Peters, *Cambridge Guide*, p.700, **2007**

bass guitar

noun

in football, a crossbar [UK]

· More linguistic tales from Highbury where east London born Ray Parlour (right) is teaching the Gallic contingent rhyming slang. [...] Parlour told the Arsenal magazine: "Thierry's favourite at the moment is 'beans on toast' (post) and 'bass guitar' (bar)." – *Evening Standard*, London, 10th February **2003**

Bass Rock

noun

a cock [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Bass Rock, an island in the Firth of Forth, in the east of Scotland.

· A wiz up at 5.30 again cos o' that Bass Rock crowing fir Scotland again. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

bat and ball

noun

1 a wall [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Whatever you whispers in me shell-like it'll stay within these four bat and balls. – *The Fair Intellectual Club*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 17th November **2016**

2 a stall (in a market) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Bat and Ball

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Paul* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Lisburn, County Antrim*, spoken, male, 45, December **2009**

· – How did you come up with your username? – Registered here and couldn't think of a username. My first summer job after A-levels was for a commercial bakery. Paul = bat and ball = batsy? – *Overclockers UK* forum, 7th September **2011**

bat and ball

adjective

tall [UK]

- That lad is a bit Bat and Ball. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th September **2008**
- So you are very Bat and Ball. – *The East Dulwich Forum*, 9th March **2012**

bat and ball*verb*

1 to leave; to escape [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *stall*.

- He finished his pen and ink and decided to bat and ball back to his empty Timothy in the western suburbs. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, **1983**

· Bat and Ball. Escape. Rhyming slang for 'stall'. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

2 to stall (a vehicle or its engine) [AUSTRALIA]

· [Y]ou bat and ball your car. – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· I bat and balled the car. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bat and wicket; bat*noun*

a ticket [UK]

- He takes his 'bat and wicket,' has a chat with his brother 'bloaters' ('bloaters' – professional or pro), and gets into the 'Andie Caine'. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Bus conductor will say, 'Where's your bat and wicket?' – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· We would be as mystified as anyone if someone asked us to pass the 'army and navy' when they wanted gravy, or if a bus inspector asked to see our 'bat and wicket' rather than ticket. – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.128, **1987**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November **2001**

· Arriving in London in 1980, Paddy's brother who was a construction manager for a film studio took us out to Hatfield House where friends were working on The dark Crystal. There I ran into a very old pal, Harry Newman who was in charge of studio dressing. He handed me an envelope saying "that's your 'bat and wicket'" which is cockney rhyming slang for 'union ticket'. – *www.mag-netictimes.com.au*, 19th May **2003**

· I've got a bat for tonight's train. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I haven't bought a bat and wicket. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Bernard had a go at the driver then realized he didn't have the grey for a bat. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.148, **2011**

Bath bun*noun*

1 a son [UK]

< *Bath bun* 'a type of sweet bun originating in Bath, England'.

· I inquired after his bath bun, who, it seems, had been sent to Uncle[,] – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.64, **1973**

· I went up the apples wearing my new whistle and found my trouble and strife and my *bath-bun* having their Tommy Tucker. – S. Knight, *Rogano*, p.228, **1979**

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**

2 the sun [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.24, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· All this bleedin' rain. I've forgotten what the old *bath bun* looks like. – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990: *London*, spoken, street trader, **1988**

· When the Bath bun was high up in the sky, it became well peas, and Jonah's loaf was burning. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.61, **2001**

· Nice that the Bath bun's out today. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

bathroom tap; bathroom*noun*

a Japanese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Jap*. ► see BARFROOM TAP

· The place is full of Bathroom Taps. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th April **2004**

· There was a Japanese player on the subs bench. The crowd started to shout "Bring on the bathroom" "Bring on the bathroom". – *Udonmap* forum, 18th July **2008**

· '[I am not *Chi-nese*, I am *Jap-an-ese!* 'Oh right, yeah, bathroom-tap,' I says. – J. Joso, *Soothing Music*, p.146, **2009**

bathroom tiles*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.

· I've got a nasty case of the Bathroom Tiles. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th June **2008**

bathtub; bath*noun*

1 a pub [UK]

· Bath Tub is Cockney slang for Pub. "Jus goin dahn the Bath for a couple o' Pigs." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st January **2005**

· Away from the up and down, we can stop at a bath for a Dame Edna and a potter's. – *americasright.com*, 26th August **2006**

· **Bathtub**: a pub. – Bathroom Readers' Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

2 the mouth [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *gub*, the Ulster dialect form of *gob*. Only recorded in the full form.

• Shut your bathtub or I'll shut it for you! – *Belfast*, spoken, male, 30, 10th February **2010**

Batman and Robin

verb

throbbling [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *throbbin*. < Batman and Robin, comic book superheroes created by Bob Kane in 1939. Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

• “Ma Askit Pooders are Batman an’ Robin,” said the host. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th November **1997**

battering ram

noun

a tram (streetcar) [US]

• Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Tram, Battering Ram. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

battle and breeze; battle

noun

cheese [UK]

• To ask for cheese by saying “Pass me the battle” sounds fairly silly, till you understand that “and breeze” is cut out. – J.M. Glover, *Jimmy Glover*, p.230, **1911**

• These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] cheese (battle and breeze); mutton (Billy Button); soup (bowl the hoop); house (cat and mouse); my word (my dickey bird). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

battle and cruiser; battle

noun

► see BATTLE CRUISER

battle axe; battle

noun

betting tax [UK]

• In the days of betting tax, i heard it referred to as battle or bees, as in do you want to pay the battle/bees? Battle axe. Beeswax. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**

battle cruise

noun

alcoholic drink [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *booze*. A back-formation from BATTLE CRUISER.

• Cut down on the fights, the battle cruise and the class As and you might get rid of it. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.185, **2014**

battle cruiser; battle and cruiser; battleship and cruiser; battleship cruiser; battle; battleship

noun

a pub [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *boozer*. Of all six forms, *battle cruiser* is by far the most common. No other variant or variation has been recorded in Irish usage. ► see BELGRANO

• Wish I could take her round to one of our ‘battle cruisers’ (boozers) for a quiet ‘pen and ink’ (drink) in the ‘Johnnie Horner’ (corner). Then she’d hear “the old Cockney talk”–he meant rabbit–“all nice and natural.” – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 25th May **1947**

• So we went to the *battle cruiser* and he had a *Bay of Biscay* and I had a *pig’s ear*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**

• **battle (and) cruiser Boozer** (public house)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• battleship and cruiser[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: *This Week*, 10th March **1968**

• [A]nd I could go down to the battle cruiser for a roast joint anytime I wanted to. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, **1966**

• – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

• – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.29, **1979**

• You’re better off going to the King’s Head me old china, now that’s a blindin’ battle. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

• – D. Kenny, *Little Buke*, p.119, **2000**

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• **Southport**, another miserable day, but went for an arf in the battleship (battleship cruiser–boozer) next door which claims it’s the smallest pub in England. – *www.statusquo.co.uk*, 2nd December **2004**

• So there I am, roysh, just sort of, like, idly looking across the far side of the battle-cruiser[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.65, **2005**

• Are you coming down the battleship for a few Britneys me ol’china? – *Stephenmalkmus.com* forum, 6th June **2006**

• Battle Cruiser – Boozer (public house – apparently used in the film *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* – ‘Battle and Cruiser’ and ‘Battleship and Cruiser’ are other versions[.] – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 8th April **2008**

• They then hit the local battleship cruiser (boozer) for a couple of Nelson Mandelas (Stellas)[.] – *www.thinkalink.co.uk*, 8th November **2010**

• I think your mate was giving me eyes down the battle cruiser last night[.] – *liverpool.tab.co.uk*, 5th May **2013**

• I only drink during the day now, but I remember the nights in the old battle cruisers. – P. Turnbull, *In Vino Veritas*, **2015**

Battle of the Nile

noun

a hat [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tile*, an old slang synonym for *hat*. < Battle of the Nile, a battle fought between the British and

French fleets at Aboukir Bay at the mouth of the Nile from 1st to 3rd August 1798.

• – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

• Come, cows and kisses, put the battle of the Nile on your Barnet Fair, and a rogue and villain in your skyrocket[.] – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], ‘Thieves’ Slang’, 8th February 1883

• As for his togs you can’t beat him, from his battle of the Nile down to his daisy roots. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August 1911

• “Battle of the Nile” stands for “tile,” which is Tommy’s word for “hat,” and a “flag unhurled” has nothing whatever to do with banners, but conveys the notion of “a man of the world.” – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915

• We therefore offer a First Prize of ONE GUINEA and a Second Prize of HALF-A-GUINEA for the best list of six examples of new rhyming slang submitted. Existing examples: [...] hat (or tile) = battle o’ the Nile; children (or kids) = the God forbids. – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April 1932

• *Battle of the Nile*, a tile, a vulgarism for a hat[.] – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933

• The slang *tile* for ‘hat’ has fallen into obsolescence; so has its rhyming slang equivalent *Battle of the Nile*. – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.295, 1953

Battle of Waterloo

noun

stew [UK/US?]

< Battle of Waterloo, a battle fought in June 1815 in Waterloo, a small village south of Brussels, in which Napoleon’s army was defeated by the British and their allies under the command of the Duke of Wellington. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. ► see WATERLOO

• – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

• – D. Smith, *Language of London*, p.40, 2011

• I’ll ‘ave the Battle of Waterloo. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

battleship; battle

noun

the lip [UK]

• [B]utton your battle or you’ll cop out. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• Stop licking your battles. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009

impudent talk [UK]

Rhymes on *lip*.

• We’ll have a little less battle from you if you don’t mind[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

battleship and cruiser; battleship cruiser; battleship

noun

► see BATTLE CRUISER

Bay City Rollers

noun

molars [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Bay City Rollers, a Scottish pop group that achieved notable success in the mid-1970s.

• Dinnae even try tae talk to me, ‘ave jist had twa o ma Bay City Rollers takin’ oot. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Bayne and Duckett

noun

a bucket [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Bayne and Duckett, a Scottish chain of shoe shops. Recorded by Munro (1988) with the spelling *Bayne and Ducket*.

• – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

• – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, 1994

Bayne and Duckett

exclamation

used as an expression of rejection, dismissal or resignation to a situation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fuck it*. < Bayne and Duckett, a Scottish chain of shoe shops. Recorded by Munro (1988) with the spelling *Bayne and Ducket*.

• – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Bay of Biscay

noun

whisky [UK]

< Bay of Biscay, an arm of the North Atlantic Ocean that lies along the western coast of France and the northern coast of Spain.

• So we went to the *battle cruiser* and he had a *Bay of Biscay* and I had a *pig’s ear*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, 1953

bay trout

noun

gout [AUSTRALIA]

< *bay trout* ‘an Australian fish (actually two species, *Arripis trutta* and *Arripis truttacea*) which inhabits coastal inshore waters; it is commonly referred to as *Australian salmon*’.

• Melbourne Rhyming Slang: *bay trout* ‘gout’, *billy lids* ‘children, kids’, *blood blister* ‘sister’, *humphrey* ‘fart’ (from Humphrey Bogart)[.] – *alphalingua.net*, 22nd July 2016

• Got the bloody bay trout again!!! – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, ‘Australian Word Map’, accessed 31st October 2016

bazaar*noun*

a bar [UK]

Used as a synonym of *bar* in its various drink-related senses.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• It was in a pub close to this in Smithfield Market that some forty years ago the ‘Guv’ used to stand behind the ‘bazaar’ (bar) and take a real pride in knowing the christian names of his regular customers. [...] We foregathered in the ‘bazaar’ of the hotel and over ‘pints of pigs’ I explained to them that our day ‘on the river’ might possibly become a bit hectic. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.5/71, 1973

• I help her hobble back to the house and, as promised, she makes straight for the bazaar. She has a large Mahatma Gandhi to pull herself together[.] – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.125, 1974

bazooka*noun*

snooker [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Bazza Crocker; Bazz Crocker; bazza; bazz*noun*

▶ see BARRY CROCKER

BB*noun*

▶ see BRACE AND BIT

Bea Miles*noun*

haemorrhoids [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Beatrice ‘Bea’ Miles (1902–73), a homeless eccentric who was a famous figure in the streets of Sydney from the 1940s to the early 1960s.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Beam me up Scotty*noun*

a sexually desirable young woman; women viewed collectively as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *totty* and *hotty*. < *Beam me up, Scotty*, a popular catchphrase used as a jocular equivalent of *get me out of here*; ultimately a misquotation (or perhaps a comic invention) ascribed to Captain Kirk addressing chief engineer Mr Scott in the 1960s television series *Star Trek*.

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th May 2002

• – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, 2004

Beano and Dandy; beano*noun*

1 shandy [UK]

< British children’s comics *The Beano*, published since July 1938, and *The Dandy*, published from December 1937 to December 2012, and then online until June 2013. Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 brandy [UK]

• Beano (and dandy) = brandy. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March 2005

beans on toast; beans on; beans*noun*

1 in football, a goalpost [UK]

Popularised by English footballer-turned-TV pundit Paul Merson. Synonymous with CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST, NORFOLK COAST and SUNDAY ROAST.

• More linguistic tales from Highbury where east London born Ray Parlour (right) is teaching the Gallic contingent rhyming slang. [...] Parlour told the Arsenal magazine: “Thierry’s favourite at the moment is ‘beans on toast’ (post) and ‘bass guitar’ (bar).” – *Evening Standard*, London, 10th February 2003

• My penalty hit the beans. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th January 2004

• The balls bounced off the old beans on toast and gone out for a corner. – *Newcastle-Online* forum, 29th November 2006

• He’s only gone and hit the beans! – P. Merson, *Professional Footballer*, p.303, 2011

• Oh and its come back out off the beans on toast. – *The Football Ramble* forum, 15th May 2011

• **Favourite Rhyming Slang for Hitting the Post BEANS!** Norfolk Coast! Sunday Roast! – *tipofthediament.wordpress.com*, blog, 1st August 2011

• Thierry, you’re so unlucky. You hit the beans on. – *audioboom.com*, ‘Brazil’s Extra Time: Parlour Teaches Henry Rhyming Slang’, 28th May 2015

2 an Internet posting [UK]

Rhymes on *post*. Only recorded in the full form.

• Right for those that ain’t wid tha lingo an that don’t get me beans I’ve put yous sum little helpers below: [...] Beans – Beans on Toast – Post. – *Keane* forum, 29th January 2004

• I whole ‘eartedly agree wif that Beans on Toast! – *Paul McCartney.com* forum, 14th March 2012

3 the mail [UK]

Rhymes on *post*. Only recorded in the full form.

• Let’s have a butchers at the beans on toast. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August 2012

Beans on Toast*nickname*

the *South Wales Evening Post* newspaper (Swansea, Wales)

• Go and buy the beans on toast will you son. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

• [A]s far as we are aware, the **Beans on Toast** website still bears all the relevant comments. – *insideoutswansea.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th December 2005

• This unconscionable sleight inflamed the knobs at the Beans on Toast who place immense value on their

ridiculously over-developed sense of status (after all, they can close restaurants, you know) and delivered a stern ticking off to the Glaswegian comic in an editorial. – *sidinside.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th April **2010**

· A campaign by the South Wales Evening Post or the Beans on Toast in the late 1990s has been cited as one possible cause for a measles outbreak in Wales. – *nationalleft.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th April **2013**

beanstalk

noun

1 a walk [UK]

· I met me ivory pearl and took 'er dahn the frog an' toad for a beanstalk. – *The Delmarva Star*, Willington, Delaware, 24th April **1932**

2 a talk [AUSTRALIA]

Prison use.

· [F]ew people could decipher jargon like “a beanstalk on the eau de Cologne”[.] – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 3rd September **1989**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

bear

noun

in jazz circles, a person considered to be boringly conventional, conservative or old-fashioned [us]

A slang rhyme formed on *square*. < *square as a bear* ‘boringly conventional’. ▶ see JACK THE BEAR

· Well, you could have a sexy little bitch to stand up in front and sing and shake her ass at the bears. [...] ‘Synonym for “squares.”’ – J.E. Lighter, *RHHDAS*, 1994: *American Journal of Sociology*, XXXVII, **1951**

bear

noun

▶ see TEDDY BEAR

beurette

noun

▶ see TEDDY BEALETTE

Bears

nickname

▶ see TEDDY BEARS

bear's paw; bear's

noun

a saw [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Pass me the bear's, would you, lad? – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

Beatie and Babs; Beattie and Babs; Beatties and Babs; beatties

noun

pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*. < Beatie and Babs, the stage name of an English music-hall duo made up of sisters Bertha (1893–1952) and Hilda Samuels (1897–1990). With the first element spelt *Beattie* in all dictionary sources. The form *Beatties and Babs* is given by Ramachandran and Ronson (2005).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R.A. Wilson, *Playboy's Book*, **1972**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – M. Ramachandran and M. Ronson, *The Medical Miscellany*, p.83, **2005**

· The doctor prescribed him some plasters and some pills. ‘What are these for?’ Harry asked. ‘Those are for *cape horns*, that’s for *chalfonts* and those are for *beatties*,’ said the doctor. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, **2011**

· Who exactly were Beatie and Babs? / I’m not sure, but I’ll take a few stabs: / They performed, inter-war, / To a music hall score. / You want more? They’re the cockney for *crabs*. – *www.oedilf.com*, 14th September **2012**

Beatrice Potter; beatrix

noun

an ugly woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *rotter*. < English writer and illustrator Beatrice Potter (1866–1943).

· Blimey, will you look at that bird Tim’s with. A bit of a Beatrix! – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· Blimey, will you look at that bird Tim’s with. A bit of a Beatrix! – *TTLG Forums*, 22nd November **2004**

· [A] right old Beatrix[.] – *myspace.com*, 29th September **2007**

Becher's Brook

noun

1 a look [UK]

< Becher’s Brook, a fence on the Grand National course at Aintree, Liverpool; named after the steeplechase jockey Captain Martin Becher (1797–1864), who fell there during the first race in 1839.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.25, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a cook [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.22, **1973**

Becks and Posh; becks

noun

1 food [UK]

Rhymes on *nosh*. < Posh and Becks, the tandem nickname of the English celebrity couple David and Victoria Beckham, in reverse order to facilitate the rhyme. David Beckham (b.1975), popularly known as Becks, is an English international footballer. His wife (b.1974) is

a former member of the all-girl band Spice Girls, where she was known as Posh Spice. Only recorded in the full form.

· I'm proper Oliver'd anyways, so think I'll nip out for some becks and posh if you dont mind... – *Oprano Adult Industry* forum, 11th May **2002**

· Toots was Lee Marvin, she fancied some Becks and Posh[...] – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 2nd February **2012**

· Just nippin' out for a bit of Becks and Posh. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 money [UK]

Rhymes on *dosh*.

· Becks and Posh is Cockney slang for Money (Dosh). "I can't tonight, I've got no Beck's." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th April **2003**

· So how much Becks and Posh will this cost? – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th May **2005**

· Given the present economic situation we are all a bit short of Becks. – *newsfromtorybush.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th February **2009**

Beecham's pill; Beecham pill; beecham's; beechams; beecham

noun

1 a bill (an account) [UK]

< Beecham's pill, an old brand of laxative. Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill*, *beecham's* and *beechams*.

· On the following Sunday he pays his 'Beecham's pill,' tells the landlady he thinks it is going to 'Corney' ('Corney Grain'–rain), and off he goes to the 'appro' ('approbation'–railway station). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· After we shook hands, him and his team of confidants seemed to go on the missing list, leaving me with a large Beechams at the hotel. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.104, **1986**

· [T]he Beechams was enough to break the Tommy. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

· Nah, it's all sorted, 'cept fer the Beecham's Pill of course – that's the bill, case yer wond'rin'. – *unitedheroes.net*, **2001**

· I got my Beecham's from the tax people. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

2 a hill [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill* and *beecham's*.

· They was yellin blue murder as they come runnin' over the Beecham's. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

· You goin' up the Beecham's? – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

· – T. Taniguchi, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1978**

3 a sign displayed by a beggar [UK]

Rhymes on *bill*. Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill* and *beecham's*.

· **Beecham's (pills)**. Bills, placards, etc., showing that one is an ex-soldier[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· **Beecham's Pills** (1) *Bills* [...] refers to the notice stating, for example, 'Ex-service man–no pension', or 'Wounded at Mons–willing to work', attached to barrel-organ or tray of matches. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· **Beecham's pill (s)** [...] Bill (s); referring to the notice displayed by a beggar such as: 'Unable to work'; or 'Nearly blind'. – T. Taniguchi, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1978**

4 a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dill*.

· Even though some of the expressions may not be familiar to you, you'd be a bit of a "Beecham's pill" if you couldn't work it out. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· With due sense of gratitude, Australia's underworldsters have commemorated the services of their victims by calling them any of these assorted terms: [...] *Beecham's pill* (a rhyme on "dill"), *bush bunny*, *log*, *mahogany*[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.125, **1953**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1955**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxii, **1967**

· The beecham pill was toeing down the frog. [...] The Beecham was happy at this turn of events. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, pp.7/13, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Just run your minces over this, china I'VE been keeping a mince out for this one and feel like a bit of a Beechams to have missed it, actually. – *Hobart Mercury*, 19th August **1993**

· These myopic "Beecham's pills" consider rhyming slang was popularly used in the 1950s and accordingly is old-fashioned, even archaic, so it's out. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 26th July **2011**

5 a still photograph [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill* and *beechams*.

· In no time Beverly was calling for a sherbet–rhyming slang for sherbet dab, a cab, and going into the Columbia Studios and asking for Beechams (Beechams pills for stills). – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 1st February **1967**

· Wish that ice cream would hurry and take his Beechams. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· 'I ... her name was Eloise ... She was, uh, a health visitor ... She died when I was born, something went wrong ...' 'Seen any Beechams?' Saul shook his head in confusion. 'Beechams: pictures, photos ...' – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.47 [1999], **1998**

6 a till [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill* and *beechams*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

· – ... the only instrument I can play is the cash register. – Otherwise known as the 'jewish piano.' – and shortly Steve Anhar will be on here telling you about the "Beechams"! – Should I be worried ... – Steve is a fan of cockney rhyming slang, but since he's not around I'll do it:- Beecham's Pill – till! – *Canal World* forum, 11th December **2007**

7 a will [UK]

Only recorded in the form *beechem's*.
 · Well, for starters, the gem belongs to her by rights – her dad left it to her in his Beecham's. – F. Norman, *Too Many Crooks*, p.155, **1979**

8 an advertising poster [UK]

Rhymes on *bill*. Only recorded in the form *Beecham's pill*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

9 a theatrical bill [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Beecham's pill*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

10 the police [UK]

Rhymes on the British slang *the Bill*. Recorded in the forms *Beecham's pill* and *beechems*.

· In its modern form 'the beechams' applies to the police.
 – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Beecham's pill

adjective

ill [UK]

< Beecham's pill, an old brand of laxative.

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Beechams Pooders

noun

the shoulders [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *shooders*. < Beechams Powders, a brand name of an over-the-counter medicine containing aspirin and caffeine.

· – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

beef

verb

to fart [US]

Perhaps from the noun *beef*, itself presumably derived from or related to BEEF-HEART. Alternatively, the verb *beef* may have originated as a clipping of *befart*, a mock-archaic form of *fart*, or as an echoic formation with a percussive sound at the beginning and a noisy friction-like sound at the end.

· Okay, who beefed? – R.A. Spears, *FAE*, **1990**

· There's farting, tooting, breaking wind, beefing, queefing[.] – P. Furze, *Tailwinds*, p.28, **1998**

· Farting is also known as: [...] Beefing. – C. Japikse, *The Zen of Farting*, p.19, **2003**

· – "Did you just fart?" "Nooooooooooo... I would never." "You beefed, didn't you!" "What's 'beefed?'" "You've never heard a fart referred to as 'beefing' before?" – growing up with four older brothers, I heard them all... I had completely forgotten about "beef" until I read this, though. It brought me right back to waking up on Saturday mornings to an ass hanging in the doorway and the threat that one of them would "beef" in the doorway if I didn't wake up. – *www.thesmitten.com*, blog, 31st March **2005**

· He leaned left and beefed right... directly on me. – *reality-tyrant.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2006**

· Farts will never stop being hilarious. NEVER! I'm a fan of the term "beefing", myself. – *jezebel.com*, 26th September **2008**

beef and fat

noun

a hat [AUSTRALIA]

· Who's the heap of coke with the tall beef and fat? – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

beef and ham

noun

1 jam (the preserve) [UK]

· This is the rhyming slang of London, commonly used by factory hands, small traders, workmen, and others. [...] These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– Jam (beef and ham); cakes (give and takes); trousers (round me houses); man (pot and pan); fire (Aunt Maria); stairs (apples and pears). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

2 a difficult or awkward situation [UK]

Rhymes on *jam*.

· Jam (trouble, beef and ham); legs (cribbage pegs)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

3 a tram (streetcar) [UK]

· – J. Green, *GDoS* 2010: L. Payne, private collection, **ante 1945**

4 a pram [UK]

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

beef and mutton

noun

a glutton [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.25, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

beef-heart; beef; beeper

noun

a fart [UK/US]

The word may have originated independently in British and American English. In British usage it is only recorded in the form *beef-heart*. This may well have arisen as a semantic development of the obsolete slang *beef-heart* 'a bean', itself a metonymic coinage linking cause and effect and triggered by the rhyme or pun on *fart*. In American English the word is recorded in the forms *beef-heart*, *beef* and *beeper* – the last often in the phrase *let (or rip) a beeper 'to fart'*. The relationship between the first two forms is rather complex and not well understood. While *beef* is well attested and current as a verb, the evidence for its use as a noun is somewhat scanty. Even scantier is the evidence for *beef-heart*. All this suggests the possibility that the latter form was coined as a punning or rhyming slang elaboration of the former. ► see BEEF

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- A BREEZER is probably more delicate than a BEEF-HEART, late nineteenth-century rhyming slang for the obvious. – J.S. Neaman and C.G. Silver, *Kind Words*, p.48 [1985], 1983
- That was the worse smelling beef I ever smelled! Whose beef was that? [...] No more of these beef-hearts! – R.A. Spears, *FAE*, 1990
- Farts themselves are sometimes known as beefers, air biscuits, and floaters. – C. Japikse, *The Zen of Farting*, p.19, 2003
- By God, that boy of yours sure can let a beeper[.] – J.M. Vesely, *Lonesome Whistle Blow*, p.253, 2004
- I don't really recall the last time I heard a cat-back on a Honda that didn't sound like my uncle ripping a beeper in his sleep. – *Honda Car Forum*, 19th November 2007

beef stew

noun

a Jew [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

- Beef Stew is Shropshire Rhyming slang for Jew[.] – *ask.fm*, May 2013

beehive

noun

1 a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Originally influenced by *beehive* 'a fashionable woman's hairstyle in the early 1960s'. Hence BEEHIVER.

- Well, I don't know if you've ever been passed a dodgy beehive in the half-light of a parked motor—but I can tell you, I've handed enough beehives in my time to know if there's anything wrong with one, just by the feeling. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.29, 1962

· In a case at the Old Bailey criminal courts, a witness testified: "I asked him for a cock and hen, but he only gave me a beehive." – *The Ottawa Journal*, Ottawa, Ontario, 12th March 1969

· At the moment I'm a bit 'hearts' myself but if you like you can come with me to the 'Arthur' and 'sausage' a 'gooses' and then I can let you have a 'beehive'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.6, 1973

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 in bingo, the number five [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

3 in football, a deliberately faked fall as a tactical manoeuvre by which a player attempts to deceive the referee into awarding a foul [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *dive*.

- [A] footballer who 'takes a beehive' in the opposing penalty area in order to take an unfair advantage. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- The ref said Alf didn't trip 'im, but Fred took a beehive deliberately. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

beehive

numeral

five [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Influenced by *beehive* 'a fashionable woman's hairstyle in the early 1960s'. The 2010 quotation below is from a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

- And disappearing just as rapidly is the caddie's Cockney argot, which featured a rhyming code. [...] A beehive was a five (usually used in association with cherry picker, which meant a knicker, which was itself a slang word for pound; thus a caddie with a beehive cherry picker had a £5 note). – *Sports Illustrated*, New York, 14th July 1986

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3 George Moore = 4 Bee Hive = 5[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, 2010

beehive; bee

verb

to drive [UK]

- Last night she bee'd through the pleasure and pain. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th January 2004
- I ended up in the back of a smash and grab cus the mind bender said i was unfit to Bee Hive. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 25th March 2012

beehiver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *five*. An alteration of BEEHIVE.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

beehives

noun

in darts, a double five [UK]

Rhymes on *fives*. ► see TWO BEEHIVES

· In England the game of darts has an idiom of its own similar to that which the soldiers used when playing crown and anchor. [...] Rhyming slang is used sometimes—fives are "bee-hives"[.] – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 28th August 1937

- Beehives - Two fives. – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.13, 2011

beer and sars; beer and sarse

noun

1 a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. *Sars* (also spelt *sarse*) is a shortening of *sarsaparilla*.

- [T]he tight shorts she was wearing made her beer and sarse appear like two apples in a wet paper bag. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, 1983

2 dismissal from employment; rejection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*, used in the phrase *get* (or *give*) *the arse*.

· [C]an't believe Harry redknapp has got the beer and sars! – *twitter.com*, 13th June 2012

· Probably whats her face who got the beer and sarse from the State Govt seat last yr. – *twitter.com*, 9th May 2013

beer and strife

noun

a wife [UK: LEEDS]

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:– [...] beer and strife (the wife), bottle of water (daughter)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

beer is best; beer

noun

the chest [UK]

< *beer is best*, a slogan used in a series of adverts run by the Brewers' Society in the 1930s.

· That'll put some barnet [hair] on your beer. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniels, letter, 1980

beer kegs; beers

noun

the legs [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Bloke goes to the doctor. "It's my legs doc." "Well take down your Callards and show us your beers." says the quack. The patient is bemused. "Sorry" says the doc, "I've got this really bad habit of using rhyming slang, Callards (Callard and Bowers = trousers) beers (beer kegs = legs). So what I meant to say was, "Take down your trousers and show me your legs." – *BBC Fans' Forum*, 16th February 2006

beers

noun

years [UK]

A slang rhyme. Used by urban youth in the phrase for *beers* 'for a long time', the direct equivalent of *for years*.

· For example in a youth club a young man says to me, "I haven't *chatted* for **beers**," which means I haven't *chatted* for **years** where *chatted* means talking/rapping lyrics into a microphone, a musical style that is derived from Jamaican *toasting* and Black American rap music. – G. Evans, *Fur Coat: No Knickers*, p.119, 2003

beery buff

noun

a fool; an incompetent person [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang *muff*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

beery oh!

exclamation

goodbye [NEW ZEALAND]

A slang rhyme on *cheerio*. Perhaps originally a toast coined in the context of beer quaffing.

· For a greeting one may say "cheerio," "what ho!" "beery oh!" "see you some more," "hooray," "see you later" [.] – *Auckland Star*, 9th December 1932

bees and ants

noun

trousers [US]

Rhymes on *pants*. A variation of the earlier *fleas and ants*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, 1968

bees and honey; beesom; beesum; bees

noun

money [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/CANADA/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Bees and honey is common in all eight locations of use.

According to the available evidence, the shortened forms are geographically distributed thus: *beesom* (US), *beesum* (UK), *bees* (UK, Ireland). In British usage the full form sometimes occurs as *the bees and the honey*. Also used in the phrases *a swarm of bees and honey* 'a large sum of money' (US), and *be in the bees and honey* (sometimes shortened to *be in the bees*) 'to be wealthy' (UK).

· 'Bees and honey' for 'money'. – *OED2*, 1989: *Answers*, 10th September 1892

· I shouted, "Your "bees", or your "trouble and strife"!" – D. Chiderdoss, 'Penny Numbers', *Sporting Times*, London, 11th July 1908

· How about the bees and honey brother—Could you slip me a little change? – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.17, 1993: *New York Evening Journal*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 27th September 1919

· I got plenty o' bees on me. – T. Burke, *The Outer Circle*, p.210, 1921

· "Bees and honey," in the expressive rhyming slang of the London costermonger, is a term signifying money. – *Auckland Star*, 5th November 1927

· *Bees and honey*—money. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928

· Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few examples: [...] bees and honey—money[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January 1931

· **Bees and honey**, money. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· On the subject of bees and honey, brown is 2c; trey 5c, a deaner 25c. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June 1936

· The true Cockney's term for money is "bees." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 30th September 1936

· Dreaming the other morning on the bus, a conversation and a familiar phrase suddenly interrupted my thoughts;

a man was talking of bees and honey. I looked up sharply, to discover he was using the cockney rhyming slang for money. – *The British Bee Journal*, 22nd February **1940**

· And it's going to cost me bees and honey. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· [H]e is undoubtedly a foreign guy and seems to have plenty of beesom but at this time there are so many foreign guys in New York with plenty of beesom that no one ever bothers to find out who they are or where they are from, or whatever. – D. Runyon, 'Cleo', short story, in *Collier's* magazine, 12th July **1941**

· LARGE SUM OF MONEY. [...] swarm of bees and honey, sweet sum, swell jack, tillfuls[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· Rhyming slang is, of course, pure East End. And the Central Prison is full of it [...] 'bees and honey' for money[.] – H.C. Bosman, *Jerepigo*, p.136 [1957], 2002: 'South African Slang', originally published in *The South African Opinion*, 18th–19th June **1946**

· Years ago I fell in with a personality from London who, in the course of an otherwise wasted conversation, said, "If I had any bees, I'd buy you a pig's ear." – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October **1949**

· I'm taking a ball-of-chalk down the frog-and-toad, doing a spot of drumming and looking for a joint to screw so I can raise some bees-and-honey[.] – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**

· Bees and honey: any kind of money. – *Playland Amusement Park Fact Sheet*, Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver, BC, **1958**

· [H]e had bags of bees and honey from flogging these and those in the jacket and vest. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· The Johannesburg gambling world has an argot of its own. [...] A client with a lot of money is said to have "a lot of bees and honey"[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.83, **1963**

· 'E must be in the *bees* 'cos 'e's got a new *ima* [...] 'E must be in the '*bees* 'n' *honey*' c'os 'es got a new *I'm afloat*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, **1969**

· *Bees and Honey* – Money. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· BEES AND HONEY: rhym. Money. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· BEES AND HONEY. Money. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.481, **1984**

· He knew how to make the bees and the honey[.] – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.12, **1989**

· **bees and honey**: money. – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· **Bees and Honey** – [Prison: Aryan Brotherhood] Money. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· **bees (bees and honey)** – money. [...] Also shortened to **beesum**[.] – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

· Need bees and honey? – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 24th August **2009**

· "You going to the test on Saturday?" I asked. "Nah mate. No bees and honey. You?" – *Massive*, Massey University's student magazine, New Zealand, October **2012**

· Give me da f*ckin bees. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 17th March **2014**

bees and wax

noun

tax [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

beeswax; bees' wax; bees wax; bees

noun

1 betting tax [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A pun on *bees*, the short form of BEES AND HONEY, and perhaps also *whack(s)*, a reference to the taxman's share. Influenced by the slang *beeswax* 'business'.

· **bees** – a term used by bookmakers for tax. Rhyming slang – bees' wax. – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, **1989**

· Generations of punters have grown up working out the "beeswax" due on every bet, most recently at a rate of 9 per cent. – *The Independent*, London, 8th March **2001**

· [O]ur prince among Chancellors, the witty, genial, urbane, charismatic, humane and saintly Gordon Brown, has decided to abolish betting tax. Into happy oblivion will pass such expressions as "do you want to pay the beeswax?"[.] – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 15th July **2001**

· – J. Scroggie, *Tic-Tac*, p.91, **2008**

· In the days of betting tax, i heard it referred to as battle or bees, as in do you want to pay the battle/bees? Battle axe. Beeswax. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**

· – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.64, **2012**

· **Beeswax** Rhyming slang for 'betting tax'. Also known as 'Bees' or 'Ajax'. – *www.beatthebookie.tv*, accessed 24th October **2013**

2 income tax [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I've paid a lot of Bees Wax this week. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2003**

3 road tax [UK]

· I was going down the road in my jam jar when I got a John Bull from the **ducks and geese** because I don't have any beeswax. [...] I was going down the frog in my jam when I got a John from the ducks because I don't have any bees. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.4, **2015**

bees wingers

noun

the fingers [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

Beetham Tower; Bethan Tower; beetham; bethan

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Beetham Tower, a 47-storey skyscraper in the centre of Manchester; one of the tallest buildings in Britain. The variants *Bethan Tower* and *bethan* are recorded in 2010.

- – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**
- “GOING FOR A BEETHAM” – BEETHAM TOWER – SHOWER. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2014**

Beethoven and Liszt; beethoven*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < Beethoven and Liszt, a tandem combination of the names of two composers, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827) and Franz Liszt (1811–86).

▶ see MOZART AND BEETHOVEN

- **BRAHMS** (or BEETHOVEN) (= Brahms/Beethoven and Liszt) a. Drunk (‘Liszt’ rhymes with ‘pissed’). – *www.hps.com/~tpg*, accessed 24th April 2013: ‘United Kingdom English for the American Novice’, July **1983**

beetles and ants; beetles*noun*

underpants [UK]

- Whilst being biggest on the old rhyming May (May Pang = slang), for ‘underpants’ Cockneys use the term ‘beetles’ (beetles and ants). – *bristlingbadger.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th January **2005**

· – I just whip on a fresh pair of undercrackers and then I’m good to go. – You mean “Beetles and ants” or “Eddie Grundies”[.] – *Rolex Forums*, 3rd December **2011**

· I’m wearing my lucky beetles. – *www.tomdickandharry.co.uk*, 19th October **2012**

· I was down to my beetles! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

beetles and bugs; beetles*noun*

drugs [UK]

- Beetles (and Bugs) – Drugs. – *CPFC BBS forum*, 3rd March **2005**

beezonker*noun*

the nose [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *shonker*. Perhaps a blend of *beezer* (another slang term for *nose*) and *shonker*, rather than rhyming slang proper.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

beggar boy’s ass; beggar boy’s arse; beggar boy’s; beggar boys*noun*

1 Bass, a brand of pale ale [UK]

Recorded in the forms *beggar boy’s ass* and *beggar boy’s*. The latter is given by Phillips (1931) and Anon. (1941).

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSl*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.29, **1979**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 money [UK]

Rhymes on *brass*. The earliest recorded variant, *beggar boy’s ass*, employing a euphemistic variant of *arse*,

is given by Franklyn (1960) and Wilkes (2004). *Beggar boy’s arse* and *beggar boys* (with no apostrophe) are listed by Puxley (1992).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 a prostitute [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *brass*, the short version of BRASS NAIL. Recorded in the form *beggar boy’s arse*.

- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

4 a bass guitar [UK]

Recorded in the form *beggar boy’s arse*, yet based on the spelling of the last element as *ass*, which creates an eye rhyme with *bass*.

- – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

beggar my neighbour; beg o’ my neighbour; beggar noun

a government office where people not in work must register as unemployed in order to receive state benefits, and where advice and information is available on job vacancies; hence the dole [UK]

Rhymes on *labour*, a shortening of *labour exchange*, itself an old term for what is now called a *jobcentre*. < *beggar-my-neighbour* ‘a popular card game’. With a not very subtle hint at the idea that one receives benefits at the expense of others. Often in the phrase *on the beggar my neighbour* (or *on the beggar*).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, **1960**

· When I came off my last stretch of bird-lime I was on the beggar my neighbour. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· Blooming nice, isn’t it? All my management potential and I end up filling buckets with mud. I could have got a better job down the beg o’ my neighbour. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.123, **1974**

· ‘[O]n the beggar’ is to be out of work. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

beg yer pardon; beg your pardon*noun*

a garden [UK]

First recorded in the form *beg yer pardon*.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

behind with the rent*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. Possibly also puns on *behind* ‘the buttocks’ and *rent* as in ‘rent boy’.

· ‘[Y]ou’re not a homosexual, are you?’ ‘No, I’m not. Definitely not.’ ‘Not behind with the rent?’ – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.48 [2001], **2000**

· George Michael is behind with the rent. – *TeakDoor* forum, 16th April **2011**

being poor

noun

in bingo, the number four [UK]

· The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] seventy-eight, the house in a state, number four, being poor. – M. McGrath, *Silver-town*, p.219 [2003], **2002**

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**

Belgrano

noun

a pub [UK]

A punning variation of BATTLE CRUISER. < General Belgrano, more popularly known as the Belgrano (formerly the USS Phoenix, which had survived Pearl Harbor), an Argentinian cruiser that was sunk in contentious circumstances by a British nuclear-powered submarine during the 1982 Falklands conflict. A further pun on *sinking* (a drink) is implicit.

· Belgrano (battle cruiser) = boozier[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**

Belinda Carlisles; belindas

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < American pop singer Belinda Carlisle (b.1958), who rose to fame as the frontwoman of the 1980s all-girl band the Go-Go's.

· Cor, me Belinda's er givin me jip t'day. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th February **2002**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [M]e belindas are really playing up today. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.186, **2007**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Belindas, four minutes, Sieg Heils. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**

Belinda Lee

noun

tea [IRELAND]

< English actress Belinda Lee (1935–61).

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

bell ringer

noun

1 the finger [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· bell ringers = fingers. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August **2010**

· bell ringers...fingers. – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

2 an unattractive person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *minger*.

· – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

Belle of New York

noun

1 pork [UK]

< *The Belle of New York*, a 1952 musical film directed by Charles Walters.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.58, **1973**

2 the erect penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *stalk*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

belt and braces; belt; belts

noun

horse races [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· I'm going to have a bet on the belts. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

· Until one day he was at the *belt* and got friendly with a couple of *struggles*. They gave him a tip so he put a *national debt* on this nag to *nose*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

· – Has Rhyming Slang gone from British Racecourses. – Don't you mean has rhyming slang gone from the "belt and braces", where punters can have a "house to let"? – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th September **2011**

belt buckle; belt

noun

a laugh [UK]

Rhymes on *chuckle*.

· You're 'avin a belt buckle! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st March **2004**

· Several Britneys were drunk and a decent belt buckle was had[.] – *reglarwiglar.com*, accessed 29th December **2012**

· Eh, you're 'avin' a belt! – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

ben

noun

ten pounds' worth of cannabis [UK]

A slang rhyme. Synonymous with BENNER and *ben-ners*.

· [E]y blud cud u shot me a ben? – *UD(.com)*, 11th October **2006**

· Yeah i either call it a ben, like uncle ben, i've heard of benner b4 too. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 13th December **2006**

· I don't normally weigh I just go by eye and feel but is 1.2 grams for a ben good? – *Grasscity* forum, 27th February **2013**

· a ben... £10 bag. – *UK420* forum, 12th July **2015**

Benadryl Cucumberpatch

nickname

▶ see BENEDICT CUCUMBER PATCH

Ben Blues*noun*

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *The Hidden Culture*, p.42, **1989****Ben Cartwright; ben***noun*

excrement; hence, something of little or no value, non-sense, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Probably < Ben Cartwright, a character in the American television series *Bonanza*, originally broadcast from 1959 to 1973; portrayed by Canadian actor Lorne Greene (real name Lyon Green; 1915–87).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· Don't i talk a load of Ben Cartwright when i'm bloated. – *Rants Refugees* forum, 11th October **2004**

· – Most fans from back then hoped that Walsh would inject an earthy unpredictability but not even he could stop them from turning into Eartha Kitt. – Okay, Mark - bash the Eagles, bash the Stones, bash Re*ac*tor if you must! But when it comes to taking on Eartha Kitt... well, that's where I have to draw the line! – [...] I could have said pony and trap or Brad Pitt or even Ben Cartwright or Barry White and it'd have meant the same thing. – *launch.groups.yahoo.com, Yahoo! Groups*, 6th June **2005**

· In this sense it can be used like “sterling” (< Sterling Moss) in “I don't give a sterling, M8” (= American “I don't give a flying fig, man/buddy/bro”), alternatively “eartha” (< Eartha Kitt), “tom” (< Tom Tit) and “brad” (< Brad Pitt) standing for “sh...t,” or “ben” (< Ben Cartwright)[.] – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· I can't believe my king learns: what a pile of ben cartwright! – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

bended knees; bended*noun*

cheese [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Somewhat carried away by all this, I bravely approached the La di da, and asked the bowler-hatted hot potato for a Cows Calf of Pigs Ear, and a nice slice of Bended Knees—Cheddar preferably[.] – *Penthouse* magazine, London, **1965**

· [A]nd I remember we had 'needle and thread', 'lay me in the gutter', 'bended knees' and 'Harvey Nichols' together with a couple of 'Aristotles' of 'plink plonk'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, **1973**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992****Bend my dick, cucumber patch***nickname*

▶ see BENEDICT CUCUMBER PATCH

Ben Dover*noun*

a hangover [UK]

< English porn actor and director Ben Dover (real name Simon Honey, b.1956).

· I've Got Such A Bad Ben Dover. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st April **2003**· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**· LOOK OUT TOMORROW FOR THE BEN DOVER. – Greetings card by The London Studio, London, **2011****bendy flex; bendy***noun*

sex [UK]

· Just going for a bit of Bendy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th November **2003**

· So if you fancy a bit of “Bendy” or a quick “Melvin” send me your “Samantha Mumba”. – *Contractor UK* forum, 7th July **2006**

· [H]e said miss have you ever had bendy flex, and she said, no f course not, i dont think she knew what he meant, lol. – *www.youtube.com*, **2013**

Bendy Lang*noun*

▶ see BEN LANG

Benedict cucumber patch; Benedict Cucumber-Patch; Benedict Cucumberpatch; Benadryl Cucumberpatch; Bend my dick, cucumber patch; Butternut Cucumber-patch; Cucumber Patch; Cucumber-patch; Cucumber-patch*nickname*

English actor Benedict Cumberbatch (b.1976)

An imperfect slang rhyme. The actor's name has inspired a seemingly endless list of punningly derived variations; the record in this entry is far from complete.

· Butternut Cucumberpatch has an undeniable appeal on screen regardless. – *thediscriminatingfangirl.com*, 18th January **2011**

· Benedict Cucumberpatch, too young. – *winteriscoming.net*, 4th February **2011**

· It is a name with endless nickname possibilities, as his fellow pupils at Harrow clearly realised, apparently calling him [look away, children]: “Bend my dick, cucumber patch.” – *Evening Standard*, London, 20th January **2012**

· The only thing I understood about that plot is that Cucumber Patch is gay and who the spy turned out to be. – *twitter.com*, 18th May **2012**

· Cucumber-patch is also an overrated actor imo. – *www.reddit.com/r/unitedkingdom*, 2nd January **2016**

· Looks like I'll never watch the Doctor Strange movie since Benedict Cucumber-Patch is in it. – *twitter.com*, 24th July **2016**

· I have no idea what Doctor Strange is but Benedict cucumber patch is in it, so its already good. – *www.belvoireagle.xyz*, 7th October **2016**

· Benadryl Cucumberpatch is such a good actor. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2016**

· Gatiss and Cucumberpatch will be furious. – *twitter.com*, 6th January **2017**

Ben Flake; benflake*noun*

a steak [UK/US]

Defined more specifically by Anglicus (1857) as ‘[a] steak, used at a slap-bang, *i.e.* a low cook-shop or eating-house’. Matsell (1859) gives the form *benflake* and defines it more succinctly as ‘[a] cheap beef-steak’.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, 1859

- There was an alderman in chains, a Ben Flake, a neddy of Sharp’s Alley blood worms, with Irish apricots, Joe Savace and storrac. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.16 [1995], 1966

- I fancy a nice juicy Ben Flake. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

Bengal lancer; bengal*noun*

an unscrupulous opportunist [UK]

Rhymes on *chancer*.

- Naturally, the man was a shyster, a Bengal lancer, the kind of guy who’d steal a rotten doughnut out of a bucket of mucus. – *The Glasgow Herald*, 8th November 1986

- What’s that big Bengal sayin noo? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

- Bleedin’ ’ell, ’ere was me, wif a lifetime achievement award for bein’ a Bengal lancer, askin’ this pitch Richard to get cash-and-carried. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December 2000

- [A] supplier would have to be a right “bengal lancer” to risk his reputation on dodgy copper tube. – *DIYnot* forum, 16th September 2007

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

- To use the old Belfast adage, this guy is a “Bengal Lancer” and the population as a whole tends to fall for such clients. – *www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk*, 14th September 2009

- Oi Wallman, not everybody from the East End is a ‘Bengal Lancer’. – *Vital Football* forum, 30th December 2011

- Rat yins a right Bengal. – D. Nairn, *Glaswegian Patter Book*, 2013

- What is the big bengal trying to do this time. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October 2014

- It didn’t take me very long to realise that the Brewery must have accepted the lowest quote, because the Builders were a load of ‘cowboys’ and ‘bengals’. – J. Coppard, *My Thanks*, 2015

Benghazi; ben*noun*

a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *khazi*. < Benghazi, a city in Libya.

Also used in the phrase *go down the Benghazi*, the direct equivalent of *go down the toilet* ‘to fail utterly’. The clipped form is given by Puxley (1992).

- [H]e says he’s done a flier into the Benghazi, right? – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January 1984

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

- Discussion of origin and use of army slang *benghazi/khazi*. – *sounds.bl.uk*, 15th March 2005

- Poor Heather’s life is going down the Benghazi: broke, desperate, unable to keep her baby warm, living off biscuit crumbs, tempted to steal from her friends, overcome by fumes... – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th February 2011

- How much longer you going to be in that Benghazi, Esther? – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: Hail Swearly*, 2013

Ben Gunns; bens*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the runs*. < Ben Gunn, a character in Robert Louis Stevenson’s *Treasure Island* (1883).

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Ben Hur*noun*

a prison [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *stir*. < *Ben-Hur*, a 1959 American film directed by William Wyler.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Benjamin Netanyahu*noun*

excrement; an act of defecation [IRELAND]

Relies on a jocular pronunciation of *Netanyahu* with the stress on the final syllable, thus rhyming on *poo*. < Israeli politician Benjamin Netanyahu (b.1949), who served twice as Israel’s prime minister (1996–99 and 2009–).

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

Ben Lang; Ben Laing; Bendy Lang*noun*

slang; rhyming slang; sometimes specifically Irish slang or Irish rhyming slang [IRELAND]

The variants *Ben Laing* and *Bendy Lang* are recorded by Lillo (2004). Synonymous with BARRY LANG and JOE LANG.

- He could make nothing of the Ben Lang or the Kaycab Jinnals, although these are a large part of the ordinary jail-talk. – J. Phelan, *Criminals in Real Life*, p.152, 1956

- Unfortunately, Dublin’s Ben Lang is dying under the glare of businesslike, glass-walled skyscrapers and plush female-frequented lounges don’t readily accommodate such earthy talk. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, 1966

- The modern *ben lang* – (slang) is also changing[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, 1974

- “Clobber as in *thump* someone, or as in *gear*?” “Gear, Vinno. Tin o’ fruit. Suit. Get it? For a London operation you had to have the lingo. The ben lang. – B. Kennelly, *Dublin Stories*, p.5, 1996

- – A. Lillo, *Rhyming Slang in Ireland*, p.279, 2004

- The left-hand side too was better for hearing what some people call Ben Lang – Dublin rhyming slang. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 13th Feb 2008

- -- *www.projecthmedia.com*, 'Clanbrassil Street - 1' by Sean Lynch, April **2009**
- -- Belfast: Scundered / scarlet Bake / mug Slabbering? / ye starting? Millie / female 'skanger' Spide / skanger [...]. -- Yer all well wide to the Ben Lang! -- *Boards.ie* forum, 21st October **2011**

Ben Maguire*noun*

a domestic fire [IRELAND]

- Not much denaro; stayed over in --, gammy letty, clem doner and clem mujarai. Feather was tome, Bat was a lid and a half. [...] No Ben Maguire: went to graft. -- P. Logan, *Fair Day*, p.138, **1986**

benner; benna; benners; bennerz*noun*

ten pounds' worth of cannabis [UK]

- Formed as slang rhymes on *tenner* and *tenners*. Synonymous with *BEN*.
- I'm where50 cent be, in da club with no bub, just Hennessey and benners of weed[.] -- *Party Vibe* forum, 26th May **2004**
- You wanna come wiv me to pick up a benners? -- *UD(.com)*, 21st October **2004**
- Hey blud, you wanna go halves on a benna? -- *UD(.com)*, 13th March **2005**
- I get more than that in a bennerz... -- *Cannabis.com* forum, 26th April **2006**
- i just phone up my dealer and ask for a benners (£10 bag) every few days. -- *TCHtalk* forum, 13th December **2008**
- [Y]ou get 4 zoots out of a benners ere[.] -- *TCHtalk* forum, 25th June **2010**
- After getting a link up to buy a benner (costing £10 and I believe to be a 1/16th, although im not sure), i meet this guy and he shows me his stuff, telling me hes only got 1 benner left and its a bit short. -- *THCtalk.com* forum, 13th November **2010**
- [T]oday i got a benners for me and my friend, got it out and begun rolling. -- *Marijuana* forum, 28th June **2012**
- So five benna's basically. 5 bags of £10 weed to be more technical. -- *www.blurtit.com*, 3rd October **2013**
- Ay, lets bill a spliff and smoke this benner (10 british pounds worth of weed which is enough for one joint). -- *UD(.com)*, s.v. *bill a spliff*, 19th May **2016**

Ben Nevis*noun*

a crevice or crack (in the ground, etc.) [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Ben Nevis, a mountain in the Scottish Highlands; at 4,406 feet (1,343 metres), it is the highest peak in the British Isles.
- Och, no 'ave dropped ma hoose key an' its gang doon yon Ben Nevis by the side o the door step. -- R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Benny and the Jets*noun*

Tourette's syndrome [UK]

< 'Benny and the Jets', a 1973 song by Elton John and Bernie Taupin. Used primarily by those with disabilities. Sometimes intensified as *Benny and the fucking Jets* or *Benny and the fucking cuntng Jets*.

- -- *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**
- I am going to share with you an extraordinary Usenet posting about Cockney Rhyming Slang used among disabled Cockneys in East London: [...] Benny and the Jets = Tourettes. -- *www.rogerebert.com*, 16th April **2005**
- Benny and the fucking cuntng Jets ... Tourette's. -- *TeakDoor* forum, 5th March **2009**
- -- E.H. Thripshaw, *Tasteless Jokes*, p.141, **2010**
- benny and the fucking jets - tourettes. -- *unpublish.wordpress.com*, blog, 5th March **2011**
- [O]h god here she goes again with the Benny and the jets. -- *UD(.com)*, 7th April **2011**
- -- *www.thefanclub.com*, 15th July **2011**
- -- *twitter.com*, 27th July **2012**

Benny Bear*noun*■ **on the Benny Bear** broadcasting on radio or television [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *air*, used in the phrase *on the air*.
- If the King of Spain lets up we'll be back on the Benny Bear. -- *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

Benny Hill; benny*noun*

1 a till, a cash register [UK]

< English comedian Benny Hill (1924-92).

- [I]n one market the till or cash register might be the 'Buffalo Bill', in the next the 'Benny Hill'. -- T. Thorne, *FFC*, s.v. *rhyming slang*, **1993**
- -- B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- Fred wasn't making any bees & honey. Someone had their fingers in the Benny. -- *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, 7th December **2011**
- -- R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

2 a drill (as a tool) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- -- R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- -- B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- -- R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

3 a contraceptive pill [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

- -- A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.33, **1999**
- It's nothing to do with me, Mrs. Gamp. You told me you was on the Benny Hill. -- *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1999**
- -- *UD(.com)*, 23rd April **2003**
- -- N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

4 a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]Rhymes on *pill*. Only recorded in the full form.

- Benny Hills is Cockney slang for Pills. -- *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th April **2003**

· [T]hey're all dropping the benny hills, even the most "I'll never take drugs" of them all. – *Tranceaddict* forum, 16th November **2004**

· I need some Benny Hills[.] – *www.efilmcritic.com*, 12th April **2005**

· I had an almost identical experience on last new year's eve with some "mitsubishi turbos" (bullshit, they weren't) which had brown spots and caused the same thing... nothing to worry about though. It's just annoying when you buy some benny hills and they're covered in ket, I don't understand the attraction. – *Hempire* forum, 22nd October **2006**

· Re: Your Ecstasy names? Too many numbers and long words in this thread for so many users... scary. We also use littles, benny hills (cockney rhyming slang), and diddies! – *Hempire* forum, 2nd May **2007**

Benny Lynch

noun

in gambling, a certainty [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cinch*. < Scottish flyweight boxer Benny Lynch (1913–46).

Similarly, 'Benny Lynch' came to mean 'a cinch' among gamblers. It was appropriate in the days when Benny, flyweight champion of the world and a Gorbals boy, was winning all his fights. – A. Mackie, *Talking Glasgow*, p.25, **1978**

bens; benz

noun

ten pounds' worth of cannabis [UK]

A slang rhyme on *tens* (also spelt *tenz*).

· [P]eople would call up their dealer all like "yo man, i dont wanna grow, can u set me a bens" and presto, no need to start a fucking thriving greenahouyse or whatever. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 21st June **2005**

· Personal code words for MJ? – [...] benz[.] – *Cannabis.com* forum, 10th May **2006**

· im pikin up a benz in a minute[.] – *UD(.com)*, 1st June **2007**

· [I]f your going through someone else you don't know, perhaps then make a deal where you can get the contact in exchange for getting him a "benz" (£10). – *www.1stmarijuanagrowerspage.com*, 17th January **2008**

· 2 grams for a bens? – *ViP2* forum, 18th June **2008**

· So say you're getting a bens, just put in £5 each, then roll a nice L or kings of pure green and smoke it between you[.] – *Grasscity* forum, 17th September **2009**

· A "10 bag" (also referred to as a "Bens") costs 10 pounds and varies in quantity and quality throughout areas and dealers. – *everything.explained.today*, accessed 31st January **2016**

Benson and Hedges; benson's

noun

among musicians and sound engineers, wedge-shaped floor monitors [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wedges*. < Benson & Hedges, a popular brand of cigarettes.

· – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August **2003**

· – *Sound On Sound* forum, 25th October **2013**

bentekes

noun

▶ see CHRISTIAN BENTEKES

bereaved and breft

noun

the left side; the part on the left side [UK]

An alteration of *bereaved and bereft*.

· "He was Joe Brown at 'Jim's' by the bereaved and breft of the Roary O'More, resting his plates and enjoying a snout, when me and my china plate balled by and done him." [...] Bereaved and breft–left. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'Gangster Lingo in London Based on Rhyming Words', 10th December **1951**

berk

adjective

stupid [UK]

Functionally shifted from *berk*, a shortening of BERKELEY HUNT or BERKSHIRE HUNT.

· Probably, and probably rightly, he is ashamed of where he lives. He will have a rule about it – Keith, with his tenacities, his berk protocols, his criminal codes, his fierce and tearful brand-loyalties. – M. Amis, *London Fields*, p.43 [2003], **1989**

· I agree, it was a berk question. – *Micra Sports Club* forum, 26th April **2013**

· What a berk comment. – *UKFF* forum, 20th February **2014**

Berkeley Hunt; Berkshire Hunt; berkeley; berk; birk;

burk; burke

noun

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Berkeley Hunt, a fox hunt in Gloucestershire, in the west of England; Berkshire Hunt, a reference to the Old Berkshire Hunt, also known as 'the Old Berks'. Only recorded in the forms *Berkeley Hunt*, *Berkshire Hunt* and *berkeley*. Thus LADY BERKELEY HUNT and SIR BERKELEY HUNT.

· MONOSYLLABLE, (also DIVINE MONOSYLLABLE) *subs.* (venery).– The female *pudendum*; CUNT (q.v.). ENGLISH SYNONYMS. [...] Berkeley-Hunt (rhyming)[.] – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1896**

· A prick is a «Hampton Wick»; «a cunt, a «Berkeley Hunt». [...] His pal got out his 'Hampton' and shoved it up his 'North Pole' (arse-hole) as if it were a 'Berkeley'. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, pp.45–46 [1901], **1898**

· **Berkeley**. The *pudendum muliebre*: C. 20. Abbr. *Berkeley Hunt*, a c**t. – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**

· Diminutives of *cunt* are *cunnicle*, *cunmikin*, *cuntkin*, and *cuntlet*. *Tenuc* (c. 1860) is back slang; *sharp and blunt* (late C. 19), *grumble and grunt* (C. 20), *Berkshire Hunt* [...] are rhyming slang. – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy*, p.297 [1965], **1963**

· My hampton leaps into my hand like Billy the Kid's equaliser and I press its dimpled dome against the beautiful Berkeley. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.91, **1976**

· The lady's berkeley is one with more drawing power than Manchester United[.] – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.70, **1976**

· 'Awright darlin', fancy a bit o' luck?' 'Sorry love, got a bit of Basil Brush and me Berkshire Hunt is killing me.' – E. West, *CCRS*, s.v. *bit o' luck*, **2006**

2 an obnoxious or stupid person; a fool [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Generally clipped to *berk* (sometimes spelt *birk*, *burk* or *burke*), a form has long been in colloquial use as a mild, affectionate or jocular insult. *Berkeley Hunt* and *Berkshire Hunt* have been recorded in British, Australian and Irish usage. The shortening *berkeley* is exclusively British.

· Some lousy berk must have been snooping around the place and found that roxy open. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.145 [1947], **1936**

· "Don't be a berk," he told himself angrily. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.85 [1938], **1937**

· 'You always was a berkeley,' said Lane cheerfully. – *OED2*, 1989: A. Bracey, *Flower on Loyalty*, p.49, **1940**

· I could not help feeling as he disappeared out of sight that he had not gone because Gregorious had had a go at him, but rather that he was beginning to feel a bit of a burk[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.148, **1959**

· **BERK** (*pityingly*). You mutt. Do you think we're the only branch of this organization? Have a bit of common. They got departments for everything. GUS. What cleaners and all? BEN. you birk! – H. Pinter, *The Dumb Waiter*, p.53 [1991], **1960**

· 'I feel a right burk,' said Geoff. – L. Mildiner and B. House, *The Gates*, p.96, **1974**

· 'Don't talk like a berk,' I said helping him to his feet. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.20, **1983**

· **berk** a fool; disliked person. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Which I'm afraid, my old son, makes you a bit of a Berkeley Hunt. – J.P. Hogan, *The Infinity Gambit*, p.6, **1991**

· **berk n.** (also **burk**) *slang* stupid person. – W. Branford, *SAPOD*, **1994**

· [A] posse of chinless Berkshire Hunts[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.119 [2012], **2004**

· Maybe im not in the mood for him but he sounds like a right berkshire hunt to me. – *FlatStats* forum, 24th June **2007**

· It takes a Burke to sound like a right burk. – *www.irishabroad.com*, 30th October **2008**

· **Berkshire Hunt – cunt, as in a despicable person.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Grrrrrr that Kenneth deserves a punch. What a berkshire hunt of the highest order. – *Cemex Angling* forum, 22nd July **2009**

· Don't want to look a right burke. – B.P. Smythe, *Sow*, p.61, **2011**

· They look like complete Berkeley Hunts who probably secretly yearn to be in some weird latex scene. – *Babbling Brook/Leinsterfans.com* forum, 12th February **2011**

· Polite driver, indicated as he changed lanes. But seriously, what a berk. – *www.smh.com.au*, 18th July **2011**

· Berkeley hunts, the lot of ya! – *Ozgold.net* forum, 16th August **2012**

· That DJ sounds like a right Berkshire Hunt. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th July **2013**

· I felt a bit of a berk, but they were so good to me and kept reiterating that it is much much better to be safe than sorry. – *sciblogs.co.nz*, blog, 16th April **2014**

berkish

adjective

stupid, foolish [UK]

A derivative of *berk*, the short version of BERKELEY HUNT or BERKSHIRE HUNT.

· Don't be berkish. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.187 [2008], **1938**

· [T]he berkish delivery boy there said of her, 'If you don't feel like it, don't pass the door.' – Z. Leader, *Letters*, p.785 [2001], 2000: K. Amis, letter to R. Conquest, 3rd July **1978**

· Tom Pearce-Smith's berkish enthusiasm was at times hilarious[.] – *The Radleian* magazine, Radley College, Oxfordshire, **1988**

· Much play is made of the berkish responses to Mrs Benson's arrival at the club. – *Punch* magazine, London, 6th–12th February **1991**

· It looks a bit berkish to get these prefixes muddled and write, for instance, *undiscriminate* and *indiscriminating*, but unfortunately there is no rule. – K. Amis, *The King's English*, p.109, **1997**

· How berkish can you get! – A. Chambers, *Postcards*, p.65 [2002], **1999**

berkish

adverb

stupidly or foolishly [UK]

From the adjective form.

· Don't talk berkish. [...] He'd acted right berkish. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, pp.27/58 [2008], **1938**

berkishly

adverb

stupidly or foolishly [UK/IRELAND]

From the adjective BERKISH.

· Koji was knocking on the window, grinning at me berkishly, and pressing his face up against the glass[.] – D. Mitchell, *Ghostwritten*, p.48, **1999**

· [T]he perfect soundtrack to a berkishly pretentious film about a blossoming young lady coming of age in Tokyo. – *nobodycaresaboutkitsune.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th August **2009**

· [I]n truth he can be just as berkishly self-important. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 16th May **2010**

berkishness*noun*

foolishness or stupidity [UK]

From the adjective **BERKISH**.

- Berkishness is thought, speech or behaviour of a loudish, insensitive or low kind. – Z. Leader, *Letters*, p.785 [2001], 2000: K. Amis, letter to F. Hardie, 6th January **1976**
- [I]t's the man's incorrigible berkishness that ought to worry his fellows. – *The Guardian*, London, 30th September **1998**
- Simon Lamb's berkishness has absolutely nothing to do with his well-documented condition. – *thedynamitefiles.com*, blog, 14th March **2011**
- You'd have to say Sharpe is positively Olympian in her berkishness. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 20th March **2011**
- [T]hough Bellamy is past most of his berkishness you can never rule him out can you? – *Electrical Audio* forum, 17th October **2011**

Berkshire Hunt*noun*▶ see **BERKELEY HUNT****Berlin Walls; berlins***noun*

the testicles [UK]

- Rhymes on *balls*. < Berlin Wall, a concrete barrier separating East and West Berlin during the period from 1961 to 1989. The Wall, stretching for about 103 miles, was built by East Germany's Soviet-backed government to prevent its citizens from fleeing to the West.
- A gurl is a woman when shes trapped a man and entitled to half of the shit he worked his berlin walls off to get[.] – *Fast Car Magazine* forum, 11th June **2001**
- She's always having a go at me, banging on my Berlin Walls. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- For balls (testicles) you have: Berlins (Berlin Walls), Coffees (Coffee Stalls), Niagaras (Niagara Falls – which I've heard you, Jimbo, and others use)[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- Me pants are too tight and making me berlins wobbly. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**
- I kicked this geezer in the berlins. – *BetterMost.net* forum, 18th July **2007**

Bermuda*nickname*

American drummer Jon Schwartz (b.1956), best known for his work with 'Weird Al' Yankovic

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *Schwartz* and *shorts*, the second element of the compound *Bermuda shorts*. The nickname was coined in the early 1980s (probably 1982) by Alfred Matthew 'Weird Al' Yankovic (b.1959).
- You won't get an immediate response, but Bermuda assures us that Al signs every autograph himself! –

web.ftc-i.net/~rkanderson/weirdal.htm, 10th January **2001**

- I see I'm a bit late in adding my bit, but I also want to say thank you, Bermuda, for taking time out to interact with us. – *World of Weird Al Yankovic* forum, 12th April **2002**
- Whenever Al's performed in concert, Bermuda has been there – though an illness in 2003 meant he wasn't actually onstage for three shows. – *www.toledofreepress.com*, 13th July **2011**

Bernard Dillon; bernard*noun*

a villain [UK]

< Irish jockey Bernard Dillon (1888–1941).

- [I]t was first heard around the 1860's in those parts of London normally frequented by 'Hooks' (crooks) and 'Bernard Dillons (villains). [...] One could see that the 'artful' was a 'Bernard'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.1–2/39, **1973**
- It's the criminals you ought to start feeling sorry for. Get your precious Sidney amongst them and they'll be asking for police protection. He'll be in his element with a load of Bernards. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.15, **1975**

Bernard Miles; bernards*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English actor Bernard Miles (1907–91).

- Gawd, me Bernards are killing me! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd March **2003**
- Luckerly my bernard miles of cleared up. – *PC Review* forum, 21st August **2006**
- – You know the way they castrate sheep with elastic bands. Well they do that to piles as well but I would not recommend Malcom try it just in case your anatomy fails again? Ouch (In high pitched voice). – I thought some used wellington boots (castration not the "Bernard Miles"). – *BSA C10 C11 C12* forum, 20th July **2012**
- And I've heard Bernards (Bernard Miles) and Sigmunds (Sigmund Freuds= haemorrhoids, or however you spell it)[.] – *Ship of Fools* forum, 9th October **2013**
- In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Chalfonts, Topps, Bernards[.] – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**

Bernhard Langer; Bernard Langer*noun*

1 a sausage [UK]

Rhymes on *banger*. < German golfer Bernhard Langer (b.1957).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- I call my sausages 'Bernard Langers'! – *twitter.com*, 22nd September **2011**

2 an old car [UK]

Rhymes on *banger*.

· From today, gadget loving car buyers all over the UK are being encouraged to ditch their Bernard Langer by using their Uncle Toby or pistol and shooter to get the best jellied eel on their La-Di- Dah or jamjar. – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December **2005**

Berni Flint; Bernie Flint; bernie

adjective

penniless [UK]

- Rhymes on *skint*. < English singer Berni Flint (b.1952).
 · Looks like I'm Bernie Flint for another couple of months[.] – *Planet Z* forum, 22nd September **2003**
 · He'd probably buy you one but he's Berni Flint - skint. – *twitter.com*, 15th October **2010**
 · I'm a bit Bernie[.] – *twitter.com*, 9th November **2015**

Bernie Purcell

verb

to tell [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian rugby league player and coach Bernie Purcell (1928–2001).
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Bernie the bolt; bernie

noun

salt [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. < Bernie the Bolt, a character in the ITV game show *The Golden Shot*, broadcast from 1967 to 1975; from the catchphrase 'Bernie, the bolt!', used in the show by comedian Bob Monkhouse (1928–2003).
 · – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

bernie winter

noun

- a computer printer [UK]
 < Bernie Winters, the stage name of English comedian Bernard Weinstein (1932–91).
 · – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

Berrs

nickname

▶ see TEDDY BEARS

berryhuckle

noun

- a round of drinks [UK: SCOTLAND]
 A reversal of *huckleberry*, itself a shortening of *Huckleberry Hound*, rhyming on *round*. < *Huckleberry Hound*, a TV cartoon character created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera in 1958.
 · – M. Darton, *Dog the Wag*, p.36, **2007**
 · That wis a belter, heid-the-ba, the berryhuckle's on you. – *BBC Ouch!* forum, 15th November **2007**
 · Hi, ye up fur a berryhuckle then when I get tae Cork. Al be fair druthy when a get there[.] – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 12th February **2010**

Bert and Ernie; Burt and Ernie; bert

noun

a journey [UK]

< Bert and Ernie, two puppet characters created by Don Sahlin (1928–78) for the American children's television programme *Sesame Street*, first broadcast in 1969.

- Burt and Ernie is Cockney slang for Journey. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th December **2009**
 · No doubt you are cream crackered from your Bert & Ernie[.] – *two1charlietour.wordpress.com*, blog, 17th February **2010**
 · Here's wishin you a pleasant Bert, gov. – *oygov.wordpress.com*, blog, 3rd April **2012**
 · Getting around East London really is a Glenn Hoddle (*Doddle*) and to make your Burt and Ernie (*Journey*) more pleasurable let Jim talk you through the dos and don'ts of Olympic survival. – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Bertha Winder

noun

a cinder [UK]

- [H]e had had no breakfast, as the 'New York Nippers' were burnt up to a 'Bertha Winder'[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

Bertie

noun

thirty pounds [UK]

- A slang rhyme.
 · – *A(.com)*, accessed 30th September **2013**

Bertie Auld; bertie

adjective

cold [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the Scots *cauld*. < Scottish footballer and manager Bertie Auld (b.1938), also known by the nickname TEN THIRTY. The short form *bertie* is sometimes expanded to BURLINGTON BERTIE.
 · – *DSL*, 2004: **1991**
 · Central heating should be installed under the seats as it's Bertie Auld at this time of year. – *sporttoday.org*, 13th November **1992**
 · Fucking Bertie Auld, The PATH said, as we staggered into the boozier, shaking and tramping the snow from our coats and boots. – I. Welsh, *The Acid House*, p.212 [1995], **1994**
 · And what would the temperature be like if it was Bertie Auld? – I. Black, *Weegie Wit*, p.80, **2006**
 · For instance, when it was chilly I remember people saying "it's a bit bertie today"[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2008**
 · Baljaffray Handknits do a fine selection of hats, scarves and gloves for whilst it's Bertie Auld out. – *www.facebook.com*, 6th March **2013**
 · Well it's Bertie auld down the docks the day a tell yi. – *twitter.com*, 25th September **2013**

Bertie Mee; bertie

noun

☐ tea [UK]

< English footballer and manager Bertie Mee (1918–2001).

· Ill av a cup o bertie wi a bit o kilroy[!] – *Old Skool Anthem* forum, 17th August **2004**

· Where is my bertie mee dis morning? – *Mellophant* forum, 16th March **2009**

· Would anybody like a cup ov bertie mee an' a scone? – *scarletgeek.wordpress.com*, blog, 12th August **2010**

2 urine; an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· [N]ip out at half-time for a 'bertie'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· ill grab a pint and take a Bertie Mee... – *thegoonerforum.wordpress.com*, blog, 28th August **2008**

· If you get up during the night 2 or 3 times for a Bertie Mee, even if you ain't 50, get it checked. – *Not606* forum, 10th November **2011**

3 the knee [UK]

· – [A]ndrew has lovely bertie mees. – You've had sight of his knees? Oh, you lucky devil. – I am sure he will show u them. – *twitter.com*, 9th July **2012**

· – @SekSim2 good lad Sim Simmer, how's that Bertie? – @martinpaul115 Bertie? – @SekSim2 come on, you played so you must have heard Bertie Mee = knee?? – *twitter.com*, 1st November **2012**

· I reckoned I could throw some elephants trunk up her if I could get her Bertie Mees apart. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

· The old Bertie Mee is feeling significantly less painful. – *twitter.com*, 14th August **2014**

4 the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [I]n my old workplace Bertie Mee was rhyming slang for lady parts! – *twitter.com*, 14th August **2014**

Bertie Smalls

noun

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Derek Creighton 'Bertie' Smalls (1935–2008), a prolific English bank robber who in 1973 became the first British SUPERGRASS.

· That dermot cunt wants a right good boot in the bertie smalls[.] – *twitter.com*, 14th October **2012**

2 grass [UK]

A covert pun on *grass*, itself probably a clipping of GRASSHOPPER. Scaffolders' slang.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 9th November **2012**

Bertie Woofter; Bertie Woofah; Bertie Woofa

noun

a homosexual man [UK]

An elaboration of WOOFTER; coined as a pun on *Bertie Wooster*. < Bertie Wooster, a character in P. G. Wodehouse's *Jeeves* novels. It is unclear if the slang *bertie* 'a homosexual man' is an independent coinage or, in fact, originated as a shortening of *Bertie Woofter*.

· [A] gay man is also likely to be referred to as a Bertie Woofter, or simply 'a Bertie'. – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, s.v. *poof*, **1984**

· I have decided to: 1. become a Welsh person 2. shag sheep 3. become a raving Bertie Woofah 4. take a membership in Gay Pride. – *alt.fan.joe-curry*, *Google Groups*, 1st August **2004**

· By the way, you're a pair of Bertie Woofers. – *British Girls Adult Film Database* forum, 6th August **2004**

· No screaming bertie woofats in rhinestone encrusted jump-suits or plumed chick-boys cavorting in front of my lens for me then. – *stefzucconi.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st September **2004**

· 'I'm as fruity as you, Mitcham. Tell me you like your thrashing.' 'I like it, mistress.' 'Would it be the same if a guy was thrashing you?' 'Of course not. I'm no bertie woofter.' – K. McCann, *Thai Honey*, **2006**

· Ah, sure now, Monty, ya fat ould Bertie Woofter, oi've heard all about yer sheep shaggin ways – are ye sure yer not Welsh? – *www.wilddrivers.co.uk*, 8th April **2008**

· 'There you are, you almost look like a boy now. Be careful, you might not get that lovely cock up your arse tonight.' 'Spoken like a true Bertie Woofter,' one of the onlookers said. 'Bertie Woofter? Not me, mate. My views on poofers are well known. I'd string the lot of them up. – L. Harrison, *Glimpses*, p.32, **2009**

Bert Murray; bert; bertie

noun

a curry [UK: BRIGHTON]

< English footballer Bert Murray (b.1942), who played for Brighton and Hove Albion in the early 1970s.

· – 'I'm Going Out For A Bert. – No Honest Going Out For A Bert Or Bertie Was Used Instead Of Ruby[.] – Myself and all my mates use the term Bert when referring to Curry. My young lady however, being a that there Londoner, refuses and insists on Ruby. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 18th–19th December **2008**

· In Brighton "Ruby Murray" is NOT the rhyming slang for curry - our version is "Bert Murray" - the people's player... – *twitter.com*, 5th January **2012**

Bert van Lingen; bert

adjective

1 foul-smelling; repulsive; unpleasant; bad; unattractive [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *mingin*, the Scots form of *minging*. < Dutch footballer Bert van Lingen (b.1945), who was assistant manager of Rangers from 1998 to 2002.

· Wright – and I know how fond he is of Cockney rhyming slang – was "Bert Van Lingen" and he did absolutely hee-haw. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 9th November **1999**

· [T]hat smell's totally Bert van Lingen, by the way[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 26th March **2000**

· In Bert van Lingen, they have a coach whose name is rhyming slang for the majority of the players. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 17th March **2001**

· As good as “yuk. That’s pure Bert”[.] – *twitter.com*, 25th September **2012**

· That bird over there is totally Bert[.] – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

2 drunk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *mingin*, the Scots form of *minging*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I was out on the Colin Nish a few years ago and I got Bert Van Lingen. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 15th December **2012**

Berwick-upon-Tweed; Berwick on Tweed; berwick

noun

1 the head [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *heid*. < Berwick-upon-Tweed (or Berwick-on-Tweed), a town in the north-east of England, some three miles south of the Scottish border. Hence a sore *Berwick on Tweed* ‘a headache’.

· I have got a sore Berwick on Tweed[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th January **2001**

· “Berwick-upon-Tweed” (heid) [...]. Correct usage of the McFarlane demands that only the first word is used, as in to: “lose one’s Berwick and stick one’s St Louis up someone’s Burlington chorus because they gave some Dorothys to your lemon”. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 18th August **2004**

· How the hell can you get traumatized by watching war films? I must be aff my berwick on tweed then cause I’ve got hunners of warry dvds! – *RHF Veterans* forum, 25th March **2008**

· Ooh ya! I jist dunted mah Berwick. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

2 amphetamine [UK]

Rhymes on *speed*. Recorded in the forms *Berwick-upon-Tweed* and *berwick*.

· I’d fancy some berwick, but I’m boracic. – *BC Forums*, 11th June **2005**

· Percussionist Neal gives us ‘Berwick upon Tweed’: speed. – *www.strangled.co.uk*, 9th December **2007**

· Once swim heard amphetamine referred to as Berwick upon Tweed (place in v far of england just before Scotland) or Berwick for short – as in Cockney rhyming slang for “speed”. – *Drugs-Forum*, 9th January **2010**

· – He likes a drink but, Mr Mark, Keezbo says. – We aw do, but imagine no bein able tae go fir a few fuckin hours withoot Christopher Reeve, ah laugh, – that’s worse than a fuckin junky! He could’ve hud some Berwick wi us! – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.31, **2012**

Beryl Reid; beryl

noun

1 a dog’s lead [UK]

< English actress Beryl Reid (1920–96).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*. The short form is recorded by Lillo (2001).

· – A. Lillo, *Junkie*, p.41, 2001: **1997**

· – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.192, **2013**

Bessie Braddock; bessie

noun

haddock (as a food fish) [UK]

< English Labour politician Bessie Braddock (1899–1970).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Fancy some chips with your Bessie? – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

besyruped

adjective

wearing a wig or toupee [UK]

An equivalent of *bewigged*. Formed on *syrup*, a shortening of SYRUP OF FIGS.

· Dudley Moore, the ‘stature-challenged gagmeister’; Frank Sinatra, the ‘besyruped croonster’ and the Princess of Wales, the ‘highlight-laden would-be thronester’. – *Punch* magazine, London, 26th February **1992**

beta-blocker

noun

in a hospital, a locker for use by medical staff [UK]

< *beta-blocker* ‘a drug used in the treatment of high blood pressure and other heart conditions’. Medical slang.

· – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd March **2003**

beta room

noun

in a hospital, a locker room for medical staff [UK]

Formed on *beta*, a shortening of BETA-BLOCKER. Medical slang.

· Dr RJ Bishop writes from North Shields with some medical rhyming slang [...]. “When a doctor says to a colleague he is going to the beta room for a bundle, what he means is going to the local room (Beta, beta-blocker, locker) for a Bundle-of-Hiss, a specialist nerve bundle in the heart.” – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd March **2003**

Bethan Tower; bethan

noun

► see BEETHAM TOWER

Bethnal Greens; bethnals; bethnalls

noun

jeans [UK]

< Bethnal Green, an area of east London.

· Nice pair of Bethnals. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th August **2007**

· Isn’t it about time you bought a new pair of Bethnals? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Jeans are Bethnalls. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Bette Midler; bette

noun

a paedophile [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *kiddie fiddler*. < American singer and actress Bette Midler (b.1945).

- [T]aken from the unpublished manuscript ‘Inappropriate Cockney Rhyming Slang’. [...] Bette Midler – *Kiddie Fiddler*. – *nutgroist.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st August **2004**
- [W]hy are so many celebs “Bette Midlers?” Who’ll get arrested for it next? – *b3ta* forum, 9th December **2005**
- Nah. Bette. Bette Midler = kiddie fiddler. – *twitter.com*, 25th March **2014**
- Bette is rhyming slang for a paedo; Bette Midler, kiddie fiddler. – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2014**

Better-Off-Deads

noun

communists [UK?]

The scanty available evidence makes it impossible to determine whether this is an established British usage or a nonce coinage.

- Sergeant Arthur Bertram Sykes was revealed yesterday as a new type of British Army hero. He not only fought the Communists in Korea with a machine gun, he fought them as a prisoner with Cockney ridicule. [...] The guards insisted that Sykes should “confess” in front of his men. He agreed—“no point in tormenting myself.” To his file of 15 men he said: “I know I stand in front of you like a chump. I know I look a mug. I’ve always been a mug, but Scout’s honour and Cub’s honour and keep my fingers crossed I won’t be rude to the Better-Off-Deads (Reds) any more.” – *The Straits Times*, Singapore, 7th March **1955**

Betty Blue

noun

a clue [IRELAND/UK]

< *Betty Blue*, English title of the French film *37^o2 le matin* (1986), directed by Jean-Jacques Beineix.

- I don’t have a Betty Blue what’s wrong, but I can’t eat, can’t sleep. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, text from back cover, **2004**
- Haven’t a Betty Blue what she’s talking about[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.43, **2007**
- I don’t have a Betty Blue whats being said here. – *www.youtube.com*, **2010**
- Haven’t got a Betty Blue but I would guess at... *Ratings TNG Popularity TOS Acclaim DS9*. – *The Trek BBS* forum, 6th May, **2015**

Betty Boo

noun

1 a black girl or woman [UK]

Rhymes on *jigaboo* ‘a black person’. < Betty Boo, the stage name of English pop-rap singer Alison Moira Clarkson (b.1970).

- When the African women refused to let the men in, the door was allegedly forced open. Yesterday there were scratches on the door and the handle was loose. At about 3.30am on Monday the British tourist claimed she heard a commotion and the players branding one of the girls

“Betty Boo”, rhyming slang for a racist term jigaboo. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 7th March **2004**

2 a clue [UK/IRELAND]

- Is it a drinking competition? I asked jeeves but he didn’t have a betty boo. – *The Ford RS Owners Club forum*, 7th May **2004**
- The poor woman was, like, sixty – hadn’t a fucking Betty Boo what was going on. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.109, **2007**
- I know, I didn’t have a betty boo & when you told me what it was I didn’t know weather to kiss you or Chip!! – *PassionFord* forum, 26th September **2008**
- [T]hey are absolutely terrible at the game and havnt got a betty boo what they are talking about. – *Battlefield 3* forum, 20th February **2012**
- 3 excrement; an act of defecation [UK]
 - Rhymes on *poo*.
 - Just read the OP, and now I really need a Betty Boo! – *Digital Spy*, forum, 24th April **2008**
 - – Funniest crap names. lol? – need a betty boo[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 30th July **2009**
 - I can honestly say I do not eat whilst having a Betty Boo, it’s just not etiquette. – *Live Fight* forum, 21st December **2010**

Betty Boop; betty

noun

soup [SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

< Betty Boop, a cartoon character created by Max Fleischer in 1915. The short form is only recorded in British usage.

- – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.9, **1992**
- [A] bowl of ‘Betty’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Help, I have injured my tongue while slurping on Betty Boop, what should I do? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st October **2006**

Betty Crocker; betty

noun

in sport, a shockingly poor performance [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shocker*. < Betty Crocker, a brand of food products owned by the American company General Mills. In New Zealand usage, only recorded in the full form. Synonymous with BARRY CROCKER.

- – D. McGill, *DNKS*, 2011: New Zealand TV: Sky Sport, 10th April **2005**
- In Australian rhyming slang, ‘Betty Crocker’ means a shocker. So having a Betty usually means a player isn’t doing well at all. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 1st April **2007**
- Don’t know about over there, and please don’t take offence, but down here Betty Crocker is rhyming slang for a shocker. – *BritBike Forum*, 17th March **2012**
- Sometimes the whole team is going to have a betty crocker (shocker for you poms). – *www.nmfc.com.au*, 27th March **2014**

Betty Grable; betty*noun*

1 sable [UK]

< American actress Betty Grable (1916–73). Only recorded in the full form.

· ‘Harry,’ he said, ‘there’s a pen-and-ink (mink) and Betty Grable (sable) in —’s window in — Street, off Bond Street, that are the talk of the town; they’re worth every penny of five grand. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.36, **1956**

2 a table [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form is given by Dalzell and Victor (2006).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’d like to book a Betty Grable, if that’s possible. – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· [N]ext thing you know I had her on top of the Betty Grable on her rickety-rack, both legs akimbo and with a carrot stuck up her arse[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.178 [2012], **2004**

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, **2006**

· – *Bus Australia* forum, 16th July **2010**

· I’ll put my cards on the Betty Grable – I only got 7/10, and my late Grandad was a Cockney. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

· Check under the Betty Grable in the kitchen. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**

3 among currency traders, the exchange rate between the British pound sterling and the US dollar [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *cable*.

· The rate at which pounds can be changed into US\$ is known as cable, after the original transatlantic link between Britain and the U.S. That exchange rate is therefore called Betty, because the actress Betty Grable’s name rhymes with cable. – *Financial Post*, Toronto, 9th March **1993**

· The £/\$ rate, or the Betty (ie Betty Grable – cable) is known as cable because of the trade done via an early transatlantic link between London and NY. – *Fool.co.uk* forum, 14th October **2005**

· [S]ome – mostly Middle Eastern banks – clearly favour the Betty Grable. – *House Price Crash* forum, 10th May **2006**

· What’s the Betty? – F. Taylor, *Market Know How*, p.155, **2009**

· **Betty Betty Grable/Cable**. Rhyming slang for GBP/USD. – J. Sharpe, *Foreign Exchange*, p.281, **2012**

· This is from a partially successful attempt by an HSBC trader to get the ‘Betty’ fixing below 1.6000[.] – *fortune.com*, 12th November **2014**

4 a stable [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 6th January **2005**

5 a cable [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Keep the wiring simple, and be prepared to ‘run a bit of Betty Grable’ (cable) and be on hand to ‘pass the bubbles’ (bulbs)... – *At Home* magazine, July **2007**

· An electrician friend told me that even Betty Grable (= cable) is still in use! – *nellgwynn.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th August **2008**

between the sticks*noun*

in bingo, the number eighty-six [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< *between the sticks* ‘in football, the area between the two goalposts’.

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Beverley Craven; beverley*noun*

1 the shaven female pudenda [UK]

Rhymes on *shaven haven*. < British singer-songwriter Beverley Craven (b.1960).

· – *Hardcore Will Never Die* forum, 15th May **2005**

· When I stuck my hand up her dress she wasn’t wearing any knickers. And she’d got a Beverley. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: The Magna Farta*, **2007**

2 a tax haven [UK]

· – *www.listopia.co.uk*, 5th November **2008**

Bexley Heath; bexleys*noun*

the teeth [UK]

< Bexleyheath, a town in south London. First recorded in use among itinerant entertainers.

· Teeth, *Bexley Heath*. [...] She’s got a gorgeous pair of minces, a terrific I-sup and as she smiled she showed a glorious set of Bexleys. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.11/13–14, **ca 1937**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· Have any of you used coal to brush your bexleys? – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· Put your Bexleys in, Dad! – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

Beyonce*noun*

a fiancé [IRELAND/UK]

A slang rhyme. < Beyoncé, the stage name of American singer Beyoncé Knowles (b.1981). ► see DARLING BEYONCÉ

· But it seems by accepting the proposal from the man I’m now to call my fiance (in the grand tradition of rhyming slang, to be referred to hereafter as my Beyonce) I had crossed into the limbo twixt single and married, and Become Engaged, where all that matters is that he liked it and put a ring on it. [...] Thankfully, my Beyonce had

similar scruples, so he plucked a ring from a flea market stall with which to pop the question, which would have worked perfectly if it hadn't been eight sizes too big. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 25th April **2009**
 · Have you met my Beyoncé? – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March **2012**

Beyoncé Knowles; beyoncé

noun

sausage rolls [UK]

< American singer Beyoncé Knowles (b.1981). The short form is also spelt with no accent on the final e.
 · – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 · A couple of hot Beyoncs and some chips please. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, 7th December **2011**
 · That's a nice bunch of Beyonces in this picnic. – *The Spoof!* forum, 25th January **2013**

beyond reproach; beyond

noun

a coach (a type of bus) [UK]

· It was up at the crack of crovis, so it was dark when we left Bomber Command on the beyond*. [...] *beyond reproach = coach. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 3rd February **2014**

B-flat

adjective

(of a person) fat [UK]

A Polari word first recorded among itinerant entertainers in the 1930s. Today only found in gay use.
 · Fat man, *B-flat homey*. Fat Woman, *B-flat polone*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.8, ca **1937**
 · **B-flat omee** [...] a fat man. – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

Bib and Bub; bib

noun

1 a bath [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tub*. < Bib and Bub, two comic strip characters created in 1924 by English-born Australian illustrator May Gibbs (1877–1969).

· **have a bib and bub**: take a bath. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 · – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
 · “to have a bib and bub” = “to take a bath”[.] – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**
 · ‘take a *bib*’, meaning ‘have a bath’. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a pub [AUSTRALIA]

· [Y]ou will find one in the bar of nearly any ‘bib’ (bib’n’bub – pub). – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**
 · – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

bibs and braces

noun

horse races [AUSTRALIA]

▶ see BRACES

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.51, **1968**

bicycle lamp

noun

a tramp [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bicycle spanner; bike spanner

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*.

· He thinks my readers will be interested in other terms used by racing people when talking of money, and sends the following examples: ½d, hard boiled egg; 1d, ches-ter; 3d, thrummer; 6d, bicycle spanner[.] – *The Daily Mail*, Hull, 13th February **1940**
 · Bicycle Spanner Tanner (Sixpence). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, **1973**
 · Bike spanner, tanner 6d. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.207, **1976**

Biffo the Bear; biffo

noun

1 the hair [UK]

< Biffo the Bear, a comic strip character in the British children's comic *The Beano*.

· Me biffo's not looking the best today. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**
 · I won't be long, I'm off to get me Biffo cut. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 2 a chair [UK]
 · ‘Let's get goin’,’ agreed Tim. ‘Any more toast an’ tha'll not get off that Biffo. ‘What?’ gulped Rob. ‘Biffo the Bear – chair – Cockney rhyming slang,’ said Tim. – K. Frankland, *Permission Granted*, p.215, **2015**

Biffy Clyro; biffy

noun

a social security cheque [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *giro*. < Scottish rock band Biffy Clyro.

· – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**
 · – *www.bbc.co.uk*, blog, 3rd May **2011**
 · Cultural guide: Rhyming slang Biffy Clyro – Giro ‘Mon the Biffy’ translation ‘Hurrah for unemployment insurance’. – *twitter.com*, 15th July **2014**

big and bulky

noun

a sulky (a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle for one person, used especially in harness racing) [AUSTRALIA]

· Next morning I was ready to move when a pot and pan driving a nice high stepping tomato sauce in a flash big an' bulky pulled up[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

big bass drum; big bass

noun

a person's bottom, especially one of generous proportions [UK]

Rhymes on *bun*. A visual metaphor. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.106, 2011

Big Ben

noun

1 ten pounds sterling [UK]

< Big Ben, the clock in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament, London; more properly, the bell of the clock.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- All right, here's a big ben. Don't spend it all in one shop. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, p.35, 2015

2 in craps, a roll of ten [us]

Suggested by *Big Dick*, another term for a roll of ten. Sometimes elaborated (with sexual innuendo) as *Big Ben, the lady's friend*.

- Crow tossed the dice, their roll stopped on ten. "Big Ben, I've got it made then!" he shouted reclaiming the dice. – P. Crump, *Burn, Killer, Burn!*, p.183, 1962
- – C. Fagans and D. Guzman, *Craps Lingo*, p.11, 1999
- **10. A and H, puppy paws and Big Ben, the lady's friend**, are calls for 10. – J. Grochowski, *Craps*, p.40, 2001
- – J. Lohnes, *Casino Craps*, 2013

3 ten shillings [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

4 ten o'clock [UK]

- I'm up before the bubble at Big Ben and I don't want to be Harry Tate for the pogo. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.148, 2008
- He arrived just before Big Ben. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Big Ben

numeral

ten [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Big Ben, the clock in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament, London; more properly, the bell of the clock. The 2010 quotation below is from a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.29, 1979
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: [...] Tilly Devine = 9 Big Ben = 10. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, 2010

big bird

noun

a long prison sentence [UK]

Formed on *bird*, an elliptical form of BIRDLIME. < Big Bird, a puppet character from the American children's television programme *Sesame Street*, first broadcast in 1969. ▶ see SPARROW

- Beggsy told Felix that the man was 'a right dodgy geezer' and that there were a few good people 'doing big bird' (long sentences) because of him. – E. James, *A Life Inside*, p.49, 2003: *The Guardian*, London, 28th September 2000
- All of us were remanded and all looking at 'Big Bird' if found guilty; I am talking big-time porridge, enough to fill up a swimming pool. – C. Bronson and S. Richards, *The Good Prison Guide*, p.52, 2007
- And I'll go to jail too, and I'll do big bird[.] – *Playground Vocal*, lyric, Slew Dem, 2012
- I'd be more up in arms about the fact sick kiddy fiddlers get away with their crimes and rarely do big bird when caught. – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd October 2014

big bloke

noun

cocaine [US/UK]

Rhymes on *coke*. Thus BLOKER.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- – E.E. Landy, *The Underground Dictionary*, 1971
- – J.A. Martin, *Law Enforcement Vocabulary*, p.20, 1973
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – M. Ramachandran and M. Ronson, *The Medical Miscellany*, p.83, 2005

Big Bopper

noun

a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on *copper*. < The Big Bopper, the stage name of American rock and roll singer J.P. Richardson (1930–59).

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

big-bristled; big-ristoled; big-bristol'd

adjective

big-breasted [UK]

Formed on *bristol*, an elliptical form of BRISTOL CITY.

- Lichtenstein probably conjures up late night visions of clog-dancing innkeepers, lederhosened burgomeisters and their big-bristled daughters[.] – *Melody Maker*, London, February 1982
- What we have is your basic big bristol'd bird with blonde hair and an outrageous accent[.] – *KahrTalk* forum, 16th July 2015
- The fit big bristoled bird doing backing vocals for ELO is well worth your attention. – *twitter.com*, 26th June 2016

big dinners*noun*

theatre performers who appear in the opening scene of a production [UK]

Rhymes on *beginners*. Used as a backstage call, five minutes before curtain up, to summon the required performers to the stage.

- – S. Dent, *Dent's Modern Tribes*, p.96, **2016**

big dipper*noun*

a slipper [UK]

< Big Dipper (also known in Britain as 'the Plough'), an asterism in the constellation Ursa Major. Influenced by the Big Dipper roller coaster on Blackpool Pleasure Beach, an amusement park in Blackpool, in the north-west of England.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – N. Edworthy, *Christmas*, p.98, **2007**
- Blow me, the London fog's chewed me big dippers! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Where's my big dippers? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Big Ears*exclamation*

1 used as a drinking toast [UK]

Rhymes on *cheers*. A shortening of the originally Australian drinking toast *cheers*, *big ears*, the response to which may be *same goes*, *big nose* (or a similarly rhyming phrase) or *fuck off, Noddy!*. Influenced or reinforced by Big Ears, the name of a gnome character in the popular 'Noddy' series of books by English writer Enid Blyton.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 used as an expression of gratitude [UK]

Rhymes on *cheers*.

- – *Planet Tolkien* forum, 14th March **2003**
- Here we go. Big Ears (15)! – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Big Ears and Noddy; big ears*noun*

the human body; specifically an attractive female body [UK]

< Big Ears and Noddy, two characters in the 'Noddy' series of books by English writer Enid Blyton. They first appeared in 1949 in *Noddy Goes to Toyland*, illustrated by Dutch artist Harmsen van der Beek.

- Ere take a look at the Big Ears on this bird coming up the road. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Have you seen the big ears on that? – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.99, **2011**

big fat hen*noun*

in bingo, the number ten [UK/IRELAND]

Always with the indefinite article: *a big fat hen*.

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

- – *www.bingoatitsbest.com*, **2010**

- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

big hairy ape*noun*

a grape [UK]

Recorded in use among market traders.

- – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

Big Ham and Egg; Big Ham and Eggs*nickname*

▶ see HAM AND EGG

big jimmies*noun*

a large female buttocks [UK: SCOTLAND]

An offshoot of JIMMY DURANTES.

- Look at the big jimmies on those two. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

big John Cleese*noun*

an important person [UK]

A variation of the slang *big cheese*. Formed on JOHN CLEESE.

- I'm meeting the big John Cleese today at work. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

big kippers*noun*

slippers [UK]

- – N. Edworthy, *Christmas*, p.98, **2007**

Big Mac*noun*

1 dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*. < Big Mac, a type of hamburger made by McDonald's.

· Big Mac (Roberta Flack): Sack. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· They recently merged with another outfit, and Berkshire Hunt got the Big Mac. – *Evening Standard*, London, 16th November **2000**

· Yes, she got the Big Mac. That's why they moved to this area. – *London*, spoken, female, 23, **2001**

· Gary's at his Mickey Mouse (house). He got the Big Mac on Wednesday. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December **2011**

2 a bed [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

- He just wanted to loaf of bread to their Mickey Mouse, have a David Gower and hit the Big Mac for Posh and Becks. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

big minces*noun*

an obsessive greed or appetite [UK]

Used in the phrase *get big minces*, the direct equivalent of *get big eyes*. Formed on MINCE PIE.

- Well it seems that after a while Edmond gets big minces and decides that he is going to try his hand at something really hard[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.22, **1959**

Big Moe*noun*

the toe [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**

Big Peas and Gravy*nickname*

Scottish footballer David ‘Davie’ McPherson (b.1964)

Formed on PEAS AND GRAVY, with a reference to McPherson’s height (6ft 3ins).

- [W]ith about a minute left on the clock, Dave McPherson, our giant, gangling defender produced one of the most brilliant flashes of inspiration that I’ve ever seen from a footballer. As a deafening noise bellowed from the old and new stands, Big ‘Peas and Gravy’ collected the ball from deep inside his own half. – A.-H. Bowie, *Two Miles*, [2011], **2008**

- Yet when it came to Scottish Cup final, big Peas and Gravy did not let us down one bit. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 13th July **2011**

- It is at moments like then, that the crowd becomes part of the play, roaring big Peas and Gravy on, seen below at 4:23mins. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 5th October **2011**

Big Sherbet Dab; Big Sherbert Dab; Big Sherbet; Big Sherbert*nickname*

Scottish footballer Robert ‘Rab’ Douglas (b.1972)

Formed on SHERBET DAB, with a reference to Douglas’s height (6ft 4ins).

- All the best big sherbert dab. Helluva nice guy. Pysh goalkeeper. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 21st February **2006**

- Big sherbert just couldn’t make a save when it counted that night an as we all know, in tight games like that, the goalie is very often the major difference. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 24th March **2007**

- – big sherbet will prob play a blinder – who lol – sherbet dab.big rab douglas. – *twitter.com*, 21st September **2012**

- Big sherbet dab Douglas did him good n proper in the Parkhead tunnel way back. – *twitter.com*, 16th August **2014**

big toe blister*noun*

a sister [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, s.v. *blood blister*, **2009**

bike spanner*noun*

▶ see BICYCLE SPANNER

bikini line*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-nine [UK]

- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

- – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

Bill and Ben*noun*

1 among currency traders, a yen [UK]

- < Bill and Ben, two puppets that featured in the children’s TV series *The Flowerpot Men*, broadcast in the 1950s and 1960s and revived for a short period in the early 2000s.

- More imagination is needed to see that the “Bill and Ben” is the Japanese Yen, the “Potata” the Spanish Peta, the “Scud” the Portuguese Escudo. – *Investors Chronicle* magazine, London, **1984**

- Bill and Ben: Rhyming slang for the Japanese yen. Probably not appreciated completely in Tokyo. – *Financial Times*, London, 15th July **1988**

- Of course, the deal might not have been in sterling, it might have been in Bill ‘n Ben – yen. And the size might not have been a lady or a Hawaii but a Derek, a single, named after England cricketer Derek Pringle. – *Financial Post*, Toronto, 9th March **1993**

- The slang for the yen, on the currency trading floors in London, is ‘Bill and Ben’, from cockney rhyming slang. – T. Homer, *The Book of Origins*, p.197, **2006**

- The Japanese yen rate is the ‘Bill and Ben!’ – S. Valdez and P. Molyneux, *Global Financial Markets*, p.241, **2007**

- What’s your interest in Bill and Ben in the pick? – *www.todayonline.com*, 19th April **2014**

2 among second-hand car dealers, a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

- How do they describe customers? [...] And money? Bill and Ben is £10, a century £100[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 18th April **1999**

- The motor trade communicates in a rich patois which has its roots in Cockney rhyming slang. Here are a few of the colourful expressions from its wafty world of high finance. A gripper, long one or banana is £1,000, a monkey is £500 [...] and a bill-and-ben £10. – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 13th July **2003**

3 a pen [UK]

- Where’s my Bill and Ben. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May **2004**

- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.117, **2011**

- A terrible (but hilarious) trait he had, was to try to use rhyming slang totally unsuccessfully, while ‘holding court’ to the staff. As in, ‘has anyone seen my good bill and pen?’ (Should be bill and Ben = pen)[.] – *Mumsnet* forum, 23rd August **2014**

bill and benner*noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. Derived from BILL AND BEN.

- £10? I think I will keep my bill and benner in my wallet[.] – *TWTD* forum, 13th August **2009**
- You got that Bill and Benner you owe me? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th September **2009**
- She's purchased my eldest a big bag of sweets from sel-fridges food hall bet the were rocking on a bill and benner. – *twitter.com*, 20th May **2011**
- In Cockney rhyming slang Lady Godiva is a fiver, Bill and Benner is a tenner, and a Bag of Sand is a grand. – *Daily Mail*, London, 7th November **2012**
- Tried horseracing once, lost a Bill and Benner. – *twitter.com*, 13th March **2015**

bill and coo*noun*

a Jew [UK]

- – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, 1943, 'Note on the Language', p.11, **1970**

Bill and Ted*noun*

a bed [AUSTRALIA]

< Bill and Ted, played by Alex Winter (b.1965) and Keanu Reeves (b.1964), slacker heroes of two linguistically influential American films: *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* (1989) and *Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey* (1991).

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Bill Buck*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [US]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Possibly the direct forebear of the Australian and New Zealand form BILLY BUCK.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**

Bill Giles*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English meteorologist and weather presenter Bill Giles (b.1939).

- I have always used Bill Giles when referring to piles. – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2010**
- I would have thought of that but my Bill Giles are playing up and I'm not thinking straight. – *twitter.com*, 27th April **2012**
- And my Bill Giles are playing up. – *twitter.com*, 5th October **2014**

Bill Grundies; bills; billies*noun*

male underpants; hence underpants (for men or women) [UK]

Rhymes on *undies*. < English TV presenter Bill Grundy (1923–93), best remembered for his career-ending 1976 live interview with the Sex Pistols. The full form is particularly common in, though not confined to, Liver-

pool English and other northern English dialects. *Bills* and *billies* have only been recorded in these dialects.

► see GRUNDIES

- **Bill Grundies** *rhym. slang*. Undies, trollies, etc. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

- **bills** *n. Shreddies*. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1999**

· The very foundation of good highway sense is clean underwear [...]. For years I never left our side of the street after mid-afternoon when obviously the day had taken its toll on singlet or even liberty bodice, for fear of having my immunity to road traffic accidents eroded by grubby Bill Grundies. – *The Birmingham Post*, 12th March **2004**

· [W]as it pics of women in their bills or what... – *Shack-net* forum, 5th July **2004**

· When I was growing up back over there on Merseyside, we didn't really go in for rhyming slang. However, one term was in common parlance yet I rarely find anyone from outside the Liverpool area who's familiar with it. It is, to my knowledge, the only example of scouse rhyming slang. 'Bills', meaning underpants: 'Bill Grundys'. [...] Now, it was the 1980s and 90s when me and my mates were using the term 'bills'. [...] Yet there we all were, using 'bills' and 'billies' without even consciously thinking of it as slang. – *bristlingbadger.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th January **2005**

· Those ignorant of this miserably common experience, imagine your carefree childhood self in traditional flimsy sea-side garb – your Bill Grundies, basically – with six or seven fairly large and apparently bloody furious birds swooping at your bonce. – *Lancaster Guardian*, Lancaster, 14th September **2006**

· Quite a few Scouse terms have been picked up in other parts of the country – I suspect "gobsmacked" is one of them. Going in the reverse direction, my son refers to his underpants as "Bills." When I queried this with him, he said it was from "Bill Grundies" = undies. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 28th December **2006**

· On my stag do, whilst getting stripped to my bill grundies in Prague by some woman of lesser morals on stage in a bar, 20 of my mates hanging over the balcony screaming IGOR, IGOR... – *Red and White Kop* forum, 27th June **2007**

· He's laid on a bed and Joanne Whalley is standing by the door in her Bill Grundies, he looks at her, clicks his fingers and says "Come to me now girl!"... And she does! – *Lincolnshire Echo*, 29th July **2008**

· Bills – undies (Bill Grundies). – *Newcastle-Online* forum, 22nd December **2010**

· I shall be wearing clean 'Bill Grundies' on the 11th... just in case. – *Tartan Army* forum, 2nd November **2011**

· She's on now, leaping about in her Bill Grundies. – *twitter.com*, 27th October **2013**

· I had only brought one clean pair of Bill grundies (undies) and almond rocks (socks)[.] – S. Connolly, *B.A.O.R.*, p.76, **2014**

Bill Hart*noun*

a fart [US]

< *Bill Hart*, a familiar form of the name of American actor William S. Hart (1864–1946), best known for his cowboy roles in silent films.

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**

billied*adjective*

addicted to cocaine [US]

An adjectival adaptation of *billy*, the first element of BILLIE HOKE.

• – J.E. Schmidt, *Narcotics Lingo*, p.16, **1959**

• – E.L. Abel, *DDATT*, **1984**

Billie Hoke; Billie Hoak*noun*

cocaine [US]

Rhymes on *coke*. The variant *Billie Hoak* is given by Abel (1984) and Nash (1992). Thus BILLIED.

• – J.E. Schmidt, *Narcotics Lingo*, p.16, **1959**

• – E.L. Abel, *DDATT*, **1984**

• – J.R. Nash, *DC*, **1993**

• – T. Dalzell, *The Slang of Sin*, p.121, **1998**

Billie Jo Spears*noun*

the ears [UK: SCOTLAND]

< American country music singer Billie Jo Spears (1938–2011).

• One from my youth [...] Billie Jo Spears - ears. – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

Billie Piper; billie*noun*

1 a windscreen wiper [UK]

< English singer and actress Billie Piper (b.1982). Generally in the plural, although its earliest recorded use is in the singular.

• – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November **2001**

• We found the rabbit was knackered when we took it out for a Charlie, so we replaced it as well as the charm, which was flat as a kipper's, and the worn Billies. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

• Just been to halfords to look for some new windscreen wipers (Billie Pipers) that have a spoiler, but they dont do any at all. – *GolfGTI.co.uk* forum, 28th July **2007**

• It's peeing it down – you wanna get your Billies on. – T. Randall, *EastEnders*, p.120, **2008**

• You'd better put your billies on, because it's raining. – *Quiz-zone* forum, 29th May **2008**

2 a sniper [UK]

• 'E was 'it by a bullet from a Billie. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th April **2005**

Bill Lang*noun*

slang [AUSTRALIA]

< Bill Lang, the ring name of Australian boxer William Langfranchi (1883–1952).

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

• Roast Pork the Bill Lang[.] – G. Seal, *DEDH*, p.6, **2009**

Bill Leckies*noun*

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *eckies* (variously spelt). < Scottish sports journalist and broadcaster Bill Leckie.

• Hogan's a man who loves his Bill Leckies. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2011**

• How many Bill leckies has Sean Ryder consumed to-day? – *twitter.com*, 8th July **2012**

• [M]aybe he's on the bill leckies? – *twitter.com*, 5th January **2015**

Bill McLaren*noun*

salmon [UK: SCOTLAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Scottish rugby union commentator Bill McLaren (1923–2010).

• That wiz a braw meal darlin', a real lovely piece o' Bill McLaren. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Bill Murray; bill*noun*

1 a curry [UK/IRELAND]

< American actor Bill Murray (b.1950).

• – *WetCanvas* forum, 24th May **2002**

• [A] nice bit of Lillian... or shall we go for a Bill? – *iLXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

• – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

• I would come but I'm a social inept and it's quite far to go for a Bill Murray. – *Urban75* forum, 4th January **2009**

• Ordered a bill murray (curry) tonight as me bro came over to watch the footie. – *UK420* forum, 24th February **2010**

2 a hurry [IRELAND/UK]

• The next thing, my phone rings and I answer it going, 'Hey, Babes – what's the Bill Murray? – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.352, **2010**

• That bloke's in a bit of a Bill[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

Bill Oddie*noun*

vodka [UK]

Rhymes on *voddie*. < English comedian, television presenter and conservationist Bill Oddie (b.1941).

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th November **2004**

• – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

• I sometimes use "Bill Oddie" as rhyming slang for voddie (vodka). I made that up myself you know. – *Urban75* forum, 23rd March **2009**

• I'd like a uri geller, a pigs ear and a bill oddie. – *Volk-szone* forum, 9th January **2011**

Bill Peach*noun*

a speech [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian journalist and TV presenter Bill Peach (1935–2013).

- One may be called upon to make a Bill Peach at the next Bondi Junction (function). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Bill Roffey, Bill Roffie*noun*

coffee [UK]

< English footballer William Robert ‘Bill’ Roffey (b.1954).

- Fancy a bill roffie mate? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th March 2007
- Enjoying a fresh Bill Roffie in my new mug – present from Mark. – *twitter.com*, 16th March 2012
- Could do with a cup of Bill Roffey. – *twitter.com*, 9th February 2013
- Morning all a very large Bill Roffey needed this morning. – *twitter.com*, 12th January 2014
- Yep, cup of Bill Roffey! – *CPFC BBS* forum, 12th February 2014

Bill Rudd*noun*

blood [AUSTRALIA]

< British-born New Zealand boxer Bill Rudd (b.1890).

- [H]e caught hold of me by the round-the-ouses and pulled himself up, and started blazin’ away again with the Bill Rudd runnin’ down his grant-you-grace. – *North-ern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

Bill Shankly*adverb*

frankly [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish football player and manager Bill Shankly (1913–81).

- Football’s no aboot life an’ death, Bill Shankly it’s mair important than that. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Bill Skinner*noun*

a dinner [IRELAND]

- – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, 1997–2005
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, 2007

• I was so flattered the other night that I let loose an apple tart that was so menacing that my struggle and strife’s thruppenny bits jiggled the entire bill skinner. – *LetsGoPens.com* forum, 3rd August 2011

Bill Stickers*noun*

women’s or girls’ underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < ‘Bill Stickers will be prosecuted’, a public notice intended to discourage fly-posting

in London in the 1960s and 1970s, was answered with the graffiti slogan ‘Bill Stickers is innocent’. A variation of the joke, but not the rhyming slang, can be traced back to late 19th-century New York.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – L. Szachnowski and G. O’Connell, *The London Guide-book*, p.86, 1996

Bill Wyman; bill*noun*

the hymen [UK]

< Bill Wyman, the stage name of English rock musician William Perks (b.1936), best known as the original bassist for the Rolling Stones. Perhaps influenced by Wyman’s well-known penchant for young women.

- Virgin? Don’t think so mate – not a bill in sight. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
- – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002
- – F. Fraser and J. Morton, *Mad Frank’s Britain*, p.71 [2003], 2002
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

billy*noun*

an upper second or 2:1 honours degree [UK]

A shortening of *Billy Gunn*, rhyming on *two-one*. < Billy Gunn, one of the ring names of American wrestler Monty Kip Sopp (b.1963).

- Mike’s probably getting a Desmond, Bill a Thora, and Phil needs a Billy or above to get into Kings. – *UD(.com)*, 1st June 2006
- – *Sputnikmusic* forum, 13th October 2010
- These days, degrees have different names, derived from rhyming slang: [...] a first is a Geoff for the footballer, or a Damien for the artist; and a 2:1 a Billy after the wrestler Billy Gunn, or an Attila, after the Hun. – *The Guardian*, London, 5th July 2012

Billy Abercromby*noun*

a zombie [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Scottish footballer Billy Abercromby (b.1958).
- I’m too scared to watch Dawn of the Dead – it’s full of Billy Abercrombies. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Billy Barry*verb*

to marry [IRELAND]

- < Irish performing arts teacher Billie Barry (d.2014), founder of the renowned Billie Barry Stage School.
- billy barry/cash n carry = marry. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006

Billy Beggs*noun*

eggs [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Northern Irish footballer William ‘Billy’ Beggs (ca 1967–2012).

· We've run out of Billy Beggs. – *Carryduff, County Down*, spoken, male, 64, November **2004**

Billy Blunt

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Billy Blunt, a character in the *Milly-Molly-Mandy* series of books by Joyce Lankester Brisley; he first appeared in *Milly-Molly-Mandy Stories*, published in 1928.

· – *Queenzone* forum, 16th February **2008**

Billy Boffin; billy

noun

a coffin [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Billy Boffin, a comic strip character created by Ken Reid in the early 1950s for *Comic Cuts*.

· I want 'mavvah' spelt aht in flaahs across the top of 'er Billy Boffin... [...] Two grand f' the 'orses... a grand f' the aaandles on yer Billy – gold plated, by the way. – G. Dury et al., *The Council Gritter*, p.98, **2009**

Billy Bragg; billy

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *shag*. < English singer and political activist Billy Bragg (b.1957).

· Did you get a Billy off that girl last night? – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [A]lright darlin' fancy a billy bragg? – *UD(.com)*, 24th September **2003**

· He's off for a billy. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

2 stolen goods [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *swag*. A nonce word. Recorded in the full form.

· Hand over the Billy Bragg. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

3 a promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*. Recorded in the full form.

· I don't want your skin and blister coming to our Otis – she's a right Billy Bragg and she'll end up copping off with the vicar. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.204, **2008**

Billy Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; often specifically Edinburgh or Newcastle [UK: SCOTLAND, NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots and north-eastern English form of *town*. < Scottish footballer and coach Billy Brown (b.1950).

· I'm away up the Billy Broon. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

· [D]oing my homework before a night up the billy broon on saturday for sure. – *twitter.com*, 8th October **2012**

· Graft done! Hour sesh in gym done! Now time to undo it all wi ten gallon o beer owa the billy broon. Ah, and am off the morra. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2013**

· [G]ot a wee work night out then probably up the billy broon after! – *twitter.com*, 14th December **2013**

· @SarahBlacky9 narh not sunderland them are makems am from the billy broon[.] – *twitter.com*, 16th December **2015**

billy buck; billy

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *fuck*. ▶ see BILL BUCK

· A "billy lid" (billy for short) is rhyming slang for kid, and a "billy buck" (billy for short) is wot causes 'em! So billies are caused by billies! – *rec.gardens*, *Google Groups*, 6th October **1999**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

2 something of no value [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a billy buck* 'to not care at all'.

· [I]t's secretly been drawn together by a handful of merciless bastards who couldn't give a Billy Buck about anyone but themselves. – *www.not606.com*, 27th October **2011**

billy buck

verb

to copulate [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

billy-bucked

adjective

ruined, spoiled [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· [E]ither that or my radio is billy-bucked. – *Sons of the 'Scray* forum, 16th June **2007**

· Well, I had my suspicions that the alternator was billy-bucked. – *205 GTI Drivers* forum, 11th March **2012**

· RE the gearbox oil seal, there is a trace of fluid around the inside of the transmission tunnel directly above the output shaft seal. I think I can reasonably assume it to be billy-bucked. – *BMW 5 Series Owners Board*, 16th March **2012**

Billy Bunter; billy

noun

1 a shunter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Billy Bunter, a character created in the 1890s by Frank Richards, the pen name of English writer Charles Hamilton; he first featured in stories published from 1908 to 1940 in the boys' weekly magazine *The Magnet*, and later in comic strips, in novels, on TV and in the theatre. Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961: *British Road Services Magazine*, December **1951**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, **1973**

· Shunters, or ‘Billy Bunters’, had a particularly wide range of slang terms. Since the Boer War the highest point in the North Melbourne shunting yard has been called the Spion track, named after a hill in South Africa. – E. Butler-Bowdon, *In the Service?*, p.17, **1991**

· Billy bunter Slang for shunter[.] – *Railpage Australia* forum, 6th September **2005**

· The presence of an extra ‘Billy Bunter’, other than 3336, in the yard as well as the class 31 leads me to suspect that the picture was taken around the time of the Diesel Weekend of that year. – *www.csse.monash.edu.au*, 14th May **2009**

· I’ve always wanted to use the name Bunter or Bunta on a layout, our nickname for shunters was Billy Bunters. – *VR-Enthusiast* forum, 21st October **2011**

2 a customer; a member of an audience; a spectator [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*.

· [T]he Cro-magnon crooner never fails to get a crowd going ape-shit and on several notable occasions out in Texas he wound the billies up to near hysteria simply with wordless gesticulating, which is nowhere near as painful as it sounds. – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.105, **1984**

· Into town comes a team of Hell’s Angels bikers, geed up by the Marlon Brando film *The Wild Ones*, no doubt. Trouble was, they were keeping the Billy Bunters off the street. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.29, **1986**

· Once a year the Chancellor gets up and holds forth on the state of the nation’s economy. Squanderbugs are admonished; those with nasty smoking habits and drinking habits often penalised. And the real Billy Bunters rewarded with extra Sweetie money. – *New Statesman and Society*, London, March **1989**

· The mixture of foolish reticence and snobbery has allowed many a car seller to clean up in time past, sometimes charging far more than a fair retail price, secure in the knowledge that the average sheepish Billy ‘Billy Bunter’–punter) won’t have the stuff to suggest his own price. – *Autocar* magazine, January **1994**

· Those who make our beds and serve at tables now call paying customers “Billy”, a rhyming slang evolution from “Billy Bunter” of the defunct “punter”. – *The Times*, London, 14th October **2000**

· Some car trade argot is based on Cockney rhyming slang, some is just a bit of fun. [...] A Billy Bunter is a punter. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 8th December **2001**

· Pit lane walk about will be for the billies... you can go if you want to get trampled by the billies trying to look at the cars. – *Ten-Tenths Motorsport* forum, 27th December **2005**

· Sometimes known as “Billy Bunters.” These are the people who come to your gigs, buy your records, ask for your autograph and write you letters. – *www.tomtmusic.com*, **2010**

· In my old music shop the customer was known as a Billy... Billy Bunter... Punter. – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

3 an ugly or unattractive woman [UK]

Rhymes on *munter*, a slang term for an ugly or unattractive person or thing. Only recorded in the full form.

· Look at the state o her, whit a Billy Bunter. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· The other one that baffles me is Jessica Alba? She just looks a right Billy Bunter to me, not got a scooby what people see in her?! – *Charlton Life* forum, 13th July **2008**

· New rhyming slang for “munter” = A Billy Bunter. – *twitter.com*, 30th May **2012**

4 a bettor [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*. Only recorded in the full form.

· It’s a big day for us Billy Bunters as we are desperate to get a few quid to fire at the old enemy at Cheltenham next week. – *Daily Star*, London, 13th March **2010**

5 a passenger [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*. Taxi drivers’ slang. Both *Billy Bunter* and *billy* are first recorded in 2011.

· – *www.stormcab.com*, **2011**

· – *www.londoncabtours.co.uk*, 19th September **2012**

· – S. Dent, *Dent’s Modern Tribes*, p.59, **2016**

Billy Button; billy

noun

mutton [UK/US]

< *Billy Button*, an old slang word for a journeyman tailor. The short form is exclusively British.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**

· An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: [...] “Billy Button,” mutton. – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, Bath, England, 4th August **1928**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] mutton (Billy Button); soup (bowl the hoop); house (cat and mouse); my word (my dickey bird). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· I can’t wait to get my teeth into this Billy. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

Billy Celeski

noun

whisky [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Australian footballer Blagoja ‘Billy’ Celeski (b.1985).

· You normally have a Chris Mew because you’ve had too many Greg Dears and a Billy Celeski. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Billy Dunk*noun*

1 semen [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < Australian golfer Billy Dunk (b.1938).· Once he's filled ya up with billy dunk, it'll all be over. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.167 [1993], **1987**· ... shot me Lew Hoad of Billy Dunk ... – *League Unlimited* forum, 30th September **2004**

2 a sexually attractive male [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spunk* 'a sexually attractive person'.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Billy Fury***noun*

a jury [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < English pop singer Billy Fury (1940–83).

· It's into court in front of the old vanilla fudge and Billy Fury. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004****billy goat; billy***noun*

1 a totalisator; hence, the Tote, a system of betting on horses based on the use of the totalisator [AUSTRALIA]

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**· Gambling is the national sport so if you fancy a bet, look for a 'billy' (billy goat – Tote), and you will find one in the bar of nearly any 'bib' (bib'n'bub – pub). – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**· No way, I said, I seen you coming out of the billygoat with a fist full of fiddlies. – *Sked*, newsletter of the Kettering Yacht Club, Kettering, Tasmania, June **2008**

2 a coat [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**· [P]ut yer billy on its freezing outside. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th July **2006**

· Don't rhubarb, put a pony in yer sky an get yer billy on.

– *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**· Let me just put my billy on. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 the throat [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**· Now the brunette is on a pork Brixton riot, an' usin' 'er Hampstead Heath as I ram the back of 'er Billy goat. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**· I've got a sore billy goat. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**· He held it to the One Time Looker's Billy Goat, declaring, "Get out or she's Right Said Fred!" – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**· Dionne is going to get a high speed injection of harry monk straight down her billy goat. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012****Billy Gorman***noun*

a foreman [UK]

· Now, Jack, I'm goin' to get a tiddley wink of pig's ear; keep your mince pies on the Billy Gorman. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, **1880****Billy Grunter***noun*

a shunter [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of BILLY BUNTER.

· The billy grunter's go back and fourth a couple of times each day. No actual trains that have numbers run between Forrestfield and Kewdale. – *Railpage Australia* forum, 5th September **2005****Billy Guyatt; billy***noun*

a diet [UK]

< Australian cyclist Billy Guyatt (1920–89).

· [A] jockey may adhere to a "strict Billy". – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**· – *www.whitehat.com.au*, 'The White Hat Melbourne Newsletter', 10th February **2006**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Billy Hunt; bill***noun*

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Ambiguously interpreted as rhyming slang on *cunt* or a doubled slang rhyme on *silly cunt*. In British and Irish usage, possibly < 'Billy Hunt', a 1978 song by the British band The Jam. In Australian English, < Australian cricketer Billy Hunt (1908–83). The shortened form *billy* has been recorded in British usage.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd January **2002**· [D]on't be such a billy. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**· What a bunch of BILLY HUNTS! – *Longboard Ireland* forum, 20th September **2007**· But now that the "walls come tumbling down" the (style)council have made a right "billy hunt" of it. – *Black and White Army* forum, 15th January **2008**· Your all a bunch of Billy Hunts!!! – *Yellowandblack.com.au* forum, 23rd September **2008**· No-one wants to be a darft billy hunt. – *www.last.fm*, 11th June **2009**· Within seven years Tilly had many run-ins with the local ducks and geese, amassing over 70 convictions and a two-year stint in the slammer for slicing some poor Billy Hunt with a razor. – *www.tillydevine.com.au*, 20th August **2012**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Often used in the phrase *make a Billy Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin or spoil'. Only recorded in the full form.

- I am doing her indoors car to start with ,incase a make a billy hunt of it. – *Detailing World* forum, 19th December **2007**
- What a billy hunt of a day. – *twitter.com*, 27th November **2012**

Billy Idol

noun

in scaffolding, a tube that serves as intermediary support to another tube [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]

- Rhymes on the technical word *bridle*. < Billy Idol, the stage name of English rock musician William Broad (b.1955).
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 21st April **2013**
- – *Personal correspondence*, scaffolder from Croydon, London, 8th October **2014**

Billy Joel; billy

noun

1 unemployment benefit [UK]

- Rhymes on *the dole*. A piece of popney slang that has become established in the general rhyming slang lexicon. < American singer, pianist and songwriter Billy Joel (b.1949).
- – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 20th August **2004**
- After 3 fucking years on the Billy Joel I was suddenly being forced to get a fucking job. – D. Baker, *It's Mawdsley*, p.9, **2007**
- That guy's on the Billy Joel. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th September **2009**
- Will #SamAllardyce sign on the brew? The Billy Joel (Dole). – *twitter.com*, 1st October **2016**
- 2 a mole on the skin [E-ANGLOSPHERE]
- Popney rhyming slang.
- Or perhaps you could ask your doctor to remove that annoying Billy with the hair growing out of it[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

Billy Liar; billy

noun

a tyre [UK]

- < *Billy Liar*, a 1959 novel by English writer Keith Waterhouse; also adapted into a stage play, a film, a musical and a TV series.
- [A] flat 'Billy' is often a moody excuse for being late. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

billy lid; billy

noun

a child [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

- Rhymes on *kid*. The short form has been recorded in Australian usage.
- And [in Victoria] a man's surrounded by his billy-lids, not saucepans. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**
- billys/billy lids (kids). – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

- Billies, or Billy Lids: Ankle biters. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**
- – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.27, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**
- – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**
- I have two billy lids, Sarah and David. – K. Ham and S. Ham, *Genesis of a Legacy*, p.219, **2006**
- When I was a billy lid (kid) I never thought of using a basket[.] – *gary.photopoints.net*, 13th August **2008**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- How many of the billy lids were from his affair with whats her face. – *twitter.com*, 12th January **2017**

Billy McDougall; billy mac

noun

■ on the Billy McDougall; on the billy mac contemptible [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *bugle* 'nose', used in the Australian phrase *on the bugle* (modelled on *on the nose*) 'ill-smelling; contemptible'.
- Max said that while playing golf one day, Lennie played a terrible shot and exclaimed that it was "on the Billy Mac". Pressed for a translation, Lennie said "Billy Mac" was short for Billy McDougall, which rhymed with bugle, so his shot was "on the bugle" or on the nose, or stank. – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

Billy McNab

noun

a taxicab [UK]

- Probably < Australian boxer William Andrew 'Billy' McNabb (1891–1968).
- – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

Billy Monk

adjective

drunk [UK]

- < South African apartheid-era photographer William John 'Billy' Monk (1937– 82).
- I could, but I gotta do sum Kathy Burke this afternoon and bein' Billy Monk doesn't 'elp ya do Physics. – *ZAM* forum, 23rd May **2007**
- – Mansex, he's drunk again. – I'm not Billy Monk! I'm anti-sober! – *Gaia Online* forum, 4th February **2011**
- Anyway, the story goes that one time they've all come home and Grandfather is Billy Monk [drunk] and couldn't remember where it was. – H. Salisbury, *The War on our Doorstep*, p.107, **2012**
- "I would 'ate ter end up 'avin' ter Rabbit and Pork ter myself while Billy Monk," admitted Szasz. – *USS Enterprise* forum, 22nd April **2013**

Billy Moore

noun

a whore [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian rugby league player Billy Moore (b.1971).
- Next minute a Billy Moore walked up to me and said 'your place or mine'[.] – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

Billy Noke*noun*

cocaine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *coke*. < Australian rugby league footballer Billy Noke (b.1963).

- Good friend of mine shared a toilet cubicle with Johns in a Newcastle nightclub and racked up a dirty big line of Billy Noke. – *East Side Boxing* forum, 30th August **2007**
- So you've never racked up a couple of lines of 'Billy Noke' before Tim? Please! – *Sportal* forum, 2nd February **2010**

Billy Ocean; billy*noun*

suntan lotion [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Billy Ocean, the stage name of Trinidad-born, British-based singer Leslie Charles (b.1950).

- And don't forget your Billy Ocean (sun lotion). – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**
- It's hot on the beach. Rub some of that Billy on my back. – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**
- Besides "Britneys," there are people wearing "Tonys" ("Tony Blairs"–"flares"), or driving about in "Camillas" ("Camilla Parker Bowles"–"Rolls-Royce"), or slapping on the "Billy Ocean" ("suntan lotion"). – *news.national-geographic.co.uk*, 14th April **2004**

Billy Prescott*noun*

a waistcoat [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *weskit*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Billy Ray Cyrus; Ray Cyrus; billy ray*noun*

the AIDS virus [UK/IRELAND]

< American country music singer Billy Ray Cyrus (b.1961). ▶ see MILEY CYRUS

- He caught the big Billy Ray. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th September **2003**
- Ray Cyrus = virus[.] – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
- [H]e looks a bit skinny, he must have the old Billy Ray Cyrus. – *UD(.com)*, 15th July **2009**
- Deek looks like he's got the Billy Ray[.] – *Jambos Kick-back* forum, 19th August **2010**
- The other day I discovered that Dublin rhyming slang for AIDS is 'Billy Ray', as in "I've caught the Billy Ray". – *twitter.com*, 4th October **2014**
- To a lot of intravenous drug users the prospect of contracting **Billy Ray** [...] is very real. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.315, **2015**

Billy Ray Virus*nickname*

American country music singer Billy Ray Cyrus (b.1961)

A slang rhyme. ▶ see SMILEY VIRUS

· Neal McCoy allowed that he isn't as famous as Billy Ray Virus[.] – *Milwaukee Sentinel*, 13th July **1992**

· Line Dancing? Well, maybe 10 years ago, when Billy Ray Virus was a hit. – *In the 00s* forum, 11th August **2006**

· Just take responsibility for your failure as a father "Billy ray Virus" and stop acting like the world is against you. – *www.patheos.com*, blog, 16th February **2011**

Billy Sloan*noun*

1 a groan [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish music journalist and broadcaster Billy Sloan (b.1955).

· Am daeing ma best. Stop geeing it big Billy Sloans! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

2 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Billy Sloan* [UK: SCOTLAND]

· The poor wee soul's in the Robert the Bruce on his Billy Sloan. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Billy Smart*noun*

a fart [UK]

< Billy Smart (1894–1966) and Billy Smart, Jr (1934–2005), showmen and proprietors of Billy Smart's New World Circus and Billy Smart's Circus. Also used in the jocular expression *who let Billy Smart in here?*, recorded by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Billy Straw; billy*noun*

a bag of cannabis that sells for ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *ten-pound draw* (or *ten draw*). < William 'Billy' Straw (b.1980), son of former British Home Secretary Jack Straw, who hit the headlines in December 1997 when he attempted to sell 1.92 grammes of cannabis resin to an undercover journalist. ▶ see JACK STRAW

· In many parts of London the new word on the streets for a 2-gram bag of cannabis is a 'Billy'. The term is new rhyming slang for Billy Straw, ten pound draw. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 2nd February **1998**

· A Billy is now a 2g bag of cannabis. The rhyming slang version is: for Billy Straw, ten pound draw. – *New Statesman*, London, 1st May **1998**

Billy the Kid; Billy*noun*

1 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. < Billy the Kid, the nickname of American gunman and outlaw William H. Bonney (1859–81). The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· It must have been around 1928 when Sir Oswald Mosley's party was in full swing. The Jews were the ones to hate then. Most East Enders knew them as 'four by twos' or 'kangeroos'. The slang words for Yid were 'tea pot lid',

or 'backward skid', or 'Billy the Kid'. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, pp.96–97, **1976**
 • – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 one pound sterling [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *quid*. A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. Recorded in the full form.

• Tell y'wot... Ar'll give you a Billy the Kid fer the lot. – G. Dury et al., *The Billposter's Bucket*, p.25, **2012**

Billy Whizz

noun

a quiz, especially a pub quiz [UK]

< Billy Whizz, a comic strip character created by Malcolm Judge in 1964 for *The Beano*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Billy Wilsons

noun

a Stillson wrench [UK: EAST MIDLANDS, NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

In use among farmers. ▶ see BOB WILSONS and HAROLD WILSONS

• Not much room under there for the Billy Wilsons. – *Club 80–90* forum, 21st June **2006**

• – *The Farming Forum*, 6th December **2016**

Billy Wright

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < English footballer Billy Wright (1924–94), the first player to reach 100 caps for the England national team. Among some speakers, however, the word carries a different etymological resonance: < Ulster loyalist Billy Wright (1960–97), one of Northern Ireland's most notorious paramilitaries. This suggests that the term may have been coined independently in more than one place and at different times.

• – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**

• Leader of the Loyalist Volunteer Force, a sickening organisation, known for his murders, Billy Wright's name was much used in 1 R Irish as rhyming slang for a bodily function. – T. Collins, *Rules of Engagement*, p.51, **2005**

• – *The Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 26th March **2007**

• – Barry White - sh!te. – Formerly a Billy Wright or an Eartha Kitt! – *CPFC BBS* forum, 16th April **2007**

• A very salient point, some of our players would look for Whitts if he was in the changing room having a Billy Wright rather than make a killer pass themselves[.] – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 1st April **2012**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

• [E]nough of your billy wright. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Billy Wright

adjective

(of clothes and footwear) tight-fighting [UK]

< English footballer Billy Wright (1924–94), who was capped 105 times for England.

• [W]hen their drainpipes and winklepickers started to pinch, they were too 'Billy Wright'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Billy Wrights

noun

tights [UK]

< English footballer Billy Wright (1924–94).

• – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

bimbang kadoozer

noun

a bar [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *boozer*. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.

• Left the whole bimbang kadoozer to you then, has he, brad? – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.190, **1968**

Bin Laden

noun

▶ see OSAMA BIN LADEN

bin lid; binner

noun

1 one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. Only recorded in the full form.

• [H]e can walk in off the street to Curry's or Dixons or anywhere and walk out with a four hundred quid CD player without handing over a bin lid [quid]. – S. Winlow, *Badfellas*, p.111, **1999**

• £1 – Quid, Squid, Bin Lid, Nicker[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 2nd March **2007**

• You can't even buy a bag of chips with that these days!! Sorry for my trivial rant, but I'd been admiring this little bargain, as I don't mind the bay when you are chasing a nice old lovely piece [...] But a quid! A bin lid! – *TZ-UK* forum, 9th June **2012**

2 a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*. ▶ see LID

• Me Trouble and Strife's at home with the Bin Lids. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *trouble and strife*, 21st April **2000**

• [H]it 'n' miss (kiss) the pot and pan and bin lids[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

• [H]ave you got any binners. – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

• Instead the bin lids on the field of wheat are starting to talk like Bangladeshis. – *Evening Standard*, 22nd August **2005**

• – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

• Thomas and I are taking the binlids with us on Weds to the Liverpool signing. – *Shacknet* forum, 15th May **2006**

• Bin lid didn't fucking look like a meff to me, lad. – G. Johnson, *Gang War*, p.121, **2011**

3 a handicapped person; specifically a thalidomide victim [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *flid*, a rendering of the colloquial pronunciation of *thalid*, itself derived from *thalidomide*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – *UD(.com)*, 15th September **2003**
- – *b3ta* forum, 28th March **2007**
- Josh Harv caught on CCTV in butlins fighting with a bin lid (flid) naked and got sparked. – *twitter.com*, 29th March **2014**

Binnie Hale; binnie

noun

- a tale, especially one intended to deceive or con [UK]
 < Binnie Hale, the stage name of English comedienne Bernice Mary Hale-Monro (1899–1984).
- Sometimes an underworld person, speaking to another about some third person also present, will use a word like ‘ship,’ ‘Binnie,’ ‘hill,’ or ‘daily.’ In each case he is indicating that the third person is telling lies, telling the tale. ‘Ship under sail,’ ‘Binnie Hale,’ ‘hill and dale,’ ‘Daily Mail’—these are all rhyming-slang for ‘The Tale,’ and are shortened, for greater concealment, to the first word. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, p.161, **1953**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.84, **1973**

birch broom; birch

noun

- a room [UK/US]
 The short form is exclusively British.
- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
 - – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
 - Take these gen-a-men’s kipseys up to No. 9 birch and see everything is bona, and keep the split in your skyrocket. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.47, **1893**
 - There ought to be a rhyming slang dictionary for landladies who let rooms to “theatricals.” Few landladies would understand the question, “What birches have you to let?” This refers to birch-brooms, which is the rhyming slang for “rooms.” – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**
 - – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 - – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.47, **1946**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - ‘I’ve got a *birch* rahn the *Johnnie*,’ ‘e sez. [...] ‘I’ve got a *birch broom* rahn the *Johnnie ‘Orner*,’ ‘e sez. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, **1969**
 - His cruel north and south twitches sardonically as his hooded minces dart round the birch broom. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.149, **1974**

Birchington hunt

noun

- the vagina [UK]
 Rhymes on *cunt*. A variation of BERKELEY HUNT or *Berkshire Hunt*.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

bird and bee; bird

noun

- 1** the knee [US/UK]
 In American English, only recorded in the plural form *birds and bees*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**
- An injured ‘bird’ is the mid leg crisis much dreaded by sporting folk. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.106, **2011**
- 2** an amputee [UK]
 Only recorded in the full form.
- – *Greasy Lake* forum, 4th January **2011**

bird bath

noun

- a laugh [UK]
 A genuine rhyme in Cockney. Usually in the phrase *you’re having a bird bath* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you’re having a laugh* or *you’re joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.
- You’re ‘aving a bird bath mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th February **2001**
 - Are you having a bird bath? – *Giant Bomb* forum, **2010**
 - Torres back to Liverpool – you’re havin a bird bath! – *twitter.com*, 14th December **2011**

bird line

noun

- time [UK/US]
 Imperfect rhyming slang. A variation of BIRD LIME. First recorded in a 1955 newspaper article on Cockney rhyming slang, written by American journalist Eddy Gilmore.
- We’ve got the bird line, you know. – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, ‘Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney’s Rhyming Slang’, 28th November **1955**
 - – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**

birdcage

noun

- a stage [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Scaffolders’ slang.
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

birdlime; bird’s lime; birds lime; bird shit lime; bird;

birdie

noun

- 1** time; the time [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

According to the available evidence, the different variant forms and variations are geographically distributed as follows: *birdlime*, spelt as one word, hyphenated or as two words (UK, US, Australia, Ireland), *bird’s lime* (US, Australia), *birds lime* (Australia), *bird shit lime* (Australia), *bird* (UK), *birdie* (South Africa).

- From the one-word definition given by Anglicus (1857) and Hotten (1859), it is impossible to determine if the word was originally used only in a temporal sense or it was also used to refer to time served in prison. ► see AFTERBIRD
- BIRD-LIME, *n*. Time. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
 - BIRD LIME, time. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

- BIRDLIME. Time. Time arrests and reveals all things. – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, 1859
- A common custom on the line, if a man wishes to know the time, is to inquire, “What’s the bird lime?” – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, 1880
- We have been awfully stoney in our birdlime, and didn’t know where to turn for a yannep, so we’ve had to fill up your insides on something less than two quid a week. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909
- “Warty” has done a bit of “bird lime” (time) in Warwick Gaol[.] – *Leamington Spa Courier and Warwickshire Standard*, 20th September 1912
- **bird** [...] time. – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, 1923
- What’s the “bird lime”? – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- **Bird’s lime**, the time. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- A laugh-an’-a-joke is a smoke, birdlime is time[.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943
- *The birdie* is the time. – J.M.Z Huthwaite, *The Problem of the “Ducktail”*, p.75, 1961
- Do you know what the *bird* is John? – F. Norman, *Norman’s London*, p.58, 1969
- He decided it was bird shit lime to put the nose bag on for some munga. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, 1983
- **bird’s lime**: the time. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- Tuam has its own rhyming slang: *birdlime* is time. ‘Lamp the birdlime, let’s skirt’ means ‘look at the time, let’s leave quickly’. – D. O’Muirthe, *The Words We Use*, p.91, 1996
- **Birdlime / Bird’s lime / Birds lime** – time. – *rudocs.exdat.com*, ‘Australian Slang’, 6th January 2002
- **bird’s lime (1) – time (of day)**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 2 an occasion [UK]
- Rhymes on *time*.
- So she sleeved ‘em under her velveteen; / And she hurried her plates once more / Round the Johnny Horner, to where she’d been / Just a birdlime or two before. – D. Chiderdoss, ‘Meg’s Diversion’, *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September 1897
- 3 prison [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]
- Recorded in the form *bird*. See next sense.
- ‘I’m glad nobody touched him whilst I was away,’ said Mo with a little smile. ‘I’d like to manage this game myself. I’ve been doing some thinking whilst I was in bird, and there’s a good way to deal with him.’ – E. Wallace, *Mr. J. G. Reeder*, p.223 [1972], 1925
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990
- – W. Branford, *SAPOD*, 1994
- [P]rison: “*in the bird*” (rhyming slang: “*birdlime*” = “time”). – *rudocs.exdat.com*, ‘Australian Slang’, 6th January 2002
- 4 time served in prison; a prison sentence [UK/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]
- Only evidenced in the forms *birdlime* and *bird*. *Birdlime* has been recorded in Britain and South Africa, where it is less common than *bird*. This latter form, usually used in the phrase *do bird* ‘to serve a prison sentence’, is common in all five locations of use.
- It is likely that this use of the word originated earlier than the available evidence suggests: the first unequivocal evidence that supports it dates from the 1930s, yet it may well have been common in the late 19th century (the first British dictionaries recording *birdlime* define it as ‘time’, which could be interpreted broadly) or at least by the mid-1920s, when the word is first recorded in the sense ‘prison’ (sense 3 above). The sense ‘prison’ would be easily accounted for as a figurative extension from ‘time served in prison’. ▶ see BIG BIRD, RICHARD THE THIRD and SPARROW
- ‘She’ll be doing bird again before long, you see if she don’t,’ he continued. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.243, 1934
- Bird–Bird–lime, *i.e.*, time, and in its special sense imprisonment (rhyming slang). – A. Bracey, *School for Scoundrels*, p.335, 1934
- BIRDLIME: Time (in prison). Of an old convict the Underworld would say: ‘He has done plenty of bird’[.] – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.329, 1938
- **bird**. Imprisonment. To do bird = to serve a prison sentence (rhyming slang bird lime–time). – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950
- [S]o, here I am in the Joe Gurr, guzzling skilly until I’ve done my stretch of bird. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, 1953
- The blokes who have yet to come out from doing their bird and a few others who need a bob or two. – B. Hill, *Boss of Britain’s Underworld*, p.224, 1955
- I’ve never actually worked out the exact total of bird I’ve done in my time. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.111, 1956
- We might get sent to the same Borstal, Paddy, and do our bird together. – B. Behan, *Borstal Boy*, p.140 [1990], 1958
- He’d done several lots of bird and lost his nerve as a screwsman. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.44, 1959
- When I came off my last stretch of bird–lime I was on the beggar my neighbour. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March 1960
- **bird lime** Time. [...] used for *Time* in the sense of a prison-sentence, in which form it is used (since late 19 C.) in South Africa. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- I’ve only got another two months *bird* to do. – F. Norman, *Norman’s London*, p.58, 1969
- *Bird (lime)*. Time in prison. – T. Clayton, *Men in Prison*, p.249, 1970
- They’re now languishing, doing five years’ bird in Parkhurst. – *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st December 1972
- The aim of the open prison must not be to enable prisoners and staff to ‘do bird’ amicably together. – H. Jones and P. Cornes, *Open Prisons*, p.231, 1977

· Bird – Term of imprisonment, also a girlfriend. Birdlime – Time (in prison). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.174, **1977**

· **bird** imprisonment. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001: D.F. MacKenzie, *While We Have Prisons*, p.95, **1980**

· This meant I had exhausted all my avenues of appeal, and I had no option but to accept it. So I settled back to do my bird. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.145, **1982**

· **bird** [...] a prison sentence; a prison. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Bird. Prison or the sentence served therein. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· **bird** [...] *slang* prison; prison sentence. – W. Branford, *SAPOD*, **1994**

· BIRD; a prison sentence. – J. Mooney and J. Harrington, *The A to Z of Irish Crime*, **2008**

· **bird's lime (2) – time, meaning prison sentence.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Maybe because Ted was so glow-white, translucent from too much birdlime, too little sunlight[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.71, **2011**

· You'll go down for this. You will. You'll do bird. – J. Harvey, *Karen Carpenter*, p.51, **2013**

birds and ants

noun

trousers [US]

Rhymes on *pants*. A variation of the earlier *fleas and ants*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, **1968**

birds and bees 'n' verucca and bunion

noun

cheese and onion (as a flavour of crisps or potato chips) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· 'An a bag of stutter an' lisps me lav.' 'Wot flavah?' 'Erm ... birds and bees 'n' verucca and bunion.' – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Bird's Custard; bird's

adjective

troublesome, difficult [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Northern Irish slang *mustard*. < Bird's Custard, a well-known brand of custard powder.

· [I]n rhyming slang [*mustard is*] also known as Bird's (Bird's Custard). – www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/voices/atilazed, **2007–2011**

bird shit lime; bird's lime; birds lime

noun

▶ see BIRDLIME

bird's nest

noun

1 the west (of a town) [UK]

Perhaps only used with specific reference to the West End of London.

· So we went to the *battle cruiser* and he had a *Bay of Biscay* and I had a *pig's ear*. Picking up the *rifle range* we went to the *bird's nest*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

2 a man's chest, especially if hairy [UK/IRELAND]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· He flicks a flaming match into his bird's nest and the man lit up like a leaking gas pipe. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· [T]ake it down on the birds nest. – www.bebo.com, 6th December **2006**

3 a woman's breasts [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

· She's got a nice boat race but a really tiny bird's nest. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

birds of a feather

noun

weather [UK]

< *birds of a feather* 'people with similar personalities', a common colloquial phrase derived from the proverb *birds of a feather flock together*; probably via *Birds of a Feather*, a British sitcom broadcast from 1989 to 1998 and revived in 2014.

· – news.bbc.co.uk, 10th October **2002**

· Conversations about the weather (or in the locals' language the 'chamois leather'/'hell for leather'/'birds of a feather'/'pigeon feather'/'well I never') could no longer rely on the 'captain's log'[.] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, **2009**

birk

noun

▶ see BERKELEY HUNT

biscuits and cheese; biscuits

noun

the knees [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Noted by Franklyn (1961) as being in use in the Royal Air Force during World War II. According to the available evidence, the short form is exclusively British.

· Get off your biscuits – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· She ain't 'arf got knobby biscuits. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· When I was brought up, it was a natural language and you learned it at you mother's biscuit. – *The Windsor Star*, Windsor, Ontario, 29th August **1978**

· She used to shake at the biscuits every time she saw 'im. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.28, **2001**

· Me biscuits and cheese were knocking together. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Cannot remember many names now as it is over 60 years ago, but I do remember "Smikes" who threw chalk at anyone he thought was not listening, and after explaining the solution to a problem, "hands up those who did not get that answer, out front and down on your biscuits and cheese, (knees). – *Friends Reunited* forum, **2012**

· I'd been running so 'ard that me biscuits were weak[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

biscuit tin; biscuit

noun

the chin [UK]

· Biscuit Tin Chin. He's got a big biscuit. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – 'The Anatomy of the Cockney Rhyming Slang Gentle Man', illustration by London-based artist Olivia Whitworth, exhibited at The Lauriston pub in Hackney, London, 24th October **2014**

Bishop Desmond

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-two [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *two-two* (a punning interpretation of *twenty-two*) and *Tutu*. < South African archbishop emeritus and Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu (b.1931). ▶ see DESMOND TUTU

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

bishop's daughter

noun

a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

▶ see DAUGHTER

· – *stephiebear667.xanga.com*, blog, 15th June **2004**

· I always used "A Henry", and "A Bishops Daughter"[.] – *Cannabis.com* forum, 16th June **2009**

bit and brace

noun

the face [IRELAND]

· [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef* – Chief; *Bit-an-Brace* – Face[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

· – *www.projecthumea.com*, 'Clanbrassil Street – 1' by Sean Lynch, April **2009**

bit and piece; bit

noun

a niece [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bitch and hollar

noun

a dollar [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.482, **1984**

bites and scratches

noun

matches (vestas) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bit of blink; bit o' blink

noun

an alcoholic drink [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Jimmy Benjamin and his mates dash straight from church to the pub and yell for their "bit o'blink" and shoot darts at a nude pinup. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London's Cockneys on the Way Out', 10th November **1969**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

bit of dirt

noun

a sure thing [UK]

Rhymes on *cert*.

· When he has done eating he may, if he is not "hearts of oak," which is to say "broke" or penniless, put on a more seemly pair of "round the houses"–trousers– don his "top-flat", or hat, and stroll out under the pretext of having a "Barnet Fair cut"–hair cut–but really in the glad anticipation of getting put on to "a bit of dirt" by his barber. "Bit of dirt" is rhyming slang for "cert." – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

bit of luck

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· 'Awright darlin', fancy a bit o' luck?' 'Sorry love, got a bit of Basil Brush and me Berkshire Hunt is killing me.'

– E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

bit of strife

noun

a wife [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce variation on TROUBLE AND STRIFE coined by Irish writer James Joyce (1882–1941) in his 1939 novel *Finnegans Wake*.

· Our cad's bit of strife (knee Bareniece Maxwelton) with a quick ear for spittoons (as the aftertale hath it) glaned up as usual with dumbestic husbandry[.] – J. Joyce, *Finnegans Wake*, p.38 [2000], **1939**

Blackadder

noun

a ladder [UK]

< *Blackadder*, a BBC TV sitcom first broadcast from 1983 to 1989.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Black and Decker

noun

1 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pecker*. < Black & Decker, an American manufacturer of power tools. Suggested by the common metaphor of the penis as a kind of tool.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Who needs sex toys when you've got a Black and Decker like mine? – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· On the way back the brunette has her Jimmy Shand's in my strides feelin' me old Black and Decker.[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 20th April **2006**

② spirits [UK]

Rhymes on *pecker*. Used in the phrase *keep your Black and Decker up*.

· Black and Decker – pecker, spirits. – *The People*, 25th September **2005**

black and white

noun

① the night; tonight [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· [T]o be woken in the middle of the 'black & white'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· What were you up to during the black and white. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· By the end of the black and white the ding-dong kicked off in fine style. – *www.sussexcanoes.co.uk*, October **1998**

· This street's dangerous on a dark black and white. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

② an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· – I have to do a caricature of Douglas Hurd which reminded me of the fact that I sometimes use his name to let people know I'm off for a shit. "Am just off for a douglas" – A Tom Kyte A black 'n' white A hit 'n' Miss. – *FMTTM* forum, 5th February **2010**

Black Bess

noun

an affirmative reply [UK]

Rhymes on *yes*. < Black Bess, the horse famously ridden by English highwayman Dick Turpin (1706–39).

· A definite affirmative is 'a big black bess'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

blackbird and thrush

verb

to clean and polish one's shoes or boots by blacking and brushing them [UK]

A combination of a pun (*blackbird* – *black*) and a slang rhyme (*thrush* – *brush*). Ayto (2002) notes that the term

was also used as rhyming slang for a shoe-brush, but no evidence for this usage has been found.

· Before starting, however, if he were at all inclined to be a dandy, he would express his determination, which he would carry out at the hut door, "to blackbird and thrush round his daisy roots." – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, **1880**

black eye

noun

a pie [UK]

Synonymous with SMACK IN THE EYE.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Black Maria

noun

a fire (a conflagration) [UK]

< *Black Maria*, a slang term for a police vehicle used in the transportation of prisoners.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *FR*, **2004**

black pig

noun

stout (beer) [UK]

Formed on *pig*, a shortening of PIG'S EAR.

· That his eyesight was as good as ever was proved by the manner in which he "saw" three glasses of stout, or, as he called it, "black pig" ("pigs ear" or beer).[.] – *The Wells Journal (Somerset and West of England Advertiser)*, 22nd September **1910**

Blackpool rock

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. An obvious visual metaphor, familiar from 'With My Little Stick of Blackpool Rock', an innuendo-driven song recorded in 1937 by George Formby; the song was banned by the BBC for its imagery. When Puxley (1992), more than half a century later, claimed *Blackpool rock* for the rhyming slang vocabulary, it was probably as a variation of BRIGHTON ROCK, although, without question, the still-remembered Formby song must have been an influence.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· He was hoping she'd like a suck on his Blackpool Rock, but the best he got was a Hit and Miss on the Once a Week... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October, **2008**

· I would very much like to put my "Blackpool rock" in her "Morris Minor". – *N-Europe* forum, 4th April **2009**

· Did he get his blackpool rock out in front of a girl? – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 3rd March, **2013**

Blackpool Tower; blackpool

noun

① a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK]

< Blackpool Tower, a landmark attraction in Blackpool, in the north-west of England.

· I'm going for a Blackpool. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st June 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a shower of rain [UK]

· You will not make it to the Battle Cruiser without a Red 'n' Yella or you will get Dawn Frenched in the Blackpool Tower. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 23rd March 2012

black puddin

noun

an excellent thing [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *good 'un*. < *black pudding* 'a type of sausage (also known as *blood pudding*)'.

· – [I]n Geordie rhyming slang; "that's a black puddin" (good un) – [...] amazing pic thank you. – *twitter.com*, 7th February 2015

black toast

noun

in football, the goalpost furthest away from the position of the ball [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A doubled slang rhyme on *back post*.

· When I was a youngster, a "Pele" was either a bicycle kick or really any sort of elaborate volley and a form of Scouse rhyming slang for the back post/back stick was "black toast". – *www.leftbackinthechangingroom.com*, blog, 29th September 2008

Blackwall Sally Gunnell; Blackwall Sally

nickname

the Blackwall Tunnel, a road tunnel which connects the north and south banks of the Thames in east London

A variant of SALLY GUNNELL.

· They'll be using your #2012cockneyslang on both sides of the Blackwall Sally. – *twitter.com*, 14th March 2012

· The A2s cattle trucked and im Hank Marvin at a standstill 15 mile from Blackwall Sally Gunnell. – *twitter.com*, 12th October 2016

Blackwall Tunnel

noun

a funnel [UK]

< Blackwall Tunnel, a road tunnel underneath the Thames in east London.

· Place names also perform a new linguistic task, as *Roten Row* standing for a blow, and *Blackwall Tunnel* for a funnel. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, 1981

Black Watch

noun

Scotch whisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Black Watch, a Scottish regiment.

· Make mine a double Black Watch please[.] – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

bladder of fat

noun

a hat [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.67, 1973

bladder of lard; bladder

noun

1 Scotland Yard (formally New Scotland Yard), the headquarters of London's Metropolitan Police; hence London's Metropolitan Police [UK]

Often capitalised.

· ["B]logies" or "jockeys" are policemen and "bladder" (bladder of lard) means New Scotland Yard. – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], 1959

· 'The Bladder' is a reference to New Scotland Yard. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· 'From the Bladder, are you?' he asked in rich Cockney tones. 'Yes, Homicide West,' I said[.] – G. Ison, *Drumfire* [2015], 2006

· Then Simon, resplendent in the full dress uniform of a Metropolitan Police Commander—shiny buttons, black-and-white-chequered peaked-cap, swagger stick, brown leather gloves and all—escorted us into the bowels of the 'Bladder.' [...] What I think you need to understand, sir, is that as far as 'Monkey' Jim's concerned, the 'Bladder', by which I mean Scotland Yard, is his worst nightmare, writ large and made flesh. – T. Broadbent, *Shadows*, 2012

2 a bingo card [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· The 'houseie-houseie' banker in the 1st Essex Regiment during the 1914–18 war, opened the proceedings by chanting 'Who says a card: a bladder o' lard, a Prussian Guard, six months' hard?' (Communicated by Mr. H. Chaplin-Smith.) – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 the garden of a house [UK]

Rhymes on *yard*.

· "Where's the dog?" "In the bladder." – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.52, 1968

4 a playing card [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

5 a credit or debit card [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word. Used in full.

· READING YOUR BLADDER OF LARD. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August 2009

· Then pop in a 'bladder of lard' and tap in that 'Huckleberry Finn'. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 30th August 2009

blade of grass; blade

noun

1 a police informer [UK]

Always in the elliptical form *blade*, itself coined as a pun on *grass*, presumably a clipping of GRASSHOPPER.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

2 a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *arse*.

· Get your Blade over 'ere. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th October **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Great Long *Ham And Eggs* / Right Up To Her *Blade Of Grass*[.] – *www.peculiar-poetry.com*, accessed 26th September **2013**

blades of meat

noun

the feet [NEW ZEALAND]

A variation of PLATES OF MEAT.

· – D. McGill, *DKS*, **1988**

· – E. Gordon and T. Deverson, *New Zealand English*, p.155, **1998**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

blair

noun

► see TONY BLAIR

Blaydon Races; blaydons

noun

trouser braces (suspenders) [UK]

< 'Blaydon Races', a song written in 1862 by Geordie Ridley and popularly regarded as the unofficial anthem of Tyneside.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bleeding dog's eye

noun

a meat pie with tomato sauce (a popular Australian dish) [AUSTRALIA]

Formed on DOG'S EYE. An alternative name for this dish is *dog's eye and dead horse*. ► see DEAD HORSE

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

bless my soul

noun

unemployment benefit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

blind date

noun

in bingo, the number eight [UK]

Influenced by *Blind Date*, a London Weekend Television game show (1985–2003) presented by Cilla Black.

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

blindman's buff; blindman's

noun

snuff [UK]

< *blindman's buff* 'a children's game in which a blind-folded player tries to catch and identify other players'.

· A pinch of the blindman's. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

blind mice; blind

noun

ice (for drinks) [UK]

< *blind mice*, ultimately abstracted from 'Three Blind Mice', a traditional English nursery rhyme.

· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.42, **2005**

· I'll have a winona with blind, thanks. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· I'll have a Gold and Blind. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Do you need some Blind Mice[iv]? – *mylondoncalling.com*, blog, 21st April **2013**

Blinky Bill

noun

a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dill*. < Blinky Bill, a cartoon koala created in 1933 by New Zealand-born Australian author Dorothy Wall.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

· – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.59, **1988**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· [H]e's a blinky bill (dill)[.] – D. Gregory, *G'day Mate*, **2011**

blister

noun

a sister [UK/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme or perhaps a shortened variant of SKIN AND BLISTER. According to St Leon (1994), the word has been in use in Australia since 1950. ► see BLOOD BLISTER

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.192, **1989**

· – M. St Leon, *Circus Language*, p.45, **1994**

· I have to pick up my blister. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· So the Bent brothers were making this a family affair, were they? Obviously putting their little blister in there to get information. – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], **2003**

· How's your big blister? – G. Seal, *DEDH*, s.v. *blood blister*, **2009**

· My son calls his sister 'Blister'[.] – *CycleChat* forum, 5th September **2015**

bloater roe; bloater

noun

a professional music-hall comedian [UK]

Rhymes on *pro* 'a professional'.

· He takes his 'bat and wicket,' has a chat with his brother 'bloaters' ('bloater roe'—professional or pro), and gets into the 'Andie Caine'. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

block of ice

noun

a dice [UK]

The plural form is *blocks of ice*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The soldiers then took his these-and-those, and started playing bloomin' blocks-of-ice[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.119, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

block of ice

verb

in horse-race betting, to fail to honour a winning wager [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *shice*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bloke from Casa Blanca

noun

an objectionable or contemptible man [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A variation of CASABLANCA.

· I think u might be saying he is a bit of a Ricky... as in Ricky and Bianca... bit of a Kuwaiti Tanker... a fan of Ravi Shanker... a bloke from Casa Blanca... theres no getting away from it... he is a bit of a Merchant Banker... – *www.jezblog.com*, blog, 2nd March **2010**

bloker

noun

a cocaine user [US]

From BIG BLOKE.

· – J.R. Nash, *DC*, **1993**

· – T. Dalzell, *The Slang of Sin*, p.121, **1998**

blood blister; blood and blister; bloodie

noun

a sister [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The three variants are common in Australian usage. Of these the earliest is *blood blister*, recorded by Baker (1966), Meredith (1984), Factor (2000) and Seal (2009). *Blood and blister* is given by Johansen (1988) and Seal (2009). The short form is recorded by Factor (2000) as children's slang. In British English it only occurs in the form *blood and blister* (Bronson 2008).

▶ see BLISTER

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· His blood blister was in the nails & screws. – *all downunder.com*, 26th November **2010**

Blood Orange

nickname

English military commander Sir George Gorringe (1868–1945).

Also inspired by the ferocity and implacability of his temper.

· Sir Fenton Aylmer, whose health had been none of the best, and against whom the Fates had fought their hardest, now gave way to Sir George Gorringe, the “blood

orange,” as the soldiers affectionately called him[.] – G. Youngusband, *Forty Years*, p.296, **1923**

· His arrival at Basra had coincided with Lieutenant-General Sir George (‘Blood Orange’) Gorringe’s attempt to relieve Kut. – L. James, *The Golden Warrior*, p.142 [1995], **1990**

blood red; bloody red; blood

noun

oral sex [UK]

Rhymes with *head*. Possibly a reference to the colour of lipstick. Used in the phrase *give (someone) blood red/bloody red/blood*.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· [S]he gives blood an’ all. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

Bloody Mary

adjective

1 hairy [UK]

< *Bloody Mary* ‘a cocktail made essentially of vodka and tomato juice’; ultimately probably based on ‘Bloody Mary’, the nickname of Mary I of England (1516–58).

· God she’s Bloody Mary. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th August **2007**

· [S]he’ a bit too Bloody Mary for a girl ain’t she? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

2 scary [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

blue and grey; blue

noun

a day (both as a twenty-four-hour period and the span of daylight hours between sunrise and sunset) [UK]

The short form is first recorded in 2008.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· [W]hen I wake up, the *gypsies* are so dark that I’m not even sure if it’s *black* or *blue*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

Blueberry Hill; blueberry

noun

the police [UK]

Rhymes on *the Bill*.

< ‘Blueberry Hill’, a song written in 1940 by Vincent Rose (music), Al Lewis and Larry Stock (lyric), and recorded by several artists and bands, including Louis Armstrong and the Glenn Miller Orchestra, but best remembered for its 1956 version by Fats Domino.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

blue brick

noun

prison; a podlice station [UK: WEST MIDLANDS, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *the nick*. < *blue brick* ‘a type of construction brick originally manufactured in Staffordshire the West Midlands’.

- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.88, **1972**
- Rhyming slang used to be common in the Black Country too; ‘saucepan lid’ for ‘kid’, ‘blue brick’ for ‘nick’ (gaol), guzz-gog [goose-gog, i.e. gooseberry] for ‘dog’. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 1st December **2004**
- What, you wouldn’t nick a Charlie Chester, take him down the Blue Brick and then Spin his Drum? – *Officer.com* forum, 24th November **2006**

blue heeler*noun*

- a drug dealer [AUSTRALIA]
 - < *Blue Heeler* ‘an Australian breed of herding dog also known as Australian Cattle Dog’.
- [B]iggest blue heeler in town. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 12th January **2004**

blue lagoon*noun*

- a black person [UK]
 - Rhymes on *coon*. < *The Blue Lagoon*, a 1980 American film directed by Randal Kleiser.
- Wooden Spoon and Blue Lagoon, I had to be told, were rhyming slang for ‘coon’ and four by two meant Jew. – T. Cohn, *Sticks and Stones*, p.8, **1987**

blue Merc*noun*

- a Turk [UK]
 - Merc* is a familiar shortening of *Mercedes*, itself a common short form of the brand name *Mercedes-Benz*.
- – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**

blue moon*noun*

- 1 a spoon [UK]
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
 - – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.25, **1969**
 - – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, **1973**
 - You’re supposed to lick the blue moon clean Nigel, not yer actual bowl. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
 - – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 - You’d find a blue moon and a Joe Rourke here. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**
- 2 a pimp [AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*.
- Yer a terry-toon, a blue-moon – anything’ that rhymes with weak-bludger-hoon! – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.33 [1987], **1973**
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.104, **2002**
- The most notorious of all the hoons was Ronny Carbine. [...] So brazen was he that he called his St Kilda café The Blue Moon, rhyming slang for hoon. – A. Shand, *The Skull*, p.87, **2009**

Blue Nun*noun*

- fun [UK]
 - < Blue Nun, a German wine label.

- Cockneys vs Zombies is messy, fast and a lot of Blue Nun. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

Blue Peter*noun*

- 1 a heater; often, specifically, a vehicle heater [UK/IRELAND]
 - < *Blue Peter*, a popular children’s TV show, first broadcast in 1958.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – Turn on the Blue Peter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd May **2003**
- – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**
- 2 a taximeter [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]
 - [I]f you’re a driver and the op checks his blue peter (meter) how do explain the shortfall??? – *Taxi Driver Online* forum, 4th August **2007**
 - Hi people looking for old and new slang words particularly in taxi usage examples such as kesh, blue Peter for meter, on the scribble, for accounts. – *Irish Taxi Drivers Forum*, 21st September **2012**
- 3 a two-seater sports car [UK]
 - – *www.youtube.com*, **2009**

Bluey and Curly*adjective/adverb*

- early [AUSTRALIA]
 - < Bluey and Curley, two comic strip characters created by Alex Gurney in 1939.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Blundstone boot; blundstone; blunnie*noun*

- a utility vehicle [AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on the colloquialism *ute*. Blundstone is a leading footwear manufacturer based in Hobart, Tasmania.
- [T]hrow your bag in the blunnie and I’ll give you a lift. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- There are some local cuties that are almost impossible to fathom unless you’re a native. A Blundstone is a utility truck or ute, coming from Blundstone boot, which is workmen’s footwear of choice. – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**
- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**
- – *BellyBelly* forum, 13th January **2012**

Blythe Duff; blythe*noun*

- a woman’s genitals or pubic hair [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - Rhymes on *muff*. < Scottish actress Blythe Duff (b.1962).
- Am aff fir a wax afore ma holidays cos ye can see ma Blythe peekin’ o’er the tap o ma bikini boattams. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Boaby Moore*noun*

- ▶ see BOBBY MOORE

Bo and Luke*noun*

a spot or pimple [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *plook*. < Bo and Luke, two characters in the American TV series and film spin-off *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–85 and 2005).

• – [I]f av got wan its jus a wee spot. – Otherwise known as Randolph Scotts, Pol Pots & Jeff Dukes. – or a Bo & Luke as my old man used to call them[.] – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

board and plank*noun*

an American [UK]

Rhymes on *Yank*.

• In their ranks will be some people of other backgrounds – e.g. a *board an' plank* or 'am shank 'Yank'[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, **1981**

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

boat and oar*noun*

a whore [us]

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

boat builder*noun*

among currency traders, a guilder [UK]

The guilder was the basic monetary unit of the Netherlands until 2002, when it was replaced by the euro.

• Oxford Scholars are dollars and Boat Builders are guilders. – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 29th March **1993**

Boat o Garten*verb*

farting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *artin*. < Boat of Garten, a village in the Scottish Highlands. Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions. Synonymous with CLYDEBANK AND DUMBARTON.

• Whit's that stink, have you been Boat o Garten again? Ye'll need tae stop eatin' they kebabs. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

boat race; boatrace; boat*noun***1** the face [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Also used in the phrases (*as*) *plain as the nose on your boat (race)* 'very obvious' and *nice body/nice legs, shame about the boat (race)*, a sexist remark about a girl with a beautiful body or great legs but an ugly face.

▶ see LAG BOAT, LONG BOAT RACE and OXFORD

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• Very thin, is Marchmare, and very elegant and young and kosher-looking—a gemini same as me, with a boat-

race that can slip straight from looking like an angel's to a snake's. [...] Still, none of my dodgy thoughts show on my boat, at least I hope not. – R. Cook, *Crust*, pp.23/40, **1962**

• She was turning out to be a real hard case, / Nice legs shame about the boat race. – *Nice Legs Shame About Her Face*, lyric, The Monks, **1979**

• I am holding the mask over Moonie's boatrace. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.32, **1981**

• Georgi and Fred were just looking at all the grub and Bullnose was standing by the door wiv a big grin right across his boat race[.] – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.60, **1983**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

• [N]ext-door's cat – this scabby-looking orange thing – is just about to stick his boat race into the bowl [...] I go, 'He said rhetorically,' and I'm looking at the old dear's boat for a response. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, pp.17/49, **2006**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

• As plain as the nose on your boat. – *thegamesgonecrazy.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th October **2014**

• 'It's as plain as the old nose on your old boat race,' Brunnie added. – P. Turnbull, *In Vino Veritas*, **2015**

• [H]e posted a message referring to Mr Galloway having "an eminently punchable 'boat'". – *The Times*, London, 29th October **2015**

2 a person [UK]Rhymes on *face*.

• If you have to work with someone for 40 hours a week the last thing you want to do is see the same old 'boat-races' outside of work. – *P8ntballer Paintball Forums*, 14th April **2002**

• And amid all the morning glories (stories) about Jah rule (school) there were some familiar boats (boat race: face – keep up!) and even a pic of Xuan on her Starskies (Starsky and Hutch: crutch). – M. Joy et al., *St. Mallory's Forever*, p.243, **2013**

3 a known or seasoned villain; one held in high regard by other criminals [UK]

Rhymes on *face*. Only recorded in the short form. Thus *heavy boat* 'a violent criminal'.

• I had no qualms or reservations about meeting RO, even though he was generally known as a 'heavy boat'. – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.52, **2005**

• And of course the hard men are there too – the boats, them who seem to have a little aura about 'em. It's intimidating for other teams – you know if you've come to have it here you will get it, because we've got plenty. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.40, **2015**

• Even for the experienced face, or **boat**, criminal slang changes so quickly that mistakes can inadvertently be made. [...] A **boat** is someone of rank and importance in the criminal world. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.6/337, **2015**

boat-hook*noun*

a book [UK]

- How the British Library came to be full of ‘boat-hooks’.
- R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Boba Fett*adjective*

wet [UK]

< Boba Fett, a villainous bounty hunter in the *Star Wars* films.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th May 2002
- And as for the Mudlands, the whole place is a “Weston-Super-Mare” ’cos it’s always “Boba Fett”[.] – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 3rd January 2003
- Got me kettle and hob all Boba Fett!! – *MMA Underground* forum, 30th July 2015

Bob and Dick; bob*noun*

the penis [UK]

- Listed by Partridge (1984) and James (1997) as rhyming slang on *prick*, but possibly just an elaboration of *dick*.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974
 - That’s all very well Myra, but where would the world be without bobs? – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

Bob and Dick; bob*adjective*

ill, unwell; sick, nauseous [UK]

- ▶ see BOB, HARRY AND DICK
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974
- I told you that curry would make you bob. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997
- – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December 2006
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008

bob and hit*noun*

1 the vagina [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *pit* and *slit*.
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, s.v. *monosyllable*, 1896
 - – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy*, p.58 [1965], 1963

2 excrement [UK]

- Rhymes on *shit*. Perhaps a folk-etymological elaboration of *bob*, recorded in this sense by Lewis (2003).
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.46, 2002
 - – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008

bob and hit*verb*

to defecate [UK]

- Rhymes on *shit*. Perhaps a folk-etymological elaboration of *bob*, first recorded in this sense by Lewis (2003).
- **Bob (and bit)** Noun. Excrement. Verb. An act of defecation. – www.peevish.co.uk, accessed 3rd January 2012

bob and weave*verb*

to leave [UK]

- < *bob and weave*, a combination of actions used in the boxing ring.
- Time to ‘bob & weave’ or time we were ‘bobbing & weaving’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Bob Beamon*noun*

semen [UK]

- < American athlete Bob Beamon (b.1946).
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Bobbie Martin*noun*

▶ see BOBBY MARTIN

bobble hat and scarf; bobble and scarf; bobble hat; bobble*noun*

a laugh [UK]

- Usually in the phrase *you’re having a bobble hat and scarf* (or *you’re having a bobble and scarf*, etc., with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you’re having a laugh* or *you’re joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting. Also as HAT AND SCARF and WOOLLY BOBBLE HAT AND SCARF.
- – When I go around corners, quite fast, my car screeches. It appears to come from the rear wheels. Could anybody please shed some light on what this noise is? Thanks Anand – Are you having a Bobble hat and Scarf mate???? – *Talk Audio* forum, 4th July 2002
 - **bobble ((hat) and scarf)** [...] You’re ‘avin a bobble mate. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005
 - GET OUT OF IT! YOU’RE HAVING A BOBBLE HAT! – *Song Tank* forum, 1st September 2007
 - Are you having a bobble hat and scarf? Is this for real? – *twitter.com*, 6th March 2011
 - [Y]ou’re having a bobble aren’t you? – *Fuk.co.uk* forum 8th June 2012

Bob Boulder*noun*

the shoulder [UK]

- < English footballer Bob Bolder (b.1958).
- – *Charlton Life* forum, 12th January 2012
- Of to Birmingham for an injection in my bob boulder. Nothing serious at all but needs to be done. – *twitter.com*, 29th January 2013

Bobby Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Newcastle, Glasgow or Edinburgh [UK: NEWCASTLE, SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots and Tyneside English form of *town*. Probably < Scottish football player and man-

ager Bobby Brown (b.1923); alternatively, the word may be based on the name of American R&B singer Bobby Brown (b.1969). Also used in the phrase *hit the Bobby Broom*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

- Love a good afternoon on the drink in the bobby broom. – *twitter.com*, 8th January **2013**
- Yer uncle Martidog is hitting the Bobby Broom. Lock up yer drinks cabinets. – *twitter.com*, 22nd June **2013**
- Up the Bobby broom with the boays. – *twitter.com*, 26th October **2013**

Bobby Brown

noun

a town [UK/IRELAND]

< Bobby Brown, an American R&B singer (b.1969) or the anti-hero of Frank Zappa's 1979 song 'Bobby Brown (Goes Down)'.
 · – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st March **2002**

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

· [G]o for a Jane Fonda along the Kermit's of our fair Bobby Brown.[.] – *whatcanpossiblygowrong.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th June **2012**

Bobby Crush

noun

mushrooms [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *mush*. < English pianist and entertainer Bobby Crush (b.1954). Recorded in use among market traders.

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

Bobby De Niro

noun

the figure 0 [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *zero*. < *Bobby De Niro*, a familiar form of the name of American actor Robert De Niro (b.1943).

▶ see ROBERT DE NIRO

· The price tags on houses there carry a long row of Bobby De Niro's. – T. Black, *Paying for It*, p.154 [2009], **2008**

· It was one of the Georgian crescents off Palmerston Place, serious-wedge territory. The estate agents needed special sales signs to fit all the Bobby De Niro's on. – T. Black, *Long Time Dead*, p.22, **2010**

Bobby doo's

noun

the police [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *screws*.

· – *TalkCeltic* forum, 12th December **2008**

Bobby Dylan

noun

▶ see BOB DYLAN

Bobby Galt

noun

a halt (a stop or pause) [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· [C]oming to a bobby galt. – *www.reddit.com/r/northemireland*, 26th February **2014**

Bobby Gray

noun

a threepenny piece [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *tre*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**

Bobby Lim

noun

a swim [AUSTRALIA]

· [O]ver here, especially with the boys, rhyming slang rears it's head whenever possible. Here's a few of my favourites... [...] **Harold Holt**: Leave – "Where's Latch?" "Oh, he's done the Harold Holt" **Jimmy Riddle**: Piss – "Shit I'm bustin for a Jimmy Riddle" **Bobby Lim**: Swim – "Who's up for a Bobby Lim?" – *Titled Forum Project* forum, 16th October **2004**

Bobby McGees

noun

the knees [AUSTRALIA]

< Bobby McGee's, the name of a popular American restaurant chain, or 'Me and Bobby McGee', a 1969 song by Kris Kristofferson and Fred Foster.

· – Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gatwart, *Other Side*, p.50, **1996**

Bobby Martin; Bobbie Martin

noun

a carton [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 14th January **2005**

Bobby Monk

noun

▶ see BOB MONK

Bobby Monk

verb

▶ see BOB MONK

Bobby Moore; Boaby Moore; Bobby More; bobby

noun

1 the state of affairs; the current situation [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. < English footballer Bobby Moore (1941–93), who was captain of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup. Recorded in the forms *Bobby Moore*, *Bobby More* and *bobby*.

· What's the Bobby Moore? – *The Independent*, London, 4th March **1993**

· What's the Bobby, then? – S. Kernick, *The Murder Exchange*, p.59, **2003**

· What's the Bobby More on this lot? – *Visibleinnards.org* forum, 7th June **2006**

· So whats the Bobby (short for Bobby Moore, British Football Hero and lending itself to Cockney Rhyming slang for Score, meaning deal/news/update... lesson finished) with the Red Matte Box which made a very short appearance recently? – *RedUser.net* forum, 27th January **2008**

· What's the Bobby Moore with transferring over on commissioning? – *E-goat* forum, 27th February **2008**

· [T]he rules of engagement didn't let them shoot dickers because both sides knew the Bobby Moore. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 30th June **2009**

· What's the fuckin Bobby Moore here then, eh? – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.121, **2013**

· Mum knows the bobby Moore. – *twitter.com*, 9th February **2013**

2 a door [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Bobby Moore* and *Bobby More*.

· **Bobby Moore Door**. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [S]hut the bobby moore. – *www.faithbuilder.co.uk*, 24th July **2005**

· Open the Bobby More! I've got me hands full and it's pissin' down out here. – *www.facebook.com*, 24th August **2012**

· Knock on the bobby moore[.] – *www.bubblews.com*, 29th August **2013**

3 a whore [UK; SCOTLAND]

Recorded in the forms *Bobby Moore*, *Boaby Moore* and *bobby*.

· Bobby [...] Rhyming slang – Bobby Moore = Whore. – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 26th June **2002**

· Plenty of Bobby Moores around. – *Football Ground Guide* forum, 2nd March **2005**

· [S]od it lets go to Belarus, just bacn from going to see the Scotland game over there. Beer = 30p, bottle of vodka = £1, gas cookers/bobby moores = \$30 (i will leave the rhyming slang for others to work out). – *EVE Online* forum, 28th June **2005**

· Looks like a right Bobby Moore to me mate. – *We Are Perth* forum, 8th December **2008**

· You've had enough drugs ya mad b*****d! Best just stick to the Bobby Moores. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2009**

· Well, for a kick-off, he's got some tart up in Restalrig ... A right Boaby Moore, got her set up in some rathole flat by the look of it. – T. Black, *Loss*, p.128, **2010**

4 twenty pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. Recorded in the forms *Bobby Moore*, *Bobby More* and *bobby*.

· A 'Bobby' is a recent expression for £20. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· A "Bobby Moore" is a "score", or 20, while "shrapnel" means loose change. – *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 27th June **2005**

· I can't thank u enough. Mite even slip ya a "bobby moore" fer ya troubles. – *UB40 (The Official Site)* forum, 17th November **2007**

· I lent him a Bobby More. – *MadeForMums* forum, 12th March **2009**

· Bobby – 20 pound note (from Bobby Moore – Score)[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 'Words & Phrases used in Ilkeston and their meanings', 27th July **2009**

5 in bingo, the number four [UK/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the form *Bobby Moore*.

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

6 the floor [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Bobby Moore*.

· – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th May **2011**

Bobby Moore; bobby

adjective

sure [UK]

< English footballer Bobby Moore (1941–93). Also used in the phrase *for Bobby Moore*, the direct equivalent of *for sure*.

· [I]t's going to be a right royal Tony Blair (nightmare) that's for Bobby Moore (sure)! – *zombieexperiences.co.uk*, accessed 23rd January **2013**

· im bobby moore you'l get used to the lingo[.] – *THCtalk.com* forum, 26th March **2013**

· Are you Bobby? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

· **Are you OK?** I'm not entirely Bobby Moore. Had some bad news. – *The Guardian*, London, 18th August **2015**

Bobby Moore

verb

1 to succeed in a sexual conquest [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. < English footballer Bobby Moore (1941–93). Occasionally spelt *Bobby More*.

· So I thought to myself that I need to bobby more and went up to a ocean Pearl who had a right pair of gorgie bests[.] – *VBFforums*, 29th January **2001**

2 to obtain (illegal drugs) [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· It's all good getting an early payment it's just the next payment will be about a week late. It was nice getting it early but none of it went on brown or white cuz I had xmas shit to buy. I won't be bobby mooring now until next week. – *Bluelight* forum, 24th December **2010**

3 to obtain (something) [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· Gotta go – I'm gonna try to Bobby Moore a quick Jodrell off my Abercrombie. – *LedZeppelin.com* forum, 18th June **2011**

4 to score (a goal) in football [UK]

· [T]rying to BOBBY MOORE an ANDY COLE. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 26th July **2012**

bobby rocks

noun

socks [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Influenced by *bobby socks* 'a type of girls' ankle socks that were particularly fashionable in the 1940s and 1950s'.

· – *www.geocities.com*, 1st February **2001**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, 1st July **2002**

· – *CNET* forum, 1st December **2005**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

Bob Cryer; bob*noun*

a liar [UK]

Probably < Bob Cryer, a character in the ITV police series *The Bill* (1984–2010), portrayed by English actor Eric Richard (b.1940).

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- You son are a bull shitter, a deep fat fryer, a Bob Cryer, a fakin liar. – *www.thespoof.com*, 19th December **2010**
- Shut up you Bob – yer talking out yer aris. – *A(.com)*, accessed 5th August **2012**
- I'd be a right Bob Cryer if I were to start waxing lyrical about what it meant in context of the socio-political landscape of 1995. – *noisey.vice.com*, blog, 9th June **2015**

Bob Dyer*noun*

a fire [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian radio and television personality Bob Dyer (1909–84).

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Bob Dylan; Bobby Dylan; Bob Dillin*noun*

1 a villain [UK]

< American folk-rock singer Bob Dylan (real name Robert Allen Zimmerman, b.1941). Recorded in the forms *Bob Dylan* and *Bobby Dylan*. The latter is given by Puxley (2008).

- Right little Bobby Dylan. – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 27th January **2002**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- Even the garden gate (magistrate) at his last trial had labeled him a classic Bobby Dylan (villain). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

2 a shilling [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND/SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *shillin'*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *bob* 'a shilling'. Recorded in the forms *Bob Dylan* and *Bob Dillin*. Also in the phrase *not the full Bob Dylan* 'of low intelligence', the direct equivalent of *not the full shilling*.

- [C]an you spare some bob dylans, Michael? the dealers outside and he's going to put my balls where my lungs are if I don't sort him out. – *UD(.com)*, 3rd May **2006**
- Aye sorry about that, the photographer's not the full Bob Dylan. So the pics ended up like a fifty bob cabbage. – *myspace.com*, **2007**
- I'm absolutely boracic lint. I was out with a lemon last night in the pub, so I thought you might gi' us a rub-a-dub-dub. A Bob Dylan. A horse's collar. A tin lid. Or even a high diver. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**
- shillin' = bob dillin. – *Belfast Forum*, 2nd September **2010**
- **A Few Bob** A bit of cash. from rhyming slang; Bob Dylan = shillin' (currency pre-1970) a shilling was worth

12 pence (d); 20 shillings made £1. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 1st March **2013**

Bob, Harry and Dick*adjective*

hangover [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*. ▶ see **BOB AND DICK**

- – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909: **1868**

Bob Hope; bob*noun*

1 soap [AUSTRALIA/UK/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]
< English-born American comedian Bob Hope (1903–2003). The short form has been recorded in Australian and British usage.

- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXII, **1967**
- Caahn't fid dthe Bob 'Ope. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.13, **1972**
- – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.13, **1974**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**
- – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.2, **1992**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [C]ricketers are notorious for speaking in slang, so much so that new comers would think we were all speaking a different language. Often you'd hear a call from the shed 'O!! I wanna have a David, who's got a spare Greg and some Bob?' – *V8Central* forum, 10th January **2007**
- – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- Oi, Z! You've been using my Bob Hope to clean your boat race, have you? – *A to Z*, US TV: NBC, 1st January **2015**
- Pass the Bob. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- [A]nd for those in need, some extra 'Bob Hope' for a 'Dad and Dave' (*shave*). – *www.squaredancenational2016.com*, 'Buderim Bush Telegraph', March **2016**
- 2 recreational drugs in general; marijuana [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]
Rhymes on *dope*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.
- Tim had a slight problem with Bob Hope. Slight? Oya vey. He'd been a full-tilt Big H addict: horse, or heroin. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.137, **1986**
- **Bob Hope** [...] dope – marijuana. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- Sometimes **Bob Hope** will be found soaking beneath a **plastic flower**; but at other times the people who deal or abuse **Bob Hope** may run into **John Hop**. – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.30, **1988**
- Bob Hope: Soap or recreational narcotics. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**
- **Bob Hope** [...] **Dope**. A modern term relating to drugs. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Then there's Dublin rhyming slang. What's that all about? 'I don't feel the Mae West, spent all me rock'n'roll

on some lethal Bob Hope.’ – D. Hughes, *Digging for Fire*, IV, p.119, **1993**

· Where did you get the bob? – *Personal correspondence*, 19th February **1995**

· “How long have you been on the Bob Hope, Kirstie?” “You mean the Merry?” Duggan looked at Rebus. “Merry Mac, crack,” he explained. – I. Rankin, *Let It Bleed*, p.268 [2009], **1995**

· Bob Hope (dope – cannabis). – D. Emmett and G. Nice, *Understanding Drugs*, p.286, **1996**

· I was having a beer at the Great Northern Hotel and happened to mention the wallopers’ “Bob Hope” to a group at the public bar. – N. Young, *Nat’s Nat*, p.243, **1998**

· **Bob Hope** for ‘dope’ was originally used in the sense of an ‘idiot,’ but is used amongst inmates in the sense of ‘marijuana.’ – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· Don’t ask me – I’ve been smoking Bob all afternoon. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· We’ll put on some Pink Floyd and smoke some Bob Hope. – C. Marx, *Atheist’s Guide*, p.147, **2007**

· [I]f people were doing coke, a few would have at least been smoking some bob hope. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th June **2007**

· He wasn’t smoking Bob Hope[.] – *www.wereallneighbours.co.uk*, 1st May **2010**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a silly person [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *dope*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· A ‘right Bob Hope’ is likely to ‘have a button missing’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Bob McNab

noun

a taxicab [UK]

< English footballer Bob McNab (b.1943).

· Cheeky kicked her in her COMIC CUTS and then told the_mad_cabbie to take her home in his BOB MCNAB. – *www.ciao.co.uk*, 30th April **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Bob McNabs

noun

public lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*. < English footballer Bob McNab (b.1943).

· Arsenal had a player in the 70s whose name became rhyming slang for those nippy little ****ers....the Bob McNabs. – *Not606* forum, 5th December **2011**

· Caught the Bob McNabs once. – *Not606* forum, 21st November **2012**

Bob Marley

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < Jamaican reggae musician Bob Marley (1945–81).

· Got any Bob Marley? – *Mixmag* magazine, London, September **2001**

· Make that call and get in some more Bob Marley. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Bob Marley is, i am sure, one of the names for charlie[.] – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 3rd October **2006**

· – *www.theguardian.com*, 7th November **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January **2010**

Bob Massie

noun

the female body [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *chassis*. < Australian cricketer Bob Massie (b.1947).

· She’s got a great Bob Massie. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006**

Bob Monk; Bobby Monk

noun

1 skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

Probably < English comedian and TV host Bob Monkhouse (1928–2003). Recorded in the form *Bob Monk*.

· I respect the fact that you people have different terms and it’s just another form of regionalization but come on... kindbud?! what the hell is wrong with saying skunk? or super skunk? or bob monk? (A personal favourite of mine!) – *YaHooka* forum, 29th May **2002**

2 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

· [C]rusty tissue is visible with some “bob monk” residue. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 21st February **2006**

· Your so unpopular Bob even londoners have added you to the cockney slang dictionary. Bob Monk – Spunk. – *BF2S Forums*, 20th November **2006**

· So how do you clean caramelised bobby monk from a flat screen? – *World of Cybergings* forum, 27th November **2007**

· – I always thought it was **rhyming slang for spunk**, hence the laughter at your suprising level of candor. – I thought that was ‘pineapple chunk’. – Bob Monk, but Thelonious works just as well. – *Toontastic* forum, 3rd April **2008**

· That must have been a hell of a lot of “Bob Monk” to block the drains. – *ScoobyNet* forum, 10th March **2011**

· [S]he took Jeds ‘Pelvic Parsnip’ in her chops and clasped the bottom of his laughing shaft with both hands and simultaneously pumped at his cock whilst syphoning the ‘bobby monk’ with her gob. – *www.facebook.com*, 26th October **2012**

· Or Miranda hilariously getting some Bob Monk in her eye then falling over. – *m.reddit.com/r/britishproblems*, 14th November **2013**

Bob Monk; Bobby Monk

verb

(of a man) to ejaculate [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. Functionally shifted from the noun. Hence BOB MONKING.

- [C]an I bobby monk down your Gregory peck. – *twitter.com*, 22nd July **2011**
- [Y]ou must have kissed a bird after you bob monk in her mouth. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 7th July **2012**
- Spunk Shack, it's a marquee with deck chairs in a clock-faced circle, it's got a table in the middle with a biscuit on a plate and as you Bob Monk you spray the digestive. Last man in there comes out chewing the thing. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 16th July **2012**

Bob Monkhouse

noun

- skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]
Perhaps an elaboration of BOB MONK, although this is first recorded slightly later. < English comedian and TV host Bob Monkhouse (1928–2003).
- i got nicked coming back from amsterdam, i just had some bob monkhouse on me, no nicki lauder or damon hills. – *DOA* forum, 16th November **2001**

bob monking

noun

- ejaculation [UK]
Rhymes on *spunking*. Probably formed on the verb BOB MONK, although this is first recorded slightly later.
- I usually am quick on the draw wih the Kleenex during 'Bob Monking', you can always tell a good nawty vid from a crap one. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 13th July **2009**

Bob Murray

noun

- 1 a hurry [UK]
< English businessman and former Sunderland AFC chairman Bob Murray (b.1946).
- Come on I'm in a Bob Murray. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th February **2004**
- The Artful Dodger was in a Bob Murray to get to the Spotty[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 22nd August **2006**
- I booked in a Bob Murray so I saved maw bees an oney. – Print advert, England, Expedia, April **2012**
- Quick, take me to the zombies in a Bob Murray! – *zombieexperiences.co.uk*, accessed 23rd January **2013**
- 2 a curry [UK: SUNDERLAND]
· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 15th February **2013**
- Just gannin for a massive Richie Pitt. The Bob Murray I had last neet has loosened me Simon Cowells. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 12th October **2014**

Bob, my pal; Bob my pal; Bob's my pal

noun

- a girl or young woman; also used as a substitute for *my gal* or *my girl* [UK/US]
Rhymes on *gal*. *Bob(,)* *my pal* is both British and American, while *Bob's my pal* is exclusively American. The use of *Bob my pal* as an equivalent of *my girl* (a colloquial synonym for *my girlfriend*) has only been recorded in American sources (hence also *Bob your pal* 'your girlfriend'). However, with the scarce evidence

- available, it is unreasonable to assume that this usage is peculiarly American. ▶ see ROB MY PAL
- BOB MY PAL, Gal. – D. Anglicus, VT, **1857**
- BOB, MY PAL, a gal, –vulgar pronunciation of *girl*. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- BOB MY PAL. My girl. – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**
- BOB'S MY PAL. A gal (girl). – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- BOB MY PAL – For gal. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- –You always was a cove on the sharp. –Well, I ain't a puppy. How's Bob your pal? –I ain't seen her in a stretch. We split out. – L.D. Estleman, *Port Hazard*, p.113, **2004**

Bob Powell

noun

- a towel [AUSTRALIA/UK]
· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

Bob Squash; bob

noun

- 1 the area in a public toilet where people wash their hands [UK]
Rhymes on *wash*. Thus the pickpockets' slang *work the bob* 'to steal from the jackets and coats of people washing their hands in a public lavatory'.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 2 a wash [UK]
· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- [W]hen I was younger my grandad would tell me to get up the apples and pears for a Bob Squash. – *Football Forums.net*, 17th November **2007**
- Get in the David Gower for a Bob Squash. – *FISO* forum, 5th July **2008**
- You'll be needing a bob after the football. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**
- I'm goin' up the apples and pears to 'ave a bob squash and a dig in the grave. – V. Pinckard, *A Damn Fine Growth*, **2012**
- Got to have a bob squash now and then do the morning video and will be up outside Greggs at nine ish for a chat. – *www.facebook.com*, 10th July **2013**

Bob Squash

verb

- to wash oneself; to wash [UK]
First recorded as an intransitive verb.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- Got up outer me Uncle Ned (bed) an Bob Squash-ed (washed) me boat race (face), with some band of hope (soap) before 'aving a dig the grave (shave). – *thepearlies.co.uk*, **2014**
- I need to Bob Squash my dicky. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, s.v. *Dicky Dirt*, **2015**

Bob Wilsons*noun*

a Stillson wrench [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]
 < English footballer, coach and TV presenter Bob Wilson (b.1941). In use among plumbers. Synonymous with HAROLD WILSON.
 · – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November 2013

Bodie and Doyle*noun*

1 oil [UK]

< Bodie and Doyle, two characters in the ITV series *The Professionals*, originally broadcast from 1977 to 1983.
 · Can you pass me the Bodie and Doyle. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd November 2003

2 a boil [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

bodily hunt*noun*

the vagina [us]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.53, 1968

boil and pus*noun*

a bus [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, 1983

Boiled Beef and Carrot; Boiled Beef and Carrots*noun*

blood [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *claret*. < ‘Boiled Beef and Carrots’, a music-hall song written in 1909 by Charles Collins and Fred Murray and popularised by Cockney comedian Harry Champion. First recorded in 2008 in the form *Boiled Beef and Carrot*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th May 2014

· It really gets my boiled beef and carrot [claret] (blood) boiling when people say I dodge him[,] – *runningmasters.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th March 2015

boiled rag*noun*

an ugly or unpleasant old woman [us/uk]

Rhymes on *hag* and *bag*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

boiled sweet; boiled*noun*

a seat [UK]

· You get the teas and I’ll find some boiled sweets. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Here’s the Cain and Able (10). Take a Boiled (11). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

boiler house*noun*

a spouse [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· “I knows Lizzy Stride since she was a little kipper.” The man motioned to the height of his calf. “Gots her faults, does Lizzie, but she be a good girl. Shame ’bout her boiler house, Alfred.[”] – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

Boliver Moyle*noun*

news or information [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *oil*. < Bolivar Moyle (real name John Henry Moyle), a character who begged in the streets of Adelaide, South Australia, in the late 1910s and 1920s.

· I’m givin’ yer the Boliver Moyle (oil) that I’m goin’ to the Sydney Harbor (barber), and I’ll be back in soda and lime (time) for Deacon Skinner’ (dinner). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, 16th February 1924

bolt the door; bolt*noun*

a whore [UK]

The short form is first recorded by Kendall (1969).

· *A Few Indelicacies* [...] **Bolt the door** Bolt. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.63, 1969

· From the lowest echelons of whoring came the ‘old bolts’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [I]t was full of scraggy old bolts. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

Bomb-a-Door*noun*

a Holden Commodore car [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

· The Holden Commodore gets several mentions such as Commodore which is alternatively Dunny Door, Bomb-a-door and Commode. – *www.carsguide.com.au*, 21st January 2011

Bombay duck; bombay*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Bombay duck* ‘an Indian fish that is generally dried and eaten as an accompaniment to curry dishes’. Most often used in the phrase *not give a Bombay duck* or *not give a bombay* ‘to not care at all’, where it is sometimes embellished as *flying Bombay duck* or *flying bombay* (on the analogy of *flying fuck*).

· [J]ust for starters, Tandoori coypu, saag gosht, that’s a 36, 47, and a spot of th... 69 if I can get enough gin down you [*chuckles to himself*]. A chap merits a good Bombay Duck what, after taking a chapess out for a blow-out. – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 23rd December 1975

· Couldn’t give a bombay duck[.] – *Hilux Surf* forum, 24th November 2005

- I don't give a flying bombay about it! – *UD(.com)*, 29th April **2007**
- But I don't give a Bombay duck. – *freethinker.co.uk*, 31st July **2011**
- I suspect Philpy doesn't give a flying Bombay Duck what your opinion is. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 5th September **2011**
- Definitely worth a bombay. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 2nd October **2012**
- Who gives a flying Bombay Duck about that filthy Rat... – *twitter.com*, 22nd May **2014**

Bombay ducked

noun

1 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of BOMBAY DUCK.

- Love to but I'm pretty much Bombay Ducked already – was up at 05:30 to catch a flight back from London. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 26th November **2009**
- Colin, I am sure that I read somewhere that even decals applied to the helmet can again invalidate the performance warranty? – Oo-err missus! I'm Bombay-ducked then! – *Honda Shadow Owners Club UK* forum, 4th March **2014**

2 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

- [T]he country as a whole is completely bombay ducked right now[.] – *www.henry-gilbey.com*, blog, 3rd December **2011**
- Grinding noises and erratic speeds from a PC fan generally mean it is 'bombay ducked', so bet to replace it sooner than later. – *Motorsport Forums*, 17th May **2013**

bon bons

noun

swans [IRELAND]

Only recorded in Cork.

- C'mon we go out the Lough to feed the bon bons. – M. McCarthy, *Dowtcha Boy!*, p.54, **2004**

Bondi Junction

noun

a function, a formal social event or ceremony [AUSTRALIA]

< Bondi Junction, a suburb of Sydney.

- One may be called upon to make a Bill Peach at the next Bondi Junction (function). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, p.112, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Bondi Junction; bondi

verb

to function [AUSTRALIA]

< Bondi Junction, a suburb of Sydney.

- Condon to Moon: How are you feeling, old man? Moon: No good. My Frankie won't Bondi. Condon: Your Frankie won't what? Moon: My Frankie won't Bondi you clot. My Frankie Laine (brain) won't Bondi Junction (function). – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August **1978**

- If you didn't understand the Jack Lang your mates thought your Frankie Laine wouldn't Bondi Junction properly. [...] It was invariably shortened to your Frankie wouldn't Bondi. – *billcasey.tastedomain.com*, accessed 9th February **2010**
- What's wrong with your Frankie Lane? Doesn't it Bondi Junction? – *Ozgold.net* forum, 29th July **2011**

Bon Jovis

noun

the members of the Provisional IRA, or PIRA, the dominant faction of the IRA after its split in 1969 [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Provies*, a shortening of *Provisionals*. < American rock band Bond Jovi, fronted by singer Jon Bon Jovi (born John Bongiovi, 1962). The PIRA decommissioned all its arms in 2005. ▶ see AUGHNACLOYS and CHOCOLATE BICKIES

- [H]e was ordered out of his home town of Newry, under death threat from what he called the 'Bon Jovies' – the Provies. – J. McDowell, *Godfathers*, p.63, **2001**
- So are you telling me the Bon Jovis/SF dont engage in extortion? Dont oppress their "own" people in order to gain funds? – *sluggerotoole.com*, 23rd March **2007**
- They [Bon Jovi] will probably also be unaware – as indeed it seems was Ihab, otherwise he'd surely have rethought the musical accompaniment – that the band's name is Belfast slang for another paramilitary outfit. The Provies. The Bon Jovis. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 12th April **2008**

bonnets so blue

noun

Irish stew [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

- He will devour a "Joe Savage" (cabbage) for his "glorious sinner," (dinner,) and his favourite dish is "bonnets so blue," (Irish stew,) washed down with a "tenip" (back slang for a pint) of "never fear," (beer.) – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April **1915**

Bonney Fair

noun

▶ see BARNET FAIR

Bonnie and Clyde; bonnie

adjective

counterfeit, false, bogus; dishonest, two-faced [UK]

- Rhymes on *snide*. < Bonnie and Clyde, the popular name of American robbers Bonnie Parker (1911–34) and Clyde Barrow (1909–34), whose exploits were mythologised in the 1967 film *Bonnie and Clyde*, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, and later in a number of songs (the earliest of which was recorded in 1968), a musical (2009) and a TV miniseries (2013).
- Bonnie and Clyde is Cockney slang for Snide. "That a Bonnie Ralph Loren or a real one?" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2000**

- – K. Sanderson, *Cockney Dialect*, p.7, **2013**
- She was a bit Bonnie with me. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Bonnie Dundee; Bonny Dundee

noun

a flea [UK]

< ‘Bonnie Dundee’, an epithet for John Graham of Claverhouse, 1st Viscount Dundee (1648–89); popularised by Scottish writer Walter Scott in his 1825 ballad ‘The Bonnets of Bonnie Dundee’. The variant *Bonny Dundee* is given by Puxley (1992).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Bonnie Fair; Bonny Fair

noun

▶ see BARNET FAIR

boo and hiss

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 ■ **take the boo and hiss** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 ■ **on the boo and hiss** on a drinking binge [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *on the piss*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· We’re moving on Saturday but one of the dudes from Mumbai is over and we’re getting on the boo and hiss. – *twitter.com*, 31st January **2012**

boob and tit; tit

noun

a hypodermic syringe and needle [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *fit*. Prison use.

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

booed and hissed

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: *The Guardian*, London, 7th January **1980**
- Joe and Arthur kept on knocking them back till they were both booed and hissed. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

boom and mizzen; boom and mizen; boom

noun

a prison [UK]

< *boom and mizzen* ‘two parts of a sailing ship’.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- ‘E’s off to the boom for a bit. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· He ran into a bit of trouble with PC Plod and got banged up in Boom and Mizzen. – *thelastgherkin.deviantart.com*, 9th January **2009**

· – T. Breverton, *Breverton’s Nautical Curiosities*, p.10, **2010**

· I gulped down my molten toffee (coffee) and went down to the boom and mizzen (prison) for a central heating (meeting) with Mr. Smith. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

· I used to think Boob was just Boom (and Mizzen) being said wrong!! – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 13th December **2012**

· They put people in boom and mizzen for possession of Persian rugs[,] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 16th July **2016**

boon

noun

▶ see KEN BOON

bootlace

noun

a case; a suitcase [UK]

· [T]o prevent a calamitous trip be sure to secure your ‘bootlaces’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

boots

noun

in poker, aces (playing cards) [UK/IRELAND]

A shortening of *bootlaces*.

- – E. Allan and H. Mackay, *The Poker Encyclopedia*, p.62, **2007**

· River is a K leaving an interesting final board of KJ2JK. Check, Dom bets 1750 and his opponent dwells for 2 minutes maybe before reluctantly calling with the boots. – *Irish Poker Boars* forum, 2nd April **2010**

boots and socks; boots and sox

noun

syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. The variant spelling *boots and sox* is given by Baker (1966) and Seal (2009).

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – *rudocs.exdat.com*, ‘Australian Slang’, 6th January **2002**

· I went to Amsterdam and all I came back with was boots and socks. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

Bootsie and Snudge; bootsie

noun

a judge [UK]

< *Bootsie and Snudge*, an ITV sitcom broadcast in three series between 1960 and 1963 and a fourth and final series in 1974.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Bo-Peep; Little Bo-Peep; bo

noun

sleep; a sleep [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< ‘Little Bo-Peep’, a traditional English nursery rhyme, first recorded in the early 19th century, and its eponymous character, a young shepherdess who loses her sheep and cannot find them. Suggested by the idea of counting sheep, a traditional byword and practice for achieving sleep. According to the available evidence, the different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *Bo-Peep* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *Little Bo-Peep* (UK, Ireland), *bo* (UK). Hence also the British phrase *the land of Bo-Peep* ‘a state of sleep’, modelled on *the land of nod*.

· I have been told, though I have never heard the expression myself, that often when a man is ready to retire to rest, he will inform his mates, “That he’s done his lot for the day, and is goin’ to lay his pen’oth o’ bread (head) on the weeping-willow (pillow), and do a little bo-peep” (sleep). – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

· On retiring to bed he would take out his false “Hampsteads” before laying his “lump of lead” on the “weeping willow” and getting some “bo peep.” – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**

· It’s time we all got some bo-peep. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.190, **1934**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· Little Bo-Peep: *Sleep*[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.ix, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· [Y]ou can go up to Uncle Ned (bed), lie on the weepin willow (pillow) and have a bo-peep. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Bo Peep *Sleep Bo*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.47, **1973**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· As soon as the silly nurk has gone to the land of bo-peep I’ll be on my toes. – D. Clement and I. La Frenais, *The Complete Porridge*, p.31, **1990**

· **Little Bo Peep** Sleep. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· “Oy, me poor loaf,” he moans. “Feels like it weighs two hundred pounds. Certainly NOT the best *Bo Peep* I’ve ever had,” he says as he rubs his head with a foreleg. – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.155, **2007**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Off to get some bo peep... – *twitter.com*, 14th April **2010**

· Incidentally a Cockney wiv Estuary english would call a girder a *Guy deh*. Am off up the apples and pears shortly to get some Bo after I drink this cuppa Rosie. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th March **2012**

· As his Barbie snores softly, asleep, / Ken’s still stubbornly stuck counting sheep. / He thinks, “Quit, go on strike – / All these sheep look alike. / What I’d give for a little Bo Peep.” – *www.oedilf.com*, 8th March **2013**

· Good Night Everyone off to the land of Bo Peep. – *twitter.com*, 19th March **2013**

· Anyway I’d better go and let you get some Little Bo Peep. – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.189, **2014**

Bo-Peep

adjective

asleep [UK]

· So he goes back to his ‘Charley Wiggins’ (diggings), winds up his ‘three of Scotch,’ and after blowing the ‘Harry Randle’ out, he jumps into ‘traitor’s head,’ and is soon ‘bo-peep’. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

Bo-Peep

verb

to sleep [IRELAND/UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [I]f you are feeling tired you’ll be after an uncle Ned to Bo-Peep in. – *www.coisceim.com*, **2008**

· Other sayings my Grandad says, that probably no one else has heard of are: – is he bo peeping? (is he sleeping?)[.] – *Netmums* forum, 17th September **2008**

· [L]esson two will continue tomorrow, I need to ‘Bo-peep’. – *twitter.com*, 14th January **2013**

boracic flint; borassic flint; brassic flint; brassick flint

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. A variation of BORACIC LINT.

· The old-age pensioner with a priceless gift and a successful yuppie who’s brassic flint. – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 5th February **1989**

· i was out-of-work, on anti-depressants, coping with coming off a cocaine addiction, a few months out of gaol, going through the divorce from hell, borassic flint*, and surviving off charity from friends and work on the side. – *Lancers Reactor* forum, 17th June **2004**

· Skint = broke, no money, impecunious (lol) or even Cockney Boracic Flint. – *www.wunderground.com*, blog, 5th November **2005**

· [T]wo weeks all-inclusive in the bahamas don’t come cheap – i am, to use a colloquialism, brassick flint – skint – or if you prefer an americanism, dead broke! – *My.888poker* forum, 26th April **2006**

boracic lint; borassic lint; brassic lint; brassick lint; boric lint; boracic; borassic; brassic; brassick; brass; bras; boric

adjective

penniless [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *skint*. < *boracic lint* ‘a form of medical dressing made from surgical lint’. All forms of the word are recorded in British usage; outside Britain, the word occurs in the forms *boracic lint* (Ireland, Australia), *brassick lint* (Ireland), *boracic* (Ireland, Australia) and *brassic* (Ireland, New Zealand). Note that the shortening *brass* is pronounced with the same vowel as *gas*. Hence BRASSICA. ▶ see also BRACKERS

· But old Adolf wasn’t boracic lint yet (i.e., he wasn’t “skint” yet, he had an aeroplane or two up his

sleeve). – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 30th May **1940**

· brassic = boracic = boracic lint = skint[.] – *The Police Journal*, London, July/September **1951**

· ‘Johnny,’ he said without seeming to move his lips, ‘I’m boracic—how about a sub?’ – H. Hobson, *Mission House Murder*, p.156, **1959**

· No good to ask him—he’s boracic. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Lend us ‘arf an *Oxford scholar*, I’m *boracic lint*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.12, **1969**

· boracic lint. Skint, i.e. penniless; always reduced to boracic (20th c.). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Current now, for example, especially round London, is *I’m boracic* from *boracic lint* = *skint* (penniless), a shortening unknown a few years ago. – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**

· I’m boracic, honest, spent the week stretched in front of the Marie Corelli without so much as a glass. – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

· **brass** [...] Pronounced to rhyme with ‘gass’, never southern English ‘class’, this is a short form of **boracic** or **brassick** heard among teenagers in 1990. – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**

· Suddenly, I’m completely brassic, skint as a fart. – *Lovejoy*, UK TV: BBC1, 10th March **1991**

· Every cat’s dead palsy-walsy likesay, but once they suss that you’re brassic lint, they sortay just drift away intae the shadows ... [...] Eh, basically man, ah’m totally brassic. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.120 [1994], **1993**

· She is, after all, the pitch and toss (boss) and hardly Boracic Lint (skint). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· I’m quite good mechanically and thinking about doing it myself to try and save some money as Im a bit brass at the minute. – *MG-Rover.org* forum, 13th December **2002**

· Cockney rhyming slang: Bras = Broke/no money[.] – *LetsSingIt* forum, 4th June **2003**

· I’m boracic lint at the moment. – S. Parker, *Junkyard Dog*, p.355 [2007], **2006**

· ‘Ello me old mucker, put one in the pipe for us, I’m brassick. – R. Brand, *My Booky Wook*, p.365 [2008], **2007**

· I can’t go out, I’m brass. – *UD(.com)*, 23rd January **2007**

· They had only seen him when he was borassic lint, when he had spent his wages[.] – M. Cole, *Faces*, p.130 [2008], **2007**

· Totally brassic now with all the vets bills lately. – *Irish-Dogs.ie* forum, 6th May **2008**

· **boracic lint** – **skint** [...] Usually abbreviated to *boracic*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· He’s right boric. – *A(.com)*, accessed 15th June **2009**

· Why are so many good artists we see, boric lint skint and have to live live old hobos, not knowing where their next meal is? – *Saatchi Online* forum, July **2011**

· He’s fucking broke, brassick lint, skint, insolvent... – *The Property Pin* forum, 12th January **2010**

· I’m borassic. – R. Goddard, *Fault Line*, p.162, **2012**

· No more Christmas parties, and most people Boracic Lint after Christmas!! – *Boards.ie* forum, 21st November **2012**

· I’m totally brass until next week. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 5th February **2013**

· We may be on our uppers, skint, boracic, stony-broke[.] – *www.independent.ie*, 9th March **2013**

· [W]here’s the money coming from, I thought he was brassic? – *www.whaleoil.co.nz*, 29th May **2014**

· **brassic** adjective of a person: without any money. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· If the festive period has left you more brassic than an old bed post, then cop a cheapo ticket on the day of the performance. – *www.leftlion.co.uk*, 3rd January **2016**

borassic

noun

a girl or woman [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

An alteration of *boracic*, the elliptical form of *boracic lint*, rhyming on the slang *bint*, or a ‘disguised’ version of *brass*, a shortening of BRASS NAIL. A nonce word coined by English writer D. J. Taylor (b.1960) in his 2010 novel *At the Chime of a City Clock*. < *boracic lint* ‘a form of medical dressing made from surgical lint’.

· There was a picture of a borassic wearing a fox fur that lay invitingly over her shoulders and he winked at it. – D.J. Taylor, *City Clock*, p.23, **2010**

Borassic Coast; Brassic Coast

nickname

the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage Site on the Devon and Dorset coast of south-west England

A slang rhyme derived from shortened forms of BORACIC LINT and inspired by an image of the area as down-at-heel and neglected.

· *The Borassic Coast* – Collection of short stories by West Dorset-based author S. C. Geraghty, **2013**

· A national newspaper has sparked anger after Weymouth was labelled more ‘Brassic Coast’ than Jurassic Coast. – *www.dorsetecho.co.uk*, 24th February **2016**

· We may have a Brassic Coast but it is truly amazing what you can obtain for free! – *www.facebook.com*, 24th February **2016**

boric lint; boric

adjective

▶ see BORACIC LINT

Boris Becker; boris

noun

the penis [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pecker*. < German tennis player Boris Becker (b.1967).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· I’ve had a couple of lines of Boutros and my Boris Becker is the size of a Tic Tac. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, s.v. *Boutros Boutros Gali*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

- We all had a good laugh when Andy Murray got his Boris out. – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July **2012**
- As long as you haven't got a little Boris, I wouldn't worry. – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April **2013**

Boris Karloff; boris*noun*

a cough [UK]

- < Boris Karloff, the stage name of English actor William Henry Pratt (1887–1969).
- Boris Karloff. That's a nasty Boris you've got there mate. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Boris the Bold*noun*

cold weather [UK]

- Functionally shifted from the adjective form.
- The forecast is for Boris the Bold, Cynthia Paine and it's going to be Mork and Mindy[.] – *www.greenandgold-rugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

Boris the Bold; boris*adjective*

cold [UK]

- < *Boris the Bold*, a Czech cartoon series aired on the BBC in the 1970s and its eponymous hero. Influenced in later use by the name *Boris* as a reference to Conservative politician Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson (b.1964), who was Mayor of London from May 2008 to May 2016.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- If da place makes yew miserable then you 'ave best just bugger off. Its not worf i' ter rot in a Boris da Bold dead end town. – *Principia Discordia* forum, 1st January **2008**
- [I]t's bloody Boris out there. – *twitter.com*, 12th December **2012**
- Brrrr, it's Boris The Bold today! – *www.youtalkin.info*, accessed 6th March **2013**

born and bred*noun*

a bed [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Waking to the distant sound of Bow Bells, Guy's love and kisses (missus) is up and out of born and bred (bed), down the apples and pears (stairs). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**
- It goes off again and I drag myself from my Born and Bred. – *FISO* forum, 5th July **2008**
- For a second or two I do a scene in the back of my head with me in a born and bred with Dionne and Monica[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

Borossa Pearl; borossa*noun*

▶ see BAROSSA PEARL

borrow and beg; borrow*noun*

an egg [UK]

- He may then partake of two hard-boiled 'borrows' ('borrow and beg'-egg)[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**
- – *New Straits Times*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 'Cockney Chit-Chat', 28th December **1994**
- Half a dozen borrows, please. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**
- We need to get some borrow and begs. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Boss Hogg; boss*noun*

a toilet [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *bog*. < Boss Hogg, a character in the American television series film spin-off *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979–85 and 2005), portrayed by American actor Sorrell Brooke (1930–94).
- Going to the Boss for an Eartha. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th September **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- To wait until you get to your place of employment before retiring to the *Boss Hoggs* to enjoy your morning *tom tit*. – *Viz* comic, February **2017**

Boston bits*noun*

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tits*.

- 'Look at those sheilas' tits' in rhyming slang was 'take a butcher's hook at that three-wheeler's Boston bits'. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

Boston Blackie; boston*noun*

an act of defecation [UK: SUNDERLAND]

- Rhymes on *cacky*. < Boston Blackie, a character created by American writer Jack Boyle in 1914 and later adapted for film, radio and television.
- Dying for a boston – Boston blackie – cackie (Am I a racist?). – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 7th November **2011**
- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Botany Bay; botany*noun*

1 an act of escaping [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- Rhymes on *run away*. < Botany Bay, a bay in Sydney, NSW, renowned as the site of Captain James Cook's first landing in Australia in 1770. Thought by many to be the site of a penal settlement. In fact, in 1787 Botany Bay was chosen for such use, but the settlement was eventually established at Port Jackson. Usually in the phrase *do a botany* 'to abscond'.
- Tot laughed and so did the onlookers at Otto's efforts to catch his man when Higgins took it into his head to 'do a Botany'. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 31st March **1900**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- **do a Botany**. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a bed [US/UK]

Rhymes on *hay*, used in the phrases *hit the hay* and *in the hay*. In American English, only recorded in the full form.

- BOTANY BAY. In the hay (in bed). – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- [T]o ‘hit the Botany’ was the intention of the weary. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Botany Bay

verb

to run away [UK]

< Botany Bay, a bay in Sydney, NSW, renowned as the site of Captain James Cook’s first landing in Australia in 1770. An uninflected verb. Also used as a noun in the phrase *do a botany*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th January 2003
- You may have valid four seasons to Botany Bay[.] – *hubpages.com*, 19th February 2014
- I wanted to Botany Bay. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015
- He looked me right in the mince pies and then he Botany Bay. – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March 2016

bother and fuss

noun

a bus [UK]

- Here, let’s jump this bother-and-fuss! – A. Bracey, *Public Enemies*, p.206, 1934

bother and strife; bother

noun

a wife [UK]

A variation of TROUBLE AND STRIFE.

- How’s the bother and gawdfers? [...] Wife is ‘bother and strife.’ – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November 1913
- “What’s that?” I murmured, half interested. “Only the bother and the gawdfers,” he answered. “Eh?” “I said it’s the bother and the gawdfers.... Rhyming slang, silly ass. The Missus and the kids. Bother-and-strife ... wife. Gawd-forbids ... kids.[”] – T. Burke, *Nights in Town*, p.59, 1915
- This combination of interests suggests that our member is the man to go to if a Pearly King is egged on by his bother-and-strife and gawd-ferbids to look into his family crime-and-mystery[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, p.200, 1961: *The Heraldry Gazette*, Guildford, 1960
- “After all” continued Bert, “what would my bother and godfors think?” – P.A. Coggin, *Vile Guns*, p.124, 2004

bottle

noun

two hundred pounds [UK]

Perhaps a shortening of BOTTLE OF SPRUCE, rhyming on *deuce*, or BOTTLE OF GLUE, rhyming on *two*.

- – Mr X, *Odds Compiler*, p.12, 2005
- – *A(.com)*, accessed 11th April 2014

bottle

verb

1 to smuggle something into prison [SOUTH AFRICA]

The next sense is thought to derive from *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS. If that is true, this usage may be a later development, notwithstanding the dates of the quotations. Thus the noun *bottling*.

- Hence, if there was anything you wanted to bottle out of one part of the prison into another, the only safe place was in that small bag fastened between your legs with a piece of string. [...] And the convicts would say, amongst each other, facetiously, “I suppose the stones been bottled (meaning smuggled) through into the section. The bottling is getting worse every day.” – H.C. Bosman, *Cold Stone Jug*, pp.63/116 [1969], 1949

2 in prison, to conceal drugs, money, etc. in the rectum [SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

Probably functionally shifted from *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Hence *bottling*.

- To ‘bottle’ something is to hide it up your arse. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: H. Lewin, *Bandiet*, p.131, 1974
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996
- If it’s cannabis, the drug can be swallowed having been passed from the visitor’s mouth to the prisoner’s mouth during a kiss. Or they can be “bottled”, inserted in the anus. – *www.socialaffairsunit.org.uk*, blog, 6th March 2006
- The mandatory “rub down” or frisking when re-entering your wing will not always detect the item “bottled” if it’s just a few grams of heroin or cocaine or a few rocks of crack. – *www.theguardian.com*, 20th March 2006

3 (of a man) to have anal sex with (a woman) [US/UK]

Functionally shifted from *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

- – J. Trimble, *5,000 Adult Sex Words*, 1966
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

4 to lose one’s nerve, to be too scared to do something [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Functionally shifted from *bottle*, possibly a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS. The literal implication is of defecating as a result of fear. Used on its own or in the forms *bottle it* and *bottle out*. Synonymous with *lose one’s bottle*.

- Like so many men, Gibbs always fancied school-girls, but guessed if it came right down to it, an opportunity to give any of them one, he would bottle out. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: G.F. Newman, *A Villain’s Tale*, p.75, 1977
- [T]hey’ve just bottled out man they’re fuckt. – J. Kelman, *How Late It Was*, p.51 [1998], 1994
- I nearly bought a Heliopan warming polarizer, but bottled at the last minute due mostly to cost and bought one of their normal filters (still expensive but great quality). – *Photo.net* forum, 12th May 1999

· I bottled it. I put on a pathetic, embarrassed shrug and said: ‘Well. Better get back to my crew.’ – K. Sampson, *Freshers*, p.40 [2004], **2003**

· “The employers have bottled it,” the taoiseach growled. – D.J. Lynch, *Luck of the Irish*, p.41, **2010**
 · – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

5 to stink [UK]

Possibly a shortening of *bottle of drink*.

· **bottle**, v.i. smell, stink. “Some of them slinks and slags in the bevvyken don’t half bottle.” – P. O’Shaughnessy, *Market-Traders’ Argot*, p.21, **1978**

6 to follow (someone) closely, sometimes specifically by arrangement as a means of protection [UK]

Functionally shifted from *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· A few hours later, me and Danny are pulling into Heston Services on the M1 with two low ranking but shtummo pals bottling us in a motor behind[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.41 [2012], **2004**

· Yeah, I bottled him all the way to the jug[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.339–340, **2015**

bottle and glass; bottles and glass; bottle

noun

1 the buttocks or anus [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse* or *ass*. *Bottle and glass* is common in all three locations of use. *Bottles and glass* and *bottle* have been recorded in American and British usage respectively. ▶ see ARISTOTLE and BOTTLE OF RUM

· A ‘Tommy’ took down his ‘Round the House’s (Trousers), pulled up his ‘Dicky Dirt’ (shirt) and showed his ‘Bottle and Glass’. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, p.45 [1901], **1898**

· BOTTLE AND GLASS.– Rhyming slang for the good old English word denoting the posterior, or as a University wit has put it: *sedendum humanum*. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – J.E. Schmidt, *Libido*, **1960**

· ‘Oh, it’s all right,’ he says depressedly, lifting one leg and scratching his bottle, ‘it’s down to his motor,’ and nods at Marchmare. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.41, **1962**

· The rhyming slang for “arse” is “bottle and glass,” shortened for conversational purposes to “bottle.” – *New Society* magazine, London, 31st March **1966**

· He told me that he felt her “bottles and Glaas” and it was warm, is that true? – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

· She sat her bottle and glass on the I don’t care. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.65, **1968**

· In fact the only wind I got is from the horse’s tail as he tries to prevent the gnats from congregating round his bottle and glass. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 18th September **1974**

· Having your sex-symbol leading lady sitting on a rubber ring with a pain in the bottle wouldn’t strike the right note of romantic tragedy. – *The British Journal of Photography*, 30th March **1979**

· You’ve got a big bruise on ya bottle. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.20, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Maestro walks rather pompously into vast reception, slips on carpet and lands on bottle and glass. – J. de Vileneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.44, **1986**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· What it would be like to stick a pillow under her arse and ride her slow and long, to spin her over and bite her firm little bottle. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.77 [2001], **2000**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· I was just thinking what a nice *bottle and glass* that is! – R.R. Peach, *Luke Baynard*, p.120, **2009**

2 a hip pocket [UK]

Metonymically extended from the previous sense. Always reduced to *bottle*. Hence *off the bottle* ‘stolen from a hip pocket’. Criminal slang. Hence BOTTLE MERCHANT (sense 1). ▶ see BOTTLE OF FIZZ and GREEK

· The hip-pocket is referred to as the “bottle.” [...] He had added: “It’s on the bottle.” In other words, it is in his hip-pocket. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.42, **1930**

· On the bottle—in hip pocket. – *Berkeley Daily Gazette*, Berkeley, CA, ‘Argot of British Thieves Puzzling’, 25th May **1931**

· BOTTLE (THE): The hip pocket. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.329, **1938**

· **bottle and glass** (2) Specialized in use by pickpockets in the phrase ‘off the bottle’[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

3 ■ **on the bottle; at the bottle** engaged in pickpocketing [UK]

From the previous sense. ▶ see BOTTLE SQUAD

· A thief would say of a pickpocket: “He’s at the bottle,” or “He’s at the wizz.” – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.329, **1938**

· *At the bottle ...* Stealing from hip pocket. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.206, **1962**

· **BOTTLE, on the** [...] a pickpocket. – J. Morton, *Low-speak*, **1989**

· To be **on the bottle** is to be out and about picking pockets [...]. Stealing from a back pocket is also the easiest pickpocketing move, as the thief is behind the victim (on the bottle) so cannot be identified and make an unseen getaway. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.45, **2015**

4 courage, bravery [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

Possibly based on the relationship between courage and control of the sphincter muscles, but sometimes claimed to derive from the phrase *no bottle* ‘no good’. Always shortened to *bottle* and commonly used in phrases like *lose one’s bottle* ‘to lose one’s nerve’ and *pluck up (the) bottle* ‘to gather courage’. Thus BOTTLE (verb), BOTTLER and BOTTLEY. ▶ see also ARISTOTLE, BOTTLE MERCHANT (sense 3) and GERRY COTTLE

· What’s the matter Frank, your bottle fallen out? – F. Norman, *Bang to Rights*, p.62, **1958**

· The rhyming slang for “arse” is “bottle and glass,” shortened for conversational purposes to “bottle.” “Bottle,” in this way a piece of rhyming slang (heard frequently as a synonym for “arse” meaning nerve or courage), is often, when used in the ordinary sense of a glass container, rhymed with “Aristotle,” usually shortened to “aris.” – *New Society* magazine, London, 31st March **1966**

· ‘Don’t run away now.’ ‘Are you questioning my bottle?’ asked Arthur angrily. – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.37, **1985**

· The fact is that Fianna Fáil has never had the bottle to risk offending its wealthy backers and has refused to tax any property other than the family home. – *oireachtas-debates.oireachtas.ie*, ‘Dáil Éireann Debate’, 10th February **1994**

· Mark, 27, plucked up the bottle to deliver a special mouth-watering serving of stripped cream to Sun Woman readers. – *The Sun*, London, 1st May **1996**

· He’s always saying that he wants to leave Parliament, but he doesn’t have the bottle to do it[.] – M. Latham, *Diaries*, p.87, 2005: diary entry dated 7th October **1998**

· And even if she did pluck up the bottle to leave she’d have to get right off the plot. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.42 [2012], **2004**

· But Parliament hasn’t had the bottle to take the next step. – *Hawke’s Bay Today*, Hastings, New Zealand, 22nd May **2006**

· With the advent of more freedom, people seem to have lost their bottle to speak up. – *Financial Mail* magazine, Johannesburg, 20th April **2012**

· [H]e plucked up enough bottle to ask them to be quiet. – P. Connor-Kearns, *Cleaning Up*, **2013**

5 class, elegance [UK]

Recorded in the forms *bottle* and *bottle and glass*.

· “He’s no bottle” equals “He’s no bottle and glass” (class). – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], **1959**

· – E.H. Harvey, *Book of Facts*, p.92, **1987**

· – *CRS*(co.uk), 21st April **2000**

6 male prostitution [UK/US]

By extension from sense 1. Used in the phrase *on* (or *at*) *the bottle* ‘engaged in male prostitution’. Thus BOTTLE MERCHANT (sense 2) and BOTTLE OPENER.

· **bottle and glass** *Arse*. The buttocks (20 C.). In English usage ‘on the bottle’ refers to male prostitution; in America, to general prostitution. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
· *the bottle* = male prostitution[.] – B. Rodgers, *The Queen’s Vernacular*, s.v. *active partner*, **1972**

· [T]hese are murky waters, though – in prison slang, to be “at the bottle” or a “bottle-merchant” is to be a predatory homosexual[.] – *The Independent*, London, 19th June **1996**

7 prostitution [US]

Extended from the previous sense. Always shortened to *bottle*. Used in the phrase *on the bottle* ‘engaged in prostitution’.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

8 ■ **up someone’s bottle** very closely behind someone [UK]

From sense 1. Formed as an equivalent of *up someone’s arse*.

· [A] carload of plainclothes Old Bill come screeching to a halt right up our bottle. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.29 [2012], **2004**

9 ■ **laugh one’s bottle and glass off** to laugh with great gusto [UK]

From sense 1. Formed as an equivalent of *laugh one’s arse off*.

· I’m laughing my bottle and glass off. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 15th October **2013**

10 ■ **on someone’s bottle** hard on someone’s heels, following closely behind someone [UK]

From sense 1. Formed as an equivalent of *on someone’s arse*.

· Here, do you know you’ve got **Old Bill** on your bottle? – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.339, **2015**

bottle and glassed

adjective

bothered [UK]

Rhymes on *arsed*. An adjectival adaptation of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Used in the phrase *can’t be bottle and glassed*.

· Sorry i didnt have time to edit it and cut it down...and to be truthful i cant be bottle and glassed (arsed) to as im oliver twist (pissed, just incase dont understand cockney rhyming slang!). – *Pyrotech* forum, 30th May **2006**

· [W]hoops! never read the rules about the number of players from each club so just use some of my subs coz I can’t be bottle and glassed doing it again. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 16th April **2007**

· I should probably do this in rhyming slang, but I can’t be bottle and glassed. – *Campaign* magazine, London, 6th July **2012**

bottle and glass hole

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *arsehole*, formed by blending this word with BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· What an absolute bottle and glass hole! Banning someone just for having a dissenting (and logical) opinion. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 29th July **2012**

bottle and glass kisser

noun

a sycophant [UK]

An equivalent of *arse-kisser*. Formed on BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· I am sure that some will call me an bottle and glass kisser based on my remarks. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 11th June **2012**

bottle and glue

noun

▶ see BOTTLE OF GLUE

bottle and stopper; bottle stopper; bottle

noun

a police officer [US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *copper*. *Bottle and stopper* is common in all five locations of use; it can be pluralised as *bottles and stoppers* and *bottle and stoppers*. *Bottle stopper* and *bottle* have been recorded in Australian and British English respectively (Seal 2009; Smith 2011).

· It's the rhyming slang [...] Bottles an' stoppers, those are coppers. – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· “Most entertaining of them all,” he told me, “is the rhyming slang of the Barbary Coast, San Francisco. [...] The bottles and stoppers—meaning the coppers.[”] – *The Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, 9th September **1933**

· – M.H. Weseen, *DoAS*, **1934**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Bottle and stopper means a copper. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**

· Shall I telephone for a bottle and stopper? – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**

· When he says he is “looping” away from a “bottle and stopper” or from a “copper” he means he is running away from a policeman.[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· On the “frog and toad” home I almost got a ticket from a “bottle and stopper” for making a U turn. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968; J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

· The nose is “I suppose.” The fuzz? “Bottle and stoppers” (for coppers). – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 13th August **1972**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· “Nothing really. Actually, one thing you can do ... Stop sending the bottles round here. It’s bad for my reputation!’ ‘Bottles?’ Linc was bewildered. ‘Bottles and stoppers – coppers,’ Sandy translated. – L. Stacey, *Deadfall*, p.250 [2005], **2004**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· But I couldn’t *adam and eve* it when some *bottle* picked him up with a *hot cross bun*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

· Are you a bottle and stopper? – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March **2016**

bottle bank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· I was not having a bottle bank. – *twitter.com*, 30th March **2011**

· Im away for a bottle bank. – *etims.net*, 29th January **2016**

bottled beer

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· I’d be asking myself: who stands to gain from her thinking that you’re bottled beer? – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.65, **2007**

bottlemart

verb

to fart [AUSTRALIA]

< Bottlemart, an Australian chain of liquor shops.

· – That Bottlemart ad. I thought I escaped it coming to England, and now when I watch the Fox streams over here it is on EVERY AD BREAK. – That is really unfortunate. At least it’s not the old Bottlemart one with Mike Whitney holding his nose saying, “Oh, who bottlemarted?” – *The Greenhouse* forum, 18th and 19th May **2009**

· Who bottlemarted??? – *The Chookpen* forum, 21st January **2013**

bottle merchant

noun

1 a pickpocket [UK]

Formed on *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· The modern attribute for a pickpocket is a “whiz-man” or “bottle merchant,” a bag-thief “peter-claimer,” card-sharper a “broadsman,” a maker of counterfeit coins a “smasher.” – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

2 a male homosexual [UK]

Based on *bottle*, a shortened form of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· [T]hese are murky waters, though – in prison slang, to be “at the bottle” or a “bottle-merchant” is to be a predatory homosexual.[.] – *The Independent*, London, 19th June **1996**

3 a cowardly person [UK]

Formed on *bottle*, possibly a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Synonymous with BOTTLER.

· You’re a bottle merchant, turning your back on your mates and fucking off to the other side of the world. – J. King, *Human Punk*, p.223 [2001], **2000**

· – *Planet Tolkien* forum, 14th March **2003**

· A cowardly, shameful performance from a bunch of bottle merchants. – *RangersMedia* forum, 13th May **2009**

· – I. Gray, *Glesca Banter*, **2012**

bottle of Bass*noun*

the buttocks [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *ass*, an occasional variant of *arse*. Bass is a brand of English beer.

- – A. Lillo, *Rhyming Slang in Ireland*, p.279, 2004: **2001**
- Kathryn Thomas = big bottle of bass. – Is that rhyming slang for “ass”? – [...] Hud: yes, bottle of bass = ass. – *An Fear Rua* forum, 3rd and 4th April **2006**

bottle of beer; bottle*noun*

the ear [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

- Just a word in your bottle o’ beer mate—I’m going ’ome—got to go to work in the morning. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- “Get him in the bottle o’ beers!” will alert Lionel to the fact his challenger’s ears are beginning to cauliflower. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**
- A word in your bottle. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**
- What has happened to that nicely spoken lady behind the reception desk? Can my bottles be deceiving me? – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, **1974**
- Pervis looks at me and then back into the mouthpiece like he can’t believe his bottles. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.80, **1976**
- Look at the huge bottle of beers on her! – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

bottle of blue*noun*

two pounds sterling [UK]

< *bottle of blue*, a slang reference to a bottle of methylated spirits when taken as an alcoholic drink.

- – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.203, **2011**

bottle of booze; bottle*noun*

news [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- Turn the telly on I want to see the bottle of booze. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Nothing on? Let’s watch the bottle then. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bottle of coke*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*.

- Offer a Richard the Third a bottle of coke in the Mickey Mouse and it’s all colourful stuff, where a direct transcription might render you liable to the tender mercies of Justice Argyle. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

bottle of drink; bottle*noun*

a stink [UK]

· A nasty ‘bottle’ could mean that someone’s ‘bottle’ needs corking. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bottle off*verb*

to follow (someone) closely in order to provide protection [UK]

From the noun *bottle*, itself a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

- I also instruct Delroy to accompany me, in order to bottle me off and keep dog-eye. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.309 [2012], **2004**

bottle of fizz*noun*

pickpocketing [UK]

Rhymes on *the whizz*. < *bottle of fizz*, a slangy equivalent of *bottle of champagne*. Possibly a folk-etymological elaboration of *bottle*, as used in the phrase *on or at the bottle* ‘engaged in pickpocketing’, itself a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS. Criminal use.

- ‘The bottle of Fizz’ is another slang expression used instead of ‘The Wizz’—the term which describes the art of picking pockets. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.329, **1938**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

bottle of glue; bottle and glue*noun*

1 a Jew [US]

First recorded in the form *bottle of glue*.

- – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

2 in betting, odds of two to one [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *bottle*.

Only recorded in the form *bottle of glue*.

- Neves to Ruof and a Bottle of Glue. – Mr X, *Odds Compiler*, p.11, **2005**

bottle of glue; bottle*numeral*

two [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January **2010**

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

bottle of pop; bottle; bottler*noun*

1 an Italian [UK]

Rhymes on *wop*. Shortened to *bottler*, thus punning on BOTTLER.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a shop [UK]

Shortened to *bottle*.

- Wat u gettin from the Bottle. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th May **2004**

bottle of porter*noun*

a daughter [UK]

- – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.76, **2002**
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- This is my bottle of porter. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

bottle of rum*noun*

the buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *bottle*, the reduced version of BOTTLE AND GLASS. The word *bottle* itself is sometimes looked upon as a shortening of BOTTLE OF RUM.

- Nice Bottle Of Rum. – CRS(*co.uk*), 10th June **2002**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- [C]heck out that girl's bottle of rum! Looks as big as J Lo's! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**
- “Aris” was short for “Aristotle”, which was their rhyming slang for “bottle”, which was short for “bottle of rum”, which was slang for “bum”. – *The Morningstarr* forum, 14th February **2011**
- Collin says she's a petticoat lane in his bottle of rum. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

bottle of sauce; bottle of*noun*

a horse [UK]

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- [T]o those of you who go to the ‘pair of braces’ either ‘Bottle of sauce’ or ‘Cherry ogs’, here’s wishing you always beat the ‘Joe Rooks’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.59, **1973**
- Who ever told you that that bottle of sauce had any hope of winning? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- – Slang terms for horses... – There’s also Neddy, Dobbin, Bottle of, (Sauce – cockney ryming slang). – *The Chronicle of the Horse* forum, 4th May **2009**
- It will only cost you a sky diver (£5) for a bottle of sauce (horse) and with that you’ll get a glass of shampoo and the chance to win loads of Becks and Posh. – *sowerbybridgecc.intheteam.com*, 3rd June **2010**
- Whilst driving along the *Frog and Toad*, I spotted a person riding a *Bottle of Sauce*. – *www.suffolklearning.co.uk*, 26th February **2014**

bottle of scent*noun*

1 rent [UK: LEEDS]

- Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:–Round the Fanny Brown (round the town), going down the Fanny Brown (getting nothing out of it), haven’t the bottle of scent (haven’t the rent)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

2 a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Get that skirt off, you great big bottle of scent. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

bottle of scent*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

- I always thought Tarquin was bottle of scent. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December **2011**

bottle of Scotch*noun*

a wristwatch [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- A watch is a bottle of Scotch, and a shop a lollipop. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Ave you seen my new bottle of scotch. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

bottle of spruce; bottle*noun*

1 twopence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *deuce*. < *bottle of spruce* ‘a once-popular type of beer’. Only recorded in the full form. According to Ware (1909), this usage is metonymic in origin: ‘It [*Bottle o' spruce*] also implies twopence; this sum, early in the 19th century being the price of a bottle of spruce beer. A man now seeking twopence asks for the price of a pint. His grandfather would have asked for a bottle of spruce’.

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

2 in card games, a two of any suit [US/UK]

Rhymes on *deuce*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 two pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *deuce*. ▶ see BOTTLE

- – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.192, **1989**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 20th February **2009**
- – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.7, **2012**
- – *A(.com)*, accessed 11th April **2014**

bottle of water; bottle

noun

1 a daughter [UK/IRELAND]

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:– [...] beer and strife (the wife), bottle of water (daughter)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· She was the bottle of Potiphera, a priest in the city of Heliopolis. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.32, **2001**

· Your currant buns and bottles-of-water are gonna preach my message, innit? – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.55, **2002**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.66, **2007**

2 a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Its all to do with weight. “Emmery” is half of a “Bottle Of Water” = quarter..! You get me? – *The Asylum* forum, 9th April **2004**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 19th June **2010**

bottle of wine

noun

a court fine [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

bottle opener

noun

a male homosexual who takes the active role in anal sex [US]

Formed on *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

Also suggested by the idea of drilling a cork. Gay slang.

· **active partner** man who fucks in anal intercourse as opposed to the one who is fucked Syn: [...] **bottle opener**[.] – B. Rodgers, *The Queen’s Vernacular*, **1972**

· – *badingtonaryphoenix.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th October **2010**

bottler

noun

1 a person who engages in anal intercourse [UK]

A derivative of the verb BOTTLE.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

2 a cowardly person [UK/IRELAND]

A derivative of the verb BOTTLE. Synonymous with BOTTLE MERCHANT. ► *see* BOTTLE OF POP

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *bottle of pop*, **1992**

· Kidd branded his players a bunch of bottlers after a 2–1 defeat[.] – *The People*, London, 9th May **1999**

· He’s a bottler. Once a bottler always a bottler. Bottled it in the treble season for Man U, Bottled it at Nottingham Forest when things went bad, Bottled it spectacularly for

himself if anything at the world cup which as has been said before is unforgivable. – *Dundalk Talk* forum, 5th December **2008**

bottles and glass

noun

► *see* BOTTLE AND GLASS

bottles of booze; bottles and booze

noun

shoes [US/UK]

Bottles of booze is common in both locations of use. *Bottles and booze*, recorded in 1949, is exclusively American.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· It’s a mistake to try to put on your uncles and aunts when you are already wearing your Oscar Hocks and your bottles of booze. – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bottles of glass

noun

class, elegance [US]

· That twist really has a lotta bottles of glass. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.53, **1968**

bottle squad

noun

a plain-clothes police unit that is focused on pickpocketing [UK]

From the phrase *on the bottle*, itself formed on *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· They’re known as the bottle squad because of the criminal slang for working pickpockets, ‘on the bottle’, meaning to follow someone closely. The London bottle squad, based at West End Central police station, had a less than savoury reputation in the late 1970s and early ’80s for **fitting** people **up**, but they were certainly efficient at harassing the **dippers** and keeping them out of the West End. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.97–98, **2015**

bottle stopper

noun

► *see* BOTTLE AND STOPPER

bottley

adjective

nervous [UK]

A derivative of *bottle*, itslef possibly a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· He’s off the phone already. Sounded a bit bottley, not like Cody at all. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.170 [2001], **2000**

· [T]here’s no way I’m going to let this bottley little prick drag me back in over my head. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.272 [2012], **2004**

bottomless pit*noun*

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th May 2007· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· Other Cockney Rhyming Slang words for an Eartha Kitt include a William Pitt, a Tom Tit, a Brad Pitt, a **Two-Bob Bit**, a Bottomless Pit, English Lit, and the slightly less used, although by no means any less filthy example used here[.] – *www.thespoof.com*, 26th December 2008

2 a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.· You stood me up, you bottomless pit. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.63, 2012**bottoms up***noun*

a cup [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978**bounce***noun*

an ounce of marijuana [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· i'll give y'all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] 1oz = "bounce"[.] – *Marijuana forum*, 9th January 2006· But some friends of mine would say [...] bounce for an ounce. – *Torrentech forum*, 2nd September 2011**Bouncing Ball; Bouncing***nickname*used as a substitute for the name *Paul* [UK]· My name is Paul, so people call me Bouncing (Bouncing Ball)[.] – *Queenzzone forum*, 8th July 2013**bouncy castle; bouncy***noun*

a parcel [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**Boutros Boutros-Ghali; Boutros Boutros-Ghali; Boutros Boutros-Ghali; Boutros Boutros-Ghali; Boutros Ghali; Boutros Ghali; Boutros Ghali; Boutros Ghali; Boutros Ghali; Boutros***noun*

1 cocaine [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < Egyptian politician and diplomat Boutros Boutros-Ghali (1922–2016), who was Secretary General of the United Nations from 1992 to 1996.· This example is drawn from the many euphemisms for the contraband substance known as cocaine. The drug has been known as [...] Boutros Boutros Ghali (I haven't a clue why...)[.] – *everything2.com*, 8th August 2001· No Boutros Boutros-Ghali (charlie/cocaine) or laa-dee-dars (cigars) here. – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August 2001· I've had a couple of lines of Boutros and my Boris Becker is the size of a Tic Tac. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003· I don't do no Billy, no Charlie, Lemon Barley, Andy Farley, Boutros Boutros[.] – *ToyTown Germany forum*, 18th November 2005· Lay off the Boutros Boutros Ghali man – lk does wonders... – *Crooked Tongues forum*, 9th January 2006· [G]o on a gambling binge, mate, and throw in some Boutros Boutros and some high-class hookers. And get me involved! – *foreveriron.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st May 2009

· – How's the Boutros in Istanbul? – The what? I live in Australia man. Only care about the Football there.

· Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Rhyming slang for Mutu's favourite leisure time activity. – *BigFooty AFL forum*, man from Dublin, 6th January 2011· If you're imagining an 80's New York penthouse apartment party, with girls looking hot wearing less than bikinis, A-list celebs snorting butros off the upturned nipples of young starlets still believing that they're gonna make it... – *jointhedotsmusic.co.uk*, 11th November 2011· So, the youth of East London danced to Terry and Junes (tunes) while ingesting Jack 'n' Jills (pills) and sniffing Boutros Ghali (charlie). – *www.theguardian.com*, 22nd February 2013· Ive known lads that have banged the jack and jills and been on the boutros boutros ghali for years[.] – *blogs.spectator.co.uk*, blog, 30th May 2014

2 a drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. Recorded in the forms *Btros Boutros-Ghali* and *butros*.· Boutros is rhyming slang – *Btros Boutros-Ghali* = *swal-lae* (scots. colog. swallow/drink). – *ScoobyNet forum*, 1st March 2002**bow and arrow; bow and arrer; bow***noun*

1 a sparrow [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Probably < 'Who killed Cock Robin? / I, said the Sparrow, / with my bow and arrow, / I killed Cock Robin', the opening lines of the English nursery rhyme 'Who Killed Cock Robin?', first recorded in the 1740s. The short form is exclusively British.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931· 'Ulllo—you arter them old *bows* and *arres* again? They'll fly away soon's they see yeh! – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.293, 1953· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971· Aw, look at the little bow and arrow over there. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997· Little bow and arrow fell out of the nest. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009· But London's East Enders always had an affection for the House Sparrow that lived right in the inner city of London. They gave it the ultimate accolade – almost unheard of for a bird – of its own name in cockney rhyming slang: 'bow' from 'bow and arrow'[.] – D. Turner, *Beethoven*, p.229, 2011

2 a vegetable marrow [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

- Go down the store and buy me a small bow 'n' arrer. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.53, **1968**

3 a barrow [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by L. Atkinson, **1969**

· A man passed by, pushing a bow and arrow. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· You never see ‘cowboys’ (qv) with bows and arrows. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 a charabanc [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *arrow* as *arrer*, thus rhyming on the slang *chara*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

5 a friend [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Relies on the pronunciation of *arrow* as *arrer*, thus rhyming on the regional slang word *marra*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- So hows it going my old Bow and Arrow (Marra)? – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

bow and arrow; bow and arra; bow

adjective

paranoid [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *arrow* as *arrer*, thus rhyming on *para*.

- You look bow and arra. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th September **2006**

· 'Ere, beg yer osama, but ya gone bow and arrow. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

- No need to get bow. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

bow and arrows

noun

► see BOWS AND ARROWS

bow and quiver

noun

the liver; hence, figuratively, bad temper or irritability [UK]

- The gaffer's got a bow and quiver this morning, ain't he–eh? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, s.v. *cheerful giver*, **1961**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Bert's got a right bow and quiver this morning, the grumpy old git. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

bowied

adjective

under the influence of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

A slang rhyme on *cowied*, itself a North-East English slang word. < David Bowie, the stage name of English rock musician David Robert Jones (1947–2016), often

also pronounced to rhyme with *blowy*. Inspired by the noun DAVID BOWIE.

- – [S]o it's called rolling in America, what is it called here in the U.K? just “high” or “fucked”? or even “tripping” [...] – Buzzing Or Bowied (David Bowie, rhymes with Cowie, the local slang for Ecstasy is Cowies). – *Blue-light forum*, 19th and 21st February **2011**

bowler hat; bowler

noun

1 a rat [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 an extremely unpleasant, untrustworthy person [UK]

Rhymes on *rat*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a friendly, informal conversation [UK]

Rhymes on *chat*.

- I'm sure we're going to have a great bowler hat, chat.

– *Knowing Me, Knowing You with Alan Partridge*, UK TV: BBC2, 14th October **1994**

- Let's get together for a bowler. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· I deduced that me (**my**) trouble's skin had seen me in the pub last night having a quiet bowler (**bowler hat – chat**) with an old brass (**brass cart – tart, easy-going lady**)[.] – *www.londonfreeandeasy.com*, 16th September **2009**

- We love a bit of cockney rhyming Bowler Hat//Chat... – *folksy.com*, 16th October **2014**

4 a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *twat* and *prat*.

- Bowler Hat is Cockney slang for Twat. “He's a bit of a Bowler.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd November **2003**

· ‘I hope you're not disrespecting me.’ ‘I think she is. She's saying you're very Lionel Richie and an utter bowler hat.’ – *Taking the Flak*, UK TV: BBC2, 15th July **2009**

- Always ranting when he's on our television screens, he usually ends up looking like a right bowler hat. – *dude-thedog.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st March **2010**

· He's a complete bowler hat. I'd like to punch his boat race. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, 7th December **2011**

5 a cat [UK]

- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

6 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *twat*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

7 a flat (an apartment) [UK]

- If the same ‘bowler hat’ had been ‘No. 42, Fulham Close’ or whatever I'd have bought that one in-stead[.] – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.22 [2014], **2009**

bowl my hoop

noun

► see BOWL THE HOOP

bowl of chalk; bowl*noun*

1 talk; a conversation [US]

Only recorded in the full form.

· So then if a friend tells you that he has to have a bowl of chalk with a pot and pan on the mumble and moan, you will readily understand. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 2nd May 1929

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944

· I just had a “bowl of chalk” with my “storm and strife” and told her that I wasn’t coming home for “Jim Skinner”[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June 1966

2 an act of walking, especially for exercise or pleasure; an outing on foot [UK]

Rhymes on *walk*. A variation of BALL OF CHALK.

· ‘Ow about a bowl dahn the road; better than stopping ‘ere eh? – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Road*, p.46, 1938

· **bowl of chalk** [...] Also mistaken form of BALL OF ... (q.v.). – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· Off he would go, out for a ‘Bowl’ / Looking like a ‘Toff’ on a treat / He aint got no new ‘Jam-jar’ to roll / But he’s got them boots on his feet[.] – R.S. King, *A Pea-Souper*, p.51, 2007

· If you’re a bit Peter Purvis (*Nervous*) about taking a Bowl of Chalk (*Walk*) around London then jump in your Kareem Abdul Jabbar (*Car*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July 2012

· This morning while I was out exercising, an old neighbour and friend jokingly called-out, “Blimey, there he goes for his Bowl of chalk, again”... – *Daily Mail* forum, 21st February 2013

· Get Your Daisy Roots On For A Bowl Of Chalk. – *rohan-time.com*, 6th September 2014

Bowl of Chalk*nickname*

the city of York, in the north of England

· Heard this yesterday – ‘Bowl of Chalk’ – York. The crappiness of it cracks me up. – *Trickery.net* forum, 7th September 2008

bowl of fat*noun*

a hat [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, 1966

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, 1974

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May 2008

bowl of fruit*noun*

a suit (of clothes) [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.245, 1982

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· Are you wearing your bowl of fruit tonight? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Danny here (the one in line dressed in a bowl of fruit ‘suit’)... – *New Order Online* forum, 30th January 2002

· That’s a nice bowl of fruit you’ve got on. – *AppleInsider* forum, 16th January 2005

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

bowl the hoop; bowl my hoop*noun*

soup [UK/US]

Bowl the hoop is common in both locations of use. The variant *bowl my hoop*, recorded in 1956, is exclusively British.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889

· An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: [...] “bowl the hoop,” soup; “Billy Button,” mutton. – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, Bath, England, 4th August 1928

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] soup (bowl the hoop); house (cat and mouse); my word (my dicky bird). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939

· Some bowl my hoop would be a recognizable start to a good Jim Skinner[.] – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May 1956

· Do you want some bread with your bowl the hoop? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

bows and arrows; bows and arrers; bow and arrows*noun*

Farah branded slacks [UK]

Rhymes on *Farahs*.

· Bows and Arrows is Cockney slang for Farahs (trousers). “Put on me bows and arrers.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December 2001

· Nice pair of bow and arrows. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

bows and pegs*noun*

legs [US]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Boxing Day hunt*noun*

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < *Boxing Day hunt* ‘a traditional fox hunt which takes place on Boxing Day (26th December) and which, whilst presented as a festive event, is socially and politically divisive’.

· Boxing Day hunt – rhyming slang? – *order-order.com*, blog, 19th December 2012

· No Boxing Day hunt where you live? Your poverty sickens me. [...] Boxingday hunt, is that rhyming slang? – *Grumpier Old Men* forum, 26th December 2013

· Members of the paparazzi have apologised to their employers after an instruction to get pictures of a Boxing Day hunt were misheard leaving them with hundreds of pictures of Nigel Farage. – *eveningharold.com*, 26th December **2014**

· An article about the Boxing Day hunt, which is rhyming slang describing the participants. – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2014**

· I spotted a Boxing Day Hunt in Fitzies after the match yesterday. – *RTG Sunderland forum*, 27th December **2014**

box of fruit; box

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· **Box**: Slang for box-of-fruit, meaning suit. – B. Hill, *Boss of Britain's Underworld*, p.224, **1955**

· I decked myself out in a box of fruit, with knife creased terrace of houses, polished up the mary lous, locked up the shovel and headed for the racetrack. box of fruit.. suit. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**

· – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

box of glue

noun

a Jew [US]

Probably suggested by the slang *glue* 'money'.

· [W]e took it on the heel and toe down to the old box of glue on the corner, and got a fin for the lay-out[.] – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, **1928**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

box of toys; box

noun

1 boys [UK/AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· You seem rare frightened, guess I'd like to give you fits, but can't stop time enough to let you box of toys play copper games with me[.] – *Te Aroha News*, New Zealand, 8th December 1888: postcard addressed to George Lusk, Chairman of the Whitechapel Vigilance Committee, and purporting to have been written by Jack the Ripper, dated October **1888**

· Advancing to a table, round which were seated a half dozen very genteel-looking fellows in orthodox morning garb, the Captain introduced me as "Mr. Minchin, one of the 'Box of Toys,' and 'Isle of Wight.'" – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 26th October **1971**

· [W]e will try our best for the Box of Toys (Boys). – *Scafolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

2 noise [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]

The short form, first recorded in Hayward's *Woddee Sigh, Tosh?* (1973), is exclusively British. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Nark it, cocko, hold your box, cos I pen yer a bit under the chalk. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**

· – M. Hobbs, *Born to Struggle*, p.162, **1973**

· If we make a box of toys the chunka'll cop it 'ot. – B. Max, *Whispers of Love*, p.102, **1981**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.21, **1989**

· Hold your box – they can hear you miles away! – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Box = box of toys = noise. – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· There was a right box of toys coming from it. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

box of tricks; box

noun

the cinema [UK]

Rhymes on *the flicks*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm going to the Box to see Lord of the Rings. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Boy Blue

noun

vomit; an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*.

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.15, **1984**

boy in blue

noun

1 a stew (a dish of meat or fish and vegetables) [US]

< *boy in blue* 'a member of the military, naval or police services (from the blue uniform)'

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 a predicament; a state of mental agitation [UK]

Rhymes on *stew*.

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

boys and girls; boys*noun*

in criminal circles, keys, especially skeleton keys [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *twirls*. Hence CHILDREN.

• **Boys** is slang for 'keys' but, in a common twist when it comes to criminal slang, it is slang for what is already a slang word: keys were once known as **twirls** (from the 'twirling' action used when opening a lock) in the criminal fraternity (boys and girls = twirls = keys). – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.60, 2015

boy scout*noun*

nothing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *nowt*. < Boy Scout, a member of the Scout Association, a youth organisation founded in 1908 by Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941).

• I'll tell ye somethin' for nothin'. Yer no' getting' another penny fi me, absolutely boy scout. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

boy scout*verb*

to shout [UK]

< Boy Scout, a member of the Scout Association, a youth organisation founded in 1908 by Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941).

• When they Boy Scouted at us this mornin', 'e was first art of the 'ut, like wot they wanted. – J. Hayward, *Wod-dee*, p.136, 1973

boys on ice*noun*

lice [UK]

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, 1973

• The first thing is to check for boys on ice on everyone. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

brace*verb*

to defecate [UK]

Functionally shifted from *brace*, a shortening of BRACE AND BIT.• – Roger's *Profanisaurus*, 2002**brace and bit; B&B; BB; brace***noun*

1 a hypodermic syringe and needle used for injecting drugs [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *fit*. A visual metaphor. Recorded in the forms *brace and bit*, *B&B* and *BB*. The abbreviated versions are given by Looser (2001). Drug users' slang.

• – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.28, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September 1997

• – H.W. Orsman, *DMNZS*, 1999• – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001• – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

2 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK/AUS-TRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. Recorded in the forms *brace and bit* and *brace*. The short form is exclusively British. Hence the verb BRACE.• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December 2001

• How much further? I'm dying for a brace. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

• – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009

3 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Only recorded in the full form. Used in the phrase *not give a brace and bit* 'to not care at all'.

• It bloody well does matter, father. Or then again, maybe it doesn't, considering you don't give a Brace and Bit about mum. – *www.freewebs.com/glorybraddock*, accessed 23rd April 2014

brace and bit man*noun*

a man with a primary interest in the erotic appeal of buxom women [UK]

An equivalent of *tit-man*. Formed on BRACE AND BITS.

• I'm a "brace and bit" man myself, and if they're warm, then I'll lose a "bag of lime" (dime) to Leo. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March 1968

brace and bits; braces and bits; bracens; braces; brace*noun*

1 a woman's breasts [US/UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *tits*. According to the available evidence, the different forms are geographically distributed thus: *brace and bits* (US, Australia, UK), *braces and bits* (UK, New Zealand), *braces* (UK), *bracens* (Australia), *brace* (UK). This last form is a pun on *brace* 'a pair of things'.

• *Brace and bits*–breasts. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

• **Brace and bits**, a woman's breast[.] – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

• BRACE AND BITS. Teats. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944

• BRACE & BITS – For tits. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

• BRACE AND BITS (Sl.) The female Breasts and Nipples. – J. Trimble, *5,000 Adult Sex Words*, 1966

• *brace and bits* = tits[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April 1968

• *A Few Indelicacies* [...] **Braces & Bits** Braces. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.63, 1969

• BRACE AND BITS: rhym. Tits. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

• "What is the ask?" he said as he lamped her pointed brace and bits poking out from the skimpy dicky dirt showing her bare comic cuts. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, 1983

• **Brace & bits Tits** Not widely used but when it is it is reduced to 'braces'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Look at the Brace & bits on her! – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

· **braces and bits** *n. pl.* a woman's breasts. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· **brace** (*brace and bits*) [...] *nice brace*. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· I use rhyming slang all the time, and not so much the cockney stuff, but local stuff. Some of my favourites include: Tijuana = arse (Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass). Bracens = breasts (brace 'n bits). Tyrone = Show-er. Edwards = Teeth (Edward Heath). – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

· Rhyming slang is great in North America, because most don't get it. Check out the "brace & bits" on that gal. – *TalkBass* forum, 27th September **2015**

2 a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Recorded in the form *brace and bits*. Used in the phrases *give someone the brace and bits* and *get/have the brace and bits*.

· Tim (and other bloggers, including some of Ken's stable mates) called him on the post for being – at best – in appalling taste and appallingly timed. I suspect that Ken had had the brace-and-bits with Tim ever since. – *spleenville.com*, blog, 24th November **2004**

· Spin, getting Barted, vacuuming (for some reason I hate doing it) and getting 3 legs of the quaddie are about the only things that give me the brace and bits. – *www.footyalmanac.com.au*, 30th October **2009**

· That really must have given you the brace and bits, Mr Expert – and I loved that thought as much as the goal itself. – *Racing and Sports* forum, 12th December **2011**

· Wallace admitted that he then should have called Smorgo to discuss the issue, but had the "brace and bits", was shattered by how he had been treated and resigned the next week. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 31st March **2013**

· [T]his is really starting to seriously give me the brace and bits. – *Darts Forum*, 18th February **2015**

3 diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Recorded in the forms *brace and bits* and *braces*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

braces

noun

horse or dog races [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme. ► *see* BIBS AND BRACES and FIREMAN'S BRACES

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

brackers

adjective

penniless [UK]

Perhaps a blend of *brassic* (a variant of *boracic*, the eliptical version of BORACIC LINT) and *broke*, with the addition of the slang suffix *-ers*. Influenced by the slang noun *ackers* 'money'.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

Brad and Janet

noun

a planet [UK]

< *Brad and Janet*, a reference to Brad Majors and Janet Weiss, two characters from the cult stage show and films *The Rocky Horror Show* (1973), *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975) and *Shock Treatment* (1981). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· They put people in boom and mizzen for possession of Persian rugs when they are the worst tealeaves in the whole French plait Brad and Janet. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

Brad and Jen

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< Brad and Jen, a tandem combination of the names of American actors Brad Pitt (b.1963) and Jennifer Aniston (b.1969), who were married from 2000 to 2005.

· Bang on the Drum, for 71, has been scrapped to make room for "J-Lo's Bum" and Tony's Den – 10 – is now home to Hollywood's golden couple Brad 'n' Jen. Time has also been called on phrases such as Kelly's Eye for one, which becomes Top of the Pops, and Danny La Rue will now be known as a Chicken Vindaloo. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

bradford

adjective

tingly [UK]

A shortening of *Bradford and Bingley*. < Bradford and Bingley Building Society, based in the small West Yorkshire town of Bingley, near Bradford.

· Again, I recently heard a woman say that the very sight of Leonardo di Caprio made her come over all "Bradford". – *The Independent*, London, 21st July **1999**

Bradford City; bradford

noun

the female breast [UK]

Rhymes on *titty*. < Bradford City, a football club based in Bradford, in the north of England.

· **Bradford City Titty** Reduced to 'Bradford' or 'Bradford's' if we're talking of a pair. Which we generally are. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· BRADFORD CITIES – 1990's [English] (n) ~ Female breasts. – *PESFan* forum, 9th March **2005**

· I also love how language is so fluid and mirrors society – read today that gentlemen of a homosexual disposition are known in Cockney Rhyming slang as "Miltons" (Milton Keynes = queens). I assure you that, on the contrary, I'm an avid supporter of Bradfords (Bradford Cities = titties). – *ABCtales.com* forum, 6th July **2005**

· Bradford cities[,] – D. Naugler, *Credentials*, p.106, **2009**

Brad Pitt; Bradley Pitt; brad; bradley*noun***1** something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK/IRE-LAND]Rhymes on *shit*. < American actor Brad Pitt (b.1963).Recorded in the forms *Brad Pitt*, *Bradley Pitt* and *brad*.· I don't give a brad! – *London*, spoken, male, ca 25, August **1997**· Who gives a Brad anyway? – *alt.fan.keanu-reeves, Google Groups*, 7th June **2000**· Heineken – it's Brad Pitt. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 9th February **2005**· 'Honestly,' she scoffed, 'what a load of Brad Pitt!' – P. Kerr, *Paella*, p.102, **2006**· My girlfriend told me I looked like Brad Pitt. Turned out she was using rhyming slang. – *www.sickpedia.org*, 23rd January **2011**· I don't pay you what I do to tell me this Brad Pitt. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.27, **2012**· [W]hat a load of Brad Pitt. – *twitter.com*, 14th March **2013**· Most of them don't give a Brad. – *Pro Recording Workshop forum*, 26th March **2013**· To be honest, I'm amazed any of you still give a Bradley Pitt about the football club. – *Hull City Independent forum*, 17th November **2013****2** an act of defecation; a piece of excrement [UK/IRE-LAND/AUSTRALIA]Rhymes on *shit*. Hence SEE BRAD. The forms *Brad Pitt* and *brad* are recorded in all three locations of use. According to the available evidence, *Bradley Pitt* and *bradley* are confined to British and Irish usage.· That won't stop people going for a Brad Pitt. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· Brad [...] A *dump*. As in "Give me the paper, will you, I'm off for a Brad Pitt. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1999**· Brad Pitt is Cockney slang for Shit. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· Here are a few slang words for a poo: [...] Brad Pitt[,] – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.66, **2007**· I'd say "I'm off for a crap..." or "I'm off for a Brad (Pitt)". – *answers.yahoo.com*, 1st November **2009**· He has a knack for Australian slang, but mostly with rhyming actions with people's names. E.G: Brad Pitt – Shit. – *icouldneverbedeaf.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th February **2011**· I'll see you guys later, I'm going for a Bradley. – *UD (.com)*, 7th September **2011**· It's not unheard of for me to have 5 brads in a shift (I like to get most of my shitting done at work where possible). – *www.teknoscape.com.au*, forum, 19th January **2012**· Likewise, I can't think of anything worse than going to the toilet in someone else's house for a Bradley Pitt. – *yukkaman.wordpress.com*, blog, 11th October **2012**· Have a Brad Pitt. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**· Should of seen the size of the Brad I had this morning[.] – *Liverpool Way forum*, 29th January **2015**· What's your favorite euphemism for going to the bathroom? – Anything cockney related, and there can be many, depending my mood: Going for an Eartha (Eartha kitt) Going for a Brad/Bradley (brad pitt) Or going to the Tom (tom titter). – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 11th September **2015****3** a contemptible person [UK]Rhymes on *shit*. Only recorded in the form *Brad Pitt*.· YOU'RE A REAL BRAD PITT. YOU'RE AN EARTHA KITT. YOU ARE SUCH A TOM TIT. – *www.facebook.com*, 18th January **2013****Brad Pitt; brad***adjective***1** sexually attractive [UK]Rhymes on *fit*. < American actor Brad Pitt (b.1963).· Cor, shes Brad Pitt. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th November **2002**· [H]e's well brad. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006****2** in good health, especially as a result of regular exercise [UK]Rhymes on *fit*. Only recorded in the full form.· A Paul Weller is a Stella Artois lager, a Scoob, or Scooby Doo, is a clue, and Fatboy Slim is the gym...where you go to get Brad Pitt – fit. – *The Sun*, 7th November **2006****3** suitable, prepared for or good enough for something [UK]Rhymes on *fit*. Only recorded in the full form.· The England squad to play the Wallabies has been named and Wilko's been declared Brad Pitt. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009****Brad Pitt***verb***1** ■ **Brad Pitt oneself** to be extremely frightened [UK]Rhymes on *shit*, used reflexively in the expression *shit oneself*. Functionally shifted from the noun.· Sorted it now, dried it all out, and replugged everything. Was brad pitting myself every time i put my hand in after each plug was plugged in (around 22 plugs lol). – *Reef-Face.co.uk forum*, 6th October **2008**· [Y]ou would have been absolutely Brad Pitting yourself. – *Steve Gleiber's Arsenal Supporters Forum*, 26th May **2010****2** ■ **Brad Pitt it** to be extremely frightened [UK]Rhymes on *shit*, used in the expression *shit it*, generally in progressive tense constructions. Hence *brad pitting it*.· Frank was like a total bread and butter, all frothing at da mouth and sweating like a pig and fore ees part Roy was Brad Pitting it, an could not do nuffin other than lay dere screaming ees ead orf. – *Soccer Manager forum*, 24th March **2010**· I am totally Brad Pitting it. – *Steve Gleiber's Arsenal Supporters Forum*, 3rd November **2012**

· How fuckin scared would you be if you were in his shoes. He must have been ‘brad pitting’ it! – *Live Fight* forum, 3rd December **2012**

Brad Pitt

exclamation

used as an expression of anger, frustration or disgust [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Functionally shifted from the noun.

· Jasper’s fingers attacked the iPhone as he dialled Jennifer’s number in frustration. It rang nine times before clicking to voicemail. “Brad Pitt!” he muttered, staring at the cactus and taking another large mouthful of Chivas. [...] If she had only broken her silence thirty years ago, Brad Pitt, even one year ago, Jennifer would still be alive today. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.313, **2012**

brad pitter

noun

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. A derivative of BRAD PITT.

· I think he is an iron hoof and takes it up the brad pitter! – *Blue and Amber* forum, 27th April **2004**

· Lance took it up the Brad Pitter. – *Ultimate-Guitar.com* forum, 23rd December **2008**

2 an unfortunate thing [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. Probably influenced by *pity*.

· T’is a brad pitter that someone who wants to stay active may not be able to when there’s so many lazy assed sloths around. – *Singletrack World* forum, 14th August **2011**

3 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· That’s funny they usually arrange delivery for when I am on the Brad Pitter. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 18th June **2015**

Brad Pitt hole; brad pitthole

noun

an unpleasant place [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *shithole*, formed by blending this word with BRAD PITT.

· Bromley it’s self is a Brad Pitthole to complete scummy chav town. – *Back To Hayes Lane Forum*, 4th November **2013**

· Tallaght is a brad pitt hole. Be careful wearing gear saying Ulster down there – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 29th August **2014**

· [W]hat a Brad Pitt hole lol. – *londontopia.net*, 7th July **2015**

Brad Pitts; Bradley Pitts; brads; bradleys

noun

1 diarrhoea [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < American actor Brad Pitt (b.1963).

· **Eartha Kitts** rhym. *slang* Shits; diarrhoea. Also the Brad Pitts. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· “You know, you can be a real Rob Sitch” I told her as I bugged off with a bad case of the Brad Pitts. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· Can you pass me some moist wipes in? I’ve got a bad case of the Brads. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· [G]ot a dose of the Brads? – *b3ta* forum, 22nd December **2005**

· I brew up a big cup of coffee for myself out of pure necessity. I don’t like doing it because it gives me the Bradley Pitts, and sure enough by half past I’m in there for a fairly major Donald Trump. – *www.peoplesrepublicofcork.com*, 31st August **2007**

· Someone’s got a case of the Bradleys... – *Big Soccer* forum, 16th April **2009**

· [H]ad a bad case of the brad pitts after visiting the take-away a few years back. – *Talk Angling* forum, 3rd November **2009**

· [H]e had contracted a nasty dose of the brads. – *www.addiscombe.org*, forum, 16th October **2011**

· I’m off work with the Bradley Pitts...fuckin’ ‘ell! – *Skinheads.net* forum, male from East London, 22nd May **2012**

· Within sight of the border, I had an attack of the Bradley Pitts and had to sprint into the nearest hotel. – *mattsasiajournal.blogspot.com*, blog, 6th November **2012**

· Think this next ep might give me the Bradleys... – *twitter.com*, 2nd March **2013**

2 a woman’s breasts [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *tits*. Recorded in the forms *Brad Pitts* (UK, Ireland, New Zealand), *bradleys* (UK) and *brads* (UK).

· – 3) The jugs – brad pits or bags of fun [...]. – 3) jugs – jubbles, thrupneys, bradleys (variation on brad pitts). – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 2nd and 3rd May **2005**

· I’ve heard people use Brads (Brad Pitts)[.] – *Toytown Germany*, 18th November **2005**

· **Brad Pitts**: *noun, rhym.* a woman’s breasts: tits. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.224, **2007**

· Nice pair of brads. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2007**

· Brad Pitts/bradleys[.] – D. Naugler, *Credentials*, p.106, **2009**

· You’ve a cracking boat race. Show me your oven mits. I do love a cracking pair of brad pitts. – *twitter.com*, 15th February **2012**

· What a magnificent pair of Brad Pitts she has nowadays. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 25th July **2012**

· Whoever he is his moth has a cracking pair of brad pitts! – *You Boys in Green* forum, 8th January **2014**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 the armpits [IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *bradleys* (Ireland) and *Bradley Pitts* (Australia).

· **Bradleys** underarms, derives from **Brad Pitts** (rhyming slang for ‘armpits’). – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.33, **2007**

· I flip between shaving and waxing and then doing nothing at all (cept my Bradley Pitts). – *blogs.theage.com.au*, Sam de Brito’s ‘All Men Are Liars’ blog, 1st March **2007**

brad pitt*adjective*

inferior, of poor quality [UK]

Rhymes on *shitty*. A derivative of BRAD PITT.

· [T]hinkin about goin down the sps route shortly, havin a brad pitt jewel tank dont help wi no sump[.] – *Reef Face.co.uk* forum, 18th June 2010

Brad Thorn*noun*

an erection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *horn*. < New Zealand dual code rugby player Brad Thorn (b.1975).

· I took her home and put my Craig Young down her throat as I started to get a Brad Thorn. – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September 2004

Brady Bunch; brady*noun*

lunch [UK]

< *The Brady Bunch*, an American television sitcom broadcast from 1969 to 1974 and turned into a film in 1995.

· Whether you just want to go for a few Britney's (*Britney Spears* – *Beers*), a spot of Brady (*Brady Bunch* – *Lunch*) or make your way to one of the Olympic events you need to read on – it could make your life so much easier! – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July 2012

· What are you having for your Brady Bunch? – *twitter.com*, 29th July 2012

· Brady: Brady bunch – lunch. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.291, 2015

Brahim Hemdani*noun*

1 an idiot [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*. < Algerian footballer Brahim Hemdani (b.1978), who played for Rangers from 2005 to 2009.

· I going to feel a total Brahim Hemdani if this doesn't go multiregion. – *AVForums*, 2nd January 2008

· Give it a rest ya bunch a Brahim Hemdani's!! – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd June 2011

· What a Brahim Hemdani. – *twitter.com*, 17th June 2016

2 a woman's genitals [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*.

· Did you tickle her Brahim Hemdani? – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May 2012

· I wouldnae go anywhere near Charlotte after seeing the nick eh her Brahim Hemdani[.] – *twitter.com*, 19th February 2013

· Some burd got that on her Brahim Hemdani. – *twitter.com*, 11th August 2014

Brahma bull*noun*

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *pull*. Prison use.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

Brahms and Liszt; brahms and; brahms; brahmsed; brahms'd*adjective*

drunk [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < Brahms and Liszt, a tandem combination of the names of two composers, Johannes Brahms (1833–97) and Franz Liszt (1811–86). Often shortened to *brahms* in all four locations of use. The less common variants *brahms and* and *brahmsed* (also spelt *brahms'd*) are recorded in Australian and British usage respectively.

· [Y]ou'll get me Brahms and Liszt in a moment. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March 1970

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London 17th December 1971

· Beever's began to get a bit Brahms and Lizst, if you know what I mean. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.78 [1977], 1976

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· [W]ait for everyone to get Brahms and Liszt and then ask them to play cricket for us on the Saturday. – *Cover Point*, Weston Creek Cricket Club Magazine, Holder, Australian Capital Territory, February 1984

· I'd arrived home Brahms and wasn't in the mood to have a discussion with a rude producer. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.155, 1986

· But those was very primitive times and a couple of knights, who were probably even more Brahms than the king himself, thought they saw a chance of making a dishonest bob or two. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, p.183, 1991

· Often that just meant sitting about getting Brahms and Liszt[.] – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 15th May 1999

· I was a bit Brahms at the time (3am-ish....ish..ish). – *AudioEnz* forum, 30th November 2003

· The international maestro admitted he was Brahms and Liszt when coastguards saw him drop his shorts and urinate into the sea after running aground. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 7th February 2004

· Onan, did you spend the afternoon in the battle getting brahms'd? – *ScoobyNet* forum, 20th April 2007

· Or you can just read Pharro's post (just saw it – I'm a bit Brahms and). – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 23rd April 2009

· [I]t is perhaps small wonder that the nation's youth is going out and getting Brahms and Litz. – *www.independent.ie*, 30th April 2009

· Now a bit brahms after a decent meal and too many libations[.] – *Ski.com.au* forum, 16th November 2009

· Apologies for the double address I was a bit Brahms when I posted it. – *Munsterfans* forum, 1st January 2010

· I asked the bar girl at Donny to pick her favourite number between 1 & 12 (maybe 13, I was Brahmsed at the time) and she picked number 9. – *Group Racers* forum, 14th March 2010

· Even more impressive is I cant imagine Mr Cole getting brahms'd in real life, so how does he know how to act as one. – *The Minder Lounge* forum, 19th November 2012

· I am shocked that you would get brahmsed on a Sunday night[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 2nd June **2013**

brahn 'at

noun

▶ see BROWN HAT

brahn bread; brahn bred

adjective

▶ see BROWN BREAD

Bram Stoker

noun

a disappointment or annoyance [UK]

Rhymes on *choker*. < Irish writer Bram Stoker (1847–1912), best known as the author of *Dracula* (1897).

· What a Bram Stoker. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th March **2003**

· [T]he thought of going to work tomorrow and not being able to listen to smooth jazz or that bacardi breezer (geezer) Jimi king until sunday was a bit of a Bram Stoker (choker). – *SKY.fm* forum, 4th April **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Brandon Block

noun

1 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. < English dance DJ Brandon Block (b.1967).

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – [S]hould i wear lip gloss? – of course but only if you are butt ugly and have a face like a badgers arse! will you suck my Brandon Block until I cum??? – *Hip Forums*, 15th June **2007**

· Then his Brandon Block could slip up his Rick Witter followed by a nice pint of Paul Weller. – *twitter.com*, 24th January **2014**

2 a fool [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Playfully reinforced by Brandon Block's public image.

· Don't be a Brandon Block – let's go while you can still walk straight. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – Crazy DJ Brandon Block smashing up vinyl! – Brandon Block. DJ or Cockney Rhyming Slang? – *www.face-book.com*, 18th May **2012**

brandy

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Perhaps, as claimed by some authorities, a shortening of *brandy and rum*, rhyming on *bum*, or *brandy glass*, rhyming on *arse*. Neither of these full forms has been recorded in slang. Thus *tip/tongue the brandy* 'to perform oral sex on someone's anus'. Gay slang. ▶ see BRANDY LATCH

· 'Do you think she's on the team?' 'Who?' 'The omee in the bijou capella.' 'You don't fancy him, do you?' 'Well, I'm not sure. Bona brandy on it. Dolly drag too.' – *A Storm in a Teacup*, UK TV: Channel 4, 19th August **1993**

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· **tip the brandy** verb **to rim the anus**. – *andrejkoymas-ky.com*, 28th November **2003**

· **Rimming**: mouth-to-ass sex. Also called: **Tipping the brandy** or **Tipping the velvet**. – *www.jhunewsletter.com*, 18th February **2007**

· 'You needn't put the brandy on for that,' I said when I saw it. Mind you, she was heavy on the letch water. – *Putting on the Dish*, UK film, script by K. Eccleston and B. Fairbairn, **2015**

brandy butter; brandy

noun

a crazy person [UK]

Rhymes on *nutter*.

· ['B]randy butter" is, I'm told, rhyming slang for "complete nutter". – *The Independent*, London, 19th December **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

brandy latch

noun

a toilet [UK]

A compound of BRANDY and *latch* 'a lock'. Gay slang.

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· Trolled in one nochy to varda Phyllis plating some schinwars she'd blagged in the brandy latch. – *Putting on the Dish*, UK film, script by K. Eccleston and B. Fairbairn, **2015**

brandy snap

noun

1 a slap [us/uk]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Shut up before I give you a brandy snap. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [A] Brandy Snap in the North and South. – *FMTTM* forum, 17th November **2012**

2 excrement; an act of defecation; hence nonsense, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

· It's a load of brandy snap! – *www.facebook.com*, 14th July **2012**

bran mash

noun

cash; money [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.89, **1972**

brass

noun

cannabis [UK]

A slang rhyme on *grass*. ▶ see also BRASS BAND and BRASS NAIL

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

brass*adjective*

▶ see BORACIC LINT

brass*verb*

1 to work as a prostitute [UK]

Functionally shifted from *brass*, a shortening of BRASS NAIL. Thus the noun *brassing*.· I was just sleeping at this Richard's place during the day. I was working nights in a club. I didn't know she was brassing. – G.F. Newman, *Sir, You Bastard*, p.207 [1971], **1970**· If she owned it today she needn't have gone out brassing, she could have just let it out. – F. Fraser and J. Morton, *Mad Frank's Underworld History of Britain*, p.87, **2007**· [S]he sometimes went to Kings Cross to do a bit of brassing and also to buy the drugs she needed. – A. Pritchard and N. Parker, *Urban Smuggler*, [2011], **2008**· [L]ove me lapdances round near me [...] wouldn't go proper brassing though. – *Off Hand* forum, 13th September **2011**· Fifty? Fucking brassing with a baby. Here you are, forty notes. Why don't you buy the little fucker a dummy or something? Shut it up. Fucking disgusting. – *Ill Manors*, UK film, script by Ben Drew, **2012**· CLA 1 – “How's your Tracie?” CLA 2 – “All right, I think. She's doing a bit of brassing”. CLA 1 – “Funny. I see her the other day and she looked like a brass”. CLA 2 – “Yeah. That's her”. – *Cook'd and Bomb'd* forum, 20th January **2013**

2 to use the services of prostitutes [UK]

· Maybe its the industry I'm in (financial markets), but brassing is quite regular with brokers/traders in the UK, especially guys who worked on the floor. – *British Chinese Online* forum, 7th June **2005**· But, yeah, you will always get more chicks than me when you're out brassing - Simply 'cos you've got far more money than me. – *PESFan* forum, 13th November **2008**· When your old girl was pregnant, your old man was on the front of the NoTW for brassing. – *Spurs Community* forum, 15th September **2010**· So one of our party suggested we go brassing and said that he knew one above a kebab shop not far from the high street. – *confessionsofayoungpervert.wordpress.com*, blog, 6th April **2013****brass band; brass***noun*

the hand [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The

inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**· Get your brass bands off me glass. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**· I shook him by the Brass. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**· Ouch! I've hurt my Brass Band. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th January **2003**· I'm gonna 'ave to put me Brass Band up yer Elephant And Castle for a check. – *The Student Room* forum, 13th July **2007**· [M]y trouble n strife cracked me round the crust of bread with the back of her brass band. – *www.reddit.com/r/todayilearned*, 27th March **2010**· I would have had a bloody good go at polishing off Doctor bleedin' Hoo if I had my brass bands free. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.98, **2016****brass cart***noun*

a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *tart*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *brass*, the short form of BRASS NAIL.· They use replacements for their words that rhyme, such as bees and honey, also known as money, or a brass cart referring to a tart. – *becface.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th December **2008**· Brass cart – Tart (prostitute). – *www.bobthebrit.net*, 16th February **2009**· – *autonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010****brass door***noun*

a whore [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of *brass*, the short form of BRASS NAIL.· Brass door – whore. why people wopuld want to talk about a brass door.. i dont know, But i am 100% sure of that derivation. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 4th October **2007**· It provides a refuge for the failures and the flotsam and jetsam of the criminal underworld including Tosher the ponce and his brass doors (whores) Rosey and Betty. – *Business Day*, Johannesburg, 21st March **2009**· Bonus Brass Door (= whore, get with my non-cockney muckers) points for her boudoir attire, all lacey and mar-abou feathers. – *leblow.co.uk*, 8th June **2011**· Brass: Brass door/brass flute – whore/prostitute. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Denny Dyer*, p.291, **2015**

brasser; brazzer*noun*

a prostitute [IRELAND/UK: SCOTLAND, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL]

From *brass*, itself a shortening of BRASS NAIL. Both *brasser* and *brazzer* are common in Irish English. In British usage, only recorded in the form *brasser*.

· Did you ever have to put up with being called hoor and brasser and fornicator as he put child after child into you[?] – B. Share, *Slanguage-2*, 2003; C. Brown, *Down All the Days*, p.95, **1970**

· *The girls remove black mourning veils and are revealed as Dublin brassers in working gear.* – B. Behan, *Cork Leg*, act I, p.16, **1973**

· YEH LITTLE COLUMBIAN COONT YEH, I KNEW YER AUL WAN WELL AND SHE WAS ONEY A BRASSER. – J. O'Connor, *Secret World*, p.226, **1994**

· [Y]ou know very well how much I do not like to be called a brasser – ‘Peachy’, ‘Yum Yum’, even ‘Little Horny’ – yes! But brasser – it simply shall not be tolerated! – P. McCabe, *Breakfast*, p.35 [2006], **1998**

· It was the most masterful public relations coup since Ben Dunne became a national hero for snorting Charlie in a bath with a pudgy brasser. – *The Sunday Business Post*, Dublin, 20th January **2002**

· We go out, have a laugh, find some women and you take the skin boat to Tunatown. For free, now. She can't be a brazzer either. – S.J. Martin, *Rock*, p.103, **2006**

· Sex workers? Jesus, even the brassers have gone PC[.] – T. Black, *Paying for It*, p.167 [2009], **2008**

· At least she fucks off afterwards if she's a brazzer. – *Boards.ie* forum, 15th October **2010**

· If he keeps (allegedly) bangin brassers he will burn himself up like bacon fat. – *Mancityfans.net* forum, 4th November **2010**

· When I went to stay the night in a local bed and breakfast, I was warned by the tough landlady: ‘No brassers [prostitutes] and no bed-wetting.’ – T. Banks, *Storming the Falklands*, p.202 [2013], **2012**

· ‘Brasser’ can refer to women of negotiable affection[.] – *Classic Camp Stoves* forum, 24th June **2012**

· Off-duty gardai were ‘looking for brazzers’ in Limerick. – *Limerick Leader*, 12th November **2014**

brass flute*noun*

a prostitute [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of *brass*, the short form of BRASS NAIL.

· Brass Flute is Cockney slang for Prostitute. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th March **2002**

· I drove along the frog & toad in a jam jar with my old china plate after calling a brass flute on the dog and bone because I'd had a fight with the trouble and strife. – *Model Mayhem* forum, 30th October **2007**

· – *authonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010**

· He'd been a tea leaf (thief), a brass flute (prostitute), violated his jam roll (parole) conditions, and had even broken out of ginger ale (jail) and gone hot cross bun (on the run). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

· It was near the first anniversary of my move to Rome and I was being accused of harrassing (mental picture of myself as a rampant Italian teenage boy) the local brass flute (cockney rhyming slang)! – *lacaravita.com*, blog, 26th January **2013**

brass Gregory Peck*noun*

nerve, impudence [UK]

Formed on GREGORY PECK. A rhyming equivalent of *brass neck*. < American actor Gregory Peck (1916–2003).

· And then, they have the brass Gregory Peck to tell him to take an early David Gower. – *Evening Standard*, London, 5th February **2004**

brasshouse; brass house*noun*

a brothel [UK]

A variation of *whorehouse* in which *brass*, the short version of BRASS NAIL, replaces its synonym *whore*.

· Always getting off without paying at some brasshouse[.] – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, pp.165–166 [2002], **2001**

· My mate went to a brass house in Caledonian Road... – *Dogs on Acid* forum, 22nd August **2008**

· If youre going to the brass house later, give us a shout will yer. – *Arsenal Mania* forum forum, 4th April **2009**

· [M]ore class in the local brasshouse at least they honest about it. – *twitter.com*, 26th January **2014**

brassica*adjective*

having no money [UK]

A playful elaboration of *brassic*, itself a variant of *boracic*, the clipped form of BORACIC LINT. < *Brassica* ‘a genus of plants that includes mustard, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage’. Also used in the phrase *more brassica than a field of cabbages*.

· I've used savings for the ncfc course and bus pass and nursery and now I'm brassica. – *Netmums* forum, 14th February **2014**

· Wish I could've given more but I'm brassica ATM, but will add more later. – *www.justgiving.com*, 23rd June **2014**

· Wish I had the readies to get The Sis to do a cover for me but I'm brassica than a field of cabbages so I'll have to do it myself. – *jenniferbradyblog.com*, blog, 26th May **2015**

· Hope you are paying for me I'm brassica. – *www.facebook.com*, 31st August **2015**

Brassic Coast*nickname*

▶ see BORASSIC COAST

brassic flint; brassick flint*adjective*

▶ see BORACIC FLINT

brassic lint; brassick lint; brassic; brassick; brass; bras*adjective*

▶ see BORACIC LINT

brassitude*noun*

▶ see BRASSTITUDE

brass monkey*noun*

1 a condom [UK]

Rhymes on *dunky*.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· i used a brass monkey but summat must have gone pete tong. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July 2006

2 a drug addict [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *junkie*.· – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August 2008· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang What wud brass monkey's do trying to get off Persian Rugs. – *twitter.com*, 18th July 2010· – *RangersMedia* forum, 30th October 2010· – *www.glesga.ndo.co.uk*, accessed 3rd September 2012· – *www.glaswegian.info*, accessed 5th February 2015**brass nail; brass***noun*

a prostitute [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *tail* and *frail*. The connection between *brass nail* and the synonymous *brass nob*, first recorded in the early 1930s, is unclear: one may have arisen as a variation on the other or each may have been coined independently. Hence BRASSER, HALF BRASS and PIECE OF BRASS. In New Zealand English, only recorded in the short form. ▶ see also BEGGAR BOY'S ASS, BORASSIC, BRASSHOUSE, BRASS RAIL, BRASSWORK, CHAMPAGNE GLASS and NAIL· I knew as 'ow that brass nail'd do 'im dahn. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 'The Silent Six', serial story by Gwyn Evans, 21st November 1931· I already knew that Charlie was not a lady's man, and by "palones" he meant girls. The other words he used to describe them were "molls," "skirts," and "brassnails," although this last word is only used as a rule in reference to ladies of a certain definite profession. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.203, 1934· I saw at once that she was a "brass nail" (prostitute) and that she had brought a Johnny home. – N. Lucas and E. Graham, *My Selves*, p.128, 1934· *Brass* or *Brass Nail*; prostitute. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.205, 1950· I was in the Porridge Bowl one night, waiting for my brass, but she didn't show so I knew that she must have an all-night client. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.25, 1959· Calls herself an actress. Truth is, she's a brass. – K. Follett, *Paper Money*, p.25 [1987], 1977· 'Do you know one of the ladies down at the West India Dock Road by the name of Joan?' 'Yus, guv. She's a brass.' – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.108, 1983· Soldiers and sailors and everything used to go in and a man looking for a brass nail would pick the best-looking one he could get. – K.C. Kearns, *Dublin Pub Life*, p.169, 1996· **PROSTITUTE** – brass[.] – D. Courtney, *Little Black Book*, p.9, 2001· They're brasses, mate. Sixty dollars for one night in heaven[.] – J. Bennett, *Sea Otters*, p.103, 2006· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015**brass rail***noun*

a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tail*. A variation of BRASS NAIL or, more likely, a folk-etymological elaboration of its short form, *brass*.· Exactly half the across and half the down lights are rhyming slang terms. In their normal form—e.g. BRASS (a prostitute) would appear as such rather than the full 'brass rail' (= tail); – *The Listener*, London, 7th July 1983· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990**brass rubber***noun*

a promiscuous woman; a despicable woman; a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *scrubber* 'a promiscuous woman'. A folk-etymological elaboration of *brass*, the short form of BRASS NAIL.· – *uk.rec.motorcycles*, *Google Groups*, 12th December 2002· I'm sure there was an incident once where a bunch of IT nerds got picked on and beaten up by a bunch of brass-rubbers in a pub in Chepstow... – *ciftheadrefugee.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th December 2010· [T]om, of course, can also mean Tom Cat or prostitute, aka "brass" = brass rubber = scrubber. – *blogs.telegraph.co.uk*, blog, 8th March 2011**brass taters***adjective*

(of weather) extremely cold [UK]

An intensified form of *taters*, a clipping of TATERS IN THE MOULD, created by blending this word with the slang *brass monkeys*.· It's brass taters out here! – *twitter.com*, 1st November 2014**brasstitute; brassitude***noun*

a prostitute [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce blend of *brass*, the short version of BRASS NAIL, and *prostitute*. Coined by Irish writer Brendan Behan (1923–64) in his 1958 play *The Hostage*. The

word could be regarded as a blend of the Irish slang BRASSER and *prostitute*, but there is no evidence that *brasser* was already in use in the late 1950s; Behan himself uses *brass* ‘prostitute’ elsewhere in this play. The first quotation below is from the 1958 edition of the play, originally produced at the Theatre Royal, Stratford, London, on 14th October 1958; the second quotation, where the word is spelt *brassitude*, is from an edition of a revised version first presented at the Paris Théâtre des Nations Festival on 3rd April 1959.

· Call down that brassitude. – B. Behan, *The Hostage*, act I, p.19, **1958**

· Bring down that brassitude. – B. Behan, *The Hostage*, act I, p.22, 1958 [2000], rev. in **1959**

brasswork

noun

a promiscuous female [UK]

Perhaps an elaboration of *brass*, the elliptical form of BRASS NAIL, or alternatively a development of *brassy*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

brave and bold; brave

adjective

cold [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· It was brave and bold[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· According to my father, “Brave, ain’t it!” was, in the 1890s, in as common use as “Taters, ain’t it!” among Cockneys. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: letter, D. Hillman, 15th November **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· It’s really brave and bold today. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· Tonight is really brave and cold. – *twitter.com*, 10th March **2013**

Braveheart

noun

the beginning of something; an act of beginning [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *start*. < *Braveheart*, a 1995 historical film based on the life of 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace, portrayed by Mel Gibson.

· Ye need to get a right guid Braveheart if ye’re gonnae win this race. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

brazzer

noun

▶ see BRASSER

bread and butter; bread

noun

1 the gutter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· He came home and he found the artful dodger elephant trunk in the bread and butter (He found the lodger drunk

in the gutter). – *OED2*, s.v. *elephant*, 1989: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

· I throws ‘em in th’ bread ‘n butter ‘n duck into this battle cruiser. [...] The above story makes perfect sense in cockney rhyming slang—which no hospital psychiatrist understands. – C. Sigal, *Zone of the Interior*, pp.131–132, **1976**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

2 a stutter [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [H]e was picking on this other little kid, has a terrible bread-and-butter, takes twenty minutes to say hello, ye know yerself. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.282, **2005**

3 a crazy or eccentric person [UK]

Rhymes on *nutter*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]hink she’s a bread an’ butter[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Frank was like a total bread and butter, all frothing at da mouth and sweating like a pig[.] – *Soccer Manager* forum, 24th March **2010**

· To be described as a **bread** in prison or criminal circles means that you are a bit of a violent maniac[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.271, **2015**

4 a putter [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bread and butters

noun

window shutters [UK]

· [S]hop windows are protected by ‘bread and butters’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bread and cheese; bread

noun

1 the knees [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Down upon my ‘bread and cheese’ / Did I drop and murmur, ‘Please / Be my “storm and strife,” dear Tottie, / O, you darlingest of girls!’ – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a sneeze [UK]

· – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.26, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.83, **1973**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· He’d not been feeling well for a while. It began with a *bread* and a *horse* so he though he had a *naughton*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, **2011**

3 handkerchiefs [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial form *hankerchees*. Only recorded in the full form.

- Mr Crumb has testified that he saw Sister Monica Joan take a couple of handkerchiefs – bread and cheese is the usual expression for handkerchiefs – off his sparrow, or barrow, and set off round the Jack Horner – corner[.] – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], **2005**

bread and cheese

verb

1 to squeeze [UK]

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

2 to sneeze [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Me cherry bread and cheesed. – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUES*, **1984**

bread and honey; bread an'

noun

money [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The 1905 quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that *bread and honey* has been used in America; in fact, given that some of the rhyming slang words in the greater text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English, it seems reasonable to assume that this early record of the term is British too. This assumption in turn suggests that *bread and honey* cannot be the source of *bread 'money'*, at least in American usage. The latter term is first found in Albin J. Pollock's *The Underworld Speaks*, an American slang dictionary published in 1935; its earliest known use in British English dates from the 1950s. The clipped form *bread an'*, recorded in a British source in 1953, is rare.

- Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] "My old mother-o'-pearl has the bread and honey, but I'll try and half-inch a jimmy o'goblin from her." – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**
- [T]here may be more than one rhyming phrase used for the same thing: *bees and honey*, *sugar and honey*, *bread and honey*, all mean 'money'. [...] 'I suppose you want some *bees*, or some *bread an'*, or some *sugar*, before I go.' – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, pp.294/295, **1953**
- *Bread 'money'* apparently does come from Cockney rhyming slang (*bread and honey*)[.] – J.L. Dillard, *Black English*, p.240, **1972**
- Any speaker of Anglo-American knows that 'bread' as a synonym for 'money' is the work of those dreary cockney rhyming-slangers. 'Bread and honey', money. – *The Listener*, London, 5th May **1977**
- He earned his bread and honey / with the usual grind and shirk. – A. Witting, 'Quality of Life', in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**

- – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

- All I wanted was the bread and honey. – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 7th May **2007**

- [I]t's time to put your brass bands in the old sky rockets dig out your bread and honey and by the old Ethan hunt an Edna everage or a pigs ear! – *www.boad.org.uk*, 'The Brotherhood of Ale Drinkers' blog, 22nd January **2012**
- Them in that one is awl shit, don't waste yer bread an' honey... – *Viz* comic, December **2016**

bread and jam

noun

1 a tram (streetcar) [AUSTRALIA/UK/US]

- I was swiftly-flowing up the field of wheat in the bread-and-jam[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

- An ordinary tram was called "the bread and jam"[.] – *Punch* magazine, Melbourne, 27th November **1913**

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

- Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: [...] bread and jam—a street car[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January **1931**

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, **ca 1937**

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.21, **1983**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- Let's catch the 'bread and jam' down to the MCG to watch the poms get beaten in cricket. – *UD(.com)*, 2nd May **2003**

- I've got to catch the Bread & Jam. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**

2 a pram [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

bread and lard

noun

in prison, hard labour [UK]

- [A] prison sentence in the *bucket* – *bucket and pail*/jail, or, if he is a many-times offender, maybe some *bread and lard*/hard labour in the Scrubs (Wormwood Scrubs, a London prison). – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.40, **1973**

bread and lard

adjective

1 harsh; difficult [UK]

Rhymes on *hard*.

- A tosser on a Wilkie Bard, / A lord on a Charing Cross, / Is 'ow I fell, and it's bread-'n-lard / To bear my milkman's 'orse. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· Gor blimey! ain't that bread an' lard, eh? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.19, 1980

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· Cor, that's a bread and lard job you've got there! – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011
2 (of a material, surface, etc.) hard [UK]

· The ice was really bread and lard. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

bread and water

noun

a daughter [US]

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Bread and Water–Your daughter. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, 2000

bread bun

noun

a run (a spell of running for exercise) [AUSTRALIA]

· [H]es gone for a bread bun. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004

breadcrumb

noun

a derelict, a destitute person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *hum* 'a cadger' (an Australian coinage) or *bum*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

breadcrumbs

noun

the gums [UK]

· Linda Lovelace's dentist reckons she's got the finest breadcrumbs he's ever come across. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

bread knife; breadknife

noun

one's wife, girlfriend or female partner [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· The Breadknife – Wife or girlfriend. – *www.scrawnand-lard.co.uk*, 1st February 2001

· Like I said to the breadknife last night, there's nothing better than a nice plate of jockey's whip with your fish. – *IKARUS* forum, 20th March 2001

· He wanted me to find him a motor for his breadknife – wife. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st September 2001

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· I get an *Empire* subscription off my brother and his breadknife each year. – *FilmWise* forum, 29th November 2004

· But with time, as everything became stale and no family was forthcoming... well... it was like she became more of a bread and knife to me, you know, than a hugs and kisses. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.202, 2012

· You get to meet my son/daughter and my bread knife. – *twitter.com*, 27th June 2012

bread roll

noun

a person who posts on social media or in other online forums messages of a provocative or purposefully offensive nature with malicious or mischievous intent [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *troll*. Synonymous with SAUSAGE ROLL.

· – *Battle.net* forum, 7th January 2011

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th July 2012

Breaking Bad

adjective

mad [IRELAND]

< *Breaking Bad*, an American television crime drama series (2008–13). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· Ten grand? You'd wanna be absolutely Breaking Bad paying that kind of money. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December 2013

breid and watter

noun

talk, speechifying [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *patter*. *Breid* and *watter* are the Scots forms of English *bread* and *water*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Brenda Fricker; brenda

noun

the anus [UK: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the British slang *ricker* and the Irish slang *gicker*. < Irish actress Brenda Fricker (b.1945). The short form is recorded in Irish usage.

· [I]s your partypiece still inserting 4 fingers from each hand up your brenda fricker and making it "grin like a mong?" – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 17th March 2005

· There's nothing better than having a good scratch round your Brenda Fricker. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 30th January 2007

· Brenda Fricker or up the Brenda Fricker? – *You Boys in Green* forum, 13th January 2009

· I gave it to her in the Brenda Fricker. – *UD(.com)*, 23rd November 2009

· [M]akes her brenda look like a volkswagen beetle. – *Boards.ie* forum, 23rd June 2010

· Fucking pain in the Brenda Fricker is right. – *Freshclubbing* forum, 5th December 2010

· Gisele loves it up the Brenda Fricker swell. No holes barred with gisele. – *Escort Ireland* forum, 24th September 2013

Brenda Frickers; brendas

noun

women's or girls' underpants [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < Irish actress Brenda Fricker (b.1945). The short form is given by Puxley (1998). Also

used idiomatically in the phrases *get one's Brenda Frickers in a twist* 'to become agitated or angry' and *keep your Brenda Frickers on!* 'stay calm!'.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- Tania is difficult, moody and fairly sexy and ray clearly wants to get into her brennda frickers. – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th June 2003
- Don't get your Brenda Frickers (knickers) in a twist – but this is how we all Charlie Chawke (talk) now. – *Irish Daily Mirror*, Dublin, 10th January 2005
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.66, 2007
- [K]keep your brennda frickers on. – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th January 2012
- Is the Kerryman getting his Brenda frickers in a twist this early. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 7th September 2015

Brenda Lee; brennda

noun

a key (for operating locks) [UK]

< Brenda Lee, the stage name of American rock and roll, country and pop singer Brenda Mae Tarpley (b.1944).

- Brenda Lee. Key. Where's me brennda's? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

Brendan Grace; brendan

noun

the face [IRELAND]

< Irish comedian Brendan Grace (b.1952).

- I stort thinking about Sorcha, standing there, her Brendan Grace even whiter than her dress. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.9, 2005
- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006
- [S]he had a cracking set of top tens alright, but her Brendan was in ribbons. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006
- [Y]ou'll know my Brendan Grace next time, won't you? – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.228, 2007

Brendan Julian; brendan

noun

a hooligan [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < New Zealand-born Australian cricketer Brendon Julian (b.1970).

- Brendan Julian – hooligan (bunch of Brendan's). – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 12th January 2004

Brenner Pass

noun

the buttocks [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *ass*. A nonce word occurring in the song 'You'll Be Far Better Off in a Home', recorded in 1941 by English comic singer and banjolele player George Formby (1904–61). < Brenner Pass, a mountain pass in the Alps.

· Mussolini has been a perfect ass / Like old Goering he's all puffed up with gas / Soon we'll kick him right up the Brenner Pass[.] – *You'll Be Far Better Off in a Home*, lyric, George Formby, 1941

brewer's bung; brewer's

noun

the tongue [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.26, 1969
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.85, 1973
- I engulf her lips and send my brewer's bung on a journey into the interior. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.61, 1975
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- Hold your brewer's, I'm talking. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

Brian

noun

unemployment benefit [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bru* 'unemployment benefit', a colloquial Northern Irish rendition of *bureau* (also variously spelt *broo*, *breau*, *brew*, *beroo*, *buuroo*, *boroo*), and *Bóru*. < Irish High King Brian Bóru (real name Brian Bóruma 'Brian of the Tribune'; ca 941–1014). Used in the phrase *on the Brian*, the direct equivalent of *on the dole*.

- Your Cockney on the dole may say that he is on the How d'yedo: rhyming evidently with 'Boroo' (Bureau). The Belfast man knows, it would appear, only one 'Buroo' – for he says that he is on the Brian. – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, 1941

Brian Boru

noun

flu [IRELAND]

< Irish High King Brian Bóru (real name Brian Bóruma 'Brian of the Tribune'; ca 941–1014).

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

Brian Clough; brian

noun

1 marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *puff*. < English football player and manager Brian Howard Clough (1935–2004).

- Got any Brian on ya. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th November 2002
- Brian (Clough) – Puff. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March 2005
- – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006

2 ■ **up the Brian Clough; up the brian** pregnant [UK]

Rhymes on *duff*, used in the colloquial phrase *up the duff*.

- [C]ongrats to the 2 instructors who got the students up the brian clough! (duff for non cockney ryming slang afishinados). – *PPRuNe* forum, 9th April 2009
- [S]he was smart enough to get herself up the Brian Clough[.] – *Hibs.net* forum, 1st February 2010
- Before I forget, congratulations to goalkeeper Tony Holland who recently announced his girlfriend, Katie, was

up the Brian Clough. – *Reading Post*, Reading, England, 19th August **2010**

· Kate is up the Brian... – *Canal World Discussion Forums*, 3rd December **2012**

3 a homosexual male [UK]

Rhymes on *puff*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Is that bloke over there with lippy and eyeliner on a Brian Clough (puff). – *FMTTM* forum, 30th September **2010**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

Brian Clough

adjective

1 (of food, especially meat) tough [UK]

< English football player and manager Brian Howard Clough (1935–2004).

· The same sentiment went for our main courses. My friend's grilled rump of lamb with rosemary and tomato was beautifully presented, sitting on a bed of aubergines, lightly and deliciously spiced with curry, but was, as he reluctantly pointed out, "a bit Brian Clough". My roasted chicken was a bit on the tough side, too, though in a very good tarragon gravy. – *The Independent*, London, 29th October **1995**

2 unwell [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *rough*.

· No, mate, I'm feeling a bit Brian Clough (rough). – *The Sunday Times*, London, 1st December **2002**

· Dave was feeling a bit "Brian Clough". – *b3ta* forum, 10th February **2003**

· But surely there's a hint of malice about *Rodney Marsh* ('harsh'), *Brian Clough* ('rough'), *Dwight Yorke* ('pork') and *Don Revie* ('bevvy'). – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**

· 8 pints. Felt a bit Brian Clough getting up at 6.30 this morning. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 2nd February **2009**

3 unpleasant, disgusting, ugly [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *rough*.

· She's a bit Brian Clough tbh, the hair extensions she has at present are terrible. – *RangersMedia* forum, 16th December **2008**

4 not even or smooth [UK]

Rhymes on *rough*.

· [I]t would be great to be in the tin tack with her but I'll deal with her in the bushes, even if it is a bit Brian Clough. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

Brian Donlevy; Brian Dunleavy

noun

a type of strong beer similar to English bitter [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *heavy*, a chiefly Scottish word. < Irish-born American actor Brian Donlevy (1901–72). The variant *Brian Dunleavy* is given by Macafee (1994).

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

· Breenge up the Hedley an get us a coupla g'gots o' Brian Donlevy. – *www.firstfoot.com*, 'Scottish Vernacular Dictionary', 15th January **2002**

Brian Leys

noun

keys (for operating locks) [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Brian Leys (b.1968).

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October **2014**

Brian McClair; brian

noun

an éclair [UK]

< Scottish footballer Brian McClair (b.1963).

· It's my birthday so there are Brians in the kitchen for everyone. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

Brian May

adjective

homosexual [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *gay*. < English rock musician Brian May (b.1947), best known as the guitarist of Queen.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Brian Moore; brian

noun

twenty pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. < English rugby union player Brian Moore (b.1962).

· – *The Straight Dope* forum, 27th September **2001**

Brian O'Linn; Brian O'Lynn; brian; bri

noun

▶ see BRYAN O'LYNN

Brian Rix; brian

noun

in dominoes, the number six [UK]

< English actor Brian Rix (1924–2016).

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 6. Brian (Rix)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

bricks and mortar; bricks; brick

noun

a daughter [UK]

· Bricks and Mortar (Bricks) ... Daughter. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· He will call his daughter bricks, from bricks and mortar[.] – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· Lady Baulkit's bricks and mortar is standing beside the bed as I leave the room. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.118, **1974**

· Bricks and mortar (brick) ... Daughter. – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· The family includes the *bahf bun* 'son'; *bricks an' mortar* 'daughter'; *baker's dozen* 'cousin'[,] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, **1981**

· It's not every day my favourite bricks and mortar gets herself wed. – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.293, **2000**

· I must stop now, for I'm expected for lunch by my "bricks and mortar" (daughter) and her "basin of gravy" (baby). – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd February **2003**

- Bricks = Bricks & Mortar = Daughter. – *Digital Spy* forum, 10th March **2014**
- We can't see Harrow-educated Edward referring to her as his Bricks and Mortar[.] – *Daily Express*, London, 25th March **2015**

bride and groom; bride*noun*

- 1 a broom [UK]
 - – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
 - A new 'bride' sweeps clean. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - I've worked with London Builders. Lord (Lovel) = Shovel. Bride (and Groom) = Broom. – *FileSharing Talk* forum, 29th September **2003**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 2 a room [UK]
 - Only recorded in the full form.
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
 - – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 3 room, space [UK]
 - Only recorded in the full form.
 - **Bride & Groom** [...] **2 Room** A room or space to manoeuvre. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 4 a living room [UK]
 - A narrowing of sense 2. Only recorded in the full form.
 - – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th December **2001**
 - – C. Dervaes and J. Hunter, *UK to USA*, p.107, **2012**

Bridge of Sighs; bridges*noun*

the thighs [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- A nonce word occurring in *Confessions of a Private Dick* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pseudonym Timothy Lea. < *Bridge of Sighs*, the English name of the Ponte dei Sospiri, a major landmark of Venice, Italy, and the popular name of the Hertford Bridge in Oxford, England; probably reinforced by 'Bridge of Sighs', a song by English rock guitarist and vocalist Robin Trower included in his 1974 album of the same name.
- [N]ever one to disappoint, I spread apart her luscious bridges (Bridge of Sighs: thighs. Ed) and prepare to dive. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.100, **1975**

Bridge o Weir*adjective*

(especially of a man) homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *queer*. < Bridge o Weir, the Scots name for Bridge of Weir, a village in Renfrewshire, Scotland.
- A grown man singin' and daen hoosework tarted up like a wumman, dae ye no think yon's a wee bit Bridge o Weir? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Bridget Jones*noun*

- 1 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Bridget Jones*, denoting the state of being alone and single [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Often applied to an unlucky-in-love person or someone who has a negative attitude to long-term singledom. < Bridget Jones, the thirty-something single heroine of Helen Fielding's novels *Bridget Jones's Diary* (1996) and *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* (1999), both adapted as films in 2001 and 2004 respectively. Suggested by JACK JONES, with a punning allusion to Bridget Jones's relationship status.

- All on your Bridget Jones... Being single is exciting - fashionable, even. Then Christmas comes along... – *The Independent*, London, 14th December **1997**
- – So my plans for tonight have been cancelled. What to do? *twiddles thumbs* – @leewelshman all on your bridget jones – bottle of wine and a love ballad CD. Get to it. – *twitter.com*, 7th September **2012**
- Otherwise, like Psyche in the proto-fairytale Cupid and Psyche, and the heroine of Norweigan fable East of the Sun and West of the Moon, you will find yourself on your Bridget Jones, trying to win back a handsome but enchanted husband. – *www.clashmusic.com*, 3rd June **2011**
- 2 moans [UK]
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Bridget Jones*adjective*

single, not involved in an ongoing romantic or sexual partnership or relationship [UK]

- Rhymes imperfectly on *alone*. < Bridget Jones, the thirty-something single heroine of the films *Bridget Jones's Diary* (2001) and *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* (2004), both based on novels of the same names by English writer Helen Fielding. Further informed by Bridget Jones's ongoing search for romance.
- Jackie split up with Kev. She's Bridget Jones again. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December **2011**

Brigg's rest; Briggs' rest*noun*

▶ see BRIG'S REST

Brigham Young*noun*

the tongue [UK]

- < American religious leader Brigham Young (1801–77), second president of the Mormon church and founder of Salt Lake City, Utah.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- They fall on the floor, the blonde arches 'er lager an' lime, an' all of a sudden she's got 'er Brigham Young buried. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· [H]er brigham young is slurping all around my cock like she's got a little joe blake inside her north and south. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012

bright and breezy; brighton; bright

adjective

easy [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· Like anything else, it's 'brighton' when you know how. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· [T]hey are surprisingly bright an' breezy ter make yaahrself[.] – *TheDaddy.org* forum, 30th September 2004

· "These questions are too BRIGHT AND BREEZY" I shouted out... – *thecharringtonway.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th March 2010

· I've always *smiled*. Had loads of *couples*, not of them *bright*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, 2011

· So, did you find our cockney quiz bright and breezy, or did it go a bit Pete Tong? – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March 2012

· Bright an' breezy now. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

bright and frisky; brighton

noun

whisky [UK]

The short form *brighton* is given by Puxley (1992).

· A bottle of whisky = a bright and frisky. – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April 1932

· There are pubs [in London] where a large portion of the drinks are asked for in rhyming slang—and pity the barmaid who doesn't understand. Beer is a pig's ear. Whisky a bright and frisky. Rum a deaf and dumb. – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, 'Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney's Rhyming Slang', 28th November 1955

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.26, 1969

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, 1983

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Brighton and Hove

noun

a stove [AUSTRALIA]

< Brighton and Hove, two neighbouring towns in East Sussex, in the south-east of England, that were officially merged and given city status in 2000.

· Home again, and you find a note from the cheese and kisses to say the dinner's in the Brighton and Hove. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

Brighton beach

noun

a speech [UK]

< Brighton Beach, an oceanside area of Brooklyn, in the south of New York City, or perhaps a reference to Brighton, a popular seaside resort in East Sussex, in the south-east of England.

· They all lifted their glasses high in the air and shouted, 'To Maggie and Tom!' Mike went round quickly to fill up glasses, and Sam shouted out again. 'Now, then, there

ain't going to be no more Brighton beaches. They got a lot to do in the next half-hour-'[.] – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.399, 2000

Brighton lady

noun

in darts, a four [UK]

< *Brighton lady*, a euphemistic version of OLD WHORE.

Brighton, an English seaport and seaside resort in the south-east of England, has long had a reputation as a good-time town and was therefore something of a magnet for prostitutes.

· – P.J.E. Hyams, *Rhyming Slang and the Dictionary*, p.134, 1981

Brighton le Sands

noun

the hands [AUSTRALIA]

< Brighton-le-Sands, a suburb of south Sydney.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Brighton line

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-nine [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< *Brighton line*, the popular name for the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, a railway company that operated from 1846 to 1922; generally used for the train route between London and Brighton.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, 2004

· – T. Gant, *Sunrise Sandwiches*, p.12, 2005

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

Brighton Pier; brighton

noun

1 counterfeit money [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. Used in the phrase *push the brighton* 'to pass counterfeit money', the direct equivalent of *push the queer*. < Brighton Pier, originally and in full the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier, one of the two piers in Brighton, East Sussex.

· QUEER: *Brighton Pier*. Usually abbreviated to 'Brighton.' 'Pushing the Brighton' – *Brighton Pier – Queer*, means passing false coins. – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.287, 1948

2 a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. Reinforced by Brighton's reputation as a primary centre of British gay culture. ► see PALACE PIER

· The Brighton (Brighton Pier: Queer. Ed) does not warm to my words and disappears down the corridor like a balloon with a fast leak. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.49, 1976

· A 'Brighton' is a homosexual. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Tom is getting to be such an obvious Brighton Pier. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

· Does this make him a Brighton Pier? (Rhyming slang? Oh, please yourselves...). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 9th November **1999**

· I wouldn't go into that bar if I was you; it's full of Brightons. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

3 beer [UK]

· [D]own the Battle for a couple of Brighton's? – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

4 cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *gear*.

· Get us a dolls pram of Brighton Pier. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th October **2009**

Brighton Pier; brighton

adjective

1 strange, peculiar [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Brighton Pier, originally and in full the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier, one of the two piers in Brighton, East Sussex. Only recorded in the full form.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

2 unwell [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 (especially of a man) homosexual; relating to or used by homosexuals [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. Reinforced in later use by Brighton's reputation as a primary centre of gay culture.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.63, **1969**

· He's as Brighton as they come. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [A] couple of them should support us, not jools holland he's Brighton...pier! – *www.millwall.vitalfootball.co.uk*, forum, 14th January **2013**

· The Rose & Crown is a Brighton Pier battle cruiser. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August **2012**

Brighton Pier; brighton

verb

to leave, especially hurriedly [UK]

Rhymes on *disappear*. < Brighton Pier, originally and in full the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier, one of the two piers in Brighton, East Sussex.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· [T]ime to Brighton. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Brighton rock; brighton

noun

1 a dock (in a criminal court) [UK]

< *Brighton rock* 'a pink confectionery stick'; perhaps also influenced by *Brighton Rock*, a 1938 novel by Graham Greene, adapted into a film in 1947.

· They both thought the next time they'd see me would be in the Brighton, but there was nothing they could do about it. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.128, **1959**

· Before his feet could touch the ground Fred was in the *brighton* in front of a *barnaby*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

· Criminals' vocabularies widen considerably when they reach court. They stand in the **Brighton** (Rock – dock), and listen to the **garden** (gate – magistrate) or **Barnaby Rudge** (judge), or possibly the **bubble and squeak** (beak – also **once a week**). – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.136, **2012**

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. An obvious visual metaphor.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· But when I took 'old of your Brighton [Brighton Rock – cock] you relaxed a bit. – *www.asstr.org*, 10th February **2004**

· – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.58, **2005**

Brighton rocks; brightons

noun

socks [UK]

< *Brighton rock* 'a pink confectionery stick'; perhaps also influenced by *Brighton Rock*, a 1938 novel by Graham Greene, adapted into a film in 1947.

· I had always wondered why those blokes in the dirty photographs never took their Brightons off. Now I know. It is so they don't have to bend down to pull them on afterwards. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.126, **1975**

· This could be where the Cockney rhyming slang for socks, 'Brighton rocks,' originated. – J. Carnegie, *Different League*, p.190, **2009**

· Real Cockney [...] Brighton Rocks – socks. – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 1st July **2012**

Brighton sands; brightons

noun

the hands [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· [S]hove two almonds on your plates under your daisies, bring some turtles or stick your Brightons in your sky. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Brig's rest; Brigg's rest; Briggs' rest

noun

a vest [UK]

Mostly in use among convicts. First recorded by Franklyn (1961) with the spellings *Brig's rest* and *Brigg's rest*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

briny marlin; briny marlin; brimy marlin

noun

used as an affectionate form of address [US]

Rhymes on *darlin'*. Coined in, or at the very least popularised by, the American film *Mr Lucky* (1943), starring

Cary Grant and Laraine Day. This might have served as the inspiration for the nickname 'Briney Marlin', an American B-24 Liberator bomber used during World War II, and the clothing brand Briny Marlin, launched in 1945.

- Come on, briny marlin, don't play games. – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**
- Well, my briny marlin, the dishes await me, isn't that awfully romantic. – J.S. Phelps, *Letters from Bermuda*, p.85, 2009; letter from Margaret Phelps, 18th October **1943**
- Darling is "briny marlin." – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 13th August **1972**
- I discovered that there is a Irish Folk Song by the subject name, Goodbye Briny Marlin (My Darling) written by Patricia A. Morris. – *The Dublin Legends* forum, 15th September **2004**
- I have to get home early to my Brimy-Marlin. – M. Blanco, *The Dream Smugglers*, p.145, **2007**
- The price was right for me and the delivery was quick and without issue. I'm sure my briney marlin will love it come Christmas morn'. – *www.amazon.com*, 26th October **2015**

Bristol and West

noun

the chest [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of *bristols*, the short version of *Bristol Cities* (▶ see BRISTOL CITY). < Bristol and West, a now defunct British building society owned by the Bank of Ireland.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st November **2002**
- Scotch eggs, Bristol and west, Hampstead Heaths, all lovely. – *Weeping Angel*, lyric, Fishinabox, 29th March **2014**

bristol bits

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *bristols*, the short version of *Bristol Cities* (▶ see BRISTOL CITY).

- – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, **1985**
- – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.21, **1999**
- – D. Naugler, *Credentials*, p.106, **2009**
- Bristols is the same as Bristol Bits. One can say "nice bristol bits" or "nice bristols". – *www.definition-of.com*, accessed 21st January **2014**
- [B]ig bristol bits. – *www.anonib.ph*, accessed 22nd January **2014**

Bristol Channel

noun

the Children's Panel (in the Scottish legal system, a group of trained volunteers who make decisions about young offenders and vulnerable children) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Bristol Channel, a wide inlet of the Atlantic between South Wales and England.

- [N]oo he's up in front o the Bristol Channel. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Bristol City; bristol

noun

1 a woman's breast [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *titty*. < Bristol City, a football club based in Bristol, in the south-west of England; reinforced by the phonetic similarity between *bristol* and *breast*. Hence the British phrases *be big in the Bristol area* 'to have big breasts'. Also used in the phrase *get on someone's bristols* 'to irritate someone intensely'. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962, where it is listed in the plural form *Bristol Cities*. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

▶ see BIG-BRISTOLLED, BRISTOL AND WEST, MAN BRISTOLS, PLASTIC BRISTOLS, TITTIES and TOUGH BRISTOL CITIES

- **Bristol City Titty** (breast). – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- BRISTOL CITIES – For titties. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- What fantastic bristols you have. – J. Fabian and J. Byrne, *Groupie*, p.36 [1997], **1969**
- You'd get on the Archbishop of Canterbury's bristols, you would. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK radio: BBC Radio 2, 2nd June **1974**
- Her bristols strain expectantly against the semi-see-through fabric of her light blue bra[.] – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.63, **1975**
- BRISTOLS: abb. rhym. Titties. From Bristol City. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- I asked the taxi man if he knew where I could get crumpet and Bristol Cities and he said the only ones he knew of belonged to his wife and she was very attached to them. – G. Durrell, *Marrying Off Mother*, p.190 [1994], **1991**
- **Bristols** [...] Tits. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**
- **Bristol Cities** (Bristols) [...] The most popular term for this most popular subject. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- She's big in the Bristol area. – *The Guide*, Alicante, Spain, 14th November–12th December **1999**
- At Livid several years back iwas up the front perving on her Bristol Cities, they are sublime. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 25th November **2003**
- – ok how many thousands of pounds do i have to pay to be able to use her right bristol? UFFF!!! – [...] you can't tiffuck without the pair. – *The Diamond David Lee Roth Army* forum, 18th April **2005**
- Bl00dy hell!!! you can nearly see what she had for breakfast!!!! and an aptly named dress too cos you also

nearly see her bristols as well!! – *www.weddingsonline.ie*, 8th February **2008**

· Every time Victoria got herself a new set of gazonkers, the world would jump up and down and scream at her to admit that she had had some work done. She would stand there perfectly still, for fear of knocking an eye out with her new Bristols, and claim it was all natural. – *www.independent.ie*, 19th July **2009**

· You know those are the nicest pair of Bristols I've seen in a long while[.] – R. Gowrie, *Anamorphous*, p.17, **2010**

· To be fair though, stumbling across someone having it away in a field while you're out for a walk isn't the same as someone wopping a bristol out at the next table while you're trying to eat. – *Digital Spy* forum, 7th December **2014**

· I prefer Bristol Cities under control of the 'Shepherd Boulder Holder' bra, rounds 'em up and points them in the right direction. – *www.whaleoil.co.nz*, 28th June **2015**

· **bristols** noun the female breasts. – N. Kelly, DSNZ, **2015**

2 a foolish person [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *titty*. Used in the phrase *make a Bristol City of oneself* (or *make a bristol of oneself*) 'to appear foolish'.

· Unlucky with the West Ham one, Harry. Made a right Bristol City of yerself... – *Betfair Community* forum, 4th November **2011**

· Did u see Mario make a right Bristol of himself this morn? – *twitter.com*, 8th April **2012**

· Massive fail, made a right Bristol City of yourself as per Tosh. – *JA606* forum, 16th June **2012**

Bristol Titty

nickname

Bristol City, a football club based in Bristol, in the south-west of England

A slang rhyme. An alternative nickname is the TTTTIES.

· Bristol Titty turn their attention to Hayter. – *Shrimper-Zone* forum, 19th January **2006**

· Little old Bristol titty to beat little old Barnsleh then? – *Football Forums.net*, 23rd October **2008**

· [T]hank god bolton, charlton and bristol titty are in our division this season ... – *The Ugly Inside* forum, 12th January **2016**

British Navy

noun

gravy [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

British Rail

noun

email; an email [UK]

< British Rail, the operator of Britain's nationalised railways from 1948 to 1997.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Well, I wrote Air Gunner an British Rail, asking 'im what all the commotion was about. – *jakegyllenhaal-watch.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th June **2007**

· – *h2g2* forum, 29th July **2011**

British Rail

adjective

(of food) stale [UK]

Informed by the reputation of British Rail catering. < British Rail, the operator of Britain's nationalised railways from 1948 to 1997.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Britney Spears; Brittany Spears; britneys; brittanys; brittos; britos

noun

1 beers [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Sometimes used as a singular in the forms *Britney Spear* and *britney*. < American pop singer Britney Spears (b.1981). *Britney Spears* and *britneys* are common in all three locations of use. *Brittany Spears* and *brittanys* have been recorded in British and Australian usage, but they are much less common than *Britney Spears* and *britneys*. The variant *brittos* (also spelt *brittos*) is exclusively Australian.

· Britney Spears. Beers. Give us a couple of Britney's will ya? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· What's great about these American superstars is that they provide new rhyming slang, like Britney Spears/Beers. – *Melody Maker*, London, 19th June **1999**

· Let's go fer a few Britneys. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· After a couple of Britneys (beers) a Jay Kay (takeaway) might be SClub7 (heaven). – *The Sunday Times*, London, 14th January **2001**

· Ready for a few cold Britneys? – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

· Just popping down the nuclear for a Britney[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 30th September **2002**

· When thirsty Australians peel on a fresh pair of Reg Grundys and head to the rubbity-dub for a few Britneys, they are bringing a contemporary twist to a tradition Sydneysiders inherited from cockney London. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 9th October **2002**

· [H]e stands up to get the Britneys in[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.12, **2004**

· I go out to the kitchen and grab another Britney[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.160, **2006**

· The Andy McNab [cab] cost me an Ayrton Senna [tenner] but it didn't stop me getting the Britney Spears [beers] in. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th November **2006**

· Don't drop a catch or you'd be the one shouting the Britany's, or Richard's[.] – *V8Central* forum, 10th January **2007**

· I did find myself watching some of *Up Late* the other night during their piece on Travis's Aussieisms: "Taking the kids to white water world" = going to the loo; "Bumos" = eggs; "Britos" = beers (Britney Spears being rhyming slang for beers). – *blogs.news.com.au*, 7th June **2007**

· Cumin for a few brittanys = cumin fur a few beers (brittanys spears). – *BBC 606* forum, 31st October **2007**

· [M]aybe you might have to drop in for a couple of brittany spears... – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 1st May **2008**

· Brittos/Brittneys (Britney Spears) – beers. – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

· Anyway we get to the venue and one of the boys puts a britney spear (beer) in your paw and you are away again.

– *BigFooty AFL* forum, 25th November **2009**

· Need to get a few Brittneys soon! – *twitter.com*, 12th January **2012**

· Heading in pretty early for a few Brittany spears. – *twitter.com*, 27th May **2014**

2 the ears [UK/IRELAND]

Recorded in the forms *Britney Spears* and *britneys*.

· What's wrong wiv yer Britney's luv. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd May **2001**

· – *The Straight Dope* forum, 8th April **2004**

· I've a ringing in me Brittneys. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th December **2007**

· Looks like she has nothing between her britneys. – *Hertford, England*, spoken, male, ca 35, January **2008**

· Britney's to me always meant Ears. – *Boards.ie* forum, 11th April **2008**

· "He is a right diamond geezer," said Ken in his best Cockney accent, which sounded painfully Australian to my Brittneys. – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.65, **2013**

3 tears [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Britney Spears* and *britneys*.

· There's Trevor Francis... on the verge of Brittneys. – *The Motley Fool* forum, 23rd May **2001**

· Dry away those Britney Spears. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th June **2001**

· [N]ow now, dry those Brittneys... – *ilXor.com* forum, 16th October **2002**

· Cherries' polished performance hardly had their supporters in floods of Britney Spears at the final whistle[.] – *www.bournemouthecho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**

· I didn't mean what I said about your mother, so don't start turning on the Brittneys. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Why all the Britney Spears? – *first-thoughts.org*, 18th February **2014**

4 homosexuals [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queers*. Recorded in the forms *Britney Spears* and *britneys*. Noted in Irish use by West (2006).

· [T]hey're all britneys in there. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· In the twenty-first century, new rhyming slang ('Britneys' i.e. 'Britney Spears' for 'beers' or 'queers', for example) continues to be invented[.] – N. Rennison, *Book of Lists*, p.65, **2006**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

britneyspearings

noun

earrings [IRELAND]

Formed on BRITNEY SPEARS.

· I got a pair of Britneyspearings for Xmas. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th December **2007**

Brixton riot; brixton

noun

a diet [UK]

< *Brixton riots*, a reference to the notorious riots that took place in Brixton, south London, in 1981, 1985 and 1995.

· [S]he's on a Brixton riot (diet), so for her it's just a cow and calf (half) of fisherman's daughter (water) with Vincent Price (ice). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· I'm on a Brixton at the moment to lose a bit of Terry before Christmas. – *callcentrediary.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th September **2003**

· [I]t is possible, in the wilder reaches of Bermondsey, to meet weight-watching locals who describe themselves as "on a Brixton". – *The Guardian*, London, 8th April **2006**

· Mind you, you don't want to be spoiling your Brixton Riot (*Diet*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

· I'm staying out of the cafés and pubs of SE London as I'm on a Brixton Riot. Need to lose a couple of lbs. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2014**

broadband bill

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pill*.

· – *Fitbaw Mad* forum, 18th October **2014**

Brodie Mack

noun

in pre-decimalisation currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *zack*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Brody Jenner

noun

a ten-euro note or the sum of ten euros [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < American reality TV star Brody Jenner (b.1983).

· I'm thinking, no, you should have maybe mentioned it *before* I spent a fucking Brody Jenner buying you a Cosmo. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.149, **2010**

broken heart

noun

a fart [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

broken mug

noun

a hug [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

broken oar

noun

a whore [US]

A variation of BOAT AND OAR.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

broken quiver

noun

the liver [UK]

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

broken square

noun

beer [UK]

A covert pun on FUSILIER. < *broken square*, an allusive reference to an incident in the Battle of Tamai (1884), where the 2nd Brigade square (of which the Royal Highland Regiment, also known as the Black Watch, were the only Scottish regiment to form a part) was broken; a confusion with the Royal Scots Fusiliers probably accounts for the link between *broken square* and *fusilier*.

· If a Tommy of another regiment went into a public bar where men of the Black Watch were drinking, and felt brave enough to start a fight, he would ask the barmaid not for ‘pig’s ear,’ which is rhyming-slang for beer, but for a pint of ‘broken square.’ – R. Graves, *Good-bye*, p.106 [1930], 1929

· Beer was “pig’s ear” or “Crimea” or “Fusilier,” but if a Welshman went into a pub where a Highland soldier was, of the regiment whose square was once broken by the Mahdi’s dervishes in the Sudan, he would sometimes ask for a “pint of broken-square.” – F. Richards, *Sahib*, p.48 [2003], 1936

Bromley by Bow; bromley

noun

1 money [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dough*. < Bromley-by-Bow (officially Bromley), an area of east London.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 the toe [UK]

Also used in the phrases *have it on one’s bromleys* ‘to run away’ and *on one’s bromleys* ‘alert’.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· You might want to fight, but I’m going to have it on me bromleys[.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December 2006

· I shall go back to normal English with just the odd bit of slang here and there to keep you all on your bromleys, you know those things on the end of your plates, I don’t want to get on your thruppenies. – *www.crash.net*, 17th October 2008

- – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009

· So fast on me Bromleys I rushed through the night[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘A Tea Leaf’s Jackanory’, 3rd November 2013

- – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.291, 2015

· I just about had the lock off the peter when **Old Bill** crashed the door and I had to have it on my Bromleys. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.342, 2015

Bronco Layne; bronco

noun

pain; a pain [UK]

< Bronco Layne, a character in the American TV western series *Cheyenne* (1955–63) and *Bronco* (1958–62), portrayed by Ty Hardin (b.1930). Partly influenced by Bronco, a brand of toilet paper marketed in Britain from 1894 to 1989.

· [A] pest was a ‘Bronco in the arse’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· [W]as giving me a bit of a Bronco Layne. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th September 2011

Bronx raspberry; Bronx razzberry; Bronx razoo; Bronx razzooh

noun

1 a derisive or contemptuous fart-like sound made by sticking the tongue out and blowing [US/CANADA]

A blend of the synonyms *Bronx cheer* and *raspberry* (with variants *razzberry* and *razoo*), the latter presumably an elliptical form of RASPBERRY TART.

· As he said this I thought what delightful evenings the referees can look forward to. Except for a Bronx raspberry – without cream – now then, I suppose they’ll survive though. – *The Campus*, undergraduate newspaper of the City College of New York, 12th April 1935

· DEMONSTRATIONS OF DERISION; HISS, ETC. [...] bronx raspberry, -razzberry or razoo[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· That sound like a drawn out Bronx-Raspberry is the hot air leaking out of the gin rummy craze, and it’s music to my ears. – *Esquire* magazine, November 1942

· Redford said, “What did he say?” “Nothing. He just gave me a Bronx razzberry.” – *Milwaukee Sentinel*, 21st April 1981

· It landed with a thud, drawing a chorus of Bronx raspberries. – *Tribe.ca* forum, 7th July 2005

· With a Bronx-raspberry-style noise, Papa marched us down the street, tooting away to the tune of “76 Trombones.” – *The Buffalo News*, 30th August 2014

2 a refusal or reprimand; disapproval; indignation; derision [CANADA/US]

Extended from the previous sense.

· He’s hit in every game since then and the fans are finally laying off, after giving him the old Bronx razoo all season up to now. – *The Winnipeg Tribune*, 17th July 1942

· Yesterday’s hero, Fidel Castro, now gets the lustiest Bronx razzoos since Adolf Hitler was flipping his wig for the cameras. – *OED2*, 1989: *The Washington Post*, 22nd December 1959

· Nils Petter Molvaer blows a Bronx raspberry at Internet music pirates and uncaring Net users. The Norwegian trumpeter learned that a Russian website was offering

all his recordings for just \$2. – *www.allaboutjazz.com*, 1st May **2008**

Brooklyn Bridge

noun

a fridge [AUSTRALIA]

< Brooklyn Bridge, a suspension bridge over the East River in New York City.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

broom handle

noun

a candle [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

broon breid; broon breed

adjective

▶ see BROWN BREAD

brother and sister

noun

a blister [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

brothers and sisters

noun

whiskers [AUSTRALIA/US/UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· “Emu” for menu is shocking, but what about “brothers and sisters” for whiskers! – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March **1912**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Whiskers, Brothers and Sisters. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· If he grew whiskers, they would be brothers and sisters. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

· “Brothers and sisters” were whiskers. – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

· Trim yer brothers and sisters. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

brown and mild

adjective

very angry [UK]

Rhymes on *wild*. < *brown and mild* ‘a mix of brown and mild ales’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Brown Bess

adverb

yes [UK/US/CANADA]

< *Brown Bess* ‘a flintlock musket used by the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars’.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**

· – *Schenectady Gazette*, Schenectady, New York, 17th November **1938**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· All indications are to the effect that our fellow Quebecers will vote Brown Joe and Brown Bess in the coming referendum. – *Report: The Magazine of Public Affairs*, Montreal, **1979**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

brown bread

noun

a person’s head [UK]

· Silly old crab, you want your bleedin’ brown bread examined if you ask me. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.130, **1983**

· I can see what appears to be the top of your brown bread! – *twitter.com*, 25th November **2013**

brown bread; brownbread; brown breid; brahn bread; brahn bred; broon breid; broon breed; brown

adjective

dead [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Hence the pun-based British synonyms HOVIS and McCAMBRIDGED. The full form *brown bread* (also spelt solid) is common in all four locations of use. The other forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *brahn bread*, *brahn bred* (London), *brown breid*, *broon breid* (Scotland), *broon breed* (Newcastle, Scotland), *brown* (UK).

· ‘E says ‘I’m back from Australia.’ Says I ‘we thought you was *brahn bread*’. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.22, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, **1973**

· If I don’t get some nosh I’ll be brown bread. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.92, **1974**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.29, **1979**

· ‘He ain’t brown bread, is he?’ asked Benny from a safe distance. – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.20, **1985**

· *Brownbread* – Stage play by Roddy Doyle, first produced at the SFX Centre, Dublin, 16th September **1987**

· If I end up brown bread, I’m relying on you to get that to the right people. – *Blue Ice*, UK film, script by Ron Hutchinson, **1992**

· Only Vinnie’s brown bread now so there’s no future me getting involved. – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.47, **1995**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.28, 1999: Christchurch Women’s Prison, September **1997**

· ‘I think he means deid as in broon breid,’ Parlabane mused. – C. Brookmyre, *Boiling a Frog*, p.238 [2002], **2000**

· The big dug’s brown-breid ... got a slap o’ a motor! – B. Watkins, *Scotland*, p.259 [2011], **2000**

- [U]r a nob and deserve to be brownbread. – *Visordown* forum, 22nd September **2001**
- They thought I was brown bread. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th July **2003**
- He was 90 years old and now he's brown breid!! – *Marital Arts Planet* forum, 6th August **2003**
- [U]nless the person in car was superman then they're brownbread ... – *North Stand Chat* forum, 14th May **2004**
- I'm going to lose too much blood here. I could be brown bread. – *www.smh.com.au*, 18th July **2006**
- BROON BREED Deed – Dead. – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**
- How our zwei kameraden can be assholes when they're brown bread is puzzling. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 3rd October **2007**
- brown: dead (fr. Brown bread, Cockney rh. slang). – J. Gash, *Faces in the Pool*, p.68, **2008**
- [I]magine him at the toon, he'd be broon breed within a week. – *www.nufcblog.com*, blog, 3rd September **2008**
- Guvnor were an old geezer called Pete, probly brahn bred nah Gawd bless im. – *Property Tribes* forum, 19th July **2010**
- If a few things had gone differently over the past couple of days ... yeah, right now I could be brown bread. – *www.dailytelegraph.com.au*, 8th January **2011**
- Is urban Dublin's slang brown bread? – *www.independent.ie*, 7th April **2012**
- Villa will be owned by one of my sons, the other will be CEO and I shall be brahn bred. – *Heroes & Villains* forum, 24th February **2013**
- [H]e was lying in a pool of blood and it looked for all the world like he was brown bread. – *www.joe.ie*, 16th May **2013**
- For the record Bob Hoskins is not dead, he's brahn bred. – *twitter.com*, 30th April **2014**
- Genuinely thought she was broon breed. – *twitter.com*, 4th September **2014**

Brown Bread Fred

nickname

London criminal Freddie Foreman (b.1932)

Formed on BROWN BREAD.

- His name inspires more fear than any other. 'Don't mess with Brown Bread Fred or you're dead!' Throughout his career Freddie has ruthlessly upheld the underworld code of conduct. – Publisher's advertisement for Foreman's first autobiography, *Respect*, in R. Kray, *Born Fighter*, p.181, **1991**
- [N]ine of the most notorious criminals of the last half century, from drug smuggler Howard Marks to Ronnie Biggs and Freddie "Brown Bread Fred" Foreman, fear-some hit man of the 1960s and 1970s. – *The Guardian*, London, 23rd October **1999**
- It was Patsy who first coined my nickname, 'Brown Bread Fred'. Of course, 'Brown Bread' was the cockney rhyming slang for dead, and, when Patsy used to ring up and ask for me, he'd simply say, 'Is Brown Bread there?'

It was partly a joke, and partly to fool any coppers who might overhear him. – F. Foreman, *Brown Bread Fred*, p.90, **2007**

- Brown Bread Fred was arrested along with the Kray gang in 1966 and charged with the murder of Frank 'The Mad Axeman' Mitchell and disposing of the body of Jack 'The Hat' McVitie. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.343, **2015**

brown broadly

adverb

completely, absolutely [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *deadly*. From the adjective BROWN BREAD.
- I was brown broadly serious... – *twitter.com*, 24th June **2012**

brown hat; brahn 'at; brown

noun

a cat [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- brahn 'at 'cat'. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- What a nice little brown hat. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th October **2008**
- Brown ... Brown Hat ... Cat. – *69.89.31.183/~chipshop*, accessed 9th September **2013**
- – M. Pegler, *SSGW*, **2014**

Brown Joe

verb

to understand; to know [AUSTRALIA]

- Here are a few examples of undisguised rhyme that seem to be Australian: *lubra* and *gerbera*, a Yarborough (in the game of bridge); *Captain Cook*, a look; *it's a breeze*, it's easy; *brown joe*, to understand (by rhyme on "know").] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**

Brown Joe

adverb

no [UK/US/CANADA]

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**
- – *Schenectady Gazette*, Schenectady, New York, 17th November **1938**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- But Mr. Franklyn has the Newingtons (or Newington Butts, or stout internal arrangements) to say Brown Joe! or No! to Camden Hotten.[.] – *The Tablet* magazine, London, 12th March **1960**
- All indications are to the effect that our fellow Quebecers will vote Brown Joe and Brown Bess in the coming referendum. – *Report: The Magazine of Public Affairs*, Montreal, **1979**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

brown jug

noun

a gullible fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mug*.

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.19, **1983**

brown paper

noun

an illegal or questionable act; an escapade [UK]

Rhymes on *caper*.

• Wass yaw bran paper nen, mate? – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

• Asked of anyone doing something he shouldn't be doing in a place he shouldn't be doing it, 'What's your brown paper then?' – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

brown windsor

noun

the anus [UK]

A punning variation of *windsor*, the short version of WINDSOR CASTLE. < *brown Windsor* 'a type of meat-based soup, often enriched with sherry or Madeira'.

• The 'Brown Windsor' as it is known, is yet again the designated orifice up which the unwanted may be lodged. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Windsor Castle*, **1992**

Bruce Forsythe

noun

a knife [UK]

Relies on the popular London pronunciation of *Forsythe* as *Forsife*. < English entertainer Bruce Forsyth (b.1928). First recorded by Puxley (2003) with the spelling *Bruce Forsythe*. However, Puxley himself corrected this in a later dictionary (2008).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Bruce Jenner; bruce

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Olympian athlete and transgender celebrity Bruce Jenner (b.1949), later known as Caitlyn Jenner. ▶ see CAITLYN JENNER

• i reckon the car is worth now 50 grand or if 2 collectors wanted it maybe even 100 grand and to get it for a bruce jenner (tenner) is taking the P. – *Vauxhall Vectra Owners Club* forum, 24th November **2010**

• I've been using 'a Bruce' as rhyming slang for a tenner for nearly 40 years. – *twitter.com*, 4th June **2015**

Bruce Lee; bruce; brucie

noun

1 tea [UK]

< Chinese-American martial artist and actor Bruce Lee (1941–73). Shortened as *bruce*.

• Bruce Lee is Cockney slang for Tea. "Anyone fancy a Bruce." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th May **2002**

• Quick cup of Bruce Lee then off to meet @Fifty2Twelve for 500 laps of Richmond park... – *twitter.com*, 16th June **2010**

• Heck, im pretty partial to a nice cup of Bruce Lee of the green variety myself. – *www.nufcblog.com*, blog, 20th July **2012**

2 the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. Only recorded in the full form.

• [S]tick it in her bruce lee. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

3 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. Shortened as *bruce*.

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th December **2006**

• Hurry up i need a Bruce Lee. – *UD(.com)*, 13th November **2007**

• – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.204, **2009**

• I'm bursting for a Bruce Lee[.] – *Betfair Community forum*, 31st July **2010**

• I'm off to the karsey (toilet) for a Bruce. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

4 a key (for operating locks) [UK]

Shortened as *brucie*.

• Bruce Lee is Cockney slang for Key. "Where's me Bruce Lee's?" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2007**

• Have you seen me brucies? – *Quiz-zone forum*, 28th May **2008**

• Bruce Lee's / Brucie's (Keys). – *twitter.com*, 2nd November **2013**

5 in dominoes, the number three [UK]

Shortened as *bruce*.

• I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 3. Bruce (Lee)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Bruce Lees

noun

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *E's*. < Chinese-American martial artist and actor Bruce Lee (1941–73).

• There are a lot of red pills that are pretty good if ya ask me. Red bruce lees, chanel, rolls royces, smiley faces, blair witches, mitsubishis, 007s, so on and so forth... – *Clubplanet Nightlife Community forum*, 7th September **2001**

• **Ecstasy. Common Names:** E, pills, doves, X, disco biscuits, bruce lee's[.] – K. Parnell, *Street Smart*, p.30, **2002**

• The Bruce Lees (rhyming slang – think about it) were certainly a lot better then so maybe that helped too! – *Thorn Tree Travel forum*, 15th December **2002**

• Ecstasy is also known as: E, pills, doves, XTC, disco biscuits, Bruce Lee's[.] – *EireRepublic forum*, 3rd November **2011**

Bruce Meeler

noun

a police officer [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *peeler*.

• I'm fed up with the Bruce meelers calling to my door at 6 and 7 in the morning asking us to leave. – *Belfast Forum*, 1st April **2009**

Bruce Reed*noun*

a meal [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *feed*.· I think I'll have a bit of a Bruce Reed. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March 2006· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· Quite frankly I've had a gutful with all the Dalai Lamas associated with Christmas Bruce Reeds at home. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011· Aussie rhyming slang actually originated as the English Cockney rhyming slang, I hate to say. Here's a few I like. Bruce reed = Feed. – *Aussie Finch Forum*, 26th January 2012**Bruno N'Gotty***noun*

a sexually desirable young woman; women viewed collectively as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *totty* and *hotty*. < French footballer Bruno N'Gotty (b.1971).· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**Brussel***nickname*

English racing correspondent Clive Graham (1913–74)

A shortened form of *Brussel sprout*, rhyming on 'The Scout', the pseudonym given to *Daily Express* racing tipsters. Used with the definite article.· [T]hat famous commentator upon Racing, who contributes to the Press under the pseudonym of 'The Scout', is referred to as 'The Brussel'. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972**brussel sprout***verb*

to shout [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· All three of us were suddenly alerted by her abrupt scream. [...] "What are you brussel sprouting about, Alice?!" – *www.fanfiction.net*, 14th June 2003· "My Ham & Eggs (legs) hurt!" Brussel Sprouts (shouts) one of them. – *thepearlies.co.uk*, 2014**Brussels sprout; Brussel sprout; brussels; brussel***noun*

1 a Boy Scout [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Coined shortly after the foundation of the Scouting movement in 1908. ▶ see WITCHETTY GRUB

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as "needle and thread" for bed [...] or even "brussels-sprout" for boy scout. – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, 1911· [A] "brussel (sprout)" means a Boy Scout. – *St. Petersburg Times*, St Petersburg, Florida, 15th August 1965· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.26, 1969· 'Arry's joined the brussels. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971· Young Brussel = sprout *acolyte of Lord Baden-Powel*. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.203, 1983· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000· He's away at camp with the Brussels. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 in horse racing, a person who surreptitiously re-searches and sells racing tips [UK]

Rhymes on *tout*. Only recorded in the full form.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 an informer; often specifically an IRA informer [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Irish and Scottish slang *tout*.· **Willie** (*jeers*) Ah! Have I ever seen him with a gun? I know what you're at. You want me to become a Brussel! **Peter** A Brussel? **Willie** Brussel sprout – tout! – M. Lynch, *Ambrose Fogarty*, p.62, 1982· Is it a coincidence that MI has had to disappear for two weeks? does the handler have to go debrief his Brussel Sprout? – *sluggerotoole.com*, 19th January 2006· The allegation of me being a brussel sprout is the biggest lie[.] – *thepensivequill.am*, blog, 8th September 2011· "Ex-soldier Alastair Smith and ex-policeman John Carlyle also probably supplied useful information and were released without charges." This is blatantly false, as previously stated Carlyle was no "Brussel Sprout", tout. – *www.scottishrepublicansocialistmovement.org*, 10th June 2012

· To determine who is the Brussel is very hard. – UK TV: UTV (Ulster Television), 9th June 2014

4 a lout [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Brussel Sprout. Rhyming slang for lout. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

5 a person who resells tickets at inflated prices [UK]

Rhymes on *tout*. Only recorded in the full form.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

6 a cigarette-end [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *downt*. Only recorded in the full form.· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, 1994

7 a shout [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000· Give us a brussel when you're up to it. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

8 a doubt [UK]

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th February 2007· **No Brussel sprout: / Cheese and rice / Is all about!** – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.31, 2009· [W]ithout a brussels mate. – *The Free Dictionary* forum, 11th January 2011

· I wracked my down the drains (brains) and it suddenly dawned on me: the evidence was Ricki Lake (fake), and I had my reasonable Brussels sprout (doubt). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

· There's no brussels that these are useful. You'll leave people without a scooby. – *underthetoadstool.wordpress.com*, blog, 26th February **2016**

Brussels sprout; Brussel sprout; brussels; brussel

noun

nothing [UK]

Rhymes on *nowt*.

· Brussel Sprout is Cockney slang for Nowt. "He getting Brussels Sprout, I'm Borassic." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February **2007**

· Brussel Sprout is often used up here to mean nout. [...] I'd advise you not to look up what that urban dictionary thinks Brussel sprout means! I've heard the term used quite often (as Scottish rhyming slang for nout), but I've most certainly never heard it being used to mean what they claim it means.[...] – *Linn* forum, 10th May **2012**

· Go on, go on out the ronald, take a glen, 'cos you're gonna get brussel from me if you do a frank. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

· The only problem is that, so far, they have encountered exactly nothing. They're looking for radio signals but they've found nothing. Brussels sprout. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.184, **2015**

· I've got Brussels. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Brussels sprout; brussels

verb

to spy on (especially in a sporting context) [UK]

Rhymes on *tout*. Formed in the present participle as *brusselling* (often with the prefix *a-*).

· "No good your stopping to see Cambridge this afternoon, sir. Oxford's come up here a-Brusselling, and the others' got the office, so it ain't likely they'll show what they can do." [...] For the benefit of the uneducated, I will explain that to "Brussels" is very good rhyming slang [...] The accepted rhyme-word for tout is sprout, with Brussels as a front name to make the reference quite plain. – M. Cobbett, *Sporting Notions*, pp.207–208, **1908**

Bryan Ferry

noun

sherry [UK]

< English rock and pop singer Bryan Ferry (b.1945), best known as the lead vocalist of Roxy Music.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· id rather follow robin Ashton down the beach with a bottle of Bryan ferry after a Leo sayer than watch that shite. – *twitter.com*, 29th October **2015**

Bryan O'Lynn; Brian O'Linn; Brian O'Lynn; brian; bry; bri

noun

gin [UK]

< 'Bryan O'Lynn', a folk ballad collected in several versions in Britain, Ireland and North America since the

early 19th century; ultimately based on *Thom of Lynn* (also spelt *Tom a Lin*, *Thomlin* and *Tom O'Lynn*), a character that has featured in folk songs since the 16th century. First recorded by Anglicus (1857) in the form *Bryan-O'Lynn*. *Brian O'Linn* is listed by Hotten (1859), Farmer and Henley (1890) and Franklyn (1960). The last author also gives the shortened forms *brian* and *bri*. Thus the expression *quartern o' bry* 'a quarter-pint of gin', first recorded by Ware (1909) in 1868.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909: **1868**

· Had our friend wished for something more potent than the pig's ear aforesaid, he would have substituted the phrase, "Bryan o' lin," or perhaps, "Tommy get out, and let your father in," meaning thereby *gin*. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, **1880**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**

· To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: [...] Gin–Nig, ingi, Bryan O'Lynn. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

· In the same way no master of the language would ever give brandy or gin their primitive names, "Jack the dandy" or "Brian O'Lynn." The one is always referred to as "Jack," the other as "Brian." – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**

· She said to herself, "If they're decent stuff, / It's all harbour, I think they'll do; / I'll half-inch 'em—they're sure to fetch enough / To purchase a Brian or two!" – D. Chiddeross, 'Meg's Diversion', *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· [C]ustomers in the gin-shop would order a 'quartern o' Bri'—a quarter pint of gin[.] – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.156, **2002**

Bryan Redpath

noun

a bath [UK]

< Scottish rugby union player Bryan Redpath (b.1971).

· "I used to houseshare with a guy who would go for a 'cheeky Paul Power' when getting ready for a night out with the beautiful party people of Sheffield," recalls Sean O'Keefe, whose housemate clearly had no time for Bryan Redpaths. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th March **2011**

Bryant and Mays

noun

stays (a corset) [UK]

< Bryant and May, a long-gone British manufacturer of matches.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

bualadh

noun

a bus [IRELAND]

Pronounced *boola*. Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bus* and *bos* (also spelt *bas*), the latter being Irish for *palm of the hand*. < Irish *bualach* *bos* ‘appliance’.

- – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.224, **2007**
- He says he flew to London – which we all knew – took the Eurostar to Paris, then the old *bualach* from Paris to Monaco. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.416, **2010**

Bubble

nickname

any person of Greek nationality or descent or born in Greece [UK]

A shortening of BUBBLE AND SQUEAK. Often used in phrasal nicknames, like ‘the Bubble with the Stubble’, a sobriquet given to English pop singer George Michael (born Yorgos Kyriacos Panayiotou; 1963–2016) when he began his solo career in the late 1980s. *Bubble* was a reference to Michael’s half Greek-Cypriot parentage. Another famous Bubble is Prince Philip (b.1921), the Duke of Edinburgh, who was known in his youth by the nickname ‘Big Bubble’ on account of his Greek heritage (he was, in fact, born in Corfu as Prince of Greece and Denmark) – whence also his other, much better known sobriquet, *Phil the Greek*.

- Behind his back they called their glorious leader the Bubble with the Stubble[.] – B. Dessau, *George Michael*, p.184, **1989**
- It was as though all normal, adult dignity had been suddenly abandoned to the life or death imperative of laying eyes on earthly evidence of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and her fairy prince, the beautiful Big Bubble of our dreams. – *The Guardian*, London, 23rd February **2002**

bubble and blister

noun

a sister [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *www.aripper.com*, ‘OZspeak A–C’, **2007**

bubble and squeak; bubble; squeak

noun

1 a week [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< *bubble and squeak* ‘a dish of leftover mashed potatoes, cabbage and sometimes meat, fried together’.

Recorded in the forms *bubble and squeak* (Australia, UK) and *bubble* (UK).

- Looks as if he hadn’t been first of October for a bubble and squeak. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**
- A certain bibulous and quarrelsome peer was told by a cabman that he hadn’t been “first for a bubble.” – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.29, **1979**
- 7 days is a bubble. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a magistrate [UK]

Rhymes on *beak*. Recorded in the forms *bubble and squeak* and *squeak*. The latter shortening, given by Wilkes (2004), is rare.

- You ought to have heard him talking to the old bubble and squeak. – *OED2*, 1989; R. Curtis and E. Wallace, *The Mouthpiece*, p.16, **1935**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- I presume she is rabbiting about a Bubble and Squeak or Beak. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.117, **1974**
- ‘E’s comin’ up in front of the squeak. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- They stand in the **Brighton** (Rock – dock), and listen to the **garden** (gate – magistrate) or **Barnaby Rudge** (judge), or possibly the **bubble and squeak** (beak – also **once a week**). – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.136, **2012**

3 a Greek; a Greek Cypriot; loosely, a Turkish Cypriot; hence, as a plural, Greeks and Cypriots collectively [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *bubble and squeak* (UK, Australia) and *bubble* (UK). The plural of *bubble and squeak* is *bubble and squeaks* or *bubbles and squeaks*. ▶ see BUBBLE and BARNEY RUBBLE

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**
- Their backs are to the wall in a desperate tyre-chain feudal war to protect the integrity of their declining manor against the invasions of ‘bubbles and squeaks’ (Greeks and Cypriots)[.] – *The Observer*, London, 1st March **1959**
- The largest group consists of Greek Cypriots. (Bubble-and-squeaks, in rhyming slang.) – E. Huxley, *Back Street New Worlds*, p.83, **1964**
- Coloured people were referred to as ‘darkies’ or ‘wogs’, and Cypriots (Turkish as well as Greeks) as ‘bubble and squeaks’. – *Newsletter*, Institute of Race Relations, London, January **1964**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.23, **1973**
- Of course, it might be that she is talking about a Bubble and Squeak or Greek[.] – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.117, **1974**
- So he had called Theodoraki, where he worked in the bookie’s in Romilly Street, and the bubble had suggested Gennaro’s. – I. Kennedy Martin, *Regan*, p.7, **1975**
- I’m the blackmail man, / A silvery spoon, a bubble and squeak. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**
- You can’t describe Socrates as a bubble. He was an ancient Greek... – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.81, **1985**
- I had met Aphrodite, a young Bubble. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.183, **1986**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- They called him “bubble-n-squeak, Greek”, even though they knew he wasn’t a Greek Cypriot, But it was all the same to them. [...] There were a couple of Turkish Cypriot boys in the gang and they did everything together. – A. Mehmet Ali, *Caught Out*, p.103, **2003**

· I hope the Bubble and Squeaks win. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 26th June **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 a creek [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· You take the drive-me-silly and go down to the bubble-and-squeak and get some mother-and-daughter, and I'll light the Mollie-Maguire and we'll have some Gypsy Lee. – E. Hill, *The Territory*, p.446, **1951**

5 an act of urination [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *leak*. Recorded in the forms *bubble and squeak* (Australia, UK) and *bubble* (UK).

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· [T]o urinate is to 'take a bubble'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I'm goin' out in the butter and lard for a bubble and squeak[.] – *Weatherzone* forum, 17th April **2004**

6 an informer [UK]

Recorded in the short form. A shortening of *bubble and squeak*, rhyming on *sneak*, or, perhaps, a pun on the slang *squeak* 'an informer'. Prison use.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

7 a leak (in a pipe) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

8 unintelligible speech or writing, gibberish [UK]

Rhymes on *Greek*. Used in the phrase *it's/that's (all) bubble and squeak to me*. Only recorded in the full form.

· <nooga> i cna't understand anything :D <nooga> can't <nooga> it's bubble and squeak to me. – *codu.org/logs/_esoteric*, chat room, 20th December **2005**

· I was reading the rules to Triumph of Chaos, it was all Bubble and Squeak to me. – *BoardGameGeek* forum, 22nd June **2007**

9 the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *beak*. Only recorded in the full form.

· He has got one large bubble and squeek! – *twitter.com*, 28th August **2012**

10 the cheek [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· [A]pple and pears = stairs, boat race = face, bubble and squeak = cheek[.] – *twitter.com*, 6th May **2014**

bubble and squeak

adjective

1 Greek [UK]

· I often go to a Bubble restaurant in Moscow Road next door to a punk club. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.93, **1986**

· Brazilian play maker and ex Arsenal vice captain Gilberto is apparently going to be sold to bubble and squeak team Panathinaikos. – *sonofalgonerdup.wordpress.com*, blog, 10th July **2008**

2 weak in health [UK]

· A sick person may come over all 'bubble and squeak'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

bubble and squeak; bubble; bubble up

verb

1 to speak [US/UK]

Recorded in the forms *bubble and squeak* (US, UK) and *bubble* (UK).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· I bubble and squeak just like my old man. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, **1974**

· Anatomically Bubblin'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, p.400, **2008**

2 to inform on someone [UK]

Recorded in the forms *bubble* and *bubble up*. Often interpreted as rhyming slang on *sneak* or *speak*, but originally a pun on the earlier *squeak* 'to inform on someone'; hence also the noun form *bubble* 'a piece of incriminating information given to the police authorities', used in the phrase *put the (or a) bubble in* 'to inform the police about someone's criminal activity', itself a punning equivalent of *put the (or a) squeak in*.

· **bubble**. A 'squeak'. To tell tales or to give information against another. – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· **BUBBLE** (CRS). To bubble and squeak, to squeak to the police. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.244, **1959**

· **BUBBLE** [...] to inform to the police. – J. Morton, *Low-speak*, **1989**

· **Bubble someone** Give someone away, implicating an associate. – C. Harris, *Police Slang*, **2010**

· A few hours later, handcuffed to a hospital bed as he came round from his taser, he said to his police guard, 'There are only two or three people who could have bubbled me up.' – A. McBride, *Defending the Guilty*, p.145 [2011], **2010**

· Even if they knew anything, they certainly wouldn't have bubbled him up. – B. George, *The Dream Team*, p.209, **2014**

bubble and squeaker

noun

a person who gives a speech [UK]

Rhymes on *speaker*. A derivative of the verb **BUBBLE AND SQUEAK**.

· Have you hired a **pillar and post** for the night and are there going to be any **bubble and squeakers**? – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February **2005**

bubble bath; bubble

noun

a laugh [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. Usually in the phrase *you're having a bubble bath* or *you're having a bubble* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to

express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting. ► see BARNEY RUBBLE

· ‘Darren Tackle, player-manager,’ he says, beside himself. You’re having a bubble. – *The Guardian*, London, 25th April 1997

· Leave it out Nath, you’re ‘avin’ a bubble ain’t ‘cha? – *Wales on Sunday*, Cardiff, 15th April 2007

· [H]ow to make a prostitute laugh... she eventually realised I was having a bubble bath, but the sex worker taking this call had never heard a request like mine before... – *www.youtube.com*, 19th October 2008

· And with chirpy cockney Jessie’s sense of humour, he’s going to have lots of bubble baths. – *The People*, London, 11th August 2013

bubble gum; bubble

noun

1 a person’s buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. Etymologically unrelated to *bubble butt* ‘exceptionally well-rounded buttocks’, a coinage based on visual metaphor.

· A lovely ‘bubble’, that of a curvaceous woman. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *chum*. Only recorded in the full form.

· How you doin’ Bubble Gum? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th November 2009

· Hi Zaph my ole bubble gum. – *GaGaJoyJoy* forum, 3rd December 2009

bubble o’ bill

noun

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug, often specifically MDMA [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pill*. < Bubble O’ Bill, a brand of ice cream.

· Our terminology for Pills: Jack and Jills (or just Jills, or even JJ’s) Bubble-o-bills Bingers[.] – *Bluelight* forum, 20th February 2004

· [S]omeone presses some bubble o’ bills with poisonous chemicals in them, happened last year with the Pink Facebooks, it was a chemical called PMAA, think 3 people died. – *www.reddit.com/r/hardstyle*, 14th September 2013

bubbly wink

noun

champagne [UK]

A blend of *bubbly* ‘champagne’ and TIDDLYWINK.

· By his chair were several bottles of shampoo. Ken does love his bubbly wink! – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.111, 1986

buccaneer

noun

1 a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 the ear [AUSTRALIA]

· [T]he buccaneers is my ears[.] – *Companions.com.au* forum, 13th February 2010

buck and doe

noun

snow [UK]

Usually used as a slang rhyme on *fuckin’ snow*.

· Look at the buck’n’doe out there. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.141, 2011

bucket afloat; bucket and float; bucket

noun

a coat [UK]

· **Bucket afloat**, a coat. This is also called I’m AFLOAT, and is generally contracted to “cool his Imer,” or “nark his bucket.” – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874

· **Bucket afloat** [...] a coat. – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889

· BUCKET AND FLOAT.–Coat. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· A looking glass was a snake in the grass, a baby’s coat a bucket afloat[.] – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May 1950

bucket and pail; bucket

noun

a jail [US/UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Jail, Bucket and Pail. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

· I mean *inside*-bucket-and-pail. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.65, 1957

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· It wasn’t so bad in my flowery dell. The old bucket and pail didn’t get me down. – E. Layton, *The Bird of Paradise*, p.33, 1992

· But take prisoners as another example. They have an argot all their own. The word bird is one of a long list for time in prison – others are bit, cons, lagging and porridge. [...] Others are bucket (bucket and pail) for jail[.] – *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 28th December 1996

· Once Peter and John were out of the bucket-and-pail, they headed back to their group and told ‘em all about the chief priests and elders and what had been said. [...] So Peter was stuck in the bucket, but all the people of the lean-and-lurch prayed for him. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, pp.63/89, 2002

bucket and spade

noun

a barmaid [UK]

Rhymes on *maid*. ► see OLD BUCKET

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

bucket and spade*verb*■ **get bucket and spade** to have sex with someone [UK]Rhymes on *laid*, used in the phrase *get laid*.

· The blonde says that before they get bucket an' spade, they'd like me ta take a few Dolly Mixtures[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

bucket and well*noun*

hell [UK]

Used in exclamations or for emphasis. Informed by a pun on *fucking hell*, an intensified variation of *hell*.

· What the bucket and well was all that about? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

bucket of dirt; bucket*noun*

a shirt [IRELAND]

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· I lashed some gel in the barnet and threw on me new bucket, whistle and rhythms. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

bucket of sand*noun*

one thousand pounds [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *grand*. A variation of BAG OF SAND.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *A.(com)*, accessed 22nd August **2006**

bucket of slime*noun*

the time [IRELAND]

· What's the Bucket Of Slime? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 27th August **2008**

bucket of water; bucket*noun*

a daughter [UK]

· – *Connecting Singles* forum, 14th November **2007**

· My hubby uses it all the time, he's not from london he's a brummy. when he talks to brother, he say's you skin and blister (sister) when he talks to my parents, he say's bucket of water (daughter). – *City-Data* forum, 30th April **2008**

· [H]e'd seen his Bucket at London Bridge. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th January **2014**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

buckets and spades*noun*

AIDS [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th November **2009**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

buckle my shoe; buckle me shoe; buckle me; buckle*noun*

1 a Jew [UK]

< 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe', an English counting rhyme first recorded in 1805. The variant *buckle me shoe* is given by Kendall (1969) and Wilkes (2004).

· An' 'e may be a Buckle, but 'e 'its like 'ell... [...] BUCKLE, Jew. (Rhyming slang, *Buckle-my-shoe*.) – P. MacDonald, *Patrol*, pp.136/244, **1927**

· Buckle.–Short for *buckle-my-shoe*, a roundabout way of saying "Jew." – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBSI*, **1930**

· The following examples are given as favourites among the soldiers in the Great War, with the caution that most of them existed long before. *Buckle my shoe*, a Jew; *bush-el and peck*, neck[.] – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.34, **1933**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Jew (buckle my shoe); water (fisherman's daughter or didn't oughter)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.26, **1969**

· I'm an Irish cripple, a Scottish Jew, / I'm the blackmail man, / A raspberry cripple, a buckle my shoe. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· The fact that you're a bag of buckles, wogs and country inbreds is ... is a freak of nature's what it is. – N. Whitby, *Green Fields*, p.56, **2000**

· Very generous, that buckleme. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 in bingo, the number two [UK]

The short forms have been recorded in British usage.

· 'Two' is sometimes 'two,' but more often 'Buckle me' or 'buckle'[.] – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.85, **1943**

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**

3 in bingo, the number thirty-two [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – N. Constable, *This is Gambling*, p.44, **2003**

· Bingo calls are getting a 21st century revamp using modern rhyming slang [...] Buckle my shoe (32) is switched to Jimmy Choo after the famous footwear designer. – *The Sun*, London, 5th May **2003**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· Buckle my Shoe, 32. Bulls eye, 50. Tickety boo, 62. Top of the shop, Blind 90 – HOUSE! How often the Combined Clubs in Balbriggan and St. Mary's Hall heard those calls during the weekly bingo sessions. – *www.independent.ie*, 15th August **2012**

buck lep*noun*

a cap [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *kep*, the Ulster dialect form of *cap*. < *buck lep*, Ulster dialect for a sudden leap.

· [M]y ould lad called it his ‘glasgow boat and his buck lep’ (kep). – *Belfast Forum*, 6th October **2009**

· In later years on the building sites with your *Donkey Jacket and Buck Lep* on ye had to turn yer waterboots down so ye didn’t look like a big girls blouse. – *Belfast Forum*, 6th August **2011**

· As they passed a street cleaner Davy noticed the cleaner had no cap or ‘Buck Lep’ as they called them in those days[.] – *buckalecrobinson.rushlightmagazine.com*, ‘Belfast City Characters: Pig Minelly’, accessed 4th December **2011**

Bucks Fizz

noun

a quiz [UK]

< *Buck’s Fizz* ‘a cocktail made from champagne and orange juice’ or English pop group Bucks Fizz, perhaps best remembered for winning Eurovision in 1981.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008: heard by the author in **2007**

Bucks Hussar; Buck’s Hussar

noun

a cigar [UK]

< *Bucks Hussar* ‘an officer of the Royal Bucks Yeomanry, a regiment of the British Army’.

· **Bucks Hussar** *Cigar*. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· *Cigar Buck’s Hussar*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.75, **1973**

Buddhist monk

noun

skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

Possibly influenced by Buddha Monk, the stage name of Wu-Tang Clan/Brooklyn Zu rapper Ellery Chambers (b.ca 1970).

· – *Rollitup* forum, 14th December **2009**

Buddy Holly; buddy

noun

1 in football, a volley [UK]

< Buddy Holly, the stage name of American rock and roll singer Charles Holley (1936–59).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I just hope there’s a few Buddy Hollies out there on the training pitch[.] – *The Sun*, London, 3rd October **1996**

· Last week I wondered what Ron Atkinson (left) was on about when he described David Beckham as coming in for a “Buddy Holly.” – *Daily Mirror*, London, 1st May **1999**

· A Buddy Holly – A Volley (courtesy of Ron Atkinson & the Irish Times). – *The Free Kick* forum, 27th June **2006**

· Anderton blazed a 79th-minute free kick over the crossbar before Boyd swept a last-minute Buddy Holly inches past the post from Jason Demetriou’s cross. – *www.bournemouthecho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**

· Much like Big Ron’s versatile, if controversial, employment of ‘Buddy Holly’ – as useful when referring to a volley or any sudden, extravagant descent to earth – Merse,

as you can tell by looking at him, has got a fair bit of mileage out of his Sunday roasts. [...] But just as Ron’s ‘Buddy’ is occasionally repurposed to shame divers and simulators, Merse reserves the right to roast blinkered frontmen who refuse to pick out a better-placed colleague. – *www.dangerhere.com*, 6th November **2012**

· I’ve just got back in the gaff... had to go for a walk after the 1st half get some fresh air. Lost my melon after RVP’s buddy holly. – *twitter.com*, 22nd April **2013**

2 a gherkin or small pickled cucumber [UK]

Rhymes on *wally*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *wally*. Recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 money [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *lolly*, a shortening of LOLLIPOP. A nonce word. Recorded in the full form.

· He then gives him a right Ronan Keating and nicks all his Buddy Holly. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Buddy Holly

verb

in football, to volley [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· A long kick out was headed back into the path of McCoist who from 25 yards buddy-hollyed the ball into the net as Snelders just looked on in amazement. – *rec.sport.soccer, Google Groups*, 4th May **1992**

Buffalo Bill; buffalo

noun

1 an amphetamine pill; a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

< Buffalo Bill, the nickname of American army scout, buffalo hunter and showman William F. Cody (1846–1917).

· Now Moonie is not a very tidy geezer at the best of times and on this occasion there is a certain amount of revelry the night before. A bit of a jolly-up. Nothing too strenuous. A few Buffalo Bills. A spot of brandy. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.21, **1981**

· Drugs such as cannabis (puff) and Ecstasy or amphetamine tablets known to cons as buffaloes[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 5th February **2002**

· Broadband bills is good rhyming slang for eccies. My preference is Buffalo Bills. – *Fitbaw Mad* forum, 18th October **2014**

2 a till, a cash register [UK]

· [I]n one market the till or cash register might be the ‘Buffalo Bill’, in the next the ‘Benny Hill’. – T. Thorne, *FFC*, s.v. *rhyming slang*, **1993**

· Just hand it over and I’ll bung it in the old Buffalo Bill. – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· [T]he most improbable example he heard was in a south London benefit office – the applicant explaining to officialdom why he’d lost his previous job. “Well, I

got caught with me Germans in the buffalo...” – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 27th February **2002**

Buffoon; Buff; Mr Buffoon; Mr Buff

nickname

English politician Geoff Hoon (b.1953), who served as Secretary of State for Defence under Tony Blair from 1999 to 2005

The nickname, sometimes punningly rendered as *Buff Hoon*, became popular especially after 2003, at the time Britain was involved in the invasion of Iraq. Other satirical nicknames for Geoff Hoon include GEOFF BUF-FOON, GEOFF BABOON, Hoon the Buffoon and Hoon the Baboon. ► *see* GEOFF HOON

· The 45-year-old Cambridge law graduate, whose other nickname used by Westminster wags is Buff, is married and has three children. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 18th January **2000**

· Fortunately “Buff”, as he is known, is not a soldier, merely a member of the Cabinet, and it is only his political survival at stake. – *Evening Standard*, London, 21st May **2002**

· We’ll be glad to see the back of Mr Buffoon. – *The People*, London, 27th July **2003**

· But there’s a reason he’s called “Buff” by the armed forces, and it’s not because of the quality of his boot polishing. Hoon is a joke to most of our troops. A very bad joke, at their expense. – *Evening Standard*, London, 14th December **2004**

· Phhhh....Buffoon strikes again. Strikes out that is. That’s as ludicrous as the US claiming that the Geneva Convention doesn’t apply to all, and Guantanamo isn’t US soil, therefore US Law doesn’t apply. I challenge Mr Buffoon to put it before an International Court to see! – *Serious Topics* forum, 28th July **2004**

· Until yesterday I am not sure that anyone knew that the Leader of the Commons was the third man in the relay team that runs Great Britain. In fact, we only accepted that it was actually happening before our eyes when the Speaker announced PMQs and Mr Buff chortled: Mr Speaker, I have been asked to reply! – *The Times*, London, 27th October **2005**

· Best known as “Buffoon” when he was defence secretary during the Iraq war. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th May **2006**

bug and flea

noun

tea [UK]

According to Franklyn (1961), the term was used in the army during World War I.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· A cup of bug and flea (tea). – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 30th June **2004**

bugle and drum

verb

to stink [UK]

Rhymes on *hum*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *bugle* ‘to stink’.

· “Blimey! Doesn’t half bugle!” [...] “It’s rhyming slang,” he said. “It means, ‘It stinks.’” “How does ‘bugle’ get to mean ‘stink’?” “It comes from ‘Bugle and drum’. ‘Drum’ rhymes with ‘hum’. ‘Hum’ means to smell. So ‘bugle’ means ‘to smell.’” – *The Independent*, London, 21st July **1999**

bugle call; bugle

noun

a snooker ball [UK]

· Now to start the game upon the cain / There’s twenty-two bugle calls. / [...] Now split up the bugles and if you’re lucky, mate, / You might sky a newly-wed. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

bugs and fleas

noun

the knees [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

bugs and lice

noun

ice (for drinks) [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

Bugs Bunny; bugs; bugsy

noun

money [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

< Bugs Bunny, an animated cartoon character created by Tex Avery (1908–80) in 1938. The form *bugs* is recorded in Australian and British usage. The variant *bugsy*, recorded by Puxley (1992), seems to be exclusively British.

· Billy’s plan was to ‘stay snookered’ at my place until we could organise a car and some bugs bunny. – K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.169 [1993], **1987**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· If you gave a lot of Bugs Bunny for those 1’s and 2’s, your shoes certainly weren’t cheap. – *The Irish Times*, 24th August **1996**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· Anyone got bugs? – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· I’m just want your Bugs so get your rhythms off – and get out your Gypsy – because this market boy is borassic and he wants the sausage! – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.48, **2006**

· So heading down the cream cookies to put a bit of bugs bunny on an inspector morse. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

- I've got lots of Bugs Bunny. – *The People*, London, 31st December **2006**
- With bugs in me skies I kept ordering pigs[.] – *CRS (co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

Bugs Bunny

adjective

- 1 funny [NEW ZEALAND/UK]
 - < Bugs Bunny, an animated cartoon character created by Tex Avery (1908–80) in 1938. Prison slang.
 - – H.W. Orsman, *DMNZS*, 1999: **1997**
 - – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.28, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**
 - – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
 - – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 sunny [UK]

- It was gloriously Bugs Bunny when I got up this morning, although a bit Harry & Billy with that westerly wind. – *justindefuack.com*, blog, 10th April **2014**

Bugsy Malone

noun

- a telephone [UK]
 - < *Bugsy Malone*, a 1976 musical film directed by Alan Parker.
 - – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

builders Rosie Lee; builders Rosy Lee; builders rosie

noun

- any strong, cheap black tea [UK]
 - A rhyming equivalent of *builder's tea*. Formed on ROSIE LEE.
 - Crisp sandwiches & a cup of builders rosy lee Mmmmmmmmmmm. – *www.facebook.com*, 13th January **2011**
 - I'd rather have a nice cup of builders rosie lee than drink instant coffee – yuk. – *LocostBuilders* forum, 24th August **2011**
 - I'd settle for a good old fashioned cup of builders Rosie. – *Canal World* forum, 21st June **2014**

builders Rosy Lee bag

noun

- a tea bag of a strong, everyday variety of tea [UK]
 - A rhyming equivalent of *builder's tea bag*. Formed on BUILDERS ROSIE LEE.
 - I'd run out of builders Rosy Lee bags[.] – *justindefuack.com*, blog, 1st May **2014**

Bulahdelah

noun

- a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on *sheila*. < Bulahdelah, a town in New South Wales, Australia.
 - – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**
 - – One tinny and a 12 oz can of Pellegrino Limonata or Aranciata makes a decent post-workout shandy[.] – OMG!!! a SHANDY!!! Your sounding more like my Bulahdelah Chris!! – *plus.google.com*, 5th October **2011**

bull and bush

noun

- ▶ see OLD BULL AND BUSH

bull and cow; bull and a cow; bull

noun

1 a noisy argument or fight [UK/US/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *row*. The form *bull and cow* is common in all three locations of use. According to the available evidence, *bull and a cow* and *bull* are confined to British usage.
 - – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
 - But a toff was mixed in a bull and cow, / And I helped him to do a bunk[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**
 - – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**
 - Whether happiness ensued, or the reverse, I cannot say, / But I know they had a rare old "bull and cow" one sunny day[.] – D. Chiderdoss, 'She Was No Chattel', in D. Chiderdoss, *Pomes*, p.86, **1897**
 - – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**
 - He has a "bull" (row) with the landlady, and says the "Stockton" (cheese) is so "Wilkie" (hard) that he cannot get his "Hampsteads" (teeth) into it. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**
 - "Bull" (and cow)=row[.] – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, **1911**
 - He may return somewhat excited telling you that he has been in a bull and cow with a tom tug, and you will know that he has been in a row with a mugg. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**
 - [D]isputes are referred to as "bulls and cows." – *The Sunderland Echo and Shipping Gazette*, 2nd October **1931**
 - The criminal classes of today are still faithful to the famous "rhyming slang" used by their ancestors. Tea-leaf for thief is an example, and others include rub-a-dub for club and bull and a cow for row. – *Auckland Star*, 21st May **1932**
 - – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 - – H. Corey, *Farewell, Mr. Gangster!*, p.279, **1936**
 - To Barker, a row is a Bull-an'-a-Cow; a suit is a Whistle, or Whistle-an'-Flute [...] ... and so on, up and down the language. – G. Kersh, *They Die with Their Boots Clean*, p.27, **1941**
 - An', you c'n take it from me, that ole Smudge didn' give a muck abaht no black-faced savidges arter a bull-an'-cow wiv the ole gel. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.31, **1943**
 - – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
 - The big "bull and cow" (Cockney rhyming slang for "row") which has been going on among the Pearly Kings and Queens of London seems to be as far from settlement as ever. – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 22nd October **1954**
 - – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
 - – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· Years later, when I'd left home after laying Vincent out on the old Rory (I had to leave, although in the mists of time I've forgotten what the bull and cow was about), my sister Sharon was born[.] – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.6, **1986**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

2 noise [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *bull and cow*.

· What queered the pitch for us / Was the awful 'bull and cow' the music made. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: D. Chiderdoss, 'Significant Strains', *Sporting Times*, London, **1908**

· "Nah then," remonstrated Charlie, "you're all makin' a hell of a bull and cow to say yer gonna be quiet. Make aht yer bets and give someone else room." – L. Orzten, *Down Donkey Row*, p.76, **1938**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

bullaphants

adjective

drunk [IRELAND]

Possibly an alteration of *elephants*, the short version of ELEPHANT'S TRUNK.

· – B. Share, *Slanguage-1*, **1997**

bulldozer

noun

a poseur [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· You don't get many bulldozers down there, do you? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

Bulli Pass; bulli; pass

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. < Bulli Pass, a mountain pass near Wollongong, in the Illawarra region of New South Wales. The short form *pass* is given by Seal (2009).

· Your Army is a failure, / Your bullring is a farce, / And as far as we're all concerned – / You can shove it up your Bulli Pass. – www.warrenfahey.com, 'Australian Folklore Unit': 'A Little Bit of Stew for Dinner', lyric, Jim Mundy; recorded by Warren Fahey in Canberra in **1971**

· You can stick your greasy army stew, / Right up your Bulli Pass! – www.warrenfahey.com, 'Australian Folklore Unit': 'Goodbye General Blamey', lyric, Ken Clift; recorded by Warren Fahey in Bondi Beach, NSW, in **1996**

· **arse (bum)** [...] Also Tijuana Brass or Bulli Pass (Bulli). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Bulli pass – arse (Bulli is pronounced Bull-eye). – www.businessballs.com, accessed 10th February **2009**

bullock's heart

noun

a fart [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – P. Furze, *Tailwinds*, p.164, **1998**

bullock's horn; bullocks

noun

pawn; the pawnbroker's [UK]

Used in the phrases *in bullocks* and *in the bullock's horn*.

· Put your kicksies in the bullock's horn. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· My watch is in bullocks. – J. Franklyn, *DRS*, **1960**

bullock's horn; bullocks

adjective

in pawn [UK]

First recorded in the form *bullock's horn*.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· The shamefaced newcomer might speak of his *Dicky dirt being bullock's horn* (his shirt being in pawn), while the expert would say: *My Dicky's bullocks* or even *my Dicky's bullocked*, the verb *to bullock* having arisen from the rhyming-slang phrase. – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.34, **1933**

bullock's horn; bullock

verb

to pawn [UK]

· "Bullock's horn" represents to pawn, but an article is said to be "Bullocked" only[.] – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, p.364, **1874**

· A tear-drop fell from the girl's mince-pie, / And her raspberry-tart was torn / With anguish; for she'd an empty sky, / And nothing to bullock's horn. – D. Chiderdoss, 'Meg's Diversion', *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· But on the other hand "elephant's trunk" signified "drunk" and "bullock's horn" was the way the slangy one announced his resolve "to pawn". [...] For instance, any gentleman who drank not wisely but too well would be said to be "elephants," and his clothing, should he have pawned it, would be described as "bullocked." – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April **1915**

· [M]y *Dicky's bullocked*. – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.34, **1933**

· My daisies I bullock'd for two pig's ears / To warm my Auntie Nelly. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.291, **1957**

· I'll have to bullock my watch. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· And nothing to bullock's horn. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· But he bullock's horned his Highland fling[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.11, **1973**

· Why did you ever think to bullock that? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

bullock's kidney

nickname

Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, Australia

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

bullock's liver

noun

a river [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- I came to a bullocks liver where I reckoned I'd have a lemon squash and liven up a bit. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

bullroot; ballroot; root

noun

a sex offender, especially a male homosexual [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *fruit* 'a male homosexual'. < *bull-root*, a Northern Irish slang word for a complete idiot. Prison use. ▶ see WEST BEIRUT

· 'Root! Root! Smith's a fuckin' root.' [...] 'You bastards, you bastards! Who's a poofter? Who's a bullroot! You're the bullroots!' he screamed back. – D. Morrison, *Swallow*, pp.232/233, 1994

· Despite being married with two children and fond of portraying himself as a macho kind of guy, he was also a closet homosexual or, in Belfast rhyming slang, a 'bull-root' (fruit), as the locals described him. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 8th May 2005

· Loyalists have a long track record of allowing convicted sex-offenders & assorted ballroots onto their wings & therefore into their gaol command structures. – *Republican Socialist* forum, 29th October 2009

bully ants; bullies

noun

trousers; men's or women's underpants [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pants*. < *bully ant*, a colloquial alteration of *bull ant* (also *bulldog ant*) 'any of a group of Australian ants of the genus *Myrmecia*'. Used in the phrase *catch someone with their bully ants* (or *bullies*) *down* 'catch someone at an embarrassing moment and at a disadvantage'.

· Caught with me bloody bullies down, wasn't I! [...] 'bully ants' (pants)[.] – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February 2010

bully beef; bully-beaf

noun

1 in prison, a chief officer [UK]

Usually spelt *bully beef*. Synonymous with CORNED BEEF.

- – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950
- The screw told me to wait in the passage while he went into the cheifs office, after a minute or two he opend the door and motioned to me to come in, I went into the ofice and the bully-beaf was sitting behind his desk[.] – F. Norman, *Bang to Rights*, p.190, 1958
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.247, 1968
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990
- – P. Mann, *PS*, 2005

2 a chief engineer in the merchant navy [UK]

Recorded with the spelling *bully beef*.

· Whether they're munching on a **tabnab** (any small snack) or keeping the right side of the **bully beef** (the Chief Engineer), working on the **big locker** (as the sea is known in the Australian merchant navy) is a verbal assault course. – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.22, 2012

bully beef

adjective

deaf [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *deef*. Synonymous with CORNED BEEF.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

bulrush

noun

a paintbrush [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

bumblebee; bumble

noun

1 tea [UK]

· – [A] cup of "bumble" or "Rosie"? – Cup of Bumble Bee or Rosie Lee is tea. – *Football Forums.net*, 10th and 12th February 2002

· Used to work with someone who referred to a cup of tea as a "bumble" (bee). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013

2 venereal disease [UK]

Rhymes on *VD*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

bumblebees; bumbles

noun

the knees [AUSTRALIA/US/UK]

The short form is only recorded in British usage.

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.18, 1983
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Bundle-of-Hiss; bundle

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. < *bundle of His* 'a group of muscle fibres forming part of the conduction system of the heart'. The spelling with a double s may be due to the influence of Bundle of Hiss, an American grunge band of the 1980s. Medical slang.

· Dr RJ Bishop writes from North Shields with some medical rhyming slang [...]. "When a doctor says to a colleague he is going to the beta room for a bundle, what he means is going to the local room (Beta, beta-blocker, locker) for a Bundle-of-Hiss, a specialist nerve bundle in the heart." – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd March 2003

bundle of socks*noun*

1 the head [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *think-box*.

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

2 rocks [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bundy*noun*

the anus [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Bundy rum*, rhyming on *bum*. < *Bundy rum* (or *Bundy*), a common colloquial reference to Bundaberg Rum, a brand of dark rum produced in Bundaberg, Queensland.

· Up ya Bundy! Up your Bum! – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, 17th November **2000**

Bungalow Bill; bungalow*noun*

non-carbonated drinking water [UK]

Rhymes on *still*, an adjective used in British English in the sense of ‘not effervescent’. < Bungalow Bill, the title character of the Beatles’ song ‘The Continuing Story of Bungalow Bill’, recorded in 1968. An antonym of THIN LIZZY.

· Bungalow (Bill) ... Still water. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

bungee dive*noun*

in bingo, the number forty-five [UK]

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

bung it in*noun*

gin [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Bungle and Zippy*noun*

a fish-and-chip meal, a ‘fish supper’ [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chippy*. < Bungle and Zippy, two puppet characters in the ITV children’s series *Rainbow*, broadcast from 1972 to 1992. ▶ see ZIPPY AND BUNGLE

· I’m going to have a Bungle and Zippy for tea tomorrow night. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

Bungle and Zippy*adjective*

(of weather) chilly [UK]

Rhymes on *nippy*. < Bungle and Zippy, two puppet characters in the ITV children’s series *Rainbow*, broadcast from 1972 to 1992. Synonymous with GEORGE AND ZIPPY.

· It’s a bit Bungle and Zippy in Finland, isn’t it? – *London*, spoken, male, ca 30, 4th June **2002**

· – I shall be watching this from the comfort of my living room. – It was a bit “Bungle and Zippy” at the Bourne-mouth game, Timmeh. – *Bob’s Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 29th January **2012**

Bunkey Naylor*noun*

a tailor [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

bunny*noun*

1 talk; a conversation; sometimes specifically banter, witty or light-hearted conversation; an interlocutor’s facility with witty conversation [UK]

A punning variation of RABBIT. Also used in the phrase *have more bunny than Sainsbury’s* ‘to talk volubly, often about trivial matters’.

· I was having a bunny one day with a pal of mine who was very bitter about getting corrective training[.] – F. Norman, *Bang to Rights*, p.79, **1958**

· [Y]ap yap rabbit bunny jabber[.] – *Rabbit*, lyric, Chas and Dave, **1979**

· [T]he locals are suddenly schtum for a few moments, before breaking into extremely agitated and private bunny. [...] I have to admit that Moonie, Ringo and Harry Nilsson frequently leave me behind in the bunny stakes – especially when they get into the Monty Python schtick. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, pp.113/115, **1981**

· Mr Niven had more bunny than me; I was with the master! – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.120, **1986**

· Just chewing the fat. He used to pop in from time to time – have a bunny with Rita and Gloria, cuppa tea, time of day, that sort of thing. – C. Harrod-Eagles, *Killing Time*, p.585 [2005], **1997**

· Rabbiting on, more bunny than Sainsbury’s, basically means too much talking. – *www.meds.com*, 2nd June **2000**

· I'll see you tomorrow and we'll have a bunny about Barney tomorrow. [...] Enough of the bunny, Let's get down to some business. – W.F Gray, *The Villain*, pp.20/64, **2001**
 · Sisters-in-law with more bunny than Sainsbury's[.] – T. Pendragon, *Worlds Without End*, p.80, **2010**

2 in film and television, the script [UK]

Extended from sense 1.

· – S. Dent, *Dent's Modern Tribes*, p.96, **2016**

bunny

verb

to talk; to have a conversation [UK]

A punning variation of RABBIT. Thus *bunny on/away* 'to talk at length, often about unimportant things; to chatter'.

· I was walking around the exercise yard one day and some geeser comes up to me and starts bunnying to me about one thing and another[.] – F. Norman, *Bang to Rights*, p.39, **1958**

· Even Moonie does not have the energy to bunny and it is a most silent trio that passes through the British customs and catches a taxi home. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.61, **1981**

· What troops? What you bunnying on about? – L. Cody, *Bucket Nut*, p.169 [1997], **1992**

· If you want directions, nearest bus stop, train station, light for your fag or something then ask away, don't expect people to start bunnying away about this and that for 10 minutes, after giving you directions etc. – *Digital Spy* forum, 24th March **2014**

bunny ears; bunnies

noun

tears [UK]

· **Bunnies:** tears (short for "bunny ears")[.] – Bathroom Readers' Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June **2007**

bunny hop

noun

a shop [NEW ZEALAND]

Recorded in prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Bunsen burner; bunsen

noun

1 in cricket, a turning wicket, a pitch favourable to spin bowling [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the technical term *turner*. < *Bunsen burner* 'a small gas burner used in laboratories'. Sometimes intensified as *raging Bunsen Burner* or *raging bunsen*.

· Should they produce what county cricketers know as "Bunsens", Pakistan can call on something of everything, while England have Nick Cook ... and Vic Marks' – M. Rundell, *WDC*, 2006: *The Observer*, London, 26th February **1984**

· A 'raging bunsen' describes the sort of pitch occasionally found in India. – *data.synthesis.ie*, 4th June **1994**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Here the heat and humidity will be worse, far worse, than anything they might have experienced in Trinidad and Brisbane. And the pitches, dusty bunsens, will make Muralitharan a bigger handful than ever. – *The Guardian*, London, 5th October **2000**

· – *www.activatecricket.com.au*, 22nd June **2005**

· Warwickshire's cricketers could be in for a strange season's opener next month – on a raging bunsen burner. – *Birmingham Mail*, Birmingham, England, 27th March **2006**

· The most worrying thing for me on the tour was how ineffective the team spinner, Paul Harris, was on that Bunsen burner in Kanpur. – *www.superrugby.co.za*, 17th April **2008**

· It was sad to see a guy who had achieved so much come here on an absolute Bunsen burner and bowl around the wicket. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 26th October **2008**

· Hauritz, on debut on a "bunsen burner" in Mumbai, was outbowled by part-timer Michael Clarke, who took 6-9 in a losing side against India. – *tvnz.co.nz*, 27th November **2008**

· – *heathcote.co.nz*, 'Glossary of Cricket Terms for the New Chum: Their Meanings, Origins & Heathcotian Application', 24th February **2009**

· A result wicket, eh? A Bunsen burner, or raging turner, for the deciding Ashes Test. That's not a very sporting thing to do, is it? [...] England's total in any remotely normal Oval conditions would be utterly inadequate. On a Bunsen, it is formidable and potentially Ashes-winning. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 20th August **2009**

· India opted for a turning pitch at Green Park – which [Dale] Steyn called a "bunsen burner" – won the Test and levelled the series. – *www.bdlive.co.za*, 6th August **2012**

· [T]hey will need to be 250 in front IMHO because this pitch has not turned into a raging Bunsen burner yet[.] – *Munsterfans* forum, 12th July **2013**

2 a profitable activity [UK]

Rhymes on *earner*. Perhaps suggested by the slang *bunce* 'money'.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· That bank job was a nice little bunsen. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Private equity – a nice little Bunsen Burner. – *The Lawyer* magazine, London, 8th October **2007**

· Bunsen burner – nice little earner. – *www.catflapfoot-ball.com*, 11th March **2009**

Burdett Coutts

noun

boots [UK]

> English millionairess and philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts (1814–1906), 1st Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.74, **1973**

burger bun*noun*

in bingo, the number eighty-one [UK]

- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July 2003
- – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June 2004
- – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October 2013

burglar alarm*noun*

the arm [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

burk; burke*noun*

▶ see BERKELEY HUNT

Burke and Hare; Burke and Hair*noun*

1 a chair [UK]

< Burke and Hare, a reference to William Burke (1792–1829) and William Hare (ca 1790–ca 1860), two Irish criminals who famously committed a number of murders in Edinburgh in 1828. Recorded with the spelling *Burke and Hare*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Dont really hear people use a word for chair but if they do its Burke and Hare or maybe a here and there. – *Marital Arts Planet* forum, 1st April 2007

2 the floor [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *flair*. Recorded with the spelling *Burke and Hair*. Painter-decorators' slang.

- – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 8th November 2013

Burke and Hare*adjective*

fair [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Burke and Hare, a reference to William Burke (1792–1829) and William Hare (ca 1790–ca 1860), two Irish criminals who famously committed a number of murders in Edinburgh in 1828.

- That's no Burke & Hare why dae I no get yin o them? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Burke and Wills*noun*

fools, simpletons [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dills*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *burke*, a variant spelling of *berk*, itself a shortening of BERKELEY HUNT or BERKSHIRE HUNT. < Burke and Wills, a reference to Robert O'Hara Burke (1821–61) and William John Wills (1834–61), two Australian explorers who died on their return leg of the first south-to-north crossing of Australia.

- “They'd be Burke and Wills.” – idiots or fools. – *RailUK Forums*, 17th August 2006
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October 2015

Burkington Bertie*noun*

in horse-race betting, odds of one hundred to thirty

[AUSTRALIA]

An alteration of BURLINGTON BERTIE, probably the result of miskeying *l* on a QWERTY keyboard.

- Burkington Bertie - 100/30. – www.ildado.com, ‘Horse Racing Glossary’, 1st February 2001

Burl Ives; burl*noun*

1 in horse-race betting, odds of five to one [AUSTRALIA] Rhymes on *fives*. < American actor and singer Burl Ives (1905–95). Only recorded in the short form.

- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, 1989

2 in scaffolding, five-foot tubes [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *fives*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November 2006

Burlington Bertie; Burlington*adjective*

cold [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *bertie*, the short version of BERTIE AULD. < ‘Burlington Bertie from Bow’, a music-hall song written by William Hargreaves (1846–1919) and sung by Vesta Tilley and Ella Shields.

- On coming out of a football match on a winter's day a man near him remarked, ‘My it's fair Burlington the day.’ ‘Burlington?’ my friend enquired. ‘Aye, Burlington Bertie. Bertie Auld, [then manager of Partick Thistle, cauld.’ – *DSL*, s.v. *Bertie Auld*, 2004: 1991
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, 1994
- It's fair Burlington the day[.] – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, 2012

Burlington Bertie; burlington*noun*

1 in bingo, the number thirty [UK/IRELAND]

< ‘Burlington Bertie from Bow’, a music-hall song written by William Hargreaves (1846–1919) and sung by Vesta Tilley and Ella Shields. Only evidenced in the full form.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012
- – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August 2013
- ‘Burlington Bertie?’ ‘Number thirty.’ – Coral Bingo, UK TV advert, 2016

2 in horse-race betting, odds of one hundred to thirty [UK]

▶ see BURKINGTON BERTIE

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.32, 2004
- – J. White, *Miscellany*, p.17, 2009
- As one of the quaintest examples of the bookmaker's idiom, “Burlington Bertie” is under threat. It is the “tic-tac” code for odds of 100-30 – the sort of fraction set to disappear as a result of new proposals to broaden the appeal of horse racing. – *The Independent*, London, 6th January 2010

· 100/30 – old rhyming slang, get out in the paddock and you’ll hear bookies offering you “a burlington” about a horse (Burlington Bertie... thirty). – *TheTownend.com* forum, 3rd March **2010**

· Yes, lads, I’m offering Burlington Bertie on Martyn’s safe return. The odds’ll be a lot longer tomorrow son now’s the time for a punt. – A. McNab and K. Jordan, *War Torn*, p.438 [2011], **2010**

Burlington Bertie; burlington

adjective

dirty [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *clerty*. < ‘Burlington Bertie from Bow’, a music-hall song written by William Hargreaves (1846–1919) and sung by Vesta Tilley and Ella Shields.

· Cockney favourites such as “apples and pairs” (stairs) and “trouble and strife” (wife) pale in comparison to wee gems of the McFarlane like [...] “Burlington Bertie” (*clerty*). Correct usage of the McFarlane demands that only the first word is used, as in to: “lose one’s Berwick and stick one’s St Louis up someone’s Burlington chorus because they gave some Dorothys to your lemon”. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 18th August **2004**

Burlington hunt

noun

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A variation of BERKELEY HUNT or *Berkshire Hunt*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

2 a fool; a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

burn and smoulder

noun

the shoulder [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

burning itch

noun

1 an unpleasant or spiteful woman [UK]

Rhymes on *bitch* and *witch*. Probably a nonce usage.

· Theresa May is a racist burning itch. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

2 a weak or despicable man [UK]

Rhymes on *bitch*. Probably a nonce usage.

· You’re just little inbred scratch and itch nice toys, CIA-puppet burning itches. [...] These scratch and itch burning itches can attack my wind and kite as much as they like. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

burnt cinder; burnt; cinder

noun

1 a window [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *window* as *winder*. The short forms have been recorded in British usage. Thus STIFF-BURNT.

· Rhyming slang was largely used by Londoners, and among the words so used are the following: Burnt cinder = the window (pron. *winder*). – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 19th April **1924**

· *BURNT CINDERS*: Windows (Rhyming slang). – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· These two of many words have their origin in a vogue which captured the imagination particularly of places like Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood. A fashion set in by which, instead of using the correct word to express oneself, words rhyming with the one intended were employed. [...] Articles of furniture and meals were expressed thus: [...] WINDOW: Burnt cinder. – *The Mirror*, Perth, Western Australia, ‘This Slanguage of Ours!’, 14th September **1935**

· Take a butchers out o’ the cinder. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.144 [1947], **1936**

· A sentence, however, such as, ‘Take a butcher’s out of the burnt’ would need more than a passing knowledge of the subject before its hearer would know that it meant ‘Take a look out of the window.’ – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.282, **1948**

· Once again I clocked out of the back burnt[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.157, **1959**

· The ol’ *currant* was a-shinin’ through the *burnt*. [...] The ol’ *currant bun* was a-shinin’ through the *burnt cinder*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.11/13, **1969**

· I sit down on the Uncle Ned and gaze out of the burnt cinders at a prospect of distant trees. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.116, **1974**

· Yus, we used to look frew the burnt cinder (*winder*) and have a laugh at the geezer jumping on top on her[.] – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.110, **1983**

2 a window or door glass panel [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *burnt*. In use amongst those engaged in appropriate trades or crimes.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *FHM* magazine, April **1996**

burnt cinder seat

noun

a window seat [UK]

Formed on BURNT CINDER.

· Got me Wilson picket for the Michael Caine. Hope I’ve got a khusti burnt cinder seat with plenty of room for me mystic meggs. – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd January **2014**

Burrell Collection

noun

an erection [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Burrell Collection, the art collection of the Glaswegian shipping magnate Sir William Burrell (1861–1958), housed in a purpose-built museum in the south Glasgow.

· Take a gander at this, that's some Burrell Collection he's got on him. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Burt and Ernie

noun

▶ see BERT AND ERNIE

Burton-on-Trent; burton

noun

1 rent [UK]

< Burton-on-Trent, a town in Staffordshire, England.
· There ought to be a rhyming slang dictionary for landladies who let rooms to “theatricals.” Few landladies would understand the question, “What birches have you to let?” [...] The next question may be, “What’s the Burton?” This also is an abbreviation of Burton-on-Trent, and means rent. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August 1910

· Gawn an’ spent this week’s Burton on pig’s ear ‘e ‘as! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, s.v. *how-d’ye-do*, 1960

· I ‘ave to pay me Burton every week. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· And being very short of bees and honey and unable to pay the Burton-on-Trent, he was tempted to go forth into the Bristol City[.] – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976

· I haven’t got the Burton. – *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, 1st June 1995

· That money is for the Burton-on-Trent. – E. James, *DB-SCE*, 1997

2 a young male prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *rent*.

· *Burton* [on Trent] = *rent*, ‘a male hustler’[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.117, 1978

3 road tax [UK]

Rhymes on *rent*. Only recorded in the full form. Second-hand car dealers’ slang.

· What expressions do they have for paperwork? Rent (as in Burton on Trent or Duke of Kent) is road tax. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 18th April 1999

Burton-on-Trent

adjective

1 homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. < Burton-on-Trent, a town in Staffordshire, England.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

· Gruuuuunt the cunts a bit burton on trent. – *www.the-fanclub.com*, 16th November 2011

2 feeble, weak, unmanly [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

· But is really a bit ‘Burton on Trent’ advertising his phone number in teh hope of a pull! – *BBC 606* forum, 25th July 2007

bus and tram

noun

jam (the preserve) [UK]

Possibly a pun on (*traffic*) *jam*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by L. Atkinson, 1978

bus driver

noun

a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *five*.

· Big Bite On Pitt, Sydney CBD - Bacon & egg sandwich \$5. No word of a lie, this bacon and egg sandwich was a McGyver, a bus driver, a Stuart Diver, a shipwreck survivor. Yep, it only cost a fucking five! For all you squares out there, that means \$5. – *www.facebook.com*, 30th July 2015

bushel and peck; bushel; bushell

noun

1 the neck [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *bushel and peck*, a phrase combining two measures of capacity for dry goods. The short form is exclusively British. Also used idiomatically in the expression *save one’s own bushel and peck*, the direct equivalent of *save one’s own neck*.

· – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.272, 1891

· One day he walked straight into this kitchen clobbered in a black pair of rounds, tight to his legs, a black frock isleim, buttoned up to the chin, a white stoock, and ‘alf a dollar round his bushell[.] – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.55, 1893

· – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

· – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.118, 1930

· Other Cockney rhyming slang terms are “All Afloat” for throat, “Bushel and Peck,” for Neck[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th April 1939

· You don’t say *neck*, you don’t say *neck*, / You wear your tie round your *bushel and peck*. – *The Cockney Rhyming Song*, lyric, recorded by Billy Cotton and His Band, 1945, written by M. Watson, J. Denby and H. Nicholls, 1944

· – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.205, 1950

· [H]e told his fellow members that he had a “Boil on his bushel and peck.” – *Sussex Express and County Herald*, Lewes, 25th June 1954

· E’yar–git that deahn yeh bushel[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· The oily sauce spilled over the rim, right down his bushel and peck. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.132, 1976

· [B]eing too poor to purchase any Cape of Good Hope, his bushel and peck was extremely two-thirty. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976

· My bruvver Albert said he would lend me his stook (scarf) to wear round my bushel and peck and he showed me how to press the strides. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.160, 1983

· Green velvet floppy trousers, loose flowery shirt, loose sandals, long hair with a scarf tied round and a chiffon scarf round the bushel. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.66, 1986

· He gave Joseph a beautiful weasel, and put a lovely gold chain round 'is bushel. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.32, **2001**

· He could say he'd like to stay at home, *stay around the cat and mouse (house) and Bob squash (wash) me boat race (face) and me bushel and peck (neck) and bacon and eggs (legs)*[.] – T. McWatt, *This Body*, p.74, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· I was too keen on getting away and saving me own bushel and peck. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.208, **2016**

2 a cheque [UK]

· Bushel and Peck is Cockney slang for Cheque. “Goin’ down the J Arfer to sausage a bushel (Going down the bank to cash a cheque).” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th August **2009**

bushel of coke; bushel

noun

a man [UK]

Rhymes on *bloke*.

· But the bushel of coke said, “Go away; / Why, the half of it’s done a bunk. / If I lend you on this, the boss will say / That I must be elephant’s trunk.” – D. Chiderdoss, ‘Meg’s Diversion’, *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· My old bushel can throw at me all the language I require, / I’ve no use at all for any from outsiders. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: D. Chiderdoss, ‘Outside and Declined’, *Sporting Times*, London, 8th August **1908**

· Our Ria’s new bushel o’ coke recons to ‘ave class, he do. Works in an office. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· This bushel o’ coke what calls himself Jack the Wipper is becoming a w’right pw’roper nuisance, h’ain’t he? – w’right pw’roper indeed! – E.B. Hanna, *The Whitechapel Horrors*, p.290, **1992**

· What a top bushel of coke. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October **1998**

Bushy Park; Bushey Park; bushey

noun

1 a playful adventure; a good time [UK/US]

Rhymes on *lark*. < Bushy Park, one of the Royal Parks of London, close to Hampton Court. The typographical error in the 8th February 1883 quotation below does not appear in a later version of J. W. Horsley’s article ‘Thieves’ Slang’, published in the *Bury and Norwich Post and Suffolk Herald* on 20th February 1883 and incorporated, in a revised form, into chapter I (‘An Autobiography of a Thief, in Thieves’ Slang’) of *Jottings from Jail* (1887).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· [C]all a flounder and dab with a tidy Charing-cross, and we’ll go for a Bushy Part along the frog and toad into the live eels. – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], ‘Thieves’ Slang’, 8th February **1883**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.32, **1933**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· ‘an ya fink I’m ‘avin’ a Bushey Park? – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· You’re having a bushey! – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

2 a lark (a brown, long-winged songbird) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Buster Keaton; buster

noun

a meeting [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *meetin’*.

< Buster Keaton, the stage name of American comic actor Joseph Francis Keaton (1895–1966).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· We’ll see you at the Buster. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· We ends up in The Coal ‘ole on The Strand for a Buster Keaton with the boys. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Meehan was having a ‘buster’ (Belfast IRA rhyming slang for a meeting, as in ‘a Buster Keaton’) in Highbury Gardens in Ayrdone. [...] There was this club in the Donegall Road where all the Red Hand Commando in Belfast were being sworn in. We had a “buster” about it in 1992, but Gerry Kelly wouldn’t allow any action. – G. Bradley and B. Feeney, *Insider*, pp.252/300 [2011], **2009**

· I’m going to a Buster[.] – *twitter.com*, 9th October **2014**

· We still use ‘Buster’ as a colloquialism as in “Going to a buster Keaton”[.] – *twitter.com*, 10th March **2015**

bus timetable

noun

a tall tale [UK]

Rhymes on *fable*.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 15th December **2006**

butcher's hook; butcher's; butchers; butch

noun

1 a look [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

Usually in the phrase *have/take/grab a butcher's (hook)*. The clipped form *butch* has been recorded in British usage. Thus FRANK BUTCHERS and PAT BUTCHERS.

· BUTCHER’S.–Short for *Butcher’s Hook*, a look; especially in “Let’s have a butcher’s.” – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· Look ... Butcher’s hook. [...] Have a “butcher’s” at her “ham and eggs” –not so “shepherds”! – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· “What they playing” “Pontoon, last time’s I was in there.” “I’ll have a butcher’s, I reckon.” Snowey finished his beer and slouched over to the card-room. – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.251 [1938], **1937**

· An' then ... you're due to go in an hour's time: an' ... well, you 'as a last butcher's at the ole place. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.25, **1943**

· “We're going to take a butcher's hook at him,” he said happily. – M. Allingham, *More Work*, p.189, **1949**

· Any old how, one day I was having a butchers through the ‘wanted ads’ in the evening linens[.] – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.15, **1962**

· In fact, if Norman Thaddeus wants an example of this, let him have a butch at the Italian release print of LES BAMBOLES[.] – *Penthouse* magazine, London, November **1965**

· Before you go, take a butcher's from the window. See if you can spot Brickly coming. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.27, **1968**

· Jeesh, have a butcher's at this one, will you? – A. Buzo, *The Front Room Boys*, sc. iv, p.48, **1970**

· And with a sexy butchers / She murmured ‘I'm all yours’. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.22, **1979**

· [T]ake a butchers at this. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· For example, “let's 'ave a butch” replaced *Butcher's Hook*, i.e. look[.] – L.J. Carter, *Walworth*, p.78, **1985**

· I gave him the big butcher's. He never moved. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.39, **2002**

· [‘]Have a butcher's at the back,’ and I turn it around, roysh, and he's actually got the word ROSSER printed above the number six. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.217, **2005**

· I am keen to grab a butchers at the new version before it goes live. – *SLAK Gaming* forum, 23rd September **2005**

· [T]o have a butcher's hook at previous year's contestant click on: Bike Of The Year 2006[.] – *www.redline.co.za*, 10th October **2006**

· I am from South Africa and “china” is a word we use to refer to a friend. [...]A few examples: China plate=mate (how's it my china?) Butchers Hook=look (lets go and have a butchers at that nude girl)[.] – *The FAL Files* forum, 8th June **2007**

· Grab a butchers at the new mini. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 7th September **2009**

· i had a good butch at the one near me and it seemed genuine. – *Club Polo* forum, 18th February **2011**

· I'd like to have a butch at both if you guys can find them. – *Speakerplans.com* forum, 8th March **2014**

· **butcher's** noun BUTCHER'S HOOK (ellipsis); a look, an observation, a stare. [...] **butcher's hook** noun a look (rhyming slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

② a look of amorous or sexual intent [UK]

Used in the phrase *give (someone) the butchers*. Only recorded in the short form *butchers* (also with possessive 's).

· And I was givin' her the butchers and all she gave me was a touch of the dibs and dabs, filthy cow. – *Weeping Angel*, lyric, Fishinabox, 29th March **2014**

butcher's hook; butcher's; butchers

adjective

① angry, annoyed [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the Australian and New Zealand colloquialism *crook*. Generally in the phrase *go butcher's hook* (or *go butchers*) ‘to become angry’.

· A certain New Zealand Regiment, camped on the Jordan flats, recently came under the eagle eye of brother ‘Jacko’, who immediately went ‘butcher's hook’ or ‘ram's horn’ and launched forth much frightfulness[.] – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Kia Ora Coo-ee* magazine, 15th August **1918**

· **BUTCHERS, TO BE:** To be angry, annoyed (about something). Often “go butchers at” (i.e. “go butcher's hook” or “crook”). – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

· *To go crook* is to show anger or annoyance, to ‘sling off at’; and *to go butcher's hook* is presumably a development of this in rhyming slang. – J.A.W. Bennett, *English as It Is Spoken in New Zealand*, p.90, **1943**

· I'll come back with a salmon or I'll go butcher's hook. – J. Frame, *Keel and Kool*, p.20, **1951**

· As soon as Sadie came in I went butcher's hook. – D. Stevens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.121 [1961], **1951**

· The old woman had gone butcher's hook and they'd got stuck into one another. – R. Casey, *As Short a Spring*, p.275, **1963**

· **go butchers (hook) at**, to become angry with. – A. Delbridge, *AT*, s.v. *butchers*, **1984**

· That teacher's always going butchers. – D. McGill, *DKS*, **1988**

· Compare Australian and New Zealand English *to go butcher's hook*, or just *to go butchers*, formed from *to go crook*. – E. Gordon and T. Deverson, *New Zealand English*, p.10, **1998**

· [S]he's going to go butcher's hook when she finds out I've given away her jar. – J. Lasenby, *Old Drumble*, p.119, **2008**

· **butcher's hook** [...] very angry, very emotional. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

② (of things or circumstances) bad; unpleasant [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crook*.

· “Me china plate” reckons your grammar is “butchers hook.” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 10th April **1948**

· Mate, things are crook in Tallarook, yeah butchers hook (crook). – K.P. Rowe, *WAI*, p.147, **2005**

③ unwell [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crook*.

· So I padded the hoof along the frog and toad, still feeling butchers hook. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· *Butcher's in the comics*, sick in the guts[.] – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXII, **1967**

· I'm feeling a bit butcher's. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

- Although he wasn't butcher's hook he knew that anything heavier might make him horse and cart like a two-bob racehorse. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**
- He gave the example, “a babbler is feeling pretty butchers,” which means a cook is feeling rather sick. – *The New York Times*, 17th March **1983**
- A couple of these and you'd be butcher's hook all right. – R.G. Barrett, *Leaving Bondi*, p.174, **2000**
- Edward felt crook and Claudia too, a bit “butcher's hook”. – www.wyc.yachting.org.au, 19th November **2013**

butcher's hook*verb*

1 to attempt to find [UK]

- Rhymes on *look*. Used with the preposition *for*.
- When they found him, they said, ‘Oi, Jesus! Everyone's butcher's hooking for ya.’ – M.Coles, *Bible*, p.66, **2001**
- One piccadilly tea caddy moves to Lahndan. He's butcher's hooking for Kathy Burke. – *bertcorcoran.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th February **2011**
- 2 to look (direct the eyes in order to see) [UK]
- What did your one do when she saw what you'd been butcher's hooking at on the Sportsman's Bet? – www.tumblr.com, accessed 6th March **2013**

but'n'benner*noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *tenner*. < *but and ben*, a Scottish expression for a traditional two-roomed cottage.
- It's like that thing where you get something good and eventually you'll get something bad, just to even things out, it's life, you see a tenner lying in the street you bend down, to pick it up and you get knocked down by a car because you never took the time to notice that the but'n'benner was in the middle of the road. – www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/islandblogging, blog, 22nd February **2007**
- Ha ha, i'm just pissed off because they've re-started the game and I had a but'n'benner on Villa, thot I was going to get my cash back. – *Celtic Rumours* forum, 15th February **2014**

Butros Butros-Ghali; butros*noun*

▶ see BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI

butter and beer*noun*

the ear [UK]

- Probably an alteration of BOTTLE OF BEER. First recorded by Wentworth and Flexner (1960), whose rhyming slang wordlist is a miscellaneous collection of British, Australian and American items with no indication of their location of use. The inclusion of the word in the second edition of Franklyn's dictionary (1961) suggests that it is British in origin and use.
- – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

butter and lard*noun*

the garden of a house [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *yard*.

- I'm goin' out in the butter and lard for a bubble and squeak[.] – *Weatherzone* forum, 17th April **2004**

butter churn; butter*noun*

a short performance [UK]

Rhymes on *turn*. Theatrical slang.

- – M.E. Moore, *Understanding British English*, p.231, **1989**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [W]hen pubs had pianos anyone could get up and do a 'butter'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

buttercup and daisy; buttercup*adjective*

crazy [UK]

- Those kids are driving me buttercup. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

buttered bread*adjective*

dead [UK]

- *First man*: I see they buried Alfie Smith yesterday. *Second man*: (surprised) Is old Alfie buttered bread then? *First man*: (sarcastic) No. He's first prize in a treasure hunt. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

buttered bun*noun*

1 in bingo, the number one [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**
- 2 the sun [SOUTH AFRICA/UK: WALES]
- Beware the “Buttered Bun”. – *FishingMagic* forum, 17th April **2006**
- She said: “Great to see the buttered bun, isn't it, love?” I looked blank. She rolled her eyes: “Buttered bun – sun, love. Rhyming slang isn't it?” – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, [quoting an elderly woman on a Cardiff bus] 10th January **2011**

3 a son [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

buttered roll*noun*

a stroll, a leisurely walk [AUSTRALIA]

- Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here's an example: 'I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road)[.]' – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **1943**

buttered scone*noun*

in bingo, the number one [UK/IRELAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *scone* and *one* with the short vowel of *John*.

- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – H. Norris, *Chambers Factfinder*, p.594, **2006**
- – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffling*, p.120, **2009**
- One and twenty – a buttered scone and getting plenty[.] – www.hsj.co.uk, blog, 27th June **2009**
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**
- – www.newstalk.ie, 25th June **2013**

butter flap*noun*

1 a cap [UK/US]

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- 2 a trap (a light, two-wheeled carriage) [UK]
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1890**

Butternut Cucumberpatch*nickname*

▶ see BENEDICT CUCUMBER PATCH

butternut snap*noun*

a Japanese person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Jap.* < *butternut snap* ‘a type of biscuit popular in Australia’.

- All the “Butternut Snaps” ARE the same. It’s the way they are bred. If you differ in any way from the majority, you will be struck down and humiliated. – www.youtube.com, **2008**
- “All these butternut snaps” [...] It means “All these Japanese people”. – twitter.com, 11th December **2011**
- – www.aussiekymbo.com, accessed 13th September **2012**

button my shoe*numeral*

two [AUSTRALIA]

- ▶ see BUCKLE MY SHOE
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

buttons and bows; buttons*noun*

the toes [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

- ‘Come on, lads, on the old buttons and bows now,’ demanded Winston. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.84, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- Shall we have it on our buttons? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

buy-n-die*noun*

a Hyundai car [US]

A slang rhyme.

- – J. Crotty, *How to Talk American*, p.36, **1997**

buzzing bees; buzzings*noun*

the knees [UK]

- – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.55, **1973**

by the light of the silvery moon; by the light*noun*

a spoon [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘By the Light of the Silvery Moon’, a 1909 song by Gus Edwards (music) and Edward Madden (lyric).

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

by the peck*noun*

the neck [US]

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

C

cabbage all hearty; cabbage

noun

a party [UK]

< *cabbage all hearty*, presumed to be a traditional marketing cry.

· I remember being invited to a secret cabbage – a nice link back to the original patter of East End greengrocers shouting their wares: “Cabbage all hearty” (party). – *www.theguardian.com*, 22nd February **2013**

Cabbage and Ribs; Cabbage; Cabbages

nickname

Hibernian FC, an Edinburgh football team

Rhymes on *the Hibs*, a popular nickname for this club.

Synonymous with **PEN NIBS**.

· First Division: Cabbage & Ribs v Edina Star. – *Evening News*, Edinburgh, 1st December **2001**

· “Cheerio” is often chanted to the losing side at a football match – especially between arch-rivals the Jam Tarts and the Cabbage [And Ribs] – Hearts and Hibs. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 25th April **2006**

· Hibs fans had a parade along easter road to celebrate the monumental achievement. ‘Whae needs sparky’ they shouted ‘The cabbage are on the march once again.’ – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 2nd June **2013**

· Indeed matches for the books after the Cabbages really outperform any intent from the Hearts attack for a draw or the win. – *www.bubblews.com*, 3rd January **2014**

cabbage hat

noun

an informer [US]

Rhymes on the slang *rat*. Perhaps < *cabbage-tree hat* ‘a type of broad-brimmed hat made from cabbage tree leaves, popular in Australia in early colonial times’.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

cabbage patch; cabbage

noun

1 a scratch [US]

· DOROTHY: This twist and twirl is going to take care of the heap o’ coke’s... er... JOE: Cabbage patch, scratch. – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**

· I got a cabbage on me leg. – *www.bbcamerica.com*, 9th October **2012**

2 a match (a vesta) [UK]

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.232, **1989**

cabbage tree

verb

to flee [US/AUSTRALIA]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

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cabin cruiser

noun

a pub [UK]

Rhymes on *boozier*. A variation of **BATTLE CRUISER**.

· Let’s slip down to the cabin cruiser for a few snorts. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.6, **1985**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *alt.illuminati*, *Google Groups*, 29th December **1999**

· Went down to the Cabin Cruiser to watch the match. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th November **2003**

· Then its off down to the Cabin Cruiser for a couple of Cinderellas. – *Amber Nectar* forum, 14th September **2012**

Cable’s Wynd

adjective

blind [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Cables Wynd, a street in Leith, Edinburgh.

· I remember if you couldn’t see something my father would always say ‘Are you Cable’s Wynd?’ to mean ‘Are you blind?’ He was born in 1922 and that dates back to his youth in the 30s, so it’s been there for a very long time. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 28th April **2002**

cabman’s rest; cabmen’s rests; cabmen’s

noun

a woman’s breast; a woman’s breasts [UK]

< *cabman’s rest* ‘a kind of shelter where cabmen would rest with their horses in Victorian times’. The forms *cabmen’s rests* and *cabmen’s* are only recorded in a plural sense, by virtue of the rhyme on *breasts*. The singular sense is expressed by the form *cabman’s rest*, which, in the form *cabman’s rests*, is also used for the plural.

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *dairy*, **1891**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· When the Cockney talks about “cabmen’s” he makes no reference to a taxicab, for this is his rhyming slang, *cabmen’s rests/breasts*, which he sometimes call *towns and cities*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.55, **1973**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, **1992**

- – D. Naugler, *Credentials*, p.106, **2009**
- She had *cabman's rests* out to there and *scotch pegs* up to here. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

cab rank

noun

1 a bank [UK]

· But, if you're on the *cob an' coal* (dole), though you will be unpopular at the *cab rank* (bank), you'll draw plenty of *bees an' honey* (money) if you have, say, five *God forbids* (kids). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I won't be long – just going to the cab rank. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Need a speckled hen and not near a cab rank, where do you find some sausage and mash? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 17th April **2012**

2 an American [UK]

Rhymes on *Yank*.

· 'Did ya hear about Gobber topping (hanging) himself?' he said and went on to tell me how Gobber came home on leave from the Army arfter being overseas for two years and caught Rosie in bed wiv a cab rank. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.216, **1983**

3 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on *shank*. Used euphemistically, the word *shank* having taboo status among golfers.

· Now I understood why the British professionals of the day used cockney rhyming slang to describe the shank as a cab rank, a J Arthur (on Rank) – after the filmmaking tycoon – or even a septic tank, in short anything to avoid the public mention of the dreaded word. – *Financial Times*, London, 28th May **1988**

Cadbury's Smash; cadburys

noun

cash [UK]

< *Cadbury's Smash*, Smash being a brand of powdered potato originally manufactured by Cadbury.

· Rhymingslang: CadburysSmash. Will you take a cheque? No, got to be Cadburys. – *UD(.com)*, 5th December **2004**

· [W]e are led to believe that Everton are holding out for the maximum amount of Cadburys they can get. – *www.bluekipper.com*, 8th July **2012**

Cadbury's Snack; Cadbury Snack; cadburys; cadbury

noun

a person's back [UK]

< *Cadbury's Snack*, a reference to Snack Shortcake, Snack Wafer or Snack Sandwich, three brands of chocolate products manufactured by Cadbury.

· – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· When you've heavy work to be done, be careful. If you 'chocolate biscuit' you could end up with a dodgy 'Cadbury's snack'[,] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Chocolate Biscuit*, **2003**

· I once had a letter from a friend who had hurt his "Cilla" – referred to elsewhere as his "Cadburys"[,] – *International Skeptics Forum*, 7th September **2003**

· Me cadbury's playing me up. – *A(.com)*, accessed 3rd August **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Harry, you lie down on your cadbury snack[,] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

cage and lark

noun

a clerk [UK]

· Rhyming slang can often be far more subtle than the mere use of "apple and pears" for "stairs," or "cage and lark" for clerk. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th December **1930**

Cain and Abel; Cane and Abel; cain; cane

noun

1 a table [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

< Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam and Eve. The different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *Cain and Abel* (UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland), *Cane and Abel* (UK), *cain* (UK, Australia), *cane* (UK).

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· It's all right, but chuck this 'port and wine' as you pass the 'Miller's daughter' at the 'Cain and Abel' on the 'Apples and Pears.' – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· Asked about the supper, he will suggest an "Aristotle" of "pig's ear," and anything they may have ready, and request that they lay the "Cain and Abel" quickly. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as "needle and thread" for bed [...] "Cain and Abel" for table, "Crimea" for beer, or even "brussels-sprout" for boy scout. – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, **1911**

· I got up the Cain and Abel (table)[.] – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**

· "The jim is on the cane." "The jim skinner (dinner) is on the Cain and Abel (table)." – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 7th January **1938**

· Vardy his jillpots standing by the cain? – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.6, **ca 1937**

· Cain and Abel is a table. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

· 'E went up the apples and pears and 'e sets down 'is cherry ripe on the Cain and Abel and says to his cows and kisses, and where are me round the 'ouses? – R. St John, *It's Always Tomorrow*, p.146, **1944**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- ‘One and six,’ I said, putting it on the Cain and Abel. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.119, **1983**
- Pull up a Cain and Fred and let’s have a pickled[.] – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.22, 1987: *The Sunday Telegraph*, Sydney, **1984**
- I’d walk into an obscure coffee house in Pareege, there’d be the ogle-scoped blonde bombshell at the next Cain and Abel! – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.144, **1986**
- Bring the food to the Cain (and Abel). – R. Lederer, *Verbivore*, p.104, **1994**
- Joseph ate at ‘is own Cain, and ‘is brothers ate at another. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.21, **2001**
- – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – *www.projecthumedia.com*, ‘Clanbrassil Street – 1’ by Sean Lynch, April **2009**
- [W]e both walked into the Cabin Cruiser, got a Cane and Abel and a couple of Fred Astaires and settled down for a night of rabbiting. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**
- When talking in front of people whose English was not perfect, we often used cockney rhyming slang. ‘You do the Cain and Abel,’ said Bernie, ‘and I’ll hoist it’ – meaning, you tip over the table and I’ll get the list, which, of course Balestre did not understand. – M. Mosley, *Formula One*, p.144, **2015**
- 2 a chair and a table [US]
- – M.H. Weseen, *DoAS*, **1934**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- 3 a gable [UK]
- Bricklayers’ slang.
- So if the order is to “Take a turn of King Dicks on to the Cain and Abel to Chocolate Pom.” it means “Carry seven bricks to the gable where a bricklayer named Tom is in urgent need of them.” – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, Bradford and Doncaster, 24th May **1938**
- 4 a snooker table [UK]
- A narrowing of sense 1.
- Now to start the game upon the cain / There’s twenty-two bugle calls. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

Cai’n Bligh

noun

a meat pie [AUSTRALIA]

Probably a misprint for *Cap’n Bligh*, itself a contracted form of CAPTAIN BLIGH.

· Yet the order is seldom “One meat pie and tomato sauce please.” Where pie-eating is concerned, the variation – often in glorious Australian accents – is the order of the day. Examples: [...] “Dog’s Eye, please.” “Cai’n Bligh

please.” – *Greeley Daily Tribune*, Greeley, CO, 21st May **1969**

Cairngorm

noun

a storm [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Cairngorm (or Cairn Gorm), a mountain in the Scottish Highlands.

· Nae bother, I’ll pick ye up. It’s a right cairngorm the night. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Cairns Ghost

nickname

the *Cairns Post* newspaper (Cairns, Queensland)

A slang rhyme.

· “The Cairns Post is often referred to as the Cairns Ghost,” writes Geoff Hubbard, of Woree, Queensland, “due to it being thin and wispy at times.” – *Sydney Morning Herald*, 17th March **2012**

Caitlyn Jenner; caitlyn

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Caitlyn Jenner, the new identity (as of June 2015) of American Olympic athlete and transgender celebrity Bruce Jenner (b.1949). ► see BRUCE JENNER

· Psst! Give us a loan of a Caitlyn Jenner until Friday, guv. – *daftynews.com*, 9th June **2015**

· This discount of roughly a third off sees you saving £10.26/month, roughly ten pounds or in modern rhyming slang a ‘Caitlyn’, Caitlyn Jenner – *tenner*. – *recombu.com*, 4th December **2015**

Calamity Jane

noun

rain [UK]

< Calamity Jane, the *nom de guerre* of American frontierswoman Martha Jane Canary (1852–1903).

· Through pouring Calamity Jane I drove Melanie Estelle to Deal Station for the start of her journey back to Abergavenny. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 1st May **2014**

Calcutta

noun

butter [UK]

· Dthrow us the Calcutta. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.54, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Caledonian MacBrayne

noun

rain [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Caledonian MacBrayne, a company that runs ferry services on the west coast of Scotland.

· Ma Callard & Bowsers are soaked richt through wi aw that Caledonian Macbrayne. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

calf*noun*

ten shillings [UK]

A slang rhyme on *half* ‘half a pound’, perhaps inspired by *cow* ‘one pound’. Alternatively, the word may be an elliptical form of *COW*’S *CALF*. Prison use.

According to *Tempest* (1950), the combination of the terms *cow* and *calf* accounts for the expression *cow and calf* in the sense of ‘thirty shillings’. This poses a pecuniary and etymological conundrum: *calf* may have originated (or been interpreted) as a rhyme on *half* only among those for whom *cow and calf* meant ‘thirty shillings’. In the absence of further evidence, it cannot be determined if this use of *cow and calf* was confined to prison use. In other social contexts, however, the similar expression *COW*’S *CALF* has been recorded since the 1930s in the sense of ‘ten shillings’ (by virtue of the rhyme on *half*), which suggests that, instead of arising as an independent rhyme, *calf* may be no more than a shortening of an original rhyming slang form.

Chronology makes it impossible to derive *calf* directly from *COW AND CALF*. Yet further research might prove that this, rather than *COW*’S *CALF* or the direct rhyme *calf - half*, was indeed the original source.

· – P. *Tempest*, *LL*, 1950

calico yard*noun*

1 a prison guard [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944

2 a prison card (with the prisoner’s name, offence, etc.) [US]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Callard and Bowers; callards; lards*noun*

trousers [UK]

< Callard & Bowser, an English confectionery company. Also used in the phrase *catch someone with their callards* (or *lards*) *down*, the direct equivalent of *catch someone with their trousers down*.

· Troosers = winners and losers in Glasgow, except for Kelvinside, where they are known as Callard & Bowers. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 30th April 2002

· Well take down your Callards and show us your beers. – *BBC Fans’ Forum*, 16th February 2006

· ‘e was caught with ‘is lards down. [...] ‘e was caught with his callards down[.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

· If I said to my kids that I was going to have a Fawley Tower and a Dig in the Grave, put a clean Dickie Dirt and some Callard and Bowers on, then go down the Rub-a-Dub for a couple of Britney Spears and a Ruby Murray ... apparently they wouldn’t know what I was on about. – *Cruises* forum, 30th March 2012

· In me callards I carried a truckload of bees. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘A Tea Leaf’s Jackanory’, 3rd November 2013

Calvin Klein; calvin*noun*

1 wine [UK]

< American fashion designer Calvin Klein (b.1942), founder of the eponymous fashion house.

· Red or white. Plonk or vintage. It’s all ‘Calvin’[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· If you’ve had a few Britneys, some Laurel and Hardy, some Winona, and then a bit of Calvin Klein, what would you be? [...] B: Elephant’s trunk (drunk)[.] – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th October 2002

· Ask for half a Nelson, one Laurel, a glass of Calvin and a pint of Winona at your local boozer, and the chances are you’ll walk away red-faced and empty-handed. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 14th October 2002

· Get yer gnashers round some o’ this grub and get quafin’ the Calvin Klein before these greedy buggers scoff the lot! – P. Kerr, *Snowflakes*, p.165, 2005

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a fine [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Only doing 5mph over the limit and I got a bloody Calvin Klein. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005

3 in dominoes, the number nine [UK]

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 9. Calvin (Klein)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September 2009

Calvin Klein; calvin*adjective*

fine [UK]

< American fashion designer Calvin Klein (b.1942), founder of the eponymous fashion house.

· Youngsters now talk of borrowing an Ayrton Senna (tenner), of feeling Calvin Klein (fine) or being Terry Waite (late). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February 1998

· I’m calvin today. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Yeah, a Leo in the Rub-a-dub sounds Calvin to me too. – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 7th May 2008

· It arrives and I get in, the Heap of Coke asks me how I am, I reply ‘I’m Calvin Klein’, he looks at me blankly. – *FISO* forum, 5th July 2008

· I hope ur Calvin Klein[.] – *twitter.com*, 10th July 2012

Camber Sands*noun*

the hands [UK]

< Camber Sands, a seaside resort in East Sussex, in the south-east of England.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Some bleedin’ tea leaf’s half inched me jam jar! If I get me camber sands on ‘em, I’ll kick their bottle and glasses! – *mimiloveforever.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th June 2010

Camden Lock*noun*

a shock [UK]

< Camden Lock, a vibrant area of north London.

· You haven't been to Camden Town for twenty years? You're in for a Camden Lock then. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Suddenly, just as I sits dahn, the organ plays a fanfare, / An' what a shock, a Camden Lock, when I see who's all sat there! – *Cockney Rhyming Slang*, lyric, Victor Kinsman, **2011**

Camden Town*noun*

1 a halfpenny [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *brown*. < Camden Town, an area of north London.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1891**

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.32, **1933**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 heroin [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *brown*.

· 'Brown?' I ask. Heroin. Not like Sonny at all. 'Oh, yes. The Camden Town. But this was long before I met her.' – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.41, **2011**

Camden Town*adjective*

brown [UK]

< Camden Town, an area of north London.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.24, **1973**

camel's hump; camel's; camels*noun*

1 an arms dump [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Recorded in use among members of republican paramilitary groups. Only recorded in the full form.

· Paramilitaries store active weapons in arms "dumps" or "camels' humps" as they are known in the local rhyming slang. – A. Feldman, *Formations of Violence*, pp.179–180, **1991**

2 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *dump*.

· To defecate is currently known as going for a 'camels'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· He's on the throne having a Camel's. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th July **2003**

· Off now to polish me rythm n blues, then maybe a tommy tit or camels hump. – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 2nd October **2006**

· Just going for a quick camels. – *Quiz-zone* forum, 28th May **2008**

· I'm busting for a camels hump! – *twitter.com*, 9th December **2015**

3 a pump [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Camera Cuss; Camerer Cuss*noun*

a bus [UK]

< Camerer Cuss & Co., a clock and watch-making firm that was founded in London in 1788 and prospered into the 1980s. The form *Camerer Cuss* is given by Puxley (1998).

· – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.282, **1932**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Cameron Toll*noun*

1 the anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole* and *arsehole*. < Cameron Toll, an area of Edinburgh and a shopping centre therein.

· Any more lip from you my lad and I'll put my boot up your **Cameron Toll**. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

2 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *get (or have) one's Cameron Toll*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.

· Shuggie's baws were like watermelons on account of not having had his **Cameron Toll** in years. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

· [D]on't worry mate, you'll get your cameron toll tomorrow night! – *twitter.com*, 14th December **2012**

3 a hole [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Did ye see the size of that Cameron Toll in the grund? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Camilla Parker Bowles; Camilla Parker; Camilla; Parker Bowles; Parker*noun*

a Rolls-Royce car [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial form *Rolls*. < Camilla Parker Bowles (b.1947), the former name of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, the second wife of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales. The forms *Camilla Parker*, *Parker Bowles* and *Parker* are given by Puxley (1998).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· The 134-page guide may not sell enough for the 50-year-old to swop his van for a Camilla (Parker Bowles – Rolls). – *Daily Mail*, London, 7th November **1998**

· He got his Sharon Stone and ordered the Camilla Parker Bowles. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· Besides "Britneys," there are people wearing "Tonys" ("Tony Blairs"–"flares"), or driving about in "Camillas" ("Camilla Parker Bowles"–"Rolls-Royce")[.] – *news.nationalgeographic.co.uk*, 14th April **2004**

· Let's go in the Camilla today, Charles. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

camomile tea*noun*

in bingo, the number seventy-three [UK]

- [T]he reign of “Queen B” has ended in favour of “camomile tea” for the number 73. – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 5th May **2003**

- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

camphor and moth*noun*

broth [UK]

Tramps’ usage.

- [A]ll I could buy was a twopenny bowl of camphor-and-moth and a penny mug of you-and-me. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.105, **1933**

Campsie Hills*noun*

pills [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Campsie Hills, a range of hills in central Scotland.

- Gonnae dish oot a coupla yon campsie hills. Ma heid’s absolutely thumpin’ by the way. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

- – *ForumGarden*, forum, 22nd December **2007**

Canadian caper*noun*

a newspaper [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

can a’ lager*noun*

a swagger [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Scottish English.

- – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

canal boat*noun*

the Tote, a system of betting on horses based on the use of the totalisator [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Canary Wharf; canary*noun*

a dwarf [UK]

< Canary Wharf, a remodelled and gentrified dockland area of east London.

- – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- He’s a Canary. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th January **2003**

- – *rogerebert.suntimes.com*, 16th April **2005**

- Seamus is orite, bit of a Canary. – *HorrorMovieFans.com* forum, 6th February **2009**

C & A*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < C&A, an international Dutch clothing retailer; it withdrew from the United Kingdom in 2001.

- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.117, **1978**

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

C and B; C & B*noun*

▶ see DOGGETT’S COAT AND BADGE

candied molasses*noun*

▶ see CANDY AND MOLASSES

candle-sconce; candle*noun*

a pimp [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*. The short form is given by Franklyn (1961) and Morton (1989).

- “Dicker. An alphonse, a candle-sconce, a diddly-donce, of the first water.” His hearers nodded their comprehension that the late Dicker had been a *souteneur*. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, p.57, **1943**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

candle wax; candle*noun*

tax [UK]

Noted by Puxley (2003) to date back to the 1960s, when betting tax was introduced.

- I always pay the candle in advance, it works out better if you have it off. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th May **2006**

- – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

- – *www.bebo.com*, male from Glenrothes, Scotland, 21st February **2008**

candy and molasses; candied molasses*noun*

1 a pair of glasses [US]

First recorded in 1968 in the form *candy and molasses*, a variation of the earlier CHEWS AND MOLASSES. *Candied molasses* is recorded in 1998 and 2004.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

2 drinking glasses [US]

First recorded in 1968 in the form *candy and molasses*. A variation of this is SUGAR AND MOLASSES. The earliest record of *candied molasses* is from 1998.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

candy apple

noun

a Roman Catholic church [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chapel*. A synonym of PINEAPPLE.

· – L. Knight, *Glasgow Slang*, p.73, **1992**

candy dancer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects. < *Lara Candy Dancer* ‘a popular houseplant variety of scented pelargonium’.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

candyfloss; candy

noun

something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. < *candyfloss* ‘a fairground confection of fluffed and usually pink-coloured spun sugar (known in American English as *cotton candy*)’. Used in the phrase *not give a candyfloss* (or *not give a candy*) ‘to not care at all’.

· Those who don’t care ‘couldn’t give a candy’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· E-Bay don’t give a candy floss because they are making a fortune. – *The Independent Porsche Enthusiasts Club* forum, 23rd July **2010**

· They don’t give a candy-floss about life and its destruction in this evil way. – *www.catholicherald.co.uk*, 1st June **2014**

candy fudge

noun

a judge [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Judge, Candy Fudge. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· Candy fudge is a judge. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**

candy kisses

noun

one’s wife or partner [US]

Rhymes on *missus*.

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

candy store

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-four [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

candy wrappers

noun

a bathroom [US]

Rhymes imperfectly on *crapper*.

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

Cane and Abel; cane

noun

▶ see CAIN AND ABEL

Cannock Chase; cannock

noun

the face [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

< Cannock Chase, a mostly rural area in Staffordshire, England.

· – C. Chinn and S. Thorne, *Proper Brummie*, **2002**

· [M]y cousin once fell on his Cannock – on a car park we were crossing. – *MacJams* forum, 19th December **2007**

· [G]ive me five minutes with the bastard, that’s all I ask, I’ll wipe that smug smile off his Cannock Chase once and for all[.] – *myspace.com*, 16th January **2010**

· – Single Word In Black Country Spake To Mean...Face. – cannock! – *www.facebook.com*, 4th October **2011**

canoes

noun

shoes [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In British English, also used in the phrase *step into someone’s canoes*, the direct equivalent of *step into someone’s shoes*.

· ‘Bung’ took the canoes, and gave the man a parting glass, but, later on, discovered that the boots were His Honor’s – picked up from the bedroom door. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2011: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 28th April **1900**

· ‘Lieutenant Rathbone’s a bit uncle,’ I say, giving it to her straight from the pen holder. ‘He asked me to step into his canoes.’ – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.134, **1976**

· But you won’t hear the denizens of Soho or a pinstriped City banker rabbiting (rabbit and pork – talk) about buying a new whistle and flute (suit) and a pair of canoes (shoes). – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 24th November **1996**

· I’m not even good enough to untie his canoes. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.64, **2001**

· My Warwick Farms were ‘on the beak’ so I took off my ‘canoes’ and had a ‘lemon squash’. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December **2011**

can of Coke

noun

a joke [UK]

< *can of Coke*, a reference to one of the containers in which the carbonated soft drink Coke is sold. Coke is a branded form of the trade name *Coca Cola*.

- [T]he cheapest ‘can of cokes’ are usually at someone else’s expense. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

can of oil; canov*noun*

a boil [UK]

- ‘e’s gorra lovely canov on ‘e’s nick, ain’ ‘e’? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008

can of Sprite*noun*

an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *shite*. < *can of Sprite*, a reference to Sprite, a soft drink produced by the Coca-Cola Company.
- Going for a no. 2 – going for a donald trump, barry white, can of sprite etc etc. – *JA606* forum, 6th December 2011

Canterbury Tales*nickname*

Wales

- < *The Canterbury Tales*, a collection of stories written by Geoffrey Chaucer between 1387 and 1400.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November 2000
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

can’t keep still*noun*

a prison treadmill [UK]

- Echoing the action required when using the treadmill as an instrument of prison discipline or punishment.
- I’m blessed if my luck doesn’t hum and ha, / For I argued the point with skill; / But the once a week made me go ta-ta / For a month on the can’t keep still. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.189, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

can’t stop*noun*

a shop [AUSTRALIA]

- Bought them at the Can’t Stop round the Johnny Horner. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

Cape Cod*noun*

■ on the Cape Cod on credit (generally in connection with betting) [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *nod*, used in the phrase *on the nod*. < Cape Cod, a peninsula in southeastern Massachusetts, USA.
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, 2001

Cape Hope*noun*

▶ see CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Cape Horn*noun*

1 dawn [UK]

< Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, 1969
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 a corn [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· The doctor prescribed him some plasters and some pills. ‘What are these for?’ Harry asked. ‘Those are for *cape horns*, that’s for *chalfonts* and those are for *beat-ties*,’ said the doctor. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, 2011

Cape Horn; cape*verb*

to pawn [UK]

< Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America.

· Their disgust was very great, however, when they discovered that it was only “white,” and their indignation knew no bounds, when, upon attempting “Cape it” (Cape Horn or pawn) they ascertained that it was merely “snide” (base metal). – *The Wells Journal (Somerset and West of England Advertiser)*, 22nd September 1910

Cape Kelly*noun*

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK]

An alliterative coinage.

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, 2008

Cape of Good Hope; Cape Hope; cape*noun*

1 soap [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Cape of Good Hope, a rocky promontory south of Cape Town, South Africa. The forms *Cape Hope* (Pegler 2014) and *cape* (Wuorio 1968; Puxley 2008) are exclusively British.

- The intervals between firing are enlivened by story-spinning and bantering to the accompaniment of much picturesque slang. For example, “possy” is jam; “rooty,” bread [...] “mother’s knees,” rhyming slang for cheese; “Cape of Good Hope”, similarly soap (not very plentiful in the advance trenches, by the way)[.] – *The Courier and Argus*, Dundee, Scotland, 6th March 1915
- – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· Rhyming slang is a feature of the language which the sailor has fashioned for his own particular use. To be penniless or “broke,” is often expressed by “coal and coke”. Beer becomes “cod’s-ear.” Soap, “Cape of Good Hope.” – E.J. Croucher, *Sailor Words*, p.62, 1928

- – J.W. Birss, *English Underworld Slang*, p.392, 1931
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- [T]here were plenty of cries an' screeches, but when I rubbed the Cape of Good Hope over them, they went. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- A long bath wouldn't do any harm. Don't spare the cape. – E.-L. Wuorio, *Save Alice!*, p.49, **1968**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- He was also somewhat unclean; being too poor to purchase any Cape of Good Hope, his bushel and peck was extremely two-thirty. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**
- People of course have their peculiarities. Some from their unwashed appearance clearly hate the *Cape of Good Hope* 'soap'. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, **1981**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**
- 2 the Pope [UK]
 - Only recorded in the form *Cape of Good Hope*.
- [T]he Cape of Good Hope was well pleased with the result. – A. Nickolds, *Back to Basics*, p.163, **1994**

capital cities

noun

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *titties*.
- – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

Capri Sun

noun

a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *Hun*. < Capri Sun, a popular brand of juice drink. Chiefly used by supporters of Celtic FC and Edinburgh's Hibernian FC.
- – Hun is not a sectarian term no matter what nil by mouth say. [...] – currant bun is still permitted though. – So's Capri Sun. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 25th May **2011**

Capri Suns

nickname

Glasgow Rangers FC

- Rhymes on *the Huns*, a derogatory nickname for this club chiefly used by supporters of Glasgow's Celtic and Edinburgh's Hibernian. < Capri Sun, a popular brand of juice drink.
- I have to laugh when Rangers boast about being too big for Scotland before revealing huge debts. I'm quite sure that St Johnstone, Motherwell, Hibs and St Mirren don't have anything like the amount of debt that the Capri Suns are carrying. – *One Mick Jones* forum, 13th November **2009**
- Exciting news for the capri-suns from the looks of things too[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th December **2012**

captain

noun

a child [AUSTRALIA]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *kid* and *Kidd*. < Captain Kidd, the byname of Scottish privateer and pirate William Kidd (ca 1645–1701).
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

Captain Bligh

noun

a pie [UK]

- < English navigator and explorer William Bligh (1754–1817), best remembered as the captain of HMS *Bounty*, whose crew mutinied in 1789. Hence probably CAI'N BLIGH.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Captain Blood

noun

a potato [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *spud*. < Captain Blood, the central character in Rafael Sabatini's 1922 novel of the same name, adapted into a film in 1935, with Errol Flynn in the title role; also the nickname of Australian Rules footballer Jack Dyer (1913–2003), itself based on the character played by Errol Flynn.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Captain Cook; captain; captains

noun

1 a book [UK]

- < English navigator and explorer James Cook (1728–79), commonly known as 'Captain Cook', who claimed the east coast of Australia for Britain in 1770. Sometimes shortened to *captain*.
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- I'm sat here on my todd looking for my captain*. Someone must have nicked it. – *Television Without Pity* forum, 31st August **2006**

2 a look [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

- Shortened to *captain* or *captains* only in Australian usage.
- Take a captain cook at love's young dream. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: L. Mann, *Flesh in Armour*, p.179, **1932**
- A fair proportion of Australian slang is modelled on the famous Cockney rhyming slang, and can be just as mysterious and incomprehensible to the uninitiated. "Joe Blake" is a snake, "Captain Cook" is a look[.] – *The Murrumburrah Signal and Harden Advocate*, NSW, 30th April **1942**
- He gave the flowers a Captain Cook. – D. Stevens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.130 [1961], **1951**
- And just take a Captain Cook at this harp[.] – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.148 [1992], **1965**

- Have a captain at this! – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- Tried to give you a coo-ee, but I had a Captain Cook and there was no Eau de Cologne so had to cop it sweet. – *Houston Chronicle*, Houston, TX, 4th March **1988**
- I can't wait to get me first Captain Cook at London. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.14, **1988**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- So now you know what we mean when we say we're taking a captains at something. – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- I asked him to do me a Rod Laver and go 'round the Johnny Horner to take a Captain Cook at the menu. – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September **2011**
- I didn't get a great Captain Cook at him, but I think he was a septic tank. – *How to Talk Australians*, web TV: www.youtube.com, 29th July **2014**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a punch, sometimes specifically a hook [NEW ZEALAND]

Only recorded in the full form. Prison use.

- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.246, **1982**

4 a type of hook formerly used by dockworkers to hold and manoeuvre sacks of sugar, grain and other similar cargoes [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- All the Dockers on corn in those days had a "captain cook", (hook) slung from their belts when working on grain, sugar, corn etc and they used to use it on the bag corners for ease of shifting when getting the bags in batches for slinging to allow the cranes to lift the "snatches" out of the ship's hold or barge body. – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, 'LONDON-L Archives', 19th March **2005**

5 an anchor [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *hook*. Nautical slang. Only recorded in the full form.

- – *catallaxyfiles.com*, blog, 13th February **2015**

Captain Cook

adjective

ill [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *crook*. < English navigator and explorer James Cook (1728–79), commonly known as 'Captain Cook', who claimed the east coast of Australia for Britain in 1770.

- I never saw anyone who was feeling Captain Cook get any sympathy from Doc. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: E. Lambert, *Glory Thrown In*, p.46, **1959**
- i'm a bit captain cook. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 12th January **2004**
- It's also to be expected that at 91 if someone is a bit Captain Cook and misses a meal or two she'll quickly become undernourished or have trouble sleeping. – *scuzei.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th July **2012**

Captain Cook

verb

to look [AUSTRALIA]

< English navigator and explorer James Cook (1728–79), commonly known as 'Captain Cook', who claimed the east coast of Australia for Britain in 1770.

- How do I Captain Cook now? – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

Captain Flint

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Captain Flint, a character in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* (1883).

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· Went home totally Captain Flint (skint), but with plenty o' pics, an' ideas. – www.growsonyou.com, blog, 11th October **2010**

Captain Grimes

nickname

the *Times* newspaper (London)

< Captain Grimes, a character in *Decline and Fall*, a 1928 novel by Evelyn Waugh (1903–66). An alternative nickname is NURSERY RHYMES.

- While selling newspapers around a local hospital I am sometimes asked for a "currant bun" (Sun). Your readers may be interested to know that this rhyming slang is not restricted to the tabloids for I have recently been asked with equal gusto for a "Captain Grimes". – *The Times*, London, 10th June **1982**

Captain Hicks

noun

▶ see JIMMY HICKS

Captain Hook; captain

noun

1 a look [UK]

< Captain Hook, a character created by J. M. Barrie in his play *Peter Pan; or, the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up* (1904). The shortened version is on the face of it indistinguishable from the short form of CAPTAIN COOK, yet the evidence shows that in British usage the latter is always used in full.

- – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: R. Walton, 'Cockney Jack and the Beanstalk' [Internet], **1999**

· [T]ake a captain (Captain Hook=look)[.] – www.phrases.org.uk, 12th May **2006**

- – Captain Hook = Look [...] – Actually, being Australians we refer to it as a Captain Cook not Hook [...] – Its ok we dont mind teaching our friends the proper queens english... LOL. – *Armorama* forum, 9th October **2009**

· Oi, guvnor! Come 'ere and 'ave a Captain Hook at me Basin of Gravy! – www.heatworld.com, 5th February **2015**

2 a book [UK]

The short form *captain* can also be interpreted as an elliptical version of CAPTAIN COOK.

- Captain Hook. Book. I've read this captain. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· The Captain Hook named after 'im can be split up into three main parts. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.9, **2002**

3 a criminal or dishonest person [UK]

Rhymes on *crook*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

Captain Hook

verb

to look [UK]

< Captain Hook, a character created by J. M. Barrie in his play *Peter Pan; or, the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up* (1904).

· – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: R. Walton, 'Cockney Jack and the Beanstalk' [Internet], **1999**

Captain Jack

noun

heroin [US]

A personification influenced by the slang verb *jack up* 'to inject oneself with a drug' and the rhyme with *smack*. < 'Captain Jack', a character sung about in the eponymous song by Billy Joel (1973), the chorus of which goes: 'Captain Jack will get you high tonight / And take you to your special island. / Captain Jack will get you by tonight, / Just a little push and you'll be smilin''. In Bill Smith's book *I Go to Extremes: The Billy Joel Story* (2007), Joel recalls that the character's name was inspired by the nickname of a heroin dealer in his neighbourhood.

· Captain Jack rhyming slang for smack Heroin. – *www.team-22.org*, 27th April **2007**

· Colloquial names for heroin include: [...] Captain Jack – which rhymes with smack[,] – B.K. Puri, *Pocket Essentials*, p.87, **2008**

· This devil is known on the streets by many names: Captain Jack, smack, snow, blow, poppy, and others. – E. Colón, *The Prodigal Son*, p.43, **2009**

Captain Jimmy Hicks

noun

▶ see JIMMY HICKS

Captain Kettle

verb

to settle (an argument or problem) [UK]

< Captain Kettle, a character created in the 1890s by English writer C. J. Cutcliffe Hyne.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.144, **1977**

Captain Kidd

noun

■ **flip one's Captain Kidd** to become suddenly angry or excited; to go berserk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *lid*, used in the phrase *flip one's lid*. < Captain Kidd, the byname of Scottish privateer and pirate William Kidd (ca 1645–1701).

· I widnae go in there if ah were you. He's flipped his Captain Kidd. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Captain Kirk; captain

noun

1 a Turk [UK]

< Captain Kirk, the main character in the television and film science fiction adventure series *Star Trek*, first shown on TV in 1966.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Lot of Captains around this area. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th March **2002**

· The game started about 3am, and was accompanied by 'No surrender to the IRA' virtually the whole way through. Except when attention was turned to the Turks (Captain Kirks was the nicest thing said about them, iirc). – *h2g2* forum, 1st July **2005**

· – The Turks in Liverpool City Centre. – The old Captain Kirks are in town I see. – *twitter.com*, 19th February **2015**

2 work [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· Can't be bothered to go to Captain Kirk, think I'll pull a Metal Mickey. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th June **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Well, I was at Captain Kirk surfing the Sportsman's Bet when I came across a post on the forum that was ten'n'8... – *Northampton Saints* forum, 22nd March **2006**

· So we got on the dog and bone and set up some Ronan Keatings with six dedicated surfers who live in the Smog, either because they grew up there or moved to find Captain Kirk. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

· Is this because he's got no 'Captain Kirk' and is a bit 'Bernie Flint?' – *twitter.com*, 3rd October **2013**

Captain Kirk

verb

to work [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [N]ot thinking clearly and a bit Kerry Packered from Captain Kirking[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 23rd September **2003**

· That's what makes Cockneys vs Zombies Captain Kirk – it's not just the young Eastenders who get to leather boot them in the Uncle Ned. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

Captain Kirks

noun

works [UK]

< Captain Kirk, the main character in the television and film science fiction adventure series *Star Trek*, first shown on TV in 1966. Only used in the phrase a *spanner in the Captain Kirks*, the rhyming slang equivalent of a *spanner in the works*.

· That's put a spanner in the Captain Kirks. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 27th November **2008**

Captain Merry; captain

noun

sherry [UK]

· Ask for a pint of 'laugh and titter' (bitter) or a glass of 'The Captain' (Captain Merry-Sherry) [...] Very soon we were tumbling large 'Captain Merrys'[,] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.4/71, **1973**

· Why *Captain Merry* (sherry)? In any language, certain things “sound right” for a variety of reasons. – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.145, **1977**
 · – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Captain Morgan

noun

an organ (in all its senses) [UK]

< Welsh buccaneer Henry Morgan (1635–88), commonly known as Captain Morgan, who was famous for his raids against the Spanish in the West Indies; his name was the inspiration for the Captain Morgan Rum Company, founded in 1945.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Some weeks Alf joins in on the *hey-diddle-diddle* and that’s lovely but if Bert says he wants to have a go on his *captain morgan*, we have to say no. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.54, **2011**

Captain Scott

adjective

hot [UK]

< English Antarctic explorer Captain Robert Falcon Scott (1868–1912), who died on his return from the South Pole.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

captain’s log

noun

1 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *bog*. < *captain’s log*, a film trope popularised since the late 1960s by the television and film science fiction adventure series *Star Trek*; based on the captain’s logbook on a ship or aircraft. Perhaps also punning on the slang *log* ‘a lump of excrement’.

· You might make 200 bags (bags of sand – grand) a year, and wallpaper your Captain’s Log (bog) with Tony Benners (tenners). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

2 fog [UK]

· Conversations about the weather (or in the locals’ language the ‘chamois leather’/‘hell for leather’/‘birds of a feather’/‘pigeon feather’/‘well I never’) could no longer rely on the ‘captain’s log’[.] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, **2009**

caramel log; caramel

noun

a toilet [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bog*, with a pun on *chocolate log*, an occasional metaphor for a lump of excrement. < Caramel Log, a chocolate-coated wafer bar manufactured by Scottish confectioner Tunnock’s.

· Ah’m away tae the caramel fur a Gladys. – *www.first-foot.com*, ‘Scottish Vernacular Dictionary’, 15th January **2002**

· I wonder what they’re doing in the caramel. Did they have a ruby tonight? – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, ca 40, February **2003**

· – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

car and fender; car fender

noun

a bartender [US]

A variation of the earlier TAR AND FENDER.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

car and scooter

noun

a computer [UK]

· Turn that car and scooter off. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th March **2001**

· If you touch my car and scooter one more time, you’ll be right Daffy Ducked! – *pizza-emergency.livejournal.com*, blog, 15th October **2004**

carburettor

noun

a letter [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

card

noun

▶ see CHRISTMAS CARD

cardboard box

noun

any sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. Originally, in the first recorded use of the word, applied to syphilis.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· A dose of the cardboard box is not really funny, you know. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Cardinal Wolsey

noun

cerebral palsy [UK]

< Cardinal Wolsey, the English cardinal and statesman Thomas Wolsey (ca 1475–1530). The Cardinal Wolsey is also a well-known public house near Hampton Court Palace in Surrey.

· – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

· – *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**

· I am going to share with you an extraordinary Usenet posting about Cockney Rhyming Slang used among disabled Cockneys in East London: [...] Cardinal Wolsey = cerebral palsy. – *www.rogerebert.com*, 16th April **2005**

card trick

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*.

· BILL: You’re one to rabbit and pork. What did your one do when she saw what you’d been butcher’s hooking at

on the Sportsman's Bet? DICK: Thought she was going to cut off my card trick! – *www.tumblr.com*, accessed 6th March 2013

careless talk

noun

in darts, a stick of chalk (for keeping score) [UK]

< *Careless talk costs lives*, a security slogan used by the British Ministry of Information during World War II.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960: *The Evening News*, London, 31st October 1957

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

car fender

noun

▶ see CAR AND FENDER

Carl Cox

noun

socks [IRELAND]

< English techno and house DJ Carl Cox (b.1962).

· [T]here s a hole in me carl cox. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006

Carl Hansen

noun

a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*. < Danish footballer Carl Hansen (1898–1978), who played for Rangers from 1921 to 1925.

· Glasgow never forgot Hansen either, and his name passed into the lexicon of language used by Glaswegians right through until I started frequenting dance halls in the 1960s. You didn't say you were going to the dancing, but rather to the Carl Hansen, a rhyming slang which worked well in a Glasgow accent. – D. Leggat, *Struth*, 2013

Carl Lewis; Carl; Karl

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Lewis*. < American Olympic athlete Carl Lewis (b.1961). ▶ see CECIL DAY, C.S., DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· Re: Rhyming slang [...] Karl – Luas – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

· Taney Parish Hall is beside the Protestant Church on right hand going up Taney Road (between where the Carl Lewis station (*luas to the nerds!!!*) and the Goat Pub[.]) – *Bikers.ie* forum, 11th November 2008

Carlos Santana; carlos

noun

a banana [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Mexican-American guitarist Carlos Santana (b.1947).

· I've got a lovely ripe Carlos here. Do you fancy a bit? – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March 2001

· [M]aybe a nice Carlos for dessert (Carlos Santana = banana). – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February 2011

· Carlos Santanas 40p/lb. – *Viz comic*, August 2016

Carl Rosa

noun

1 a poseur [UK]

< German musician Carl Rosa (born Karl August Nikolaus Rose; 1842–89), founder of the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Hence the phrase *the old Carl Rosa* 'fraud or deceit', recorded by Powis (1977).

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.177, 1977

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Don't trust that Wayne, he's a right Carl Rosa. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 a poser, a difficult or perplexing question [UK]

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

Carlton Cole

noun

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *arsehole* or *hole*. < English footballer Carlton Cole (b.1983).

· Heskey, get your finger out of your Carlton Cole[.] – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 10th June 2010

2 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK]

Rhymes on *hole*. Often in the phrase *get one's Carlton Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.

· Good luck to @ictdave1 who is getting his Carlton Cole the night in some travel lodge in Glasgow. – *twitter.com*, 3rd December 2011

· [T]hink ive got as much chance of getting a ticket for this game as i do getting my Carlton Cole from Pixie Lott! – *Bluemoon-MCFC* forum, 24th April 2012

· At this time of night I am desperate for my Carlton Cole. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 31st October 2015

Carmen Miranda

noun

a veranda [UK]

< Carmen Miranda, the stage name of Brazilian singer, dancer and actress Maria do Carmo Miranda da Cunha (1909–55).

· Carmen Miranda – stand on it and admire the view. – *Hard Facts* forum, 22nd May 2006

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.186, 2007

Carmichael Hunt

noun

▶ see KARMICHAEL HUNT

Carnegie Halls; carnegies

noun

1 meatballs [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Peter Kerr (b.1940) in his 2004 travel book *Viva Mallorca!*.

< Carnegie Hall, a popular concert venue in New York City.

· Mmm, Ah could fairly murder some o' them Carnegies. – P. Kerr, *Viva Mallorca!*, p.68, **2004**

· 'Ye'll never get better Carnegies than these, son,' Jock enthused as he stabbed his fork into one of a generous serving of Carnegie Halls – meatballs, or *albóndigas*, as they're called in Spanish. – P. Kerr, *Snowflakes*, p.32, **2005**

2 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*.

· Whoever thought of that deserves a good kick in the Carnegie Halls. – *Leicester Tigers* forum, 14th May **2007**

· [T]he BUMHOLE is gonna sort them out with a swift boot in the carnegies!!! – *The Legend Killerz* forum, 5th February **2010**

· That was a real kick in the Carnegie Halls, but you should hang in there and stay with us. – *OGame.org* forum, 15th December **2011**

Carnoustie

adjective

mouldy, musty [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *foostie*. < Carnoustie, a seaside town in Angus, Scotland.

· A widnae touch yon sponge cake, it looks a we bit Carnoustie tae me. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Carole Lombard

noun

a card [AUSTRALIA]

< Carole Lombard, the stage name of American actress Jane Peters (1908–42).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Carolina

noun

a friend [UK: SCOTLAND]

Compounded rhyming slang on *china*, the shortened form of CHINA PLATE.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

carol singer; carol

noun

a fraudulent person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *ringer*.

· Anything or anybody that is not what they appear or claim to be is a 'carol' [.]. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Carolyn Flynn

noun

gin [UK]

· [N]ow we have a new restaurant called Billy Munk (one word and it means The Drunk) run by a chap named Moss Cooney who spent some years in the British and Irish shipping service and Moss has forwarded some rhyming English-Irish expressions as used by seamen.

For instance: [...] A Carolyn Flynn is a shot of gin. – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, 26th October **1971**

car park

noun

an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *nark*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

carpet and rugs

noun

▶ see CARPETS AND RUGS

carpet bag

noun

1 a three-month prison sentence [UK]

Rhymes on the obsolete slang *drag*. Probably an elaboration of *carpet*, which is usually regarded as its short form. The first known use of *carpet bag* postdates the *OED2* evidence for *carpet*, which suggests that the development may have been in the opposite direction.

· CARPET (or Carpet Bag, or Drag): Three months' imprisonment. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.330, **1938**

· The Barnaby Rudge gave me a carpet bag. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 an inhalation of smoke from a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *drag*.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.24, **1973**

carpet nap

noun

a Japanese [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Jap*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**

carpets and rugs; carpet and rugs; carpets

noun

1 drugs [UK]

Recorded only in the forms *carpets and rugs* and *carpets*.

· 'What've we been carrying, eh?' he asked. 'Carpets?' [...] I mean, when he said carpets he meant drugs. Carpets and rugs. – D. Francis, *Driving Force*, pp.30/75, **1992**

2 the female breasts, especially large ones [UK]

Rhymes on *jugs*.

· Carpets and Rugs [...] That girls has a lovely set of carpets. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· **Carpet & rugs** jugs. – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· **carpets and rugs** jugs. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· Other terms, such as 'thrupennys' (thrupenny bits), and 'carpets' (carpets and rugs – rhymes with jugs), seem to be more commonly used among younger – more street-wise? – people. – *Breast Talk* forum, 27th January **2006**

· **Carpets and rugs** jugs (tits). – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· This record is so fucking bland you'd expect to hear it on one of those poxy shows on the KY Jelly where nancy boys over-intellectualize every fucking aspect of their lives in the hopes they might get to cop a feel of a set of carpets. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th October **2008**

carpet slipper; carpet

noun

a kipper (a smoked herring) [UK]

Generally in the plural (kippers are traditionally served in pairs).

· He had heard one taxi-driver say to another—"All I had yesterday was a pair of carpet slippers and a tumble down the sink." [...] But regular users of Cockney rhyming slang are never so long-winded. They omit the rhyme altogether. To them the phrase would have been "A pair of carpets and a tumble." – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, 13th January **1945**

carried

adjective

married [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· Well, these Tommy Rotters kid the poor judy they're very rich, and if they're now and never they get carefully carried (married) to her. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, s.v. *Now or never*, 1909: *Biography of Cheap Heiress Hunters*, **1882**

· He was carried yesterday, poor bloke[.] – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, s.v. *Carried*, **1909**

carrycot; carry cot

noun

a pimple [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *spot*.

· Check out the carry cots on her boat race!! – *Fibberma-gees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

Carstairs

noun

flared trousers [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *flares*. < Carstairs, a village in South Lanarkshire, Scotland.

· Whit a state ye are, an' jist look at the size o' yer Carstairs, ye'll trip o'er as soon as ye're oot the front door. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Carsten Jancker; Carsten Janker; carsten

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < German footballer Carsten Jancker (b.1974).

· [Y]ou're a bit of a Carsten Janker. – *Boards.ie* forum, 10th June **2002**

· What a bunch of Carstens[.] – *The Sun*, London, 1st July **2002**

· I think he means Cecil is a bit of a Carsten Jancker. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 29th October **2003**

· [H]e's a total carsten who talks a load of tom tit. – *Fans Focus* forum, 15th October **2005**

· [T]he German attack would be reduced to using their right hand like the bunch of Carsten Janckers they are. – *Words With JAM*, online magazine, p.9, August/September **2010**

· [L]oad of Carsten Janckers[.] – *RedCafe.net* forum, 29th September **2011**

· Otherwise we'd have to put up with those ignorant bunch of carsten janckers over here. – *Cottage Corner* forum, 22nd August **2012**

cart and horse; cart

noun

sauce [UK]

· The essential condiment to accompany the "banger" – or indeed, almost any savoury "nosh" is *rocking horse*/sauce – sometimes known as *cart (and horse)*/sauce). – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.73, **1973**

Carter-Fuck

nickname

► see PETER CARTER-FUCK

carving knife; carving

noun

a wife [UK]

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· Wife disguises were endless, of course—Carving Knife, Storm and Strife, Joy (Joy of Your Life). – G. Wagner, *Wisdom of Words*, p.32, **1968**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· "Well, let's put it this way" Bert went on, "It's another way of saying my carving and my tea pots." – P.A. Coggin, *Vile Guns*, p.124, **2004**

· When I tells me carvin' knife wot I seen, she calls me an 'oly friar[.] – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], **2005**

· Where's your carving this evening? – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

Cary Grant; Cary

noun

an aunt [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word used by Stephen Fry in his 1985 revision of the book of the musical *Me and My Girl*, originally written and produced in 1937. < Cary Grant, the stage name of English-born American actor Archibald Leach (1904–86).

· **Bill** How are you going to do that, Cary? **Duchess** Cary? **Bill** Cary, Cary Grant. Aunt. **Duchess** William, for the hundredth time, please don't rhyme! Our first task is to teach you to speak like a gentleman. – L. Arthur Rose and D. Furber, *Me and My Girl*, I.iii, p.28 [1990], revised version originally produced at the Adelphi Theatre, London, 12th February **1985**

Casablanca; Casa Blanca; cazza*noun*

a despicable or obnoxious person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < *Casablanca*, a 1942 American film directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. The short form is given by Puxley (1992). ► see BLOKE FROM CASA BLANCA

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

- Casa Blanca is Cockney slang for Wanker. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th May **2005**

- Casa Blanca =...man who uses a lot of kleenex. – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

- What a bunch of “Casa Blancas”. – *Inthemix* forum, 20th September **2005**

- Personally I think he's a bit of a pheasant plucker and a total Casablanca. – *www.nitro.co.uk*, blog, 27th April **2012**

Casey's Court; casey's*noun*

port wine [UK]

< *Casey's Court* ‘pandemonium; a riotous gathering’, often used in the colloquial simile *like Casey's Court*.

- Ask for a pint of ‘laugh and titter’ (bitter) or a glass of ‘The Captain’ (Captain Merry–Sherry) or a ‘Casey’s’ (Casey’s Court–Port)[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.4, **1973**

C. Ash*noun*

► see CHRISTOPHER ASH

cash and carried; cashed*adjective*

married [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

- [M]e and me girlfriend got cash and carried yesterday. – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

- Bleedin’ ’ell, ’ere was me, wif a lifetime achievement award for bein’ a Bengal lancer, askin’ this pitch Richard to get cash-and-carried. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

- Even your dad didn’t know how old I was till we was practically cashed. – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], **2003**

- I can’t Adam an’ Eve it ... Me own glarse o’ water getting cash an’ carried. – *Viz* comic, May **2003**

- [S]he got cashed again last year. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

cash and carry*noun*

suicide [UK]

Rhymes on *hari-kari*.

- Cash and carry, commit – suicide (rhyming slang, hari-kari). – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.189, **2013**

cash and carry*verb*

to marry [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Casper the Friendly Ghost; casper*noun*

in football, a goalpost [UK]

< Casper the Friendly Ghost, an animated cartoon character created by Seymour Reit and Joe Oriolo in the early 1940s. Used with or without the definite article. Coined and popularised by English footballer-turned-pundit Paul Merson. Synonymous with BEANS ON TOAST, NORFOLK COAST and SUNDAY ROAST.

- [T]his week he came out with his latest great quote by using the word “Casper” to describe the goal posts. – *followthesheep.weebly.com*, blog, 31st December **2010**

- **Beans on toast:** The post; woodwork. ‘He’s only gone and hit the beans!’ See also, ‘The Sunday’ (Sunday roast) and ‘The Casper’ (Casper the Friendly Ghost). – P. Merson, *Professional Footballer*, p.303, **2011**

- [H]e hits casper, he hits Casper the Friendly Post. – *Soccer Saturday*, UK TV: Sky Sports, 15th January **2011**

- On Fifa 11 for the PS3, a shot which hits Casper the Friendly Ghost counts as off-target... – *BBC 606* forum, 14th February **2011**

- Ooh, he’s hit Casper there[.] – *The Football Ramble* forum, 15th May **2011**

- Ohhhhh. he’s hit the Casper, Jeff. – *www.dangerhere.com*, 8th November **2012**

Cassius Clay*noun*

1 a flea [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *flea* as *flay*, a common feature of some Northern Irish accents, especially among working-class speakers. < Cassius Clay (born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr), the original ring name of American boxer Muhammad Ali (1942–2016).

- – *Carryduff*, *County Down*, spoken, male, 64, November **2004**

2 a sunny day [UK]

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

cast a net*verb*

to bet, to lay a wager [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- I **cast a net** on the **Nelson** but my **condiments and sauces** were too slow and I lost my **sausage and mash...** – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Caster and Pollux*noun*

► see CASTOR AND POLLUX

cast iron pot*adjective*

hot [AUSTRALIA]

· If the squatter's daughter's cast iron pot, I'll have a fairy bower[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

castle rag*noun*

1 fourpence [UK]

Rhymes on *flag*, a slang synonym for *groat*, itself an old coin worth four old pence.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham's willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

2 a flag [US/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Castor and Pollux; Caster and Pollux*noun*

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. < Castor and Pollux, twin brothers of Greek and Roman mythology whose tandem name is associated with the zodiacal constellation of Gemini. First recorded with the spelling *Caster and Pollux*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR* **1992**

· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.53, **2005**

· I could see someone getting a kick in his Castor and Pollux. – *Doc2doc* forum, 10th January, **2014**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. Recorded in the form *Castor and Pollux*.

· [T]hats a load of castor and pollux. – *ABCtales.com* forum, 18th June **2003**

· [A]strology is a load of Castor and Pollux. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· You are talking a load of Castor and Pollux! – *The Crossword Solver* forum, 16th August **2011**

castor oils; castors*noun*

the British royal family [UK]

Rhymes on *the royals*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

cat and cages*noun*

wages [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

· I get my cat 'n' cages on Friday. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

cat and dog; cat*noun*

a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *bog*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**

· I needed a *cuddle* so I asked the barman where the *cat* was. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.114, **2011**

cat and kitty*noun*

a woman's breast [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *titty*. The plural is *cats and kitties* (Maurer 1944; Seal 2009) or *cat and kitties* (Aylwin 1973; McConville and Shearlaw 1984; Ashley 2014). ▶ see CATS AND KITTENS

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.16, **1973**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Living Language*, p.207, **2014**

cat and mouse; cat*noun*

1 a house [UK/US/IRELAND]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· CAT AND MOUSE. Keeps house, "He keeps a cat and mouse." – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**

· The arbitrary system on which rhyming slang is made may be shown by the rivalry of "cat and mouse" and "flea and louse" for the honour of representing house. – *The Academy and Literature*, London, 15th November **1902**

· Cat and mouse, that's the house. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] house (cat and mouse); my word (my dickey bird). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

· I haven't seen her for the last fortnight, and as far as I know she's up in her ould wan's cat and mouse. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, **1966**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· And when the landlord of the rub-a-dub called bird lime, the man set off back towards his cat and mouse[.] – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· Went 'round to his cat to wake him up. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· We've put the cat and mouse up for sale. – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

2 Famous Grouse branded whisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

No evidence of use in the short form. An alternative name for this whisky is MICKEY MOUSE.

· [A]n habitue of a Glasgow city-centre bar recalls its staff employing “Tom and Jerry” as rhyming slang for sherry. Grouse whisky likewise became “cat and mouse”. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August **2006**

catch and pass

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. < *catch and pass*, a phrase from the language of sports.

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

cat cuff

noun

a bluff [US]

< *cat cuff*, an Australian boxing term for a blow.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Cathcart

noun

a breaking of wind [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fart*. < Cathcart, an area of south Glasgow.

· Ah wid skidaddle oot o' here. A'm just aboot tae Cathcart. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Catherine Hayes

noun

long days [US]

< *Catherine Hayes*, an Australian term for a drink made of claret, sugar and nutmeg or orange, itself an eponym from English husband killer Catherine Hayes (1690–1726).

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

Catherine Tate

adjective/adverb

late [UK]

< Catherine Tate, the stage name of English actress and comedian Catherine Ford (b.1968).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Catherine Wheel

noun

a deal [UK]

< Catherine Wheel, a popular firework in the form of a spinning coil, named after a medieval torture device with which the legend of St Catherine is associated; perhaps via the Catherine Wheel (at times also spelt with an initial *K*), a now defunct pub in Stepney, east London.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] deal – Catherine Wheel[...] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

Catherine Zeta-Jones; Zeta-Jones; zetas

noun

1 complaints or grumbles [UK]

Rhymes on *moans*. < Welsh actress Catherine Zeta-Jones (b.1969).

· Here she goes with her Zeta Jones. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th February **2003**

· Catherine Zeta-Jones = moans[...] – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· Despite the findings, language experts said reports of the slang's demise might be a bit premature and new rhyming phrases were still being invented by users, including “Simon Cowell” (towel) and “Catherine Zeta Jones” (moans). – *www.reuters.com*, 29th March **2012**

· 'Ere she goes again with her zetas, havin' a mare. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

2 bones [UK]

· Zeta (-Jones) – bones. – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 12th July **2003**

· Catherine Zeta Jones = bones – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

Cathkin Park

adjective

dark [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Cathkin Park, a public park in Glasgow that was once home to the now defunct Scottish League club Third Lanark.

· Turn oan that light it's too Cathkin Park tae see onythin' in here. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Cathy McGuigan

noun

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *the jiggin*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

cats and kittens

noun

a woman's breasts [US]

A variant of *cats and kitties*, the plural of CAT AND KITTY.

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

cats and mice

noun

dice [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cat's arse; cat's

noun

an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASS-HOPPER.

· I don't like that new bloke on C wing. I heard he's a bit of a cat's. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.275, **2015**

cat's face

noun

in a deck of playing cards, an ace [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, **2011**

cat's hiss

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, **1999**

· – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March **2004**

cat's milk

noun

silk [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, **1969**

· [A] malt whisky or a widgetized beer may go down 'as smooth as cat's milk'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 7th April **2005**

cat's paw; cats

noun

1 in professional wrestling, a draw in a bout [UK]

· If a bout is said to be 'cats' or 'monkeys', it means that nobody will win, as cat's paw and monkey's paw are rhyming slang for 'draw'. – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.14 [1987], **1985**

2 in bingo, the number sixty-four [NEW ZEALAND/US/UK/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th July **2007**

· – *olivateenelizbucketlist.weebly.com*, November **2008**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November **2013**

cattel

noun

▶ see CATTLE TRUCK

cattle dog

noun

a catalogue [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

An imperfect slang rhyme. < *Australian cattle dog* 'a breed of herding dog'.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, p.21, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.91, **1999**

· [I]f it's on the online cattledog it means he still has the jigs & would make to order. – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 25th August **2009**

· Check out the latest Swazi Cattledog (what we like to call our Catalogue!) below. – *www.swazi.co.nz*, 8th November **2010**

· "Cattle dog" = catalogue – bit of an Aussieism – rhyming slang – in my family we always say when cattledogs arrive in the letterbox – "dodgers in the letterbox" – don't know why – just started years ago. – *The Grey Nomads* forum, 29th April **2011**

· [W]here u bin?? Mine loved the cattle dogs too! [...] cattle dogs? We live opposite a dog park so regularly take him for a walk to meet the local dogs. Is that the city equivalent? [...] Australian slang, cattle dog = catalogue. Sorry dar!! – *twitter.com*, 13th September **2012**

cattle ramp

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *camp*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**

cattle truck; cattel

noun

1 a sex partner, sometimes specifically an easily accessible one [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on (*easy*) *fuck*. The short form is exclusively British.

· Do you get the twist and twirl (the girl) going down the other Peggy Pryde (the other side) of the frog and toad (the road) with a God forbid (a kid) on a false alarm (her arm). She's a cattle truck (untranslatable) on the Susan Brown (on the town). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**

· [S]he was a right BRASS but she was a good CATTEL[.] – *www.youtube.com*, **2011**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Still wouldn't mind a cattle truck tonight if the bread knife's awake. – *UK Hippy* forum, 25th January **2006**

3 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Often in the phrases *what the cattle truck?* and *who the cattle truck?* and, as an interposed intensifier, in expressions such as *shut the cattle truck up* and *sit the cattle truck down*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Who the cattle truck are crouch and gerrard? – *The 2 Gs* – *CSRN* forum, 9th September **2006**

· Everybody else, SIT THE cattle truck DOWN! – *Chelsea in America* forum, 18th September **2009**

· Torres needs to shut the cattle truck up. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 20th May **2012**

4 something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a cattle truck* 'to not care at all'. Only recorded in the full form.

· I couldnt give a cattle truck what my cholesterol is. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 29th July **2009**

· Unlike the *hampton wicks* around here, I don't give a *cattle truck* about graphics. – *Gaia Online* forum, 27th August **2013**

cattle truck; cattle*verb*

1 to have sex (with someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- **cattle**, v. To coït with[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949
- **cattle truck** *F*—, 20 C. Always reduced to Cattle(d) and used in all senses of the unprintable except, perhaps, violent expletive. [...] ‘H’m—wouldn’t moind cattlin ’er.’ – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- Let’s go somewhere quiet and cattle truck. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997
- [N]ot until I’m done cattle trucking her... – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 31st March 2013
- 2 to damage someone physically or emotionally; to treat someone unfairly or harshly [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- I rec’on the bloke wot designed this ’ere engine ought to get cattled[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- As for the prosecution costs, he got cattle-trucked on those too. – *www.bucksfreepress.co.uk*, 3rd September 2009

cattle truck all; sweet cattle truck all*noun*

nothing at all [UK]

Formed as rhyming equivalents of *fuck all* and *sweet fuck all*.

- I would guess that architects and anyone else can do cattle truck all. – *House Price Crash* forum, 16th May 2012
- Giving swift and Baker 7mins of first team football between them does sweet cattle truck all for their development. – *The Shed* forum, 7th July 2014

cattle trucked; cattled trucked; cattle truck’d; cattled*adjective*

1 totally exhausted, beaten, thwarted, in serious trouble, done for [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *fucked*. Formed on the verb **CATTLE TRUCK**.

- I backed a winner wot came in nowhere and I was prop’ly cattled[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- The favourite was well cattled when he fell at the last fence. – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970
- [O]ur club is cattled trucked for the next 5 years. – *British Expats* forum, 30th August 2004
- At least treat us long-suffering, cattle-trucked commuters as adults – give us facts and drop the infantile rhetoric. – *www.irishexaminer.com*, 12th September 2006
- His great cry, having lost a coup, was ‘Fuck my tits, we’re cattled!’ – D. Thompson, *The Hustlers*, p.144 [2008], 2007
- I’m ‘Cattled’ – sooo back to bed! – *Royal Mail Chat* forum, 6th September 2007
- As I said I was Cattle Trucked! We left here Friday, and got a train to Warnambool, then the mates missus drove us to Adelaide, instead of headin the normal way, she took us on some stoopid back road, so we got there at 1am[.] – *OldHolden.com* forum, 12th June 2007

- Haven’t watched the replay – sat up watching the Arc and am totally cattled. – *ausrace.com*, 7th October 2008

- Pretty cattle trucked so will lay off the piss tonight and have a few after the ’20km in 2 hrs 50 min’ speed walk tomorrow... – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 24th January 2010
- Jack it in Dunner, you’re cattle trucked mate. – *thescore.thejournal.ie*, 29th January 2011
- I agree that this government are cattle trucked. – *Racing and Sports – Talkback* forum, 8th May 2012
- If we lose him during the summer it won’t be a long summer, we are cattled trucked without him. – *Reservoir Dubs* forum, 9th January 2013
- Ive got games saved to my hard drive and my skyrim disc is cattle-truck’d[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 3rd July 2013
- [T]o be honest I was cattled trucked yesterday and kept falling asleep. – *www.facebook.com*, 4th August 2014

2 ruined, destroyed; seriously injured [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

- It’s Cattled mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd May 2002
- The bodywork was totally cattle trucked[.] – *Ten-Tenths Motorsport* forum, 27th August 2003
- [T]he “brakes are cattled”. – *Ten-Tenths Motorsport* forum, 19th April 2005
- [M]y brushes were cattle trucked! – *R/C Tech* forum, 8th August 2005
- Thanks watty for helping me find out my digibox was, eh, “cattle trucked”. – *Boards.ie* forum, 15th March 2006
- [H]is bargain priced 19” LCD TV was cattle trucked and would not find the AV channel. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 8th February 2008
- I haven’t took the lid off yet but I don’t need too, its well cattle trucked. – *www.youtube.com*, forum, 23rd December 2012
- [M]y back is cattled but it’s always been a problem. – *twitter.com*, 15th April 2013

cattle trucked up*adjective*

broken, ruined, spoilt [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fucked up*. Formed on the verb **CATTLE TRUCK**.

- Last year with a mate’s PC I had to install a new Power Supply due to the old one’s fan being clogged/cattle trucked up to the max with dust along with most of the internals. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 16th May 2007
- I had a bacteria infection in the joints of my lower back and a cattle trucked up digestion and metabolism. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 26th October 2012

cattle trucker*noun*

an obnoxious or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*. A derivative of the verb **CATTLE TRUCK**.

· Those cattle-truckers took £500 from my account one Xmas for a phone I was mis-sold & had returned 3 months earlier. – *twitter.com*, 7th June **2013**

· Probably explains why the cattle truckers are always slipping over! – *The Shed* forum, 10th October **2014**

cattle trucking

adjective/adverb

used to intensify anger, exasperation, etc., or for emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fucking* . Formed on the verb CATTLE TRUCK.

· If another wise arse cracks, “Hot enough for you today?” I’m going to cattle trucking throttle him. cattle trucking heat! By the time I get to work the car’s radiator was boiling over, my clothes are soaking cattle trucking wet, and I smell like baked cat!! – *wulfweard.blog.co.uk*, blog, 8th March **2006**

· To those who call themselves journalists, Give it a cattle trucking rest! Stop coming up with the crap that is wearing the football loving people down and go and write something constructive and positive. – *www.dockerland.com*, 19th March **2008**

· You cattle trucking gotta be kidding me! – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 19th January **2014**

cattle trucking hell

exclamation

used as an expression of shock, surprise, amazement or anger [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fucking hell* . Formed on CATTLE TRUCKING.

· [C]attle trucking hell, that’s criminal! – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 19th January **2014**

· – *The Shed* forum, 5th October **2014**

cattle truck off

verb

to go away [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuck off* . Formed on the verb CATTLE TRUCK.

· [W]hy don’t you just cattle truck off and stick to your own sort you bar steward, you shouldn’t be allowed to mx with decent people. – *Big Soccer* forum, 31st October **2002**

· Cesc needs to cattle truck off. I’m sick of him. – *GameFAQs* forum, 29th July **2011**

· I wonder if GN is going to finally tell him to cattle truck off? – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 27th April **2013**

Catweasel

noun

diesel [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< *Catweazle*, a children’s series which ran on ITV from 1970 to 1971. Recorded among scaffolders, who, as a trick of the trade, use burning diesel to clean rust from scaffold tubes.

· I will need to sort out my April Fools (Tools) and throw some Catweasel (Diesel) on my Barneys[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

caurybunkle

noun

a wrinkle [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wrinkle* , the Scots form of *wrinkle* . < *caury-bunkle*, the broad Glaswegian pronunciation of *car-buncle*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

cazza

noun

▶ see CASABLANCA

CD

noun

▶ see COMPACT DISC

Cecil Day

nickname

Luas, Dublin’s light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* ‘speed’) and *Lewis*. < Irish poet and novelist Cecil Day-Lewis (1904–72), father of actor Daniel Day-Lewis. ▶ see CARL LEWIS, C.S., DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· To northsiders Luas may be the “Daniel Day” or the “Jerry Lee” (Mick O’Gorman, July 3rd), but to southsiders like myself it is, of course, the “Cecil Day” or the “C.S.” – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 7th July **2004**

Cecil Gee; Cecil

noun

one thousand pounds sterling [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *G*, a common slang word for one thousand pounds, and *Gee*. < Cecil Gee, a high-street menswear chain.

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Cecil Gees

noun

1 the knees [UK]

< Cecil Gee, a high-street menswear chain, sometimes referred to as Cecil Gee’s menswear shops.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *E*’s.

· – *Rollitup* forum, 19th December **2009**

celebrity chef; celebrity

noun

breath [UK]

Relies on the Cockney and popular London pronunciation of *breath* as *breff*.

· [S]omeone with a ‘reeking celebrity’ has probably eaten something that was heavy on the garlic. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Celia Holman Lee

noun

women viewed as sexual objects [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee* (literally ‘the vagina’).
< Irish top model agent and former model Celia Holman Lee (b.1950).

· I hit Tonic. A bouncer on the door who I’ve never seen before stops me, roysh, and tells me he doesn’t know my face. [...] It’s wall-to-wall Celia Holman Lee, as usual. When I walk through the door, of course, every female head in the place turns and the word goes round, as in, *he’s here*. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.226, **2007**

cellar flap; cellar

noun

1 tap dancing [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· He’s marvellous with his dancing, ‘specially his Cellar.
– I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 the action or activity of borrowing or attempting to borrow [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tap*. Used in the phrase *on the cellar (flap)*, an equivalent of *on the borrow*.

· [N]ow anybody on the ‘cellar’ wants to borrow some money. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· She’s never bin any good with her money. So she’s always on the Cellar. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

cellar flap; cellarflap; cellar

verb

to borrow [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tap*. First recorded in 1941 in the forms *cellarflap* and *cellar*.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.37, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I need to cellar flap a Lady Godiva. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Celtic Reserves

noun

nerves [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Celtic Reserves, the ‘development squad’ of Celtic FC.

· – *o50social* forum, 1st December **2003**

Central Bank; central

noun

an act of masturbation [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Central Bank, a shortening of the Central Bank of Ireland.

· One I came up with was ‘Central Bank’ for wank, I liked it ‘cause it worked both ways, in that I call people that hang around Central Bank wankers, and it makes more sense now... Also, if someone is in the toilet for longer than the usual time, you ask them if they’ve had a Central, and only a select few of us know it’s funny. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

central heating; central

noun

a meeting [UK]

· I just been to the Central about the new building. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th May **2003**

· I gulped down my molten toffee (coffee) and went down to the boom and mizzen (prison) for a central heating (meeting) with Mr. Smith. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

centre half

noun

a scarf [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· It’s a bit taters I’ll wear my centre half. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th December **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Accessories such as tilbury docks, centre halves and even a tit-fer-tat are sometimes the only areas where men can individualise their outfits. – *www.vogue.co.uk*, blog, 23rd July **2012**

· Time to get dressed in my whistle and flute with my Centre Half, i also put on my tit for tat and i was ready. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

centre lead

noun

the forehead [US]

The British spelling of *center* suggests that the term could well be a misprint for the adjective *center-led*, itself probably borrowed from sports terminology and perhaps combined with a hint of imagery.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

Century Miss

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Century Miss, a famous Australian filly, winner of the 1979 Golden Slipper Stakes horse race.

· – [B]ought a book on ebay with a piece of note paper tucked inside dated 18/8/79. [...] – Me and my mates had rhyming slang going back then. If you were going to the toilet Numbers 1’s was a Century Miss and a Number 2’s was a Stage Hit. – *Thoroughbred Village* forum, 17th February **2010**

ceramic tiles; ceramics

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.

· Jesus, ive been sat on that cold floor all day and me ceramics are fucking killing me. – *UD(.com)*, 22nd April **2006**

· The oddly named Thirsty Jack, however, prefers two other bits of rhyming slang – Ceramics and Rockfords. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 18th August **2010**

c’est la vie

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *c'est la vie*, a French turn of phrase often used in English as an equivalent of *that's life*.

- – CRS(*co.uk*), 26th October **2003**
- That C'est La Vie was desperate. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Chadwell Heath

noun

the teeth [UK]

- < Chadwell Heath, an area of east London.
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

chain and crank; chain crank

noun

a bank [UK]

- Chain crank* is recorded by Aylwin (1973). All other authors give the form *chain* and *crank*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.24, **1973**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

chain and link

noun

a person of Chinese or East Asian descent [US]

- Rhymes on the slang *Chink* 'a Chinese person'.
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

chain and locket; chain

noun

a pocket [UK]

- Vey dropped 'im one, wen' froo 'is chain an' lockets, 'alf inched 'is splosh and lef' 'im barmy. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.370, **1922**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Get yer hand out of yer chain and locket, son. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- Keep your hands in your 'chains'[.] – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, **2003**

chain crank

noun

- ▶ see CHAIN AND CRANK

chair and cross

noun

- ▶ see CHARING CROSS

Chairman Mao; chairman

noun

- an unpleasant, objectionable or objectified woman [UK]
- Rhymes on *cow* and could also simply refer to the animal. < Chinese communist leader Chairman Mao Zedong (1893–1976).
- Look at the udders on that Chairman! – CRS(*co.uk*), 22nd March **2005**

- The blonde re-emerges bein' a bit Lionel Ritchie. Right Chairman Mao she is. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Chalfont St Giles; chalfonts

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- Rhymes on *piles*. < Chalfont St Giles, a small town in Buckinghamshire, England.
- [']Now tell me, how many times have you seen one of those glamorous TV doctors in his short-sleeved shirt and his porcelain crowns treating a case of third-degree farmers?' 'Farmers?' the New Boy said. 'You mean like Farmer's Reducer?' 'I mean like Farmer Giles,' the Medical Photographer said. 'Chalfont St Giles if you prefer. Haemorrhoids.['] – *The British Journal of Photography*, 30th March **1979**
- Had me varicose veins and me chalfonts done. – *Minder*, UK TV: ITV, 14th March **1984**
- There was no way I would live in a house that was named Old Piles. Everyone would think we suffered from a severe dose of the Chalfonts. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.166, **1986**
- These frigging chalfonts'll finish me off! – *Viz* comic, February/March **1990**
- Just think – this time tomorrow, your chalfonts will be in the dustbin and your nick will be at peace. – *Viz* comic, October/November **1995**
- And in case you're wondering, no, I didn't apply Colgate to my Chalfont St Giles. Think I'm senile or something? – *www.thevisitor.co.uk*, 9th March **2005**
- My chalfonts are giving me hell. – *Spurscommunity* forum, 14th April **2013**
- I'm guessing his Chalfont St Giles are playing up if hes too embarrassed to say??? – *Betfair Community* forum, 25th August **2016**

chalk and liquor

noun

a vicar [UK]

- – P.R. Seymour, *An Undertaker's Diary*, p.xvii, **2006**

Chalk Farm; chalky farm; chalk

noun

1 the arm [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

- < Chalk Farm, an area of north London. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *Chalk Farm* (also with lower-case initials; UK, US, Australia), *chalky farm* (US), *chalk* (UK, US, Australia). The phrase *under the Chalk Farm* (or *under the chalk*), recorded by Hayward (1973), is the rhyming equivalent of the British slang *under the arm* 'suspicious'. ▶ see ALKCHAY ARM-FAY and CHUCK FARM
- CHALK-FARM *n.* Arm. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- [“L]eave the kid alone, or I'll put out my Chalk Farm (my arm) and give you a rap with my Oliver Twist (fist) over your I suppose (nose) that'll flatten your chevy chase (face) for you!” – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.70, **1858**

- CHALK FARM, the arm. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**
- CHALK FARM. The arm. – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**
- ‘Screw the umpcha [sic] on the left chalk,’ look at the chump on your left hand. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010; Stephens and O’Brien, *Materials for a Dictionary of Australian Slang*, unpublished manuscript, p.140, **1900–1910**
- I have also learned from these coffee stall conversations that ‘The Duke of Kent’ means rent, and that ‘Barnet Fair’ means hair, ‘Oxford scholar’ collar, ‘Chalk Farm’ arm[.] – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, England, 28th November **1927**
- Arm ... Chalk farm. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- Arm–chalk farm. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- **Chalk farm**, an arm[.] – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- ARM. Bender, chalky farm[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- If your attention is called to the heap of coke on your left chalk farm you are to note the bloke on your left. Of course it could be the right chalk, too. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**
- An’ ole Blanco ‘and’t got muck-all on his chalk-farms: not ev’n ‘is good conduct stripes[.] – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.30, **1943**
- CHALK FARM. The arm. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- CHALKY FARM – For arm. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaefer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- On ‘is *Chalk Farm* is a *Cousin Ella*. ‘In case it starts to *France an’ Spain*,’ e sez. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.20, **1969**
- “Nark it, cocko, hold your box, cos I pen yer a bit under the chalk.” [...] *I pen and ink*/think you are a little under the *Chalk Farm*/arm. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**
- [B]efore I can think about it she has grabbed my Chalk Farm. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.99, **1974**
- “Get your chalks off the Cain,” he would bark if they put their arms on the table. – K. Follett, *Paper Money*, p.56 [1987], **1977**
- Samson immediately snapped the ropes off his chalks. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.53, **2001**
- **CHALK FARM**.....(Aryan Brotherhood).....Arm. – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- **chalk farms – arms**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Even my clumsy new chalks could do some damage if I swung ‘em about hard enough. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.88, **2016**
- ② an arm of a chair [UK]
Recorded in the forms *Chalk Farm* and *chalk*.
- [T]hree Owens wiv *chalks* an’ all, an’ a ‘lectric *dickory* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. [...] Three *Owen Nares* wiv *Chalk Farms* ‘n’all ‘n’ a ‘lectric *Dickory Dock* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20–21, **1969**

chalk main

noun

a vein [NEW ZEALAND]

Drug users’ slang. Possibly formed as a compound of *chalk*, a common adulterant of street drugs as well as a slang reference to various powdered drugs, and *main*, an otherwise unrecorded clipping of the slang *main-line* ‘a major vein for drug injection’.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

chalky white; chalky

noun

light ale [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Chaminda Vaas; chaminda

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. < Sri Lankan cricketer Chaminda Vaas (b.1974).

· chaminda vass = arse[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

· Rats, sausages, mummies and bronze angels – you can stick the football up your Chaminda Vaas. – *The Racing Post*, London, 18th March **2003**

· I agree it ruins the game when they go uncontested, but having 3 props reserves might be too much i.e. takes the fun out of seeing a prop trying to stop a winger in the 80th minute after he has had his head shoved up his Chaminda all day. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 20th June **2006**

· You drag that yellow card out one more time and I will shove it right up your Chaminda Vaas. – *TotalBowling* forum, 23rd June **2006**

· Those new trousers, Jimmy? Nice Chaminda! – *www.alloutcricket.com*, blog, 27th February **2013**

· I slipped and fell on my Chaminda. – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2015**

chamois leather; shammy leather; shammy

noun

① a chat [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *blether*.

· **chatter** [...] yabber, yaff, shammy-leather *slang*. – I. Macleod and P. Cairns, *CESD*, **1993**

· You better know the Hampden next time you have a shammy leather with your mates: Scots are increasingly turning to rhyming slang to get their point across. [...] Iseabail Macleod, editorial consultant for the new Scottish Language Dictionaries, which publishes for the Scots language reference works, has noticed phrases such as *Hampden* (*Hampden roar* for ‘score’) and *shammy* (*leather* for ‘blether’) becoming more common. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 28th April **2002**

· Let’s have a shammy: Chamois leather. Blether – chat. – *The Guardian*, London, 29th April **2002**

· You sit doon there hen, I’ll grab the bevvies and we’ll hae a right guid chamois leather, warts and all. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· **Shammy (leather)** = blether, i.e. chat, gossip. – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, 2012

2 weather [UK]

Recorded in the form *chamois leather*.

· – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 10th October 2002

· Conversations about the weather (or in the locals' language the 'chamois leather'/'hell for leather'/'birds of a feather'/'pigeon feather'/'well I never') could no longer rely on the 'captain's log'[,] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, 2009

champagne glass

noun

a prostitute [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *brass*, the short version of BRASS NAIL.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

chandelier; shandy

noun

1 the ear [NEW ZEALAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.246, 1982

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

2 a homosexual [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. The form *shandy*, given by Lilley (1990) and Puxley (1998), is recorded in British usage.

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Used to call a good friend the following names [...] Chandelier: As in rhyming slang for queer as he was so gay when he would get in a strop and run off. – *b3ta.com*, 23rd May 2006

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

· [H]e's a right old chandelier, look at what he's wearing! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, accessed 10th April 2012

Chandler Bing

noun

1 a ring (for the finger) [IRELAND]

< Chandler Bing, a character in the NBC sitcom *Friends* (1994–2004), played by Matthew Perry (b.1969).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

2 a chicken wing [IRELAND]

· Erika looks like she's about to throw up – she even pushes away the rest of her Chandler Bings. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.118, 2010

chanel

noun

cocaine [US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *coke* and *Coco*. < French fashion designer Coco Chanel (real name Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel; 1883–1971).

· – T. Dalzell, *The Slang of Sin*, p.121, 1998

change one's luck

verb

to copulate [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.34, 1999

channel fleet

noun

a street [UK/IRELAND]

· In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: "I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:- [...] 'Channel Fleet,' Street. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July 1932

· We had a *ball of chalk* down the *channel fleet*; then went into the *rub-a-dub* and had two *Aristotles of morning mass* with *four languages*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', 1953

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Channel Nine

noun

wine [AUSTRALIA]

< Channel Nine, a major Australian TV network.

· He had a squillion party pieces he could recite at the opening of an Aristotle of Channel Nine. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, 1983

Chanty Po

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Joe* [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *chanty po*, Scots for *chamber pot*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Charing Cross; chair and cross; charing

noun

a horse; sometimes specifically a racehorse; hence, in the plural, horse races [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect, where *cross* was pronounced *crose*. In American English *cross* rhymes perfectly with *hoss*, a variant of *horse*.

< Charing Cross, a central London location (it is the official reference point for the very centre of the metropolis) and the railway terminus which is situated there. The full form *Charing Cross* is common in all three locations of use. *Chair and cross* (Maurer 1944) and *charing* (Willey 2009) are American and British respectively.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· [C]all a flounder and dab with a tidy Charing-cross, and we'll go for a Bushy Part along the frog and toad into the

live eels. – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], ‘Thieves’ Slang’, 8th February **1883**

· “No blooming fear—not that one,” said the “Captain” (who by this time had told me that was his proper designation) “a ‘Charing Cross’ of that colour means bad luck.” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· Mr. Overcoat Jack accepts wagers, on the Charing Crosses, as we say in Australia[.] – *Delaware County Daily Times*, 30th December **1927**

· It is said Hornsby likes to bet on the Charing Crosses, otherwise the horses, which is deemed a grave baseball fault[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 23rd January **1928**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· Watching the *Charing Crosses* (horses is the rhymer and these are racehorses[.]) – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.78, **1973**

· In Club Row, Bethnal Green, Ice-cream Georgie told me. “I had a bull and cow (row) with the trouble and strife (wife) because I’d been at the Charing Crosses (horses) a bit too strong.” – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 9th May **1974**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

charing crosser

noun

a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *tosser*. < Charing Cross, a central London location and the railway terminus which is situated there. Charing Cross is the point from which all distances to and from London are measured.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th January **2003**

· Lor’ luv a duck! wengerboy yew ’ave let da Cookin’ Fat aaah ov da bag yew charin’ crosser. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 22nd February **2004**

· What a “charing crosser”! – *Cricket 24/7* forum, 31st January **2008**

· Galloway is a charing crosser and should uncle buck off back over the border. – *The East London Forum*, 23rd October **2009**

· If you want to know the Babe Ruth, City to win 2-1 with a Barney Rubble from Aluko. The Wall defence will have a right Barry Crocker. Set of Charing Crossers. – *Amber Nectar* forum, 14th September **2012**

Chariots; Martin Chariots

nickname

English dual code rugby player Martin Offiah (b.1966)

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *Offiah* and of *Fire*. < *Chariots of Fire*, a 1981 film directed by Hugh Hudson.

· Throughout the North, he answers simply to the name “Chariots”. – *Punch* magazine, London, 4th March **1988**

· Nicknamed Chariots, he has been the most prolific English-born try scorer in history, with 458 touch-downs. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 18th September **1999**

· Oudenryn comfortably beat him but Chariots was getting a bit old if memory serves me correctly. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 28th August **2007**

· Supporting England myself, hope they go all they way. Martin Chariots is my rugby league hero. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 16th November **2013**

charity run

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-one [UK]

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

charles

noun

▶ see CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Charles Brady

noun

▶ see CHARLIE BRADY

Charles Dance; Charlie Dance

noun

a chance [UK]

< English actor Charles Dance (b.1946). The variant *Charlie Dance* is recorded in 2008.

· *First man*: Want a game of chess? *Second Man*: No, you always beat me. *First Man*: All right, I’ll give you a Charles Dance. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· He didn’t stand a Charles Dance. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.65, **2011**

Charles de Gaulles

noun

the testicles [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Charles de Gaulle (1890–1970), the first president of France’s Fifth Republic.

· Lauren has grabbed me by the knackers, so fast that I didn’t even see her hand move. [...] When I’ve signed it, roysh, with, like, a trembling hand, she finally gives me back my Charles de Gaulles. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Rhino*, p.79, **2009**

Charles Dickens

noun

chickens [AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< English writer Charles Dickens (1812–70).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Sticking on the Frank Skinner... 2 Roast Charles Dickens to be coveted by some merchant navy... – *twitter.com*, 30th May **2010**

Charles James; Charlie; Charley

noun

a fox [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *fox* and *Fox*. < English statesman Charles James Fox (1749–1806).

· [A] nice little gorse or spinney, where abideth poor Charley, having no other cover to which to betake himself for miles and miles, when pushed out some fine November morning by the Old Berkshire. – T. Hughes, *Tom Brown's School Days*, p.8, **1857**

· [T]he fox becomes the sacrificial representative of a sacred species. According to Scruton, the rider who praises Charlie's cunning is engaging in the atavistic practice of totemism. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 10th February **2001**

· The fox is usually termed 'Charles James' or 'Charlie' (after the statesman Charles James Fox); Todd/Mr Todd (in Wales and Scotland) and 'the Pilot'. – *Tactics Booklet*, North West Hunt Saboteurs, Manchester, p.27, **2002**

Charles James Fox; James Fox; charles james; charlie james

noun

1 a theatre box [UK]

Theatre slang. < English statesman Charles James Fox (1749–1806). Recorded in the forms *Charles James Fox* and *charles james*.

· Once I happened to mention to [a] manager ... that my children would like to see the pantomime he was producing. "Right you are, old man," he said, "give me a ring any time and I'll see there's a Charles James for them." – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 8th December **1934**

· Ring me up and I'll fix you up with a *Charles James*. – W. Granville, *TD*, **1952**

· *Charles James*, or in full *Charles James Fox*, is 'theatre box'[,] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.95, **1981**

2 a box [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Charles James Fox*, *charlie james* and *James Fox*.

· Mark asked me if my name was used as rhyming slang for an article in everyday use. [...] "Charles James Fox," said Mark. "I'm surprised at you, Tom. Have you never heard a box referred to as a 'Charlie James'?" – P. Capon, *Simplicity*, p.18, **1953**

· *Equipment*, etc. [...] Charles James Fox 'box'[,] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· Look in the James Fox. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Charles Laughton; Charles Lawton

adjective

horrible, very bad or unpleasant [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *rotten*. < English actor Charles Laughton (1899–1962). The spelling *Charles Lawton* is recorded in 1994.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

· The smell in here is pure Charles Laughton! – M. Munro, *CP2*, **2001**

· This theme is Charles Laughton, complete Lilian Gish, totally Radio Rental. – www.bbc.co.uk, blog, 2nd May **2011**

Charles McIntosh

noun

a wash [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish industrial chemist Charles Macintosh (1766–1843), inventor of a process of waterproofing fabrics with rubber (hence *mackintosh*).

· Look at ye, yer absolutely mockit. Go and get a Charles McIntosh right this minute. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Charles Prescott

noun

▶ see CHARLIE PRESCOTT

Charles Rennie Macintosh; charles rennie

adjective

posh, upper-class [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish Art Nouveau architect and designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868–1928).

· Ye sound that different on the phone, affy Charles Rennie. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Charles Shaar Murray

noun

a curry [UK]

< English journalist and writer Charles Shaar Murray (b.1951).

· Heh, Wilko Johnson and his band were using 'going for a Charles Shaar Murray after the gig' years ago ... – *Harmony Central* forum, 25th February **2009**

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Charley

noun

▶ see CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Charley Arstard; Charley 'Arstard; charley; 'arstard

noun

a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *bastard*.

· Damn 'Itler, the murdering 'Charley Arstard'! [...] Charley 'Arstard *Bastard* Charley. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.x/47, **1973**

· The Charley 'Arstard does not even offer me a lift up the drive. [...] Shut your cake-hole, you dirty 'Arstard! – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, pp.94/107, **1974**

Charley Beck; Charlie Beck

noun

a cheque; specifically, a forged or worthless cheque [US/UK]

First recorded in American English, where it is spelt with *-ey*. The spelling with *-ie* is the one used in British English.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

Charley Chalk; Charlie Chalk*noun*

a talk [us]

The spelling with *-ie* is recorded in 1960.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- I had a charlie chalk with Julian Franklyn in his shovel and broom. – *Reading Eagle*, Reading, Pennsylvania, 11th December 1960
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Charley Dilk*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE DILKE

Charley Frisky*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE FRISKY

Charley Hocks*noun*

socks [us]

- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934
- I think I'll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat, take off my bag of fruit, drop my Charley Hocks into my ones and twos[.] – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July 1942
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978

Charley Horner; Charlie Horner; Cholly Horner*noun*

a street corner; a corner in a building [us/uk]

Charley Horner is recorded by Pollock (1935) and Maurer (1944), who define the term as 'a street corner' and 'the corner' respectively. Franklyn lists it with the spelling *Charlie Horner*, and notes that '[i]n its English form it refers always to a street corner, or corner of a room'.

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Corner, Cholly Horner. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

Charley Howard*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE HOWARD

Charley Hunt; charley*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE HUNT

Charley Lancaster*noun*

a handkerchief [uk]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *hankercher*, a colloquial pronunciation of *handkerchief*.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859
- – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889
- – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933

Charley Mason*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE MASON

Charley Pope; Charlie Pope*noun*

soap [uk/us]

The spelling *Charley Pope* is common in both locations of use. The spelling with *-ie* has only been recorded in Britain.

- – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925
- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June 1936
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Charley Prescott; Charley Prescot*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE PRESCOTT

Charley Randy*noun*

▶ see CHARLIE RANDY

Charley Ripe*noun*

a pipe (for smoking tobacco or other substances) [us]

A variation of CHERRY RIPE.

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978

Charley Rocks*noun*

socks [us]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, 1944
- The *artful dodger beat his storm and strife* for not darning his charley rocks and went to moan and wail. – *Writer's Monthly*, Springfield, MA, 1945
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Charley Rollar; Charley Roller; Charlie Rollar; Charlie Roller; Charlie Rawler; Cholly Rollar; Cholly Rohler*noun*

[1] a collar [us]

- Charley-rollar is a collar. – D. Ryan, *Angel's Flight*, p.20, 1927
- *Charlie Rawler*–collar. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928
- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast

for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Collar, Cholly Rohler. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· Collar–Charley Roller. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Charley roller**, a collar. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Charlie Roller, *a collar*[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· CHARLIE ROLLAR (N) A collar. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· *Cholly Rollar* = collar. [...] Charley Rollar – collar.[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, pp.55/96, **1968**

2 a dollar [US]

Recorded in the form *Charley Rollar*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**

Charley Ronce; charley

noun

▶ see CHARLIE RONCE

Charley rousers

noun

trousers [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

charleys

noun

the races [AUSTRALIA]

A variant spelling of *charlies*, the short version of CHARLIE CHASE.

· You going to the charleys tomorrow? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Charley's coat

noun

a Carley float (a type of life raft) [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

· – S.J. Baker, *PDAS3*, **1943**

· – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

Charley Sheard

noun

a beard [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

Charley Skinner

noun

dinner [UK]

Partridge (1961) cites D. W. Barrett's *Life and Work among the Navvies* (1880) as supporting evidence for this entry, but the word that occurs there is not *Charley Skinner*, but JIMMY SKINNER.

· I may remark *en passant* that I was not elephants in any way, as I was on my way to Charley Skinner with a relative. – *Aeronautics* magazine, London, 5th January **1916**

Charley Smirke

noun

▶ see CHARLIE SMIRKE

Charley Wheeler; charley

noun

▶ see CHARLIE WHEELER

Charley Wiggins

noun

▶ see CHARLIE WIGGINS

Charlie Baker

noun

a faker, a fraud [US]

· He's a Charlie Baker. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.54, **1968**

Charlie Bash

noun

hashish [UK]

Rhymes on *hash*.

· I am pretty much exclusively a Charlie Bash man nowadays and the amount I load my chargers with would just look silly on the paper sans baccy so, yeah. – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 8th January **2012**

Charlie Beck

noun

▶ see CHARLEY BECK

Charlie Bird

noun

a word [IRELAND]

< Irish broadcaster and journalist Charlie Bird (b.1949).

· And of course nobody says a fucking Charlie Bird to her. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.75, **2007**

Charlie Brady; Charles Brady

noun

a hat [UK]

Rhymes on *cady*, an old slang term for a hat. The variant *Charles Brady* is recorded by Bent (1891).

· – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.272, **1891**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Charlie Britt

noun

a fit of temper [AUSTRALIA]

A rhyming elaboration of the Australian slang *charlie*, used in the phrase *chuck a charlie* ‘to have a fit of temper’.

· **fit, to throw a:** chuck a Charlie Britt, chuck a Charlie. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, p.45, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Charlie Broom

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots for *town*. Probably < Charlie Brown, a cartoon character created by Charles M. Schulz in 1950.

· [Y]ous coming to the charlie broon? – *twitter.com*, 31st December **2012**

· What about up the Charlie Broon efter it? – *twitter.com*, 23rd January **2015**

Charlie Brown; charlie

noun

1 a clown [UK]

< ‘Charlie Brown’, a 1959 song by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, originally recorded by the American vocal group the Coasters, whose chorus contains the line ‘He’s a clown, that Charlie Brown’. In this sense, only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.50, **2011**

2 a town [IRELAND]

Probably < Charlie Brown, a cartoon character created by Charles M. Schulz in 1950.

· [J]ust back home from Charlie Brown... off to the train tracks for a Forrest Gump and Paddy Power then the Maggie Thatcher for me [...] In the tin heading for the apple tart (dart) to Charlie. – *twitter.com*, 13th and 14th April **2010**

Charlie Bucket

exclamation

used as an expression of annoyance, disgust, rejection or dismissal [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck it*. < Charlie Bucket, the young hero of Roald Dahl’s novels *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964, later adapted into two films), and *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* (1972).

· Oh, Charlie Bucket!! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th June **2007**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.204, **2009**

Charlie Chalk

noun

▶ see CHARLEY CHALK

Charlie Chan; charlie

noun

1 food [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scran*. < Charlie Chan, a Chinese-American detective created by Earl Derr Biggers in a series of six books published between 1925 and 1932; since 1926 the character has also appeared in films, radio, television and comic strips. Only recorded in the full form. According to Ashley (1977), this first usage is ‘apparently older than the fictional detective’.

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.145, **1977**

2 a van [UK]

Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· They were sitting in Stan’s “little Charlie” (Charlie Chan–van–remember?) outside the Hereford Road house. [...] There was a sudden screech and earth-shak-

ing impact as the little “Charlie” was driven into the Range Rover’s path. – S. Brett, *Not Dead, Only Resting*, pp.159/169, **1984**

3 a can of drink, usually beer [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a suntan [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Topping up the Charlie Chan. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2012**

· That’s a pretty nice Charlie you’ve got there. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Charlie Chaplin; Charlie; Charley; charles

noun

a military or prison chaplain [US/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *chaplain* and *Chaplin*. < English actor and director Charlie Chaplin (1889–1977). The shortened variant *charles* may be a nonce form; it is only recorded in Anthony Burgess’s novel *A Clockwork Orange* (1962).

· *Charley*–the Chaplain. – J.E. Lighter, *RHHDas*, 1994: R. Lord, *Captain Boyd’s Battery*, p.24, 1919: **1917**

· Chaplain Edwards (Charlie Chaplin) in the foreground. – J.E. Lighter, *RHHDas*, 1994: C.J. Swan, *My Company*, p.148, **1918**

· And soon the prison charlie was asking them: ‘What’s it going to be then, eh?’ And that’s where you came in. We had four of these lomticks of like Prison Religion that morning, but the charles said no more to me about this Ludovico’s Technique, whatever it was, O my brothers. – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.84 [1965], **1962**

· Usually he avoided the prison doctor as much as he did the resident Charlie Chaplin – a dough-faced, slack-jawed clergyman who answered all the problems with the insight and originality of an advice-to-the-lovelorn columnist. – A. Hall, *On the Run*, p.23, **1974**

Charlie Chase; charlie

noun

1 a race [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American comedian Charlie Chase (1893–1961). In Australian English, used in the phrase *not be in the Charlie Chase* (or *not be in the charlie*) ‘to have no chance of success’, the direct equivalent of *not be in the race*. Hence CHARLEYS.

· *Charlie Chase*, race, e.g. *not in the Charlie Chase*. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· **not in the Charlie** = not worthy of consideration. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Charlie Chase Race. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

2 a person’s face [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

Charlie Chawke

verb

to talk [IRELAND]

< Irish pub tycoon Charlie Chawke (b.ca 1949).
 · Don't get your Brenda Frickers (knickers) in a twist – but this is how we all Charlie Chawke (talk) now. – *Irish Daily Mirror*, Dublin, 10th January **2005**

Charlie Chester; charlie

noun

a child molester, a paedophile [UK]
 < English comedian and broadcaster Charlie Chester (real name Cecil Victor Manser; 1914–97). Its American slang equivalent *chester*, commonly used in prisons, is a shortening of *Chester the Molester*, itself based on the name of a cartoon character created in 1975 by Dwaine Tinsley for *Hustler* magazine.
 · [K]ick 'em in the coffee stalls – they're a bunch of Charlie Chesters...if you get my meaning! – *The Electrogarden* forum, 23rd June **2003**
 · In the UK any adult working with children has to be Police checked by Law to ensure your not a Charlie Chester – Child Molester. – *Kung Fu Magazine* forum, 15th July **2005**
 · Fair enough, he's a Charlie Chester so he deserves to have his testicles removed[.] – *The Self Preservation Society* forum, 22nd May **2009**
 · If this guy isn't a Charlie Chester I promise to never mock feminsm again. – *Special Interest* forum, 23rd April **2012**

Charlie Clore; charlie

noun

1 the floor or ground [UK]
 < Charlie Clore, English financier and property developer Charles Clore (1904–79).
 · [T]o put an opponent down was to put him on the 'Charlie'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
 2 twenty pounds [UK]
 Rhymes on *score*.
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Charlie Cooke

noun

a look [UK]
 < Scottish footballer Charlie Cooke (b.1942).
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Charlie Dance

noun

▶ see CHARLES DANCE

Charlie Dancer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]
 The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

charlie dicken; charlie

noun

a chicken [UK]
 < English writer Charles Dickens (1812–70).
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· That was a lovely Charlie we ate last night. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

Charlie Dilke; Charley Dilk

noun

milk [UK]

< English politician Charles Dilke (1843–1911), who served as a Member of Parliament for Chelsea from 1868 to 1886. The variant *Charley Dilk* is given by Kendall (1969).
 · – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 · – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, **1969**
 · – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCRS*, **1972**
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · She had a leather bag full of Charlie Dilke, so she poured 'im a cup. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.50, **2001**

Charlie Drake; charlie

noun

1 a brake [UK]

< English comedian and actor Charlie Drake (1925–2006). Only recorded in the full form.
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
 · – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 · – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
 · – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**
 · The ole jamjar's off the frog and toad because [...] the Charlie Drakes have gone Pete Tong. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.57, **2008**

2 a break (an interval or pause) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
 · – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 · [A]nd time for a Charlie Drake Break. – *twitter.com*, 22nd May **2012**
 3 a steak [UK]
 · [Had a lovely "Charlie drake and Jockies whips" last night. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th March **2001**
 · I'll have a well done Charlie darlin'. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th February **2004**

Charlie Drakes

noun

a physical state of trembling [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *shakes*. < English comedian and actor Charlie Drake (1925–2006).
 · [I]f you drink in a bar full of piss soaked geriatrics you should have expected one of them would drop your phone, they've all got the charlie drakes in there man woman man. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 11th September **2011**
 · Got the Charlie drakes #needcalories sausage and egg sandwich pronto! – *twitter.com*, 12th July **2012**
 · In those days I had the Charlie Drakes and it took me 4 attempts to create a straight line. There was chalk everywhere! – *Table Tennis Talk* forum, man from Gateshead, 6th February **2013**

Charlie Freer*noun*

beer [UK]

- He can put down Charlie Freer by the gallon, he can. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909
- Don't be too surprised if the gentleman standing next to you in an East End pub asks for a *Charlie Freer*. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, 1981
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, 2008

Charlie Frisky; Charley Frisky*noun*

whisky [UK]

- It is very strange how the prefix “Charley” has become attached to many sayings of theirs, for instance, “Charley Randy” for brandy, “Charley Frisky” for whisky. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, 1880
- In the pub you can ask for a pint of *pig's ear* (beer), a *Charlie Frisky* (whisky) or a *Tom Thumb* (rum) before you go out on the *frog and toad* (road). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, 1974
- Charlie Frisky Whisky. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008
- Anyway, he had a terrible Geoff Hurst, so I bought him a Charley Frisky to make him feel at Ham and Bone[.] – *FMTTM* forum, 17th November, 2012

Charlie Horner*noun*

▶ see CHARLEY HORNER

Charlie Howard; Charley Howard*noun*

a coward [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- Probably strengthened by the earlier non-rhyming slang adjective *Charlie* ‘frightened, cowardly’, as used in the phrase *turn Charlie*. In Australian English, only recorded with the spelling *Charlie Howard*. Franklyn (1960) notes the word (spelt with *-ie*) occurs in James Curtis's *The Gilt Kid* (1936), but this has been impossible to confirm.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
 - – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
 - But it is doubtful whether one could ever definitely pinpoint the exact origin of ‘Charley Howard’ (coward). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.13, 1973
 - – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, 2008
 - – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Charlie Hunt; Charley Hunt; charlie; charley*noun*

[1] an unpleasant or stupid person, an idiot [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. Thought to be the origin of the slang *charlie* ‘a fool’, as used in the phrase *a proper/right charlie*. However, given that *charlie* is first recorded in 1946 and there is no evidence for the use of *Charlie Hunt* until 1961, it is likely that the latter arose as an elaboration of the former. Seen in this light, the de-

velopment from *charlie* to *Charlie Hunt* may be due to the influence of JOE HUNT or may have resulted from a punning interpretation of *cunt* as *C. 'unt*, a phonetically spelt version of *C. Hunt*. ▶ see also CHARLIE SMIRKE

- **Charlie Hunt** is a rare alternative form of JOE HUNT (q.v.). – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- *Charlie*, which all Cockneys and many others remember as a term in rhyming slang, where it shortens *Charlie Hunt*. – E. Partridge, *Comic Alphabets*, p.75, 1961
- As far as you second accident goes, I'm in the same boat as you where the car driver is being a right charlie hunt and not owning up[.] – *Visordown* forum, 21st March 2004
- [H]e even looks like a right Charlie Hunt as well. – *SV650 & Gladius 650* forum, 29th January 2011
- 2 the vagina [UK]
 - Rhymes on *cunt*.
- **Charley (or Charlie) Hunt**; often in C. 20 shortened to *Charley (Charlie)*. The female pudend[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970
- **Charlie Hunt** Rhyming slang for *cunt*. – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangage of Sex*, 1984

Charlie Idle*noun*

a bridle [AUSTRALIA]

- Mrs P. J. McLaren was one of several readers who reminded us that rhyming slang was around in the days of horse travel, with “rough and bulky” for sulky and “Charlie Idle” for bridle. – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January 1989

charlie james*noun*

▶ see CHARLES JAMES FOX

Charlie McNabbs*noun*

the Crips, a largely African-American street gang [US]

- Rhymes on *Crabs*, a pejorative term for the Crips. Used by the Aryan Brotherhood, a white supremacist prison gang.
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

Charlie Mason; Charley Mason*noun*

a basin [US?/UK/AUSTRALIA]

- Charlie Mason* is British and Australian. The spelling *Charley Mason* has been recorded in Britain and America. Although the term is listed by Franklyn (1960), this author notes that ‘[i]t no longer refers to an article of kitchen-ware, but “I'll have a Charlie Mason” means “I'll have a basin full”; that is, a try, or a share, or a ticket in a sweepstake’. The earliest known use of the word in the sense ‘a basin’, with no further explanation of its meaning, is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961

and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· But it is doubtful whether one could ever definitely pin-point the exact origin of ‘Charley Howard’ (coward), ‘Charley Mason’ (basin) and ‘Charley Prescott’ (waistcoat). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.13, **1973**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

charlie masonfull

noun

a large amount [UK]

Rhymes on *basinful*. A derivative of CHARLIE MASON.

Synonymous with JIMMYFUL.

· I’ll have a Charlie Masonfull of that puddin’, please. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Charlie Nash

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

Charlie Nicholas

noun

a miss (a failure to hit, catch, succeed, etc. something)

[UK: SCOTLAND]

A deliberately mismatched rhyme, perhaps coined in response to an incident on the field of play. < Scottish footballer Charlie Nicholas (b.1961).

· How did ye no’ score? That wiz the worst Charlie Nicholas ah’ve ever seen. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Charlie Nicholas

adjective

ridiculous [IRELAND]

A not quite perfect rhyme. < Scottish footballer Charlie Nicholas (b.1961).

· That’s hilarious – he’s beaten the highest ever test score by a night watchman by 100 runs! Absolutely Charlie Nicholas. – *The Free Kick* forum, 19th April **2006**

· You serious – that’s Charlie Nicholas if true. – *The Free Kick* forum, 21st April **2006**

· [T]hat penalty decision was charlie nicholas by the way. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 23rd November **2006**

Charlie Pope

noun

▶ see CHARLEY POPE

Charlie Prescott; Charlie Prescot; Charley Prescott; Charley Prescot; Charles Prescott; charlie

noun

a waistcoat [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *weskit*. *Charles Prescott* and *charlie* have been recorded in Australian and British usage respectively. ▶ see PRESCOT

· CHARLEY PRESCOT, *n*. Waistcoat. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· CHARLEY PRESCOTT, waistcoat. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· CHARLEY PRESCOT. A vest. – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· “Charley Prescot” is simply another name for a waistcoat. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

· Who was “Charlie Prescott,” whose name is immortalized as a synonym for “waistcoat?” – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**

· Waistcoat–“Charlie Prescott.” – *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, 4th March **1909**

· The Jack Lancaster round his three-quarter-peck required some wiping out. And as for his Charles Prescott, it was a study. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**

· The oesophagus (so to speak) is the *Derby*, or *Derby Kell*, from one Derby Kelly; the garment that covers it is the *Charlie*, from Charlie Prescott. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

· He had just washed his markises and Lucy’s, and wore a new “I’m afloat” and Charlie Prescott[.] – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· *Charley Prescot*. A vest. – H. Asbury, *The Gangs of New York*, p.376, **1928**

· Just as the tears are about to run down his “Charlie Prescot” and you think he is going to make you hot and uncomfortable, out pops the humorous cynicism. – *The Era*, London, 4th May **1932**

· **Charlie Prescott**, a waistcoat. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Charley Prescot, east and west, fan, inside or middle piece, a vest[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· “Use your loaf” means “use your loaf of bread” (head), “Anna Maria” (fire), “plates of meat” (feet), “Rory o’ More” (door), “raspberry tart” (heart), “Home Sweet Home” (comb), “Charlie Prescott” (waistcoat), and “mother of pearl” (girl). – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· But it is doubtful whether one could ever definitely pin-point the exact origin of ‘Charley Howard’ (coward), ‘Charley Mason’ (basin) and ‘Charley Prescott’ (waistcoat). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.13, **1973**

· **Charlie Prescott – waistcoat (pronounced ‘wescot’)**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· I realised that I hadn’t put on my *Charlie Prescott*[.] – *Dragon Cave* forum, 14th August **2010**

Charlie Pride; charlie

noun

a ride in or on a vehicle [UK]

< American country and western singer Charley Pride (b.1938).

• – *CRS*(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**

• – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

• We found the rabbit was knackered when we took it out for a Charlie, so we replaced it as well as the charm[.] – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

• Want to go for a Charlie? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Charlie Randy; Charley Randy

noun

brandy [UK]

• It is very strange how the prefix “Charley” has become attached to many sayings of theirs, for instance, “Charley Randy” for brandy[.] – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Oh, by the way, mine’s a double Charlie Randy. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

Charlie Rollar; Charlie Roller; Charlie Rawler

noun

▶ see CHARLEY ROLLAR

Charlie Rollocks

noun

nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

• There has never been a character that has talked such Charlie Rollocks on this forum as CL. – *The FRA Forum*, 31st August **2011**

• That’s a load of charlie rollocks. – *www.facebook.com*, 26th December **2014**

Charlie Ronce; Charley Ronce; charlie; charley

noun

a man who lives off a prostitute’s earnings, a pimp [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*. Thus OATS AND BARLEY.

• Charley–Man who lives on woman. – *Variety*, ‘English Underworld Slang’, 8th April **1931**

• Queenie wasn’t such a bad-looking brass at that. He wouldn’t mind tallying up with her and that Charley of hers wasn’t much cop. It ought to be easy enough to get her away from him. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.188 [2008], **1938**

• **Charlie Ronce** [...] ‘He’s a Charlie’[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• **Charley Ronce** Charley. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, **1968**

• Blackmail man, / I’m a Paki Chink, a half-cocked ponce, / I’m the blackmail man / A tiddly-wink, a Charlie Ronce. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

• **CHARLIE RONCE** – A prostitute’s protector[.] – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Charlie Sheen; Sheen

noun

cocaine [US/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *charlie* and *Charlie*. < Charlie Sheen, the stage name of American actor Carlos Irwin Estévez (b.1965). Also suggested by Sheen’s well-known problems with cocaine.

• If I wait until a few hours into my day, it hits me like a line of Charlie Sheen. And then Im all high. – *www.athletecreator.com*, 5th April **2011**

• I tried snorting Charlie Sheen once. It burns. Bad. Gives you the shits too. – *twitter.com*, 28th February **2011**

• Has this dude been snorting Sheen or something? – *icanhas.cheezburger.com*, 19th May **2011**

• – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 16th August **2011**

Charlie Sheen

noun

an ATM screen [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word. < Charlie Sheen, the stage name of American actor Carlos Irwin Estévez (b.1965).

• Balance on Charlie Sheen. – *Stormfront* forum, 24th August **2009**

• SOME MOOLAH FOR YA SKY ROCKET? YA RATTLE & TANK BALANCE? BALANCE ON CHARLIE SHEEN. BALANCE ON FLEET STREET. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

Charlie Smirke; Charley Smirke

noun

a fool [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *berk*, the short version of BERKELEY HUNT. A folk-etymological elaboration of *charlie*, which is often regarded as its short form. < English jockey Charlie Smirke (1906–93).

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

• – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

• We know that a Right Charlie is simply a harmless fool, the full phrase starting out as a ‘Charlie Smirke’, rhyming slang for ‘berk’, the name of a successful English jockey who raced between the 1930s and 1950s. – A. Jack, *Shaggy Dogs*, p.144, **2005**

Charlie’s Trousers

nickname

the city of Charters Towers in northern Queensland, Australia

An imperfect slang rhyme.

• If you hear the locals refer to “Charlie’s Trousers,” don’t be startled. They are talking about **Charters Towers**, one of two small towns within an easy day trip that is well worth visiting. – L. Mylne et al., *Frommer’s Australia 2011*, **2011**

• The Towers, Charlie’s Trousers or CT as its locally know is my home-town. – *www.vagobond.com*, blog, 30th January **2011**

• I got a good break working as a cook for a gang building the new rail line west of ‘Charlie’s Trousers’. – R. Ingsen, *Looking for Clancy*, p.79, **2013**

Charlie Wheeler; Charley Wheeler; charlie; charley*noun*

a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*. < New Zealand-born painter Charles Wheeler (1881–1977), who specialised in nudes.

· The manager knew what they meant by “Charlie Wheelers.” – *The Cheeriodical: R.A.A.F. Station, Rathmines, N.S.W.*, 5th March **1942**

· I kept them entertained and when we were getting up to go into lunch the stocky little Charlie Wheeler said to me, “I’m having a party soon and you must come along. I’ll let Helen know and she can get in touch with you.” – D. Stivens, *Jimmy Brockett*, pp.98–99 [1961], **1951**

· [T]he town hall, when it landed, came down fair on the skull of a charlie wheeler and she’s out like a flamin’ light. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· A female may be my sheila, my bird, my charley, my good sort, my hot-drop, my judy or my wife, but she is never ‘my mate’. – D. McLean, *Roaring Days*, p.1 [1961], **1960**

· A girl is a “Charlie Wheeler.” [...] A girl may ultimately just be a “Charlie.” – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**

· Fair dinkum, if a man had enough in the willy, I mean whippy, I’d get myself a charlie, er, bird that is, and shout her seven or so ounces of sheer joy. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**

· **Charley Wheeler** *N.* A girl in any port. – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

· She had her own pap and hit her burrow when it was her turn to shout. The Beecham admired this in a Charlie. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**

· If a real man had a haircut in Sydney he would naturally go to the Sydney Harbour – the barber – certainly not a woman’s hairdresser which would be frequented by Charlies[.] – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 19th August **1993**

· Women today prefer not to be called sheilas or charlies. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Women are Charlie’s – Charlie Wheeler, Sheila[.] – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**

· This is the John Dory of one Charlie Wheeler named Tilly Devine. – www.tillydevine.com.au, 20th August **2012**

Charlie Wiggins; Charley Wiggins*noun*

lodgings, especially accommodation for actors on tour [UK]

Rhymes on *diggings*, the colloquial pronunciation of *diggings*.

· So he goes back to his ‘Charley Wiggins’ (diggings)[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.76, **1973**

Charlotte Church; charlotte*noun*

a perch [UK]

< Welsh singer Charlotte Church (b.1986). Angling slang.

· My mate and I often revert to slang (for no particular reason) when fishing. Some of the terms include: [...] ‘Charlotte’ (Church) Perch. – *Anglers’ Net* forum, 25th November **2004**

Charlotte Joffe; charlotte*noun*

coffee [UK]

Probably < J. J. Rosenstein Saying Farewell to his New Wife Charlotte Joffe at Penn Station, a 1944 *Life* magazine photograph by Alfred Eisenstaedt.

· Stopped for a cup of Charlotte Joffe and a slice of Sexton Blake at the Royal before a returning peregrination back to Quack Towers. [...]. After the sport of tufty smudging, Duncan, Lord Moffo, Kaibosh and JdeQ transmigrated to SBBOT field centre for a rejuvenating cup of Charlotte (not Kaibosh as he gets too hyper). – justindequack.com, blog, 23rd March and 3rd April **2014**

Charlton and Greenwich*noun*

spinach [UK]

< Charlton and Greenwich, two areas of south-east London. Recorded in use among greengrocers.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Charlton Athletic*adjective*

pathetic [UK]

< Charlton Athletic FC, a London football team.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Charlton Bobby*noun*

an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. < *Charlton Bobby*, a reversal of the name of English football player Bobby Charlton (b.1937).

· Anyway, catcha later, gotta a go for a ‘Charlton Bobby’. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September **2009**

charm and flattery; charm*noun*

a battery [UK]

· – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

· We found the rabbit was knackered when we took it out for a Charlie, so we replaced it as well as the charm, which was flat as a kipper’s, and the worn Billies. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

charming mottle*noun*

a bottle [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-

abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

· [T]he Aussies were soon coining their own terms like “Maggie Moores” or “Maggies” (women’s drawers), “charming mottle” (bottle) and “Port Melbourne Pier” (ear). – R. Claiborne, *Marvelous Mother Tongue*, p.271, **1983**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**

charming wife

noun

a knife [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.177, **1977**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Chas and Dave; Chaz and Dave; chas; chaz

noun

a shave [UK/IRELAND]

< Chas and Dave, an English musical duo made up of Charles Hodges (b.1943) and David Peacock (b.1945), famed for their original amalgam of rock, rhyming slang lyrics and Cockney humour. Hence CLOSE CHAS AND DAVE.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I hit the basement for a barry, then had a quick dickie and a chaz. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· I’m off for a chas. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· If we are going down the hygiene path, “off for a Barry White, David Gower and Chaz and Dave”[.] – *Close Protection World* forum, 26th May **2008**

· Woke up on Friday morning in my Adam and the Ants (pants) had a Chas and Dave (shave) and turned on the Christian O’Connell show. Could not believe my Tears for Fears (ears) he was giving away V festival tickets for rhyming slang. – *www.facebook.com*, 8th August **2010**

· – [M]y dad, @themerrybounder, and I have a dispute over what is the better rhyming slang for ‘shave’. he says Rant and Rave, I say Chas ‘n Dave. – @spikester it’s got to be a chas. – *twitter.com*, 26th November **2012**

· Chaz and Dave is cockney rhyming slang for a shave, Turkish barbers maybe lol. – *www.facebook.com*, 27th October **2013**

Chas and Dave

verb

to shave [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· In the Mickey Mouse (house), it’s bird lime (time) for some wobbly jelly (telly), hit ‘n’ miss (kiss) the pot and

pan and bin lids, brush the Hampstead Heath (teeth), comb the Barnet Fair (hair), Chas and Dave (shave) the ham and eggs (legs) then up the apples and pears, cream crackered (knackered). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· She’s ‘ad an Eiffel Tower an’ loves to Chas an’ Dave. There ain’t a single Rubic cube in sight. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

chas ‘n’ daver

noun

1 a crazy person [UK]

Rhymes on *raver*. < Chas and Dave, an English musical duo made up of Charles Hodges (b.1943) and David Peacock (b.1945), famed for their original amalgam of rock, rhyming slang lyrics and Cockney humour. *Chas ‘n’ daver* is first recorded in the compound *James Dean chas ‘n’ daver* ‘a screen saver’ (*b3ta* forum, 6th February 2003), but the context in which it occurs suggests this could well be a nonce coinage. ► see JAMES DEAN

· You would not be allowed on with an accent like that, you fackin’ Chas’n’Daver. – *ComeOnBoro.com* forum, 1st October **2010**

· [S]omeone correct that chas n daver that it’s “their” not “there”. – *The Ugly Inside* forum, 29th May **2015**

2 a raver [UK]

· A huge belated thank you to all the ‘Chas & Davers’ (ravers) that came and danced the night away[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 17th November **2014**

· Scousers would “neck” Gary Abletts (tablets) as a totally inappropriate tribute to the Liverpool and Everton footballer, while Chas ‘n’ Davers in the south referenced the former Fulham and England star Jimmy Hill (pill). – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th September **2015**

Chatham and Dover

verb

to stop doing something [UK]

Rhymes on *give over*. < London, Chatham and Dover Railway, a British railway company that operated from 1859 to 1922. Used in the phrase *Chatham and Dover it ‘give it over’*.

· [I]n a tavern quarrel, a friend will say, ‘Come–Chatham and Dover it’–meaning give it over. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Chatham and Dover

adverb

over, finished [UK]

< London, Chatham and Dover Railway, a British railway company that operated from 1859 to 1922. Used in the phrase *be all Chatham and Dover* ‘to be over’.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· That’s it, finished, all Chatham and Dover. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Chaz and Dave; chaz

noun

► see CHAS AND DAVE

cheap and nasty*noun*

a pasty [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme in some Australian dialects.

- At lunch time he might slip out to the nearest eat-up joint for a “dog’s eye” or a “cheap and nasty with dead horse.” – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

- A man slaves until lunch, then sprints up the frog and toad for a cheap and nasty with dead horse[.] – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July **1952**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Cheap Cherokee*noun*

a Jeep Cherokee car [US/UK]

A slang rhyme, usually implying poor quality.

- Anyway bought myself a brand new Cheap Cherokee oops Jeep Cherokee and had nothing but trouble. – *TheDieselStop.com* forum, 30th April **2004**

- My sister bought a brand new cheap cherokee in 05. she kept having to take it in for tranny issues with like less than 10k on it. – *DodgeForum.com* forum, 28th April **2009**

- Yep, the Disco is one amazing off-roader. And that’s something it shares with big rivals the Toyota Land Cruiser, VW Toerag and Cheap Cherokee. – *www.daily star.co.uk*, 9th March **2012**

Cheap Grand Cherokee*noun*

a Jeep Grand Cherokee car [US]

A slang rhyme, usually implying poor quality.

- H/O, your Alero goes 0-60 in 6.9 sec? I find that hard to believe. Same with the Cheap Grand Cherokee. Hmmmm??? – *OldsPower.com* forum, 14th February **2001**

- I’ve owned two American SUV’s, the Cheap Grand Cherokee and the GMC Envoy[.] – *E46Fanatics* forum, 2nd August **2007**

- I just hope it is trail-rated and based on the Cheap Grand Cherokee chassis. – *DodgeTalk* forum, 10th June **2010**

- [I]t would get smoked although its a better vehicle overall than the Cheap Grand Cherokee. – *Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 Forum*, 25th October **2011**

check your weight*noun*

in bingo, the number sixty-eight [UK/IRELAND]

- – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Cheddar cheese; cheddars*noun*

keys (for operating locks) [UK]

- Cheddar Cheese is Cockney slang for Keys. “Ave ya got ya Cheddars?” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st March **2003**

- We found the rabbit was knackered when we took it out for a Charlie, so we replaced it as well as the charm,

- which was flat as a kipper’s, and the worn Billies. Here are the Cheddars. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brackendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

- Bring the cheddars. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th September **2006**

Cheddar Gorge; Cheddar*nickname*used as a substitute for the name *George* [UK]

- < Cheddar Gorge, a gorge in the Mendip Hills in Somerset, in the south-west of England.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

cheerful giver; cheerful*noun*

the human liver; an animal’s liver (as food) [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

- Lovely – cheerful for dinner tonight. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

- Me cheerful giver’s not going to thank me tomorrow. – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

cheese*adjective*

cold [UK]

- Possibly a shortening of the unrecorded expressions *cheese mould* or *cheese and taters*. The latter could have arisen as a pseudo-rhyming slang elaboration of *taters*, the short version of TATERS IN THE MOULD. In standard English *cheese and taters* is a descriptive phrase for the classic dish known as *cheesy chips* or *chips and cheese*, consisting of deep-fried chipped potatoes covered in cheese.

- It’s a bit cheese, so shove two almonds on your plates under your daisies, bring some turtles or stick your Brightons in your sky. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

cheese and chutney; cheese’n*noun*

a man [UK]

- Compounded rhyming slang on *Putney*, itself a shortening of *Putney Bridge*, rhyming on *fridge*, the reduced form of FRIDGE FREEZER. < Putney Bridge, a bridge on the Thames linking Putney on the south bank with Fulham on the north.

- Here is one I heard about 10 years ago. A “Cheese’n” for a geezer. Cheese ‘n’ Chutney = Putney. – *h2g2* forum, 27th September **2000**

Cheese and Chutney*nickname*

Putney, an area of south-west London

- I used to live in cheese and chutney, “Putney” which is cockney rhyming slang for Putney but you knew that[.] – *www.youtube.com*, **2012**

cheese and crackers; cheese crackers*noun*

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *knackers*. The form *cheese crackers* is recorded in 2008.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.202, **2008**
- He clambered back to the top of the hill announcing quite boldly and cheerfully that he thought he might have damaged his cheese and crackers. I thought he meant he had somehow impaired his packed lunch, but on reflection I think it was some kind of primary school playground rhyming slang. – *Herald Express*, Torquay, 12th January **2010**

cheese and kisses; cheese

noun

one's wife or female partner [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/SOUTH AFRICA/UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *missus*. Perhaps < *bread and cheese and kisses*, a now archaic phrase used to describe the bare necessities of life; the rhyming pair *bread and cheese and kisses* – *missus* occurs in several 19th-century poems and songs, including Albert Chevalier's music-hall hit 'Wot's the Good of Hanyfink? Why, Nuffink!' (1894). According to Baker (1945), *cheese and kisses* is recorded in Australian English as far back as 1898. The short form is exclusively Australian.

- And yet his own "cheese and kisses" (which, for the benefit of the uninitiated, I may explain is rhyming slang for "missus") is as *chic* a little lump of cuddle as any man could desire to have a fixity of tenure of. – *The Sun*, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, 14th February **1904**
- In bygone days Billy talked about his "Missis," / And called his son his nipper or his kid, / But nowadays the one is "Cheese and Kisses," / The other—"God forbid." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**
- – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**
- If he speaks lovingly of the cheese and kisses and the God forbids, you may be sure that he means the missus and the kid. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**
- Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: [...] cheese and kisses—a wife[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January **1931**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.191, **1944**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**
- When he says he has to hurry home to his "Cheese and Kisses", he means his "Missus", or his wife. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**
- What did you say to my cheese? – *The Riverine Herald*, Echuca, Victoria, 7th February **1952**
- Others which, in their abbreviated form, are readily understood by the rhyming fraternity, are: "China," from

- "china plate" (mate), and "cheese," from "cheese and kisses" (missus). – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**
- We drove about ten miles to his place and he introduced me to his cheese an' kisses[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.487, **1984**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**
- Fortunately the cheese-and-kisses has infinite patience. – E. McHugh, *Pint-Sized Ireland*, p.279, **2005**
- [T]he same person would probably refer to his wife as his 'Cheese'[.] – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th February **2010**
- It showed when he bade Obama farewell, and wished him a safe return "to your cheese-and-kisses" and the "billy lids" and then translated his rhyming slang. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th November **2011**

Cheese and rice

nickname

Jesus Christ

An imperfect but euphonious slang rhyme. Recorded in British English.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**
- No **Brussel sprout/ Cheese and rice** / Is all about! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.31, **2009**

Cheese and rice

exclamation

used as an expression of surprise, shock or anger [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme on *Jesus Christ*.

- Cheese and rice how could I forget Brahms and Liszt pi**ed. – *PistonHeads* forum, 2nd August **2003**
- CHEESE AND RICE!!! I think she's a bread an' butter[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- Cheese and rice, Lazlo, this will be like hunting for a needle in the proverbial. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.135, **2012**

cheese and spices

noun

in horse racing, starting prices [US]

- "I'm going to get the cheese and spices on the charging crosses," remarks a gentleman at the race track[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

cheese cracked

adjective

completely exhausted; worn out [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*.

· My biggest prob is that I go bush to find a bit of gold, been doing it fer years, and when I get back at night I'm totally 'cheese crackered'. – *ExplorOz* forum, 5th January **2007**

· [Z]zzz .. yawn.. I'm right cheese crackered now.. good-night! – *Godlike Productions* forum, 27th September **2009**

· Cheese crackered. After gym. – *twitter.com*, 9th March **2014**

cheese cracker out

verb

to tire out [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *knacker out*.

· I pretty much spent the day slobbering, eating salami and bacon sandwiches (not together... although I've got to try that), choosing courses for college, applying for jobs, did my exercises (which cheese-crackered me out)[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th February **2014**

cheese crackers

noun

▶ see CHEESE AND CRACKERS

cheese grater; cheese

noun

a waiter [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

· Oi, cheese grater, can I have the Muswell? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, s.v. *Muswell Hill*, **2008**

· Cheese (12), let's have the Rhubarb Pill (21). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

cheese roll

noun

a Pole [UK]

· My current favs are eyelash (slash) & cheese roll (pole).

– *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 18th November **2008**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

cheesy quaver; cheesy

noun

1 a favour [UK]

< Quavers, a British snack food available in a variety of flavours, including cheese.

· Do me a cheesy (quaver) and help me out of this tight spot. – *h2g2* forum, 17th December **1999**

· Do us a cheesy, squire – borrow us a Pam Shriver[.] – *www.proz.com*, 22nd October **2002**

· Could someone do me a Cheesy Quaver (Favour!) and reduce this image so I could use it as my avator. – *Bike Chat* forum, 15th January **2004**

· Do me a cheesy quaver and get your bottle and glass on that pitch and play proper football. – *Tottenham Hotspur Supporters* forum, 26th October **2008**

2 a raver [UK]

The elliptical form is a deliberate pun on the slang *cheesy*.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· Him? He's strictly Old Skool. He's been a cheesy quaver since 1988. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· A cheesy (cheesy quaver) = Rhyming slang for a raver (one who likes rave parties and music). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 19th November **2005**

· "I'm a raver, man – I'm a cheesy quaver," she declared. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 3rd June **2007**

· Dress up like a cheesy quaver and move to house and indie tunes at this ultraviolet special, shining beacon-like amid the gloom of January. – *The Guardian*, London, 10th January **2009**

· [R]avers became known as cheesy Quavers (after the snack), then as just cheesys[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.303, **2015**

cheggars

noun

▶ see CHEGGERS PLAYS POP

cheggars; cheggars

adjective

▶ see KEITH CHEGGERS

Cheggars Plays Pop

adjective

pregnant [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *cheggars*, a shortening of KEITH CHEGGERS. < *Cheggars Plays Pop*, a British children's TV programme of the 1970s and 1980s, hosted by Keith 'Cheggars' Chegwin (b.1957).

· Dh uses that all the time – 'she's cheggars plays pop!' – *Bounty* forum, 4th May **2011**

Cheggars Plays Pop; cheggars

noun

a shop [UK]

< *Cheggars Plays Pop*, a British children's TV programme of the 1970s and 1980s, hosted by Keith 'Cheggars' Chegwin (b.1957).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th May **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Just popping down the Cheggars. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Chelsea Blue

noun

a Jew [UK]

< Chelsea Blue, a reference to 'the Blues', a nickname of Chelsea FC and the colour of the team's home strip.

· Ur a Chelsea Blue, aint u? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd February **2005**

· The normal cockney rhyming slang for Jew is "Four by Two" – Within the footballing fraternity it is like I said – Chelsea Blue. – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 20th December **2010**

Chelsea bun

noun

1 a son [UK]

< *Chelsea bun* ‘a type of currant bun’.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st February 2009

2 the sun [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· [O]utside we’ve got some Chelsea bun, and I’m feeling a bit on my Jack Jones. – *meghany.livejournal.com*, blog, 27th March 2006

Chelsea Pier

adjective

1 (of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Chelsea Harbour Pier, a pier on the river Thames in the southwest of London.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

2 odd, strange [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

Chelsea Potter; chelsea

noun

a squatter [UK]

< The Chelsea Potter, a pub in Chelsea, south-west London. The short form is first recorded in 2003.

· – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley’s Guide*, p.116, 1985

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Cheltenham bold; cheltenham

adjective

cold [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Cheltenham bold*, a boldface version of the Cheltenham font designed in 1896 by Bertram Goodhue; Cheltenham bold was developed by Morris Fuller Benton in 1904. Both *Cheltenham bold* and *cheltenham* are first recorded in British usage in 1941. Hence also the expression *Cheltenham cold*, noted by Franklyn (1960). In Australian English, only as *Cheltenham bold*.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.30, 1979

· [W]hen it’s freezing, it’s ‘Bloody Cheltenham’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Cheltenham gold

adjective

cold [UK]

< Cheltenham Gold (in full, Cheltenham Gold Cup), a National Hunt race run at Cheltenham Racecourse in Gloucestershire, in the south-west of England.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Cherie Blair; cherie

noun

1 ■ do a cherie to dress without underpants beneath male or female clothing [UK]

Based on the rhyme between *Cherie Blair* and *bare*, but always used in the abbreviated form *cherie*. < English

barrister Cherie Blair (known professionally by her maiden name of Booth; b.1954), wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

· “Going commando” [...] in the more fashionable clubs this is now known as “doing a Cherie”. (Cherie Blair is rhyming slang for bare). – *The People*, London, 29th July 2001

2 a penalty fare (on public transport) [UK]

Suggested by an incident in January 2000, when Cherie Blair was fined £10 for failing to buy a train ticket on her way to work. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th June 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

cheried

verb

fined (on public transport) [UK]

A past participial form based on *cherie*, a shortening of *CHERIE BLAIR*.

· So I said, you’re a right Geoff Hoon, you are, and jumped off the tube, and got Cheried. – *www.theguardian.com*, 22nd June 2005

cherry ace

noun

the face [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, 1992

· His cherry ace was hidden behind a long white beard. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

cherry cheer

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

cherry flips

noun

the lips [us]

· Certain words in the English language were made to rhyme with others, and the rhyme was used rather than the word. “Bonny fair” was hair. “Cherry flips” were lips. “Mumbly peg” – leg. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, 1928

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

cherry hog; cherry og; cherry ogg; cherry

noun

dog; specifically, a greyhound; hence, as a plural, greyhound racing [UK]

< *cherry hog*, an old name for a cherry stone.

· Cherry Hog ... Dog. Cherries (Greyhound racing) ... Dogs. – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· **cherry hog**. A dog; mid-C. 19–20. Rhyming: In greyhound racing, *the cherries* = the dogs. – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949

· The trouble put our cherry in the dolly. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· To go to ‘the cherries’ is to go to the dog-track. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **cherry ogs**. [...] Greyhound racing[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, [corrected to *cherry ogs* in *DSUE7*], **1961**

· *Cherries (Cherry Hogs)* ... Dog Tracks. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.202, **1962**

· Me cherry s ‘aving pups. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· To those of you who go to the ‘pair of braces’ either ‘Bottle of sauce’ or ‘Cherry ogs’, here’s wishing you always beat the ‘Joe Rooks’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.59, **1973**

· Keep that cherry hog of yours on that piece of string and don’t take him off it till you get back. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.163, **1976**

· Bowling down the rubber with me cherry china Fido[.] – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

· Something out of a horror movie stood at the door, two cherries at his side. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.85, **1986**

· And it must be some fucking cherry hog for Pomfritter to be paying any sort of dough to get it back. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.92 [2012], **2004**

· A nice little earner on the cherry-ogs Alistair, but HOW did you decide that laying at 2.4 was going to be a good thing? – *betyourlife.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th April **2009**

cherry hoggy

noun

a dog [UK]

Rhymes on *doggy*. A derivative of CHERRY HOGG.

· Not easy shooting through an open window with young cherry hoggy Kaibuncle’s little Uncle Ned bobbing about. – *justindequack.com*, 10th January **2014**

cherry picker; cherry

noun

a pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nicker*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· And disappearing just as rapidly is the caddie’s Cockney argot, which featured a rhyming code. [...] A beehive was a five (usually used in association with cherry picker, which meant a knicker, which was itself a slang word for pound; thus a caddie with a beehive cherry picker had a £5 note). – *Sports Illustrated*, New York, 14th July **1986**

· In the ‘60s I was a craps dealer in London gambling clubs. Cockney ‘cabbies’ would play at our table, and call bets before the dice rolled. One night one of them handed me a ‘fiver’ with the words: “A ‘Cherry’ on the line mate!” I asked what he meant, and he quickly explained that he wanted £1.00 out of the fiver on the ‘Win Line’. – *www.aldertons.com/money.htm*, accessed 9th October **2010**

cherry pickers; cherries

noun

women’s or girls’ underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < *cherry picker* ‘a type of crane with a platform at the end for raising and lowering workers or an orchard worker’, perhaps also punning on *lose one’s cherry*.

· [A] Cockney might mention his wife’s or girlfriend’s “cherries.” This rhyming slang is *cherry pickers* for “knickers”[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.44, **1973**

· Knickers means underwear in the UK, too. – as does “cherry pickers”. – *alt.gossip.celebrities*, *Google Groups*, 8th and 9th October **2000**

· [W]as wearing her cherry pickers wat ya think. – *www.bebo.com*, 8th August **2009**

cherry pie; cherry

noun

a lie [UK]

· U’re tellin a Cherry ain’t ya son!! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cherry pie

exclamation

goodbye [UK]

· A cash till is a “jack and jill.” And the simple farewell “goodbye” becomes – by some delicious switches– “cherry pie”. – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, ‘British can Really Murder the Language’, 30th April **1951**

cherry plum; cherry

noun

a mother [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mum*. The short form is recorded by Factor (2000) as children’s slang.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· I love my cherry plum. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 15th July **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

cherry red; cherry

noun

the head [UK]

· ‘Tampax fugit,’ as the drunk said when his wife threw a sanitary towel at his ‘cherry’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

cherry ripe; cherry

noun

1 a pipe (for smoking tobacco or other substances) [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Now, then, my china-plate, out with your cherry-ripe, off with your steam-packet, and set your bark and growl agoin. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

· [T]he man will light his “cherry ripe” (pipe) to warm his “I suppose,” (nose.) – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April **1915**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Pipe, Cherry Ripe. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· ‘E went up the apples and pears and ‘e sets down ‘is cherry ripe on the Cain and Abel[.] – R. St. John, *It’s Always Tomorrow*, p.146, **1944**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham’s willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I have tossed my cherry ripe into the Barney McGuire[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· And he would say to Mary, his bricks and mortar, ‘I will take a ball of chalk into the town, and buy some tobacco for my cherry ripe.’ – *The Two Romnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Cherry, that’s from cherry ripe, or pipe. – R. Barnett, *The Reluctant Tourist*, p.117, **2001**

· Ted was a gambler, addicted to drug trafficking the same way as a crackhead is welded to his cherry. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.70, **2011**

② nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *tripe*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· What cherry-ripe that is! – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· How much longer do I have to put up with all this cherry? – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.92, **2001**

· Listen to her - never heard so much cherry. – *A(.com)*, accessed 13th November **2013**

Cheryl Cole; cheryl

noun

① sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *hole*. < Cheryl Cole, the former name of English singer Cheryl Ann Tweedy (b.1983), ex-wife of footballer Ashley Cole. Often in the phrase *get one’s Cheryl Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one’s hole*. In

this sense, only evidenced in the full form. Synonymous with **ASHLEY COLE**.

· There’s *two* men, then, who need their Cheryl Cole. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.254, **2010**

· ‘Involuntary celibacy’ is a well documented phenomena (usually referring to straight guy who can’t get their “Cheryl Cole”. – *www.peter-ould.net*, 16th January **2012**

· [L]et me no if u have ever got your cheryl cole using that line. – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2013**

② unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· I’m always amused when I go “ome” and hear new expressions, such as “pin back yer Britneys” (Britney Spears – Ears) and “e’s on the Cheryl!” (Cheryl Cole – Dole)[.] – *BritMovie* forum, 18th February **2010**

· My mate lost his job now he’s on the Cheryl (Cole). – *Purestorm* forum, 22nd December **2010**

· I’ve no job I’m signing on the cheryl cole[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

· Whatchoo doing still in your Barack Obamas, mate? You’re on the Cheryl Cole? – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

③ the anus [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole* and *arsehole*. Only evidenced in the full form. Synonymous with **ASHLEY COLE**.

· As for your slogans... “other stations keep talking about playing more music, WE just do it” ...you can shove that up your Cheryl Cole. – *Reservoir Dubs* forum, 15th June **2010**

· Shove your theme park up your cheryl cole. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2012**

Cheryl Tweedy

adjective

needy [IRELAND]

< English singer Cheryl Ann Tweedy (b.1983), known as Cheryl Cole after marrying footballer Ashley Cole, from whom she is now divorced. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· She’s giving me a bit of a pain in the Cheryl Cole. She’s very, you know, Cheryl Tweedy. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

Chesapeake shad

adjective

not bad [US]

< *Chesapeake shad*, a reference to the well-known shad fishery in Chesapeake Bay, in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

chester

noun

▶ see **UNCLE CHESTER**

Chevy Chase; Chivy Chase; Chivvy Chase; chevy; chivy; chivey; chivvy; chiv*noun*

the face [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

< Chevy Chase, the site of the Battle of Otterburn (also known as the Battle of Chevy Chase), a border skirmish between the English and the Scots that took place in 1388; the events are commemorated in a well-known ballad probably dating from the 15th century. Later use may be influenced by the American comedian of the same name (born Cornelius Crane Chase, 1943).

The form *Chevy Chase* is common in all six locations of use. In British usage, it has also been recorded in the forms *Chivy Chase*, *Chivvy Chase*, *chevy*, *chivy*, *chivey* and *chivvy*, all of which have not been found in other varieties. In Australian English, it is also evidenced in the form *chiv*.

· CHEVY CHASE, the face. – J.C. Hotten, *VT*, 1859

· If you gaze upon my “chivey” you will see I’ve got the hump[.] – *All Thro’ Sticking to a Soldier*, lyric, sung by Ada Lundberg, written and composed by Harry Wincott, ca 1890

· **Chivy or Chivvy**. Slang for the face. – E.C. Brewer, *DPF*, 1894

· For instance, in act one, scene one, of “The Cotton King” at the Adelphi, some one says that somebody has “a streak of black across the chivvy.” An Adelphi audience know, of course, that “chivvy” means “face,” but the earlier form of the word, “*Chevy Chase*,” being now rarely if ever used, the rhyming original is probably known to few playgoers, and the word “*chivvy*” is thus in danger of being left with no more poetry about it than is attached to such terms as “conk” or “boko,” the ordinary slang for ‘nose’. – *The Times*, London, 29th July 1894

· One would think by the quarter mile on his chivy-chase that he’d just backed a saint and sinner for a monkey. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

· The expression “plates of meat” is not a simile—it is simply rhyming slang like “Chivy chase” for “face,” or “Dutch pegs” for “legs”[.] – *The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia, 26th November 1908

· Our features once we spoke of as our faces, / Our food we used to put into our mouth, / The modern term for one a “Chevy Chase” is, / The other, “East by South.” – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909

· The face is the *Chevy*, from *Chevy Chase*[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November 1913

· ‘E never planned ‘is mode uv life, nor chose the Lane fer lair, / No more than ‘e designed ‘is chiv or colour uv ‘is ‘air. – C.J. Dennis, *Ginger Mick*, p.xii [1976], 1916

· **Chevy Chase**, a face. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· And then down the apples and pears she went, / With a sorrowful chevy chase. – J.B. Booth, *Sporting Times*, p.87, 1938

· FACE. Beezer, biscuit, Chevy Chase[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· CHEVY CHASE. The face. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· So, too, his “lump of lead” means his head; [...] his “chevy chase” his face[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, 1963

· Jem Mace, Chivvy Chase, doos an’ ace. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, 1981

· [I]f you wind up on the Rory (Rory O’More = floor), someone will hit you in the Chevy (Chevy Chase = face)[.] – *Connoisseur* magazine, New York, ‘Anglo-speak’, January 1984

· [Y]ou wouldn’t have turned up here scratching your arse with that “what’s going on here?” look slapped all over your chevy chase! – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, 1998

· **Chevy Chase** a face. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, 2007

· An old pal from my skool daze uses “Chevy Chase” as rhyming slang for “face” – i.e. “You’ve got chocolate all over your Chevy Chase” – so although the only thing I’ve ever watched starring Chase is Community and my knowledge of his work is poor, I still maintain that he is a hero because my mate’s use of his name cracks me up. – *Cook’d and Bomb’d* forum, 7th February 2015

chews and molasses*noun*

a pair of glasses [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

chewy toffee*noun*

coffee [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· I’m dying for a chewy toffee. – www.vappingo.com, blog, 29th September 2010

· For refreshments you may need some ‘chewy toffee’ (*coffee*), cow’s juice (*milk*), ‘chateau de cardboard’ (*cash of wine*) or some ‘pot of good cheer’ (*beer*) – just to wet your whistle at the after parties. – www.squaredancenational2016.com, ‘Buderim Bush Telegraph’, March 2016

chicken and rice; chicken*adjective*

nice [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· Here’s some more ‘chitty chitty, bang bang’ for you [...] chicken = nice (chicken and rice). – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May 2004

· Because these apple bobbers are actually chicken and rice. – www.i-flicks.net, 23rd August 2012

· This is pretty chicken and rice. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Chicken Biryani; Chicken Biriani; Chicken Biriyani; Chicken

nickname

English cricketer Ronnie Irani (b.1971)

< *chicken biryani* ‘an Asian dish made with highly seasoned rice and chicken’. An alternative nickname is CHILLI CON CARNE.

· I think old Chicken Biryani is good but Big Al could do with a more powerful co host. – *Overclockers UK* forum, 12th November **2008**

· I see alan brazil with ronnie “chicken biriyani” irani will be on more. – *Digital Spy* forum, 16th January **2009**

· Well done Chicken, you make your family proud. – *Bluemoon-MCFC* forum, 13th March **2012**

chicken curry

noun

a hurry [UK]

Used in the phrase *in a chicken curry* ‘in haste; readily’.

· Step on it, I’m in a chicken curry[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· I was in a chicken curry (hurry). – *twitter.com*, 20th February **2013**

· Well Propaganda was certainly an experience i won’t forget in a chicken curry. – *twitter.com*, 21st February **2014**

chicken curry

verb

to worry [UK]

· The CID tells them not to chicken curry, he’s got the perfect solution, a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. – D. King, *The Burglar Diaries*, p.198, **2001**

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

· I wouldn’t chicken curry too much about it. – *Alicante, Spain*, spoken, male from Brighton, 28, June **2007**

· So claiming that, don’t you chicken curry! – *twitter.com*, 18th November **2016**

chicken dinner

noun

a winner [UK]

· Everyone’s a Chicken Dinner. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th September **2003**

· – *QI* forum, 28th March **2005**

· Well, the company gets a bit of publicity, its users a bit of a bubble bath. Surely, everyone’s a chicken dinner? – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August **2009**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

· We had a pearly gate time at the London fogs last night. I had three chicken dinners. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

chicken dipper; chicken

noun

1 a slipper [UK]

< Chicken Dipper, a commercial name for a preformed and battered piece of chicken meat.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

· Chickens (dippers) or Yorkshires (rippers) – slippers. – *londontopia.net*, 13th December **2014**

2 a ship’s captain [UK]

Rhymes on *skipper*. Nautical slang.

· Chicken Dipper – Skipper/Captain/Old man. [...] Hey mate, as we are in Mommers I asked the Chicken about going ashore to get a slice and he said ask the Frank. – *Bikers Oracle* forum, 24th November **2004**

· Chicken Dipper: cockney slang for skipper. – *Police Oracle* forum, 13th February **2006**

· All of the military uses Cockney rhyming slang, all the time. We even have a couple of our own. Going to the colonel gadaffi = naffi. Chicken Dipper = Skipper. – *ZAM* forum, 23rd July **2008**

· Many thanks to WO Bob Mortimer for passing that pearl of wisdom onto the Chicken Dipper (Jack the Ripper; Skipper; Captain; Commanding Officer). – *davedoesrichmond.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd March **2009**

3 a stripper [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Didn’t you know Julie’s a Chicken Dipper now? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th August **2009**

· The lads enjoyed a night of naked sluts at the chicken dippers. – *UD(.com)*, 16th August **2011**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January **2013**

· He told me he’d just swerved a bird off because she was a “chicken dipper” (stripper) and it just wasn’t going to work. – *www.scouseblogs.co.uk*, blog, 16th February **2013**

chicken feed

noun

marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*.

· – *Rollitup* forum, 19th December **2009**

chicken hearted

verb

farted (past participle of *fart*) [UK]

Used in perfect tenses.

· Who’s chicken hearted? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

chicken jalfrezi; chicken; jalfrezi

adjective

crazy [UK]

< *chicken jalfrezi* ‘a popular curry dish’.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· She took too many drugs when she was a teenager and she’s been chicken jalfrezi ever since. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· It’s all gone chicken (Jalfrezi). – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**

- He went chicken jalfrezi at me the other night for it. – *GayTeenForum*, 12th February **2009**
- I went absolutely chicken jalfrezi, battered the bloke, walked away and never looked back. – *Exeweb* forum, 5th November **2009**
- I'm there, 'She's going to go chicken jalfrezi. I mean, probably worse than the time I nailed her little sister. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.188, **2010**
- [I]t drove me chicken jalfrezi. – P. Moody and R. Turner, *Perfect Pub*, p.261, **2011**
- [M]ost of England would go Chicken Jalfrezi if it were ever seriously suggested. – *The Student Room* forum, 18th October **2012**
- I bet the Ken Dodd's on you coming back flippin' jalfrezi. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**
- [T]o think that would work would be absolutely jalfrezi. – *twitter.com*, 8th February **2014**

chicken oriental*noun*

a mad person [UK]

Rhymes on *mental*. Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

- 'an ya fink I'm 'avin' a Bushey Park? I ain't no chicken oriental ya know. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

chicken oriental*adjective*

crazy, insane, out of one's mind [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *mental*. < *chicken oriental* 'a popular Chinese-style dish'. Often used in the catchphrase *mental, mental, chicken oriental*. The first known use of this rhyming phrase is from 1998, while the rhyming slang word is first recorded on its own in 2001. This suggests that the former may well have given rise to the latter, rather than vice versa.

- Evolution has assured that today's young metal fans are absolutely the most normal, boring people in the country. As a rule, they [...] walk around saying things like 'Mental, mental, chicken oriental' in a mock-estuary accent. – *The Observer*, London, 28th June **1998**
- I like it because I can walk round with my deely boppers on. I'm mental, mental, chicken oriental. – *Melody Maker*, London, 7th August **1999**
- It was chicken oriental down the nuclear on Friday night. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Drugs? You should see the rest of her family. They're all chicken oriental. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- Indeed – glad to hear I'm not going chicken oriental. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- And of course I'm too busy feeding my face to notice the postman standing in front of me, looking at me like I'm totally chicken oriental. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.17, **2006**
- [O]h look hes gone chicken oriental. – *Mumsnet* forum, 25th March **2009**

- These 'Celebrities' are fucking chicken oriental. – *twitter.com*, 17th January **2016**

chicken perch; chicken*noun*

a church [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – P.D. Hazard and M.E. Hazard, *Language and Literacy*, p.107, **1965**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

chicken plucker*noun*

an obnoxious or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- In the backs, 67" Matt Banahan will be on the wing terrorising anything green and gold. He's one big chicken plucker! – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY YOU CHICKEN PLUCKER. – *Greetings card*, The London Studio, London, **2011**
- But honestly, who wants to manage a club with an embargo and run by a bunch of chicken pluckers? – *twitter.com*, 22nd August **2015**

chicken plucking*adjective/adverb*

used for intensifying expressions of anger, exasperation, etc., or for emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuckin*.

- "Brad Pitt, damn this chicken plucking thing." [...] "Oh that's just chicken plucking great, that is." – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, pp.46/224, **2012**
- Get out of our club you chicken plucking bastards. – *twitter.com*, 15th August **2016**

chicken pox; chicks*noun*

socks [UK]

Chicks has been recorded in use among cricketers.

- Tilbury Docks (socks; *Tommy Rocks*, *Goldie Locks*, *Chicken Pox*, *Nervo and Knox*, etc.)[...] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**
- Chicken Pox – socks: as in "Your chicks don't 'alf pong!". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

chicken's hash*noun*

money, cash [IRELAND]

- He and his crew had to haul ass out of town on account of being all out of chicken's hash. – *www.midnightplumbers.com*, 17th March **2004**
- – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

· Oh be a pal and gis a bit of a hand, will ya? I'll even give ya some chicken's hash! – *pirateguitargirl.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th August **2009**

chicken's neck; chicken

noun

a cheque [IRELAND/UK]

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· As he's saying this, roysh, he whips open his drawer, pulls out his chequebook and writes me a chicken's neck for four Ks[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.28, **2006**

· The only ones I've ever used are "cashing a chicken" (chickens neck, cheque) or having a nice cup of Rosie (Rosie Lee, Tea). – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

· Many auld Dubbalin phrases like chicken's neck (cheque) and jam jar (car) were tea-leaved from the cockney. – *www.independent.ie*, 7th April **2012**

chicken vindaloo

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-two [UK]

< *chicken vindaloo* 'a popular curry dish'.

· *Danny La Rue* (52) becomes *chicken vindaloo*[.] – N. Constable, *This is Gambling*, p.44, **2003**

· Time has also been called on phrases such as Kelly's Eye for one, which becomes Top of the Pops, and Danny La Rue will now be known as a Chicken Vindaloo. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

Chick Young; Chic Young

noun

dung [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Scottish football pundit Chick Young (b.1951).

· 'am just off up the high field tae spread some Chic Young. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· The garden's looking a bit grim. I think it could do with a load of Chick Young. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Chic Murray; Chick Murray; chic; chick

noun

a curry [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Scottish comedian Chic Murray (1919–85).

· Ah wish Ah'd went straight hame efter the pub instead a gaun fir that Chic! – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· *Chick Murray* [radio DJ] = curry (reported by a colleague). – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

· I was on the toilet all night after that Chic Murray. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.147, **2007**

· I really fancy a Chick. – J. Meikle, *Pilton Keelie*, p.152, **2011**

· Chic is more popular than Ruby north of the border. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 12th March **2014**

· Let's go out for a Chic tonight. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October **2014**

chic murray'd

verb

buried [UK; SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Scottish English. Used as a past participle in passive voice constructions. < Scottish comedian Chic Murray (1919–85).

· He's no' fir that ashes cairry on, he wants tae be Chic Murray'd so he does. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Chieftain tank; Chieftan tank; chieftain; chieftan; chief

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < *Chieftain tank* 'a British main battle tank introduced in 1966'.

· I've also heard Sherman (and Chieftain) used to mean "wank". – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 17th June **1991**

· **Chieftan tank** [...] He's gone for a cieftan. – *UD(.com)*, 15th October **2003**

· "And then go home and have a chief, eh?" "What's a chief?" "A Chieftain Tank. A Wank. Have a wank." – D. Hazzan, *Geumho-dong*, p.180, **2008**

· The guy isn't walking around having a chieftan tank nor slapping it about and waving his Derek Lilley at folk so it's not really like he's doing anything indecent. – *Dundee Bikers Forum*, 17th July **2012**

· [H]aving a chieftain tank. – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2014**

chieftain tanker; chieftan tanker

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of CHIEFTAIN TANK.

· Robbie Williams actually placing these references in his songs just shows how much of a Chieftan Tanker he is. – *AVForums*, 17th August **2006**

· Just what you'd expect from the Chieftain tankers that run the club. – *bakerloo2.forumchitchat.com*, 5th January **2008**

· [W]hat a load of chieftan tankers. OOps sorry to be rude. – *AAD Consumer Forum*, 1st June **2011**

children

noun

in criminal circles, keys, especially skeleton keys [UK]

A punning variation of BOYS AND GIRLS.

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· Many years ago, shortly after I had become a solicitor, I went to Hastings to defend a man accused of office breaking. He was completely frank. He would plead guilty. He had, he said, had his children with him. I threw up my hands in horror saying how much longer he would get for this appalling piece of parental behaviour.

I was swiftly put in my place. ‘Housebreaking instruments, twirls, boys and girls, me children.’ – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, p.1, **2002**

Chilli con Carne

nickname

English cricketer Ronnie Irani (b.1971)

< *chilli con carne* ‘a spicy dish of minced meat, onions and chilli or chilli powder’. Less common than CHICKEN BIRYANI.

• With more names around the office than friends ‘Vernon’, ‘Chilli Con Carne’ or even ‘Inspector Gadget’ – he tries to stick to his adopted ‘Essex root’s by flogging in-soles and dodgy squash to all on the programming floor. – *www.talksport.co.uk*, accessed 29th March **2012**

chimney and soot; chimney

noun

the foot [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992: s.v. *How D’ye Do*). Thus ATHLETE’S CHIMNEY.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

chimney stack; chimney

noun

in snooker, the black ball [UK]

Influenced by a gentle play on *pot* ‘to drive (a ball) into a pocket’ and *chimney pot*.

• The name of the black is the chimney stack, / And that’s the lot, I think. / [...] Then if you can’t see your way to pot the chimney, / Try to sink the kitchen instead. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

China clipper

noun

a kipper [UK]

Nautical slang.

• – *Ships Nostalgia* forum, 27th October **2008**

china doll

noun

a woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *moll*.

• – *Bristol Evening Post*, 7th January **1938**

Chin and Cheek

noun?/adjective?

Greek [us]

Lack of evidence makes it impossible to determine if the word is used as a noun, an adjective or both.

• Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Greek, Chin and Cheek. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

china plate; china; chiner; chine

noun

1 a friend [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/ZIMBABWE]

Rhymes on *mate*. Often in the phrase *old china plate* or, more commonly, *old china* ‘an old friend’. Thus JUMPING CHINA. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *china plate* (UK, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand), *china*, occasionally spelt *chiner* (UK, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, New Zealand, Zimbabwe), *chine* (South Africa). This last variant is rare. ▶ see CAROLINA

• Now, then, my china-plate, out with your cherry-ripe, off with your steam-packet, and set your bark and growl agoin. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

• China plates, mates. – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 26th February **1898**

• CHINA, OR OLD CHINA: Chum. (A contraction for China Plate, which is rhyming slang for “Mate”.) – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

• As soon as we get finished with the run and get back to the Smoke she gets a lot of her chiners round her and they just sit in the ‘ouse and talk and bevvy[.] – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.111, **1934**

• Goodnight china—there’s some dryish wood under fire-step—in cubby-hole—good night. – D. Jones, *In Parenthesis*, p.49, **1937**

• Cheer up, Old China! – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.12, **1943**

• Often, the light-fingered gentry, drop all except the first word in the phrase, as in “Sky” which is short for “Sky-rocket” (pocket); or “China” for “China-plate” (mate). – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**

• Toby was an old china of mine. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.178, **1956**

• Dear China Plate, No doubt you have wondered how your old thief and robber has been doing since you went back to the steak and kidney. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

• Or one of your *chinas* (from china-plate = mate, so too *one and eight*) – maybe even your own *brigider* (brother) – *pimps* or *shelvs* you[.] – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.8, **1974**

• If you and your china don’t get tae fuck you’ll get your teeth in the back of your throat. – J. Burrowes, *Benny*, p.46 [1992], **1982**

• China (plate) mate. – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.10, **1992**

• OK, me auld chiner, *ciao*, oh janey, there’s the beep now, God bless. – J. O’Connor, *Secret World*, p.88, **1994**

• When greeting the customer don’t use slang such as ‘OK, my china’ or ‘Howzit, my pal?’. – N. Blem, *Service, Please, South Africa!*, p.125, **1995**

• There are many examples of rhyming slang in use in Paparua: [...] **china plate** for one’s friend or mate[.] – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**

· “Magic. Now, Touched, me old china plate. Put your hands on your head and bloody keep them there,” I said.

– A. McKinty, *The Dead Yard*, p.278, **2006**

· So, do not be immodest, my old china, what we have done lately has been superb[.] – *www.kiwiblog.co.nz*, blog, 12th November **2007**

· “Howzit, China?” he invariably greeted me in the breezy South African way. – M. Ross and J. Kay, *The Volunteer*, p.242, **2007**

· Thread: Zimlish [...] hey China, wanne be my connection igit say, you know your mbanje!! – *The Chief Baboon* forum, 26th June **2008**

· **china/chine** – a friend; as in the greeting howzit china[.] – *birdsofeden.co.za*, ‘South African Slang and Other Afrikanerisms’, accessed 12th October **2012**

· Backslapping Kenny afraid to scold his old ‘China plate’. – *www.independent.ie*, 1st December **2012**

· I got ya the first time in the other thread Patty my old china. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 11th December **2013**

2 ■ **go chinas** to form a mutually protective alliance for a limited term of juvenile imprisonment [UK]

An idiomatic extension of the previous sense, created as an equivalent of *go mates*. This expression has had little or no currency since the borstal system of punitive youth detention was abolished in the early 1980s.

· It was the done thing in juvenile borstals for kids from the same manor (geographical area) to ‘go chinas’. This meant that they would watch each other’s back and share whatever they had for the duration of their sentences. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.173, **2015**

Chinese blind

noun

the mind [UK]

Possibly suggested by *Chinese mind*, as used in the catchphrase *you must be out of your Chinese mind*. The early attestation of the short form *chinese* (‘You must be out of your tiny chinese’, recorded in an episode of *The Sweeney* aired on 29th November 1976) suggests this is a shortening of *Chinese mind*, rather than *Chinese blind*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Lawd above! blimey, i couldn’t make up my Chinese Blind wiv all those gorgeous girls. – *Loving Links* forum, 28th February **2004**

· Maybe next nickle and dime ya read it, your Chinese Blind should be crystal. – *KillerMovies Community* forum, 15th November **2004**

· Chinese Blind [–] You’re out of you little chinese mate. – *www.aldertons.com*, 10th December **2006**

· I ‘ave been experimentin’ wif the stuff. I mean the portable ones ‘re nifty, but wot I ‘ave will bla your Chinese Blind! – *SnitchSeeker* forum, 16th July **2010**

· “I blame th’ alcahol. It’s doin’ things ter me Chinese Blind,” retorted Charles[.] – *USS Enterprise* forum, 22nd April **2013**

Chinese chippy

adjective

(of weather) chilly [UK]

Rhymes on *nippy*. < *Chinese chippy* ‘a fish-and-chip shop run by Chinese people’.

· Its a bit Chinese Chippy out there – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th September **2006**

· Going for a run in a bit even if it is a bit chinese chippy. – *twitter.com*, 6th December **2011**

· It’s a bit Chinese chippy this morning. – *twitter.com*, 30th January **2014**

Chinese jade; chinese

noun

a spade [UK]

A nonce word.

· *Chinese jade/spade*. [...] We need crowns such as Chinese and Dukes to little and Lady the lemon. [...] We need tools such as spades and forks so that we can dig and dispose of the dirt. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.117/126, **1973**

Chinese joss

noun

a boss [AUSTRALIA]

< *Chinese joss*, a tautological equivalent of *joss* ‘a Chinese idol’.

· I was goin’ down the frog and toad on the way to the rubbity when I ran into me old chinese joss[.] – *Sked*, newsletter of the Kettering Yacht Club, Kettering, Tasmania, June **2008**

Chinese lacquered; chinese

adjective

completely exhausted [UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*. Recorded in prison use in 2002.

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, **2006**

Chinese rugs

noun

drugs [UK]

A variation of the more common PERSIAN RUGS.

· My application got mentioned to the Senior Officer, then the Privilege Officer, and once they know you’re not on the ‘Chinese rugs’ you’re in with a chance because they know you’re not going to be interested in contraband and serving up. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.133 [2014], **2009**

Ching Wang Louis

noun

a five-pound note [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bluey*. Possibly an alteration of a Chinese or Chinese-sounding name like *Ching-Huang Lu* or *Ching-Wan Lu*, compounded with *chinqua* or *chinker*, ‘five’ in Polari (the slang of British homosexuals), ultimately via Lingua Franca from Italian *cinque*.

· **Boy** A Lady Godiva? **Fly-Pitcher 2** A Ching Wang Louis!
Boy A Ching Wang Louis? **Fly-Pitcher 2** A bluey! A fiver!
 – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.45, **2006**

chip and chase; chips and chase; chip*noun*

the face [US]

The variant *chips and chase* and the reduced form *chip* are recorded by Sharpe (1928) and Corrigan (2005) respectively. All other authors give the form *chip and chase*.

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- Let’s not forget to wash the “chip and chase” or face. (Usually this phrase was shortened to “chip.”) – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**
- – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

chip butties*noun*

plimsolls or gym shoes [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the Northern Irish and Scottish dialect word *gutties*, itself a shortening of *gutta-percha*. < *chip butties*, a colloquialism for *chip sandwiches*.
- – *BBC 606* forum, 30th May **2007**
 - The adidas Londons are a sweet set of chip butties!!! – *Inside Out* forum, 4th December **2009**
 - – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**
 - You need to learn how to lace yer chip butties man. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 23rd April **2013**

chip butty*adjective*

mad [UK]

- Rhymes on *nutty*. < *chip butty*, a colloquialism for *chip sandwich*.
- That geezers a bit Chip Butty. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th February **2007**
 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A COOL AND CHIP BUTTY CHINA PLATE. – Greetings card by The London Studio, London, **2011**

chip eight*noun*

an agitated, confused, chaotic or poor condition [UK]

- Rhymes on *state*. < *chip eight*, a colloquialism for one and a half rupees (or one rupee and eight annas in old Indian currency).
- BIT OF A STATE: Slum life leads to great complications, and it is by no means unusual for the cockney to find himself in ‘a bit of a state.’ Again he borrowed his imagery from the music hall and called it a *Harry Tate*. [...] I

have heard soldiers, during the war, use as an alternative ‘a chip eight’[.] – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.283, **1948**

chipmunks*noun*

trunks [UK]

- < The Chipmunks, more commonly known as Alvin and the Chipmunks, an American singing trio of animated chipmunks created in 1958. Later use may be influenced by Chipmunk, the former stage name of English grime rapper Jahmaal Fyffe (now known professionally as Chip, b.1990).
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- She pops it out from underneath my chipmunks and gets her gob around[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**
- I’m in my chipmunks! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

chip potato; chip potater; chipped pertater; chip*adverb*

later [AUSTRALIA]

- Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *pertater*. Used in the phrase *see you chip potato* (also spelt *see you chip potater* and sometimes shortened to *see you chip*) or *see you chipped pertater*.
- “see yer chipped pertater” or more simply “see yer chip,” implies that you will see the gentleman later. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, 12th January **1935**
 - See you chip potater. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July **1952**
 - **Chip Potato** Later. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**
 - Dear Dad “See you Chip Potato” Always your loving daughter Heather. – *tributes.heraldsun.com.au*, 7th August **2015**

chips and chase*noun*

▶ see CHIP AND CHASE

chips and peas; chips*noun*

the knees [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- She was down on her chips before I’d got my trousers off. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- Hes got a dodgy set of Chips and Peas. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**
- On your chips and peas. – P.H. Moëd, *Darem*, p.14, **2008**
- [M]y nan always says chips and peas for knees lol. – *MadeForMums* forum, 12th March **2009**
- Still smashed my chips and peas when bobby scored. – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 16th June **2014**

chips in pitta; chips*noun*

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· [U]p the chips (chips in pitta) = ****ter, bum. – *The Anglers Forum*, 2nd August **2002**

· [C]hips in pitta mean? ha ha ha x – Haha I was wondering the same thing – Chips in Pitta = Garry Glitter? = Shitter? dunno?? xx – Haha got it in one RB, it's the Shitter! Just makes me laugh! x – *The Loop* forum, 11th May **2006**

chirp and chase

noun

the face [US]

· Ace Hudkins was telling me that this is his last year in the boxing dodge. [...] His wham-bang style of milling brings plenty of wear and tear on the old system, not to speak of the chirp-and-chase, otherwise the face. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 21st February **1928**

· Chirp and chase is the face. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, **1968**

chirpy

adjective

cheap [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *cheap* and *cheep*. < 'Chirpy, Chirpy, Cheep, Cheep', a song written by Lally Stott and made famous in 1971 by the Scottish band Middle of the Road.

· And wot a bleedin' tasty gaff this Skibo Castle is. Mind you, it don't come chirpy. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

chirrup and titter

noun

bitter (beer) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

Chitney Pace

noun

the face [US]

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; chitty chitty

noun

rhyming slang [UK]

< *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, a 1968 musical film directed by Ken Hughes and based on a 1964 children's novel by Ian Fleming.

· 'Oh, yes, I can't keep up with all this rhyming slang.' 'No, well it's not all the gen, Chitty Chitty.' 'Chitty Chitty?' 'Chitty Chitty? Bang Bang? Rhyming slang?' – *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th October **1976**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· The Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang (rhyming slang) originated from the East End of London. – *The Belfast News Letter*, 27th November **2001**

· I don't know what it is, but whenever I'm mixing with Cockneys, I end up speaking in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (rhyming slang). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 29th Nov **2002**

· Here's some more 'chitty chitty, bang bang' for you[.] – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**

· It's amazing all the chitty chitty you think of after a few britney's or forsythe's. – *The Pogues* forum, 13th April **2004**

· "Sherbet dab, cab. Sausage and mash, cash," he explains. "It's the ol' Chitty Chitty." – C. Ahern, *Thanks*, p.212 [2010], **2008**

· So if dad wanted a dickey bird wi' me, he'd lapse into the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to keep it just between us. – *www.sofurry.com*, 17th July **2012**

Chivas Regals

noun

seagulls [UK: SCOTLAND]

A near enough perfect rhyme. < Chivas Regal, a brand of blended Scotch whisky.

· Those Chivas Regals hud me up again at 5am, whit a racket. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Chivy Chase; Chivvy Chase; chivy; chivey; chivvy; chiv

noun

▶ see CHEVY CHASE

Choccy

nickname

Scottish footballer Brian McClair (b.1963)

Formed on *choccy*, a colloquialism for *chocolate*, the first element of *chocolate eclair*, rhyming on *McClair*.

· But three new additions to the Handle Hall of Fame prove dressing-room wags are very much at work. Joining Choccy (McClair) and Juke Box (Durie), Tumble (Dreyer) and Zippity (Duda, Chicago Sting's Pole who played alongside Dick Advocaat in '78) are Snowy, Swinger and Ceefax. – *The Independent*, London, 5th March **1994**

· Choccy is needed to nurse the Reds' young guns through a tough run of European Cup and crunch Premiership matches. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 1st March **1998**

· Choccy took more than 2266 minutes to score a goal for Scotland. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 1st January **2005**

· Now head of United's academy, 'Choccy' spent 11 years as a United player, becoming the club's first since George Best to score 20 league goals in a season in 1987. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 2nd March **2013**

choc ice

noun

a dice; dice [UK]

< *choc ice* ‘a bar of ice cream with a chocolate-flavoured covering’. Used in the context of board games.
· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

chock-a-block up 'er

noun

a supper [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian slang *chock-a-block up her* ‘engaged in sexual intercourse’.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

chock and log

noun

a dog; sometimes specifically a dingo [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < *chock and log*, used in the term *chock and log fence* ‘a type of wooden fence’.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, 1966

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

chockie frog; chocko

noun

▶ see CHOCOLATE FROG

chocko

adjective

of, relating to, or characteristic of the peoples of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ethnicity [AUSTRALIA]

An adjectival use of the noun *chocko*, shortened from CHOCOLATE FROG.

· Pauly is a nervous bloke, plagued by bad luck and quick to blame most things on “anti-chocko sentiments” (that’s; an irrational prejudice against Mediterranean peoples, Arabs and anyone darker). – *www.imdb.com*, 7th November 2001

· It’s an anti-chocko conspiracy. – *UD(.com)*, 25th July 2003

· chocko food, a big chocko dinner. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

chocky frog

noun

▶ see CHOCOLATE FROG

chocky ripple

noun

the nipple [AUSTRALIA]

Chocky is a colloquial equivalent of *chocolate*.

· She had great “chockie ripples” on the end of her “salt lake cities”. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 19th July 2006

chocolate bar

noun

a car [UK]

· The chocolate bar (car) is being used by him to travel to various theatres around the country, including Bradford, Glasgow, Stoke-on-Trent and Milton Keynes. – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November 2003

Chocolate Bickies

noun

Irish Republicans, often Catholics [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Stickies*, a colloquialism for the Official IRA, or OIRA, one of the two factions of the IRA formed after the split of this organisation in 1969; hence, also applied to people committed to the ideals of the OIRA and, loosely, Irish Republicans and Catholic Republicans in general. ▶ see AUGHNACLOYS and BON JOVIS

· In Belfast/cockney speak, us Iron Rods and Chocolate Bickies are avin a giraffe... – *JA606* forum, 17th October 2011

chocolate biscuit

verb

to risk it [UK]

Informed by the catchphrase *risk it for a biscuit*. Synonymous with GARIBALDI BISCUIT.

· When you’ve heavy work to be done, be careful. If you ‘chocolate biscuit’ you could end up with a dodgy ‘Cadbury’s snack’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

chocolate eclair; chocolate

noun

■ **not have a chocolate eclair; not have a chocolate** to have no chance at all of succeeding [UK]

Rhymes on *prayer*, used in the phrase *not have a prayer*. ▶ see CHOCCY

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Win the April Fools? You ain’t got a chocolate! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

chocolate frog; chockie frog; chocky frog; chocolate; choc; chocko; choco

noun

1 an informer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dog*. Recorded in the forms *chocolate frog*, *chockie frog* and *chocolate*.

· He said he preferred any other prisoner to a ‘chocolate frog’ or an informer. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 28th August 1971

· TOSSEY: [*spitefully*] Listen. Get me orf yer mug list, Shirk! Far as I’m concerned, he’s a chocolate frog! And far as I’m concerned, he can cop a dog’s whack! Jeez, yer seem to be getting’ *soft* over dog, or somethin’ ... SHIRKER: Turn it up, Tossie. Yer know I hate chocolates just as much as anyone else does. [...] SHIRKER: [...] It could be that yer a bit short on credentials. Might even be a chockie frog, or somethin’: in which case, a’course, we’d have ter say so around the place. – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, pp.17/23 [1987], 1973

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

· In Australia, ‘dogs’ is the most commonly used argot term for informers. Within prisons, the needs of inmate solidarity and in-group secrecy tend to encourage the use of ‘rhyming slang’ and ‘dogs’ is sometimes trans-

mutated to 'chocolate frogs'. – R. Settle, *Police Informers*, p.126, **1995**

2 a person of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ethnicity [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *wog*. Recorded in the forms *chocolate frog*, *chocky frog*, *choc*, *chocko* and *choco*.

· This one's called Petro. He's a big choc, you know really woggy ... [...] There are heaps of gangs in Sydney. There's the Headbangers, Footyheads, Bull Dykes, Petrol and Revheads, the Hubcap Biters, Vegie-brains, Wogs, Dapto Dogs or Chocolate Frogs, and even lower on the racist rung, the Slopeheads, who are hated 'cause they're head-and-a-halves. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, pp.126/187 [1993], **1987**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· You chocos work harder than Poms, but you're not as loud as septsics. – *Free Republic* forum, 28th July **2003**

· Who would have ever thought that the 2nd generation 'choccos' would create their own subculture and create a unique show like this. – *www.imdb.com*, 17th November **2004**

· When a fellow worker in Melbourne in the seventies told me "she was a Chocky Frog" I had no idea what she was talking about. She meant "Chocky Frog" = Wog = European (Italian/Greek/whatever). – *Birmingham History Forum*, 16th November **2005**

· Chocs don't need to drink heaps of piss to act like major boneheads. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th December **2007**

· In *Fat Pizza*, the 'one hundred percent dinkus-di Australian man' of Maltese extraction, Pauly Falzoni, explains the term 'chocko' to Aussie Davo Dinkum, who lacks the ethnic distinctiveness of Pauly's cohort of pizza delivery mates, Sleek, Habib and Rocky: 'chockoness man, it's like the opposite of Anglicized. Like you would be Anglicized, I would be chocko.' – F. Collins, *Wogboy Comedies*, p.74, **2009**

3 a language spoken in a Mediterranean or Middle Eastern country [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wog*. Recorded in the form *chocko*.

· My parents make me speak chocko at home. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

chocolate fudge; chocolate

noun

a judge [UK]

· [T]he Chocolate let me off with a suspended. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Holder, *Grim Up North*, p.103, **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [A]fter a few weeks in Bucket and Pail he was up before the Chocolate Fudge, who sent him to do Porridge in Boom and Mizzen... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

· The old 'chocolate fudge' then spoke about how I'd shown no remorse for what I'd done[.] – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.123 [2014], **2009**

· – bar the London clubs and Leeds I can't have villa about me. Horrible lot – you ain't a bad chocolate. – *twiter.com*, 17th July **2015**

chocolate heaven

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK]

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

chocolate log

noun

a person of non-white ethnic origin [UK]

Rhymes on *wog*. < *chocolate log* 'a type of log-shaped chocolate cake'.

· Paul wished he could grab his pliers but managed to jerk his head around to glare at the owner. Typical! One of the chocolate logs! One of the Sunshine Boyz! [...] "Calmed down! I am fucking calm! This is as fucking calm as I get when my daughters been screwing chocolate logs and broadcasting it all across the fucking galaxy. – T.J. Jackson, *Gang Lords of London*, pp.5/65, **2009**

Chocolate Pom

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Tom* [UK]

< *chocolate Pom* 'a chocolate-coloured Pomeranian'.

· So if the order is to "Take a turn of King Dicks on to the Cain and Abel to Chocolate Pom." it means "Carry seven bricks to the gable where a bricklayer named Tom is in urgent need of them." – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, Bradford and Doncaster, 24th May **1938**

chocolate smarty

noun

a party [UK]

< *chocolate smarty*, a pleonasm for *Smartie*, the singular form of *Smarties*, a brand of sugar-coated chocolate 'beans' manufactured by Nestlé.

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 16th April **2007**

chocolate trifle

noun

a rifle [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Republican paramilitary slang.

· 'We were wondering if we could use your house to leave some stuff. Just a bit o' gear.' 'What is it?' I asked. 'Two chocolate trifles.' – T. Brannigan, *Where Are You Really From?*, p.86, **2010**

chocolate whirl

noun

a girl [UK]

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

choir and chapel*noun*

an apple [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] apple – choir and chapel[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

choi sum*noun*

the buttocks [HONG KONG]

Rhymes on *bum*. < *choi sum* 'a type of Chinese cabbage'. Recorded in a 1993 article by British-born, Hong Kong-based artist Arthur Hacker (1932–2013).

· – *The Correspondent* magazine, June **1993**

Cholly Horner*noun*

▶ see CHARLEY HORNER

Cholly Rohler; Cholly Rollar*noun*

▶ see CHARLEY ROLLAR

Chopin and Liszt; chopin*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < Chopin and Liszt, a tandem combination of the names of two composers, Frédéric Chopin (1810–49) and Franz Liszt (1811–86).

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.81, **1973**

· [H]e has nipped off to get a bit Chopin before Lilley and Skinner. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.29, **1975**

· Sid starts giggling and climbs on to the settee. I have never seen him so Chopin. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.37, **1976**

chopped pork*noun*

a fork [UK; SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

chopper*noun*

a police officer [US]

A slang rhyme on *copper*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

chopsticks; chopping sticks*noun*

1 in bingo, the number twenty-six [UK]

Only recorded in the form *chopping sticks*.

· 'Twenty-six' is more often 'Chopping Sticks'[.] – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.85, **1943**

2 in bingo, the number six [UK/IRELAND]

In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *chopsticks*.

· **Chop sticks** Six. 20 C. In the game of House (Housie-Housie) [...]. Sometimes rendered CHOPPING STICKS. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **Chop sticks** Six (Bingo). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, **1969**

· 6. Tom Mix (or, more modern, *chopping sticks*). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· 6 = [...] choppin' sticks or chopsticks. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**

· [C]hopsticks. – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· 6 **Tom Mix** (more modern: **chopsticks**). – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffing*, p.120, **2009**

· 6 [...] Chopsticks. – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

chop suey*noun*

nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *hooley*.

· Whatever insults your intelligence is a load of 'chop suey'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

chorus and verse; chorus*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *erse*, the Scots form of *arse*.

· His winners and losers were aw Craigendoran at the chorus and verse. – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994; **1979**

· Mind you, it took me an age tae get it intae her fanny, Christ knows how I'd've got it up her chorus and verse! – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.150 [1999], **1998**

· Sit Down on yer Chorus and Have a Wee Salvador[.] – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 28th April **2002**

· So eh pills oot n turns ur ower n whaps it tae ur up the fucking chorus n it's as tight as a drum[.] – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, pp.205–206, **2007**

· That team you went to watch need a good kick up the chorus. – *Cyprus44* forum, 4th December **2009**

· [N]early fell on my "chorus and verse"[.] – *The Mds* forum, 16th January **2010**

· [S]hove it up your chorus and verse. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 4th March **2016**

chowdyywaddy*noun*

the body [IRELAND]

An alteration of *Showaddywaddy*. < Showaddywaddy, an English pop band that enjoyed success in the 1970s. The band was named for the rhythmic nonsense words popular in doo wop, subsequently used as a rhythmic element in other forms of rock and roll and pop. The lyrical phrase *bob showaddy bop showaddywaddy* was used by The Rubettes, a contemporary of Showaddywaddy.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

Chris*nickname*

Congolese-born Dutch footballer Kiki Musampa

(b.1977), who played for Manchester City for two seasons in 2005 and 2006

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Musampa* and *-mas hamper* (pronounced without the *h*), the last three syllables of *Christmas hamper*.

• The best nickname i have heard recently was for the Manchester City player Kiki Musampa, who apparently is called Chris! – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 12th October **2005**

• I know it has been well documented but it still makes me chuckle – the nickname for Manchester City's Kiki Musampa was 'Chris'. – *www.theguardian.com*, 20th August **2006**

• When the former Manchester City midfielder revealed that his teammates called him Chris, many were left scratching their heads. Until Yuletide anyway. – *www.offthepost.info*, blog, 27th October **2011**

• – C. Shindler, *Manchester City*, p.169, **2012**

Chris Brunt

noun

1 an unpleasant or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Northern Irish footballer Chris Brunt (b.1984).

• Cheerio you bunch of Chris Brunts. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 17th May **2009**

• That's because you're a Chris Brunt. – *The Unofficial Newport County AFC Message Boards*, 5th April **2011**

• You are a bit of a Chris Brunt ain't you. – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 21st February **2016**

2 an unpleasant or difficult thing, situation or experience; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Often in the phrase *make a Chris Brunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.

• Mondays are a right Chris Brunt. – *twitter.com*, 22nd July **2013**

• That was some shot! He made a right Chris Brunt of it. – *twitter.com*, 2nd February **2014**

• [T]hey've made a Chris brunt of this one eh! – *twitter.com*, 27th January **2015**

Chris Jack

adjective

black [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand rugby union footballer Chris Jack (b.1978).

• – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

Chris Judd

noun

mud [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Chris Judd (b.1983).

• – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October **2009**

• Steve, just make sure you don't step in some Chris Judd and find out if was actually a steaming James Hird. – *www.footyalmanac.com.au*, 2nd September **2014**

Chris McKenna

noun

a ten-dollar note or the sum of ten dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Australian rugby league player Chris McKenna (b.1974).

• A \$10 (tenner) is a Chris McKenna. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 19th February **2001**

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 4th May **2010**

• – *Rugby HQ*, Australian TV: Fox Sports 1, 8th May **2014**

Chris Mew; Chrissy Mew

noun

vomit; an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. < Australian Rules footballer Chris Mew (b.1961).

• Got pretty Adrian Quist last night and had a Chrissy Mew[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

• Looked like someone had a chris mew on the stairs! – *twitter.com*, 25th February **2012**

• Having a Chris Mew after a big drinking session. – *twitter.com*, 19th July **2013**

• I knew that one could have a Chris Mew after too many beers and a kebab. – *www.footyalmanac.com.au*, 2nd September **2014**

• You normally have a Chris Mew because you've had too many Greg Dears and a Billy Celeski. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Chris Mew

verb

to vomit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

• Jeez I had a big night, trying my best not to Chris Mew. – *The Living End* forum, 23rd July **2013**

• Hope I don't chris mew or I might be in a bit of Barney rubble off the cheese n kisses!! – *www.facebook.com*, 18th January **2015**

Chris Moyles

noun

boils [UK]

< English radio and television presenter Chris Moyles (b.1974).

• [I]f there's one radio presenter you really don't want a case of, which one is it? A: Sara Cox (chicken pox) B: Chris Moyles (boils) C: Emma Freuds (haemorrhoids)[.] – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th October **2002**

• BUY IF: You're in bed with Sara Cox (chicken pox), Chris Moyles (boils) or Emma Freuds (haemorrhoids) or just fancy 'aving a laugh. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th February **2003**

• – *TheSite.org* forum, 2nd May **2003**

Chris Rea

noun

1 diarrhoea [UK]

< English singer and guitarist Chris Rea (b.1951). Hence also the Irish slang *Chris Rea's Welsh cousin*, a pun based on the near-homophones *Dai Rea* and *diarrhoea*.

· After a curry I end up with Chris Rea. – *MCFC Forum*, 28th September **2012**

2 ■ **full of the Chris Rea** not to be believed [UK]

A playful variation of *full of shit* or *full of crap*. Based on sense 1.

· Truth is you don't have an answer do you? Your a bit full of the Chris Rea (diarrhoea) aren't you?! – *Dogs Sleeping Forum*, 16th February **2013**

Chrissy Mew

noun

► see CHRIS MEW

Christian Andersen

noun

the hands [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *hands* and *Hans*. < Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen (1805–75).

· [S]uddenly I'm wondering, roysh, whether this is one of those countries where they, like, cut your focking Christian Andersens off for basically robbing shit. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.153, **2005**

Christian Bentekes; christians; bentekes

noun

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *eckies* (variously spelt). < Belgian footballer Christian Benteke (b.1990), who has played for several British clubs since joining Aston Villa in 2012.

· – Your role would also involve drug awareness, maybe a simple “Hey man watch out for they dodgy Christian Bentekes” before Umbrella. – She prefers the Davie Weir to the Christian's. – *twitter.com*, 11th July **2013**

· Miley cyrus defos popped a bentেকে before that performance. – *twitter.com*, 26th August **2013**

· That lassie was on the bentekes. – *twitter.com*, 8th October **2013**

· – A Colombian coach does not realize that his team won until he spoke to the media (Spanish). – cunts been on the christian bentekes. – *www.reddit.com/r/soccer*, 16th March **2014**

· ‘Goat any Mark McGhees chief?’ ‘Showin yer age big man, it's Christian Bentekes these days...’ – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

· Are they dishing out the Christian Bentekes at the turnstile or should we bring our own? – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 6th October **2016**

Christian Clague

noun

the leg [ISLE OF MAN]

Clague, pronounced *cleg*, is a surname of Manx origin.

· My Christian Clagues are killing me. – *Manxforums.com*, 19th March **2005**

Christians awake; christians

noun

a steak [UK?]

< ‘Christians Awake’, the familiar short title of ‘Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn’, a Christmas carol written by John Byrom in 1749 and set to music a year later by John Wainwright. Reported to have been in use in the early 20th century.

· No article on slang could be considered complete without reference to “rhyming slang.” The custom is to substitute, for the word to be understood, some other word or phrase that rhymes. Common examples of this include “Duke of York” for “cork,” “Johnny Horner” for “corner,” “King Lud” for “stud,” “Christians awake” for “steak,” “pig’s ear” for “beer,” and so on, ad infinitum. Those who served in the Great War will recall a lengthy list of such examples[.]

– *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 7th June **1930**

· [H]alf a pound of Christians and a pint of pigs. – P.J.H.O. Schut, *Review*, p.77, **1934**

Christian Slater; christian

adjective/adverb

later [UK]

< American actor Christian Slater (b.1969).

· It features phrases which haven't made it across the Atlantic, including Christian Slater (later), Mickey Mouse (Scouse) and Brad Pitt – even Yanks can guess that one. – *The Sun*, London, 5th April **1999**

· Grease and grime had flew by, and I was Christian Slater than I had ever been. – *ProWrestling Fans* forum, 31st August **2002**

· It's Christian Slater than I thought[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**

· **Christian Slater**, he opens his **mince pies** and starts to use his **loaf**. – *thelostonvariations.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st April **2011**

· See ya Christian. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Christian Slater; christian

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Rhymes on *see you later*. < American actor Christian Slater (b.1969).

· LPT Request: What's the best thing to say as a goodbye? – I say “Christian Slater!” with the same inflection as “see you later!”[.] – *www.reddit.com/r/LifeProTips*, 26th January **2015**

· If you are chatting in the street with a Cockney friend and as you leave she says ‘Christian’ what would she mean? [...] See you later. – *www.educationquizzes.com*, 26th June **2015**

Christian Ziege; christian

adjective

eager [UK]

< German footballer Christian Ziege (b.1972).

· He's a bit Christian. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd October **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – And now my second article, please read people, I want to hear your views. – You're a bit Christian Zieger aren't you? – *FoxesTalk* forum, 15th June **2008**

christian zieger

adjective

eager [UK]

< German footballer Christian Ziege (b.1972).

· I'm sure you'll be Christian Zieger to show me ya Red Rubies and suck my Blackpool Rock. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 18th January **2009**

Christmas cake

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-eight [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Christmas cake; christmas

adjective

satisfactory, good [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *jake*. Used in the phrase *not christmas* 'not good'.

· The first slang word for something not proper is *not Jake*, meaning that it is wrong. The rhymers with *Jake* is "Christmas cake," so if he says, "it's not *Christmas*," the season has nothing to do with it, he merely wishes to communicate that something is wrong. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.81–82, **1973**

Christmas card; christmas; card

noun

a guard, especially a railway guard [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short forms are only recorded in British usage.

· Going to a race meeting he betakes himself to the "invitation" (station), gets a "brief" (ticket), asks a letter "sorter" (porter) which platform, sees the "Christmas card" (railway guard), asks which is the "hail and rain" (train), and jumps in. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

· 'Is this right for Woking, Bill?' 'Dunno, Jim : ask the *Christmas*.' To one who has the key, the solution is obvious: Christmas = Christmas card = guard. – *Notes and Queries*, vol. 90, **1894**

· The only parallel to this in England is the "rhyming slang" of the costers, and the thieves' "patter." There a railway guard may be facetiously termed a "Christmas card," and then abbreviated to "card" alone[.] – G. Burgess, *Romance*, p.73, **1902**

· If you hear a bloke on the race platform ask his clobber, "When does the rain flow?" and his clobber says, "Go

slow; chat de Christmas card," you know, or you ought to anyway, that one has enquired, "When does the train go?" and the other has replied, "Don't know; ask the railway guard." – *The Sydney Sportsman*, 4th March **1903**

· After settling terms many a comedian will explain that he is rather late in arriving owing to the "Christmas" telling him that the "Andie" waited several minutes at the junction[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· "Christmas" (card)=guard[.] – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, **1911**

· In the rhyming slang, "Ask the railway guard" became "Ask the Christmas card"[.] – *The Evening News*, Portsmouth, 13th December **1935**

· [T]he guard of the train is the "Christmas," meaning "Christmas card." – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 13th June **1947**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

Christmas cards

noun

the Guards (collectively, the five British Army regiments of Foot Guards, namely the Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards) [UK]

From the plural of CHRISTMAS CARD. Always with the definite article. The Guards, along with the two regiments of the Household Cavalry, make up Her Majesty's Household Division.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, **1969**

Christmas cheer; christmas

noun

beer [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· When you go in too heavy on the 'Christmas Cheer' (qv), you'll end up 'Santas'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Santa's Grotto*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Christmas crackered

adjective

exhausted, worn out [UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, s.v. *Christmas crackers*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Christmas Crackers*, **1992**

· If you're feeling Christmas crackered by the festive season, now's the time to try the sporting life and get yourself back into shape. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th December **2004**

· Well – I'm totally Christmas crackered now. – *The 75 and ZT Owners Club* forum, 1st June **2014**

Christmas crackers

noun

the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *knackers*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Kevin was very excited: Britney had just asked him to show her his Christmas crackers. Two minutes, and a slap round the face later, he was so disappointed when he realised the pop-babe had no knowledge of British rhyming slang! – *UD(.com)*, 25th December **2003**

· When you next see your business jet instructor, kick him in the Christmas Crackers if you would. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 4th September **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Christmas dinner

noun

a winner [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· My old man would have been in his element. In cockney rhyming slang – the set was a right Christmas dinner! – *The News*, Portsmouth, 14th November, **2014**

Christmas Eve; Christmas

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Steve* [UK]

· I have a mate called Christmas (Eve), Steve. – *Queenzone* forum, 8th July **2013**

Christmas Eve; christmas

verb

to believe [UK]

Often in the phrase *would you Christmas Eve it!*, an exclamatory question used to express genuine or ironic surprise or disbelief.

· Believe ... Christmas Eve it. – P.P., *RS*, **1932**

· Christmas Eve (Christmas) also Adam & Eve ... Believe. – Anon., *DRSl*, **1941**

· Would you Christmas Eve it! – J. Symons, *The 31st of February*, p.81, **1950**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· Oh flaming Ada, Ely-ot, would you Christmas Eve it, I've only started. – C. Bingham, *At Home*, p.30, **1986**

· Yes, they're triplets, would you Christmas Eve it? – D. Buchanan, *The Sleeping Beauty*, l.ii, **1997**

· i cant christmas eve it. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 27th August **2006**

· [A]nd would you christmas eve it, it worked. – *Yubico* forum, 8th May **2013**

Christmas jingle

noun

among film lighting technicians, a mesh used for weakening the beam from a spotlight [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *single*.

· Pfister remembers that when he went to England to work on “Batman Begins,” the British crew “combined cockney rhyming with film terminology. They call a ‘single’ (a metal mesh used to dim a spot) a ‘Christmas jingle.’” – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 26th October **2005**

Christmas log

noun

a dog; specifically, a racing greyhound [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Must go coz the currant bun's atchly awt n the ole christmas log needs 'er walk! – *mimiloveforever.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th November **2010**

Christmas pud; christmas

adjective

good [UK]

· Rocknrolla ain't pirates (Pirates of Penzance – pants), or Dot (Dot Cotton – rotten) – but it's not that Christmas (Christmas pud – good) either. – *The People*, London, 31st August **2008**

Christmas shop

verb

(of a man) to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *strop*. Thus *Christmas shopping* ‘masturbation’.

· Doing your Christmas shopping in the privacy of your own home doesn't necessarily mean you have the Argos catalogue. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Christmas toys

noun

a group of men who are friends or who share an interest or activity [US]

Rhymes on *boys*.

· “Where ya bin?” “Out wit’ da Christmas toys.” – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, **1968**

Christmas tree

noun

the knee [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Christmas rhyming slang: Christmas tree = knee. – *twitter.com*, 17th December **2012**

Christopher Ash; C. Ash

noun

money, cash [AUSTRALIA]

Suggested by the pun hidden in the abbreviated form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Christopher Lee; christopher

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < English actor Christopher Lee (1922–2015).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I got worried when he sat on my face and asked if he could do a Christopher. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· And now I'm off for a Christopher Lee. – *Christopher Lee Web* forum, 16th November **2003**

· – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st August **2011**

Christopher Reeve*noun*

alcoholic drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *peeve*. < American actor Christopher Reeve (1952–2004).· Heard the cat wis oaf the Christopher Reeve, likes, ah gasp, as the gear hits ehs like a train. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.184, **2002**· – He likes a drink but, Mr Mark, Keezbo says. – We aw do, but imagine no bein able tae go fir a few fuckin hours withoot Christopher Reeve, ah laugh, – that’s worse than a fuckin junky! – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.31, **2012****Christopher Skase; Crissy Skase***noun*

the face [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian businessman Christopher Skase (1948–2001), who fled Australia leaving millions of dollars in debts.

· Christopher Skase – face. (ie – I just got whacked in the Crissy Skase!) – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 8th October **2001****Chuck Berry***noun*

a ferry [AUSTRALIA]

< American rock and roll musician Chuck Berry (1926–2017).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**· Spectators might travel by Chuck Berry or Frankie Lane[.] – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Chuck Farm***noun*

the arm [US]

Probably an alteration of CHALK FARM.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Arms, Chuck Farms. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004****chuck me in the gutter***noun*

butter [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of the earlier ROLL ME IN THE GUTTER.

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991****chuffed-to-bits; chuffedterbits***noun*

the female breasts [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tits*. < *chuffed to bits*, a British and Irish colloquialism meaning ‘very pleased or happy’.· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**· And there she suddenly is, full of smiles, great Peter Pan, her humungous chuffed-to-bits hanging out of her silver Mandalay dress[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.38, **2008****chump of wood***adjective*

▶ see CHUNK OF WOOD

chunder; chunda*noun*

1 vomit; an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

Functionally shifted from the verb form. ▶ see STEVIE WONDER

· Chunder-yellow. You couldn’t miss it unless you were colour-blind. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: G. Taylor, *The Crop Dusters*, p.111, **1960**· Youse can bet your life **pom** dogs have rolled around in stuff a lot worse than a nice fresh **chunder!** – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**· Pre-vomit saliva gave little warning of the heavy chunder to come[.] – F. Norman, *Too Many Crooks*, p.60, **1979**· The pictures would of been of the ceiling of the plane and the chunder afterwards. – *The New Zealand Weather Forum*, 23rd January **2004**· The food at BIS is the worst ever, had to take a chunder after i ate a burger. – *AustralianSpeedway.com* forum, 15th January **2007**· Dwrc, at least it’s the right colour. Man that’s some chunder. – *Expansys South Africa* forum, 12th February **2008**· So upset by the chunder on her dress, Janet, 42, allegedly fled the party. – *metro.co.uk*, 29th September **2008**· I hardly ever eat corn, never eat cubed carrots - so how come every time I have a chunda – out comes corn and cubed carrots? – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 10th June **2009**· The Govt benchers would only use it as a chunder receptacle... – *Politics.ie* forum, 7th January **2013**

2 among army cadets, unappetising, unpalatable or badly cooked food, especially the food served in the Corps of Staff Cadets mess [AUSTRALIA]

Extended from the previous sense.

· Anyone for another plate of **chunder**? I’m eating out from now on! – B. Moore, *LCL*, **1993****chunder; chunda***verb*

to vomit [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

Probably a shortening of Chunder Loo, rhyming on *spew*. < Chunder Loo of Akim Foo, a cartoon character created by Australian artist Norman Lindsay (1879–1969) that appeared in advertisements for Cobra boot polish in the Sydney *Bulletin* between 1909 and 1920.

Popularised by Barry Humphries in his Barry McKenzie comic strips in *Private Eye*. Also used as the base of a number of adjectives meaning ‘nauseous, vomit-inducing; (of a person) sick; hungover’ (*chunderful*, *chunderous*, *chundersome*, *chundertastic*) or ‘pleasant to eye, smell or taste, but vomit-inducing’ (*chunderlicious*).

- The way these bloody Nips go on. Makes you chunda. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988; N. Shute, *A Town Like Alice*, p.76, **1950**
- He’s the bastard who once **chundered** from the top of the Eiffel Tower. – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**
- ‘For Christ’s sake!’ says the medal..’not there, eh? Don’t chunder there, boy.’ – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997; V. O’Sullivan (ed.), *New Zealand Short Stories, Third Series* (1975), **1971**
- The bastard hasn’t chundered, has he? – J. Romeril, *I Don’t Know*, p.41, **1973**
- Once it gets down your old Ned Kelly you stand a flamin’ good chance of chundering!!! – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.4, **1988**
- Location: Chundering in the back seat. – *PlaneTalk* forum, 17th December **2005**
- I think I’d be worse if I chundered on a la Sewa or the lads who think that mocking my good self or our friends from Leinster somehow makes them worthy of a read or lends them a certain gravitas. – *Munsterfans* forum, 2nd January **2008**
- Someone chundered in the bath. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 22nd November **2008**
- i dont dig tomatoes... they make me chunda! – *Ford ST Owners South-Africa* forum, 29th March **2010**
- Excuse me while I chunda my brekkers. – *www.stephaniemiller.com*, blog, 8th April **2010**
- Nearly chundered in me chipsticks after that... – *Boards.ie* forum, 13th April **2010**
- I eventually was relieved after an 1H45min as I was chundering from exhaustion[,] – *Sealine – South Africa Angling and Boating Community* forum, 20th Sept **2012**

chunk of beef; chunka; chunker

noun

a boss (an employer or foreman) [AUSTRALIA/US]

- Rhymes on *chief*. The full form is recorded in both locations of use. The short forms are exclusively Australian.
- **CHUNKA**: A chief or boss (i.e., “chunk of beef,” rhyming slang). – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- “Chunka,” meaning chief or boss, is harder to understand until you realise it is short for “chunk of beef.” – *The Murrumburrah Signal and Harden Advocate*, NSW, 30th April **1942**
- **CHUNK OF BEEF**. A chief (boss). 3a. In Australia, clipped to *chunka* or *chunker*. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**
- **CHUNK OF BEEF** – For chief. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

- If we make a box of toys the chunka’ll cop it ’ot. – B. Max, *Whispers of Love*, p.102, **1981**
- **chunk of beef; chunka**: the chief, the boss. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

chunk of wood; chump of wood

adjective

bad; useless [UK/US]

- Rhymes on *no good*. In American usage, recorded only in the form *chunk of wood*.
- **CHUMP** (or **CHUNK**) OF WOOD, no good. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- **Chump of wood** (rhyming slang), no good. – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**
- **Chunk of wood**, no good. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

church bazaar

noun

a car [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

church dome

verb

to comb [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- **CHURCH DOMED MY BALLYCLARE**. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

church pews; churches

noun

shoes [UK]

- Suggested or influenced by *Church’s*, the popular name of Church & Co., a well-known footwear company established in 1873.
- Church Pews is Cockney slang for Shoes. “Bought a new pair of Churches.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th November **2004**
- My old china was wearing a syrup under his tifter, a whistle, a Peckham and a pair of churches. – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**
- And those church pews are comfy, I’d wager? [...] Until you’ve lived in the church pews of the poor, Collin, don’t sermonize. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

cigarette holder; cigarette

noun

the shoulder [UK]

- *Her*: Got a hanky? My nose keeps running. *Him*: No. Use your sleeve. *Her*: (annoyed) No. This is my new coat. It cost a lot of money. *Him*: Well, I’ve been using your cigarette. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

cigarette lighter

noun

a fighter [UK]

- – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**

Cilla Black; cilla

noun

the back; a person’s back; the back part of a building [UK]

- < Cilla Black, the stage name of English singer and television presenter Priscilla Maria Veronica White

(1943–2015). Hence the phrase *Cilla Black session*, used by bodybuilders to refer to a back workout.

• By the time I got off Nadia my Cilla (Cilla Black: back. Ed.) has been exposed to more ultra violet rays than you get in half a lifetime's holidays at Cleethorpes. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.101, **1975**

• Now in the past if the old Cilla Black was playing you up you'd have to stagger down to the quack's to pay a two pound fifty prescription for a three bob tube of Algipan. – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 25th December **1987**

• A 'dodgy Cilla' is a television script writer's term for a bad back. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Gawd, me Cilla's playing up again! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• I once had a letter from a friend who had hurt his "Cilla" [.] – *International Skeptics Forum*, 7th September **2003**

• He's right at the Cilla Black [.] – *Burnham-On-Sea forum*, 29th March **2011**

• [M]y cilla black hurts. – *Not606 forum*, 28th September **2011**

• Oh no, hope your cilla heals up soon (((Gentle hugs))). – *twitter.com*, 25th April **2012**

• Nice Cilla Black session mate. Which back movement do you find gives you the best feel and bang for your buck? – *Muscle Talk forum*, 12th November **2014**

Cilla Black; cilla

adjective

very poor in quality; valueless; contemptible [UK: LIV-ERPOOL]

Rhymes on the slang *cack*. < Cilla Black, the stage name of Liverpudlian singer and television presenter Priscilla Maria Veronica White (1943–2015).

• Cilla Black (again abbreviated to 'Cilla') – Cack, as in jeezus, thats fucking Cilla that lad. – *Red and White Kop forum*, 8th June **2006**

Cilla Blacks

noun

casual trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *slacks*. < Cilla Black, the stage name of English singer and television presenter Priscilla Maria Veronica White (1943–2015).

• – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th January **2007**

cinder

noun

▶ see BURNT CINDER

Cinderella; cinder

noun

1 the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *smeller*. < the classic fairy tale *Cinderella*, first published by Charles Perrault in 1697 under the title of *Cendrillon*, and its eponymous main character; especially familiar in contemporary culture in the form of countless pantomimes and the Disney feature animation *Cinderella* (1950).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• People who get on your nerves may get right up your 'Cinder'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 in pool and snooker, a yellow ball [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *yellow* as *yella*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, **2011**

3 Stella Artois lager [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *yellow* as *yella*.

• I've been drinkin' Cinderellas all night. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd March **2001**

• Besides "Nelson," Stella (Artois) beer can also be called "Cinderella," "David" ~ "Dave" (< David Mellor), "Keith" (< Keith Dellar), "Paul" (< Paul Weller), and "Uri" ~ "Yuri" (< Uri Geller). – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

• Then its off down to the Cabin Cruiser for a couple of Cinderellas. – *Amber Nectar forum*, 14th September **2012**

• [P]int of Cinderella. – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2013**

Cinderella

adjective

cowardly [UK]

Rhymes on *yellow*, colloquially pronounced *yella*. < the classic fairy tale *Cinderella*, first published by Charles Perrault in 1697 under the title of *Cendrillon*, and its eponymous main character; especially familiar in contemporary culture in the form of countless pantomimes and the Disney feature animation *Cinderella* (1950).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.81, **2002**

cinder shifter

noun

a tramp [US]

Rhymes on the slang *drifter*. Perhaps < *cinder shifter*, an old Australian expression for a speedway driver.

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

cinnamon bun

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-one [UK/IRELAND]

• – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

• – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November **2013**

Cisco Kid

noun

a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. < Cisco Kid, a character created in 1907 by American writer O. Henry and later made popular by radio and television.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

citronella

noun

in horse racing, a bet that involves predicting the first two to finish, not necessarily in the correct order [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the betting term *quinella*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

City banker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· We don't know who added the phrase 'City banker' to the lexicon of rhyming slang, but I'll bet it was a woman. – *Management Today* magazine, London, December **2000**

· 'He did no such thing; he was a City banker.' 'Is that rhyming slang?' 'Why can't you take this seriously!' – A. Secombe, *Endgame*, p.42, **2007**

· [A] bunch of CITY BANKERS!!!!!! to put it mildly... i could come up with a far better name for them!!! – *www.ciao.co.uk*, 13th November **2012**

· Well I'm definitely not a city banker (unless CRAB is speaking in rhyming slang anyway). – *Runner's World* forum, 10th April **2013**

City Slickers

noun

women's or girls' underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < *City Slickers*, a 1991 American film directed by Ron Underwood, and its sequel, *City Slickers II*, released in 1994 and directed by Paul Weiland.

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

City Tote

noun

a coat [UK]

< City Tote, a London bookmaking firm.

· When summer heads for sunnier climes for the winter, put your 'City Tote' on. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

civil answer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

· Hey **Mark Foy** (boy), tell the **pitch and toss** (boss) that there's a **willow the weep** (sheep) in my **nine and ten** (pen) with a **civil answer** (cancer) in his **I suppose** (nose). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, p.91, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Claire Danes

noun

stains [IRELAND]

< American actress Claire Danes (b.1979).

· Just went for a David Kitt, Claire Danes in my underpants. – *twitter.com*, 7th June **2012**

Claire Rayners; Claire Raynors; claires

noun

trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

< English journalist, novelist and agony aunt Claire Rayner (1931–2010).

· [T]hey Wallace and Gromit all over your new Claire Rayners and down your John Prescott. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

· I left my Claire Rayners [trainers] down the Fatboy Slim [gym] so I was late for the Basil Fawlty [balti]. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th November **2006**

· About 20 years ago, kids talked about buying a new pair of 'Claire's', meaning trainers[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 30th December **2007**

· Alright mates, I just picked me self up these bloody nice claire rayners, theyre jolly comfy too!!! – *Hypebeast* forum, 12th February **2008**

· [H]e'd got a pair of 'Claire Raynors' on with his 'round the houses'[.] – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.118 [2014], **2009**

· I'll get my claire raynors on[.] – *Go! Smell the Coffee* forum, 8th January **2009**

· And now that running shoes are referred to as "Claire Raynors" (trainers), well, what more could a girl ask? – E. Moss, *Jeremy Clarkson*, p.63, **2011**

clam chowder

noun

talcum powder [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**

claret and blues; clarets

noun

shoes [UK]

< *claret and blue* 'the colours of West Ham United, a football club based in Upton Park, east London'.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Clark Gable

noun

1 a cable [AUSTRALIA]

< American actor Clark Gable (1901–60).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

2 a table [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· Put the plate on the Clark Gable. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th February **2005**

· Get the Yul Brynner on the Clark Gable 'cause I'm Lee Marvin. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

3 a stable [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Ah'm waitin fir thaimae tae go intae yon Clark Gables wi the horses n mibbe git a peek at thum[.] – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.238, **2007**

Clark Kent; clark

noun

rent [UK]

< Clark Kent, the meek, mild-mannered, bespectacled alter ego of Superman, a comic book superhero cre-

ated by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in 1932 (but first appearing in print in 1938).

· I'm having a tough time coming up with me Clark. –

A(.com), accessed 8th December **2006**

· – *www.itourist.com*, **2010**

Clark Kent

adjective

1 corrupt [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*. < Clark Kent, the meek, mild-mannered, bespectacled alter ego of Superman, a comic book superhero created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in 1932 (but first appearing in print in 1938).

· Rab was a semi-jakey anyway (he went fully-fledged shortly eftir that) but essentially harmless even if as Clark Kent as fuck. – I. Welsh. *Filth*, p.277 [1999], **1998**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

2 homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*.

· She's fancied him for years, but everyone knows she's onto a hiding; he's completely Clark Kent. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· I reckon they were a bit Clark Kent myself[.] – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November **2005**

· – barney please do not ask for a Harry Wragg over here for obvious reasons... – why not... I might be Clark Kent. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 15th May **2007**

· Deaf and dumb. As in 'I bet that Mackemindatoot likes it up the deaf and dumb'. Also related, Clark Kent. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th March **2012**

classic hits

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*.

· – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

Claudio Reynas

noun

trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

< American footballer Claudio Reyna (b.1973), who played for Rangers (1999–2001), Sunderland (2001–03) and Manchester City (2003–07).

· [Y]o dude your wearing some dope Claudio Reyna's. – *UD(.com)*, 10th May **2005**

· I'm going to purchase a pair of Adidas Gazelle Claudio Reynas. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

· Got a lovely new pair of Claudio Reynas (trainers). – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**

· [N]ice pair of Claudio Reynas them. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th January **2013**

· – claire raynors - trainers. – They're Claudio Reynas man. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Claus

noun

a barbecue [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *barbie*, a slangy reduction of *barbecue*, and *Barbie*. < German Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie (1913–91), also known as the 'Butcher of Lyon.'

· 'Come over for a Claus' (as in Barbie, the French war criminal), he'll say, and we do, but more for the pleasure of his company than his culinary skills. – *The Spectator*, London, 9th September **2006**

clean-and-jerk

noun

a Turk [UK]

< *clean and jerk* 'a weightlifting technique'. Criminal slang.

· – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.276, **2015**

Clean Sheets

nickname

Australian cricketer Shane Deitz (b.1975)

· The 33-year-old with the nickname "Clean Sheets" forged a respectable playing career with South Australia but decided to switch his attention to coaching after failing to win a contract with the Redbacks for 2008–09. – *The Dominion Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 14th March **2008**

· Change-over to Clean Sheets. – *The Dominion Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 4th October **2008**

clean the floor

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-four [UK/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *www.ballsupbingo.co.uk*, 13th April **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.williamhill.com*, accessed 18th October **2013**

Clement Freud; clement

noun

a haemorrhoid [UK]

< German-born British writer, broadcaster and politician Clement Freud (1924–2009), grandson of Sigmund Freud and father of Emma Freud, whose names are also used as rhyming slang for the same condition.

▶ see EMMA FREUD and SIGMUND FREUD

· Gordon fucking Bennett! Me Clements! – *Viz* comic, February/March **1991**

· I've got one Clement Freud so big that I thought my brain had fallen out of my Khyber. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Clement Freud – Haemorroid. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th November **2006**

· [M]ade my Clement Freuds clench like fcuk and me arse went into spasm[.] – *Rum Ration* forum, 18th November **2010**

· "How's your Emmas, Dad?" "What? Me Clements?" – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

clerk of the course

noun

tomato sauce [AUSTRALIA]

< *clerk of the course* ‘an official in horse racing or motor racing’; taken from the context of horse racing.
 • – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

clever Dick

noun

a brick [UK]
 • – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

clever Dickie

noun

a bricklayer [UK]
 Rhymes on *brickie*. Formed on CLEVER DICK.
 • – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

clever Mike

noun

a bicycle [UK]
 Rhymes on *bike*.
 • – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
 • – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
 • – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, 1969
 • – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 • – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
 • – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
 • Get on your ‘Clever Mike’ and see the best of East London with our brand new cycle tour! – *twitter.com*, 9th October 2012
 • Been ridin’ round town on a clever Mike. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

clickety-click; clicketty-click; clickerty-click; clicketties

noun

1 in bingo, the number sixty-six [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
 Imperfect rhyming slang. The short form *clicketties* is given by Partridge (1984: s.v. *clickety click*).
 • The caller-out has many nicknames for the numbers such as “Kelly’s Eye” for one, “Leg’s Eleven” for eleven, “Clickety-click” for sixty-six, or “Top of the house” meaning ninety. – A.G. Empey, *Over the Top*, p.148, 1917
 • *CLICKETY CLICK*: 66 in the game of “House”. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925
 • – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931
 • – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 20th January 1941
 • Soon, the two Air Force corporals who ran the Housey-Housey game adopted the custom of coming into the dining-hall at seven o’clock in the evening, to burst into their esoteric chanting of: “Kelly’s Eye ... Shiny Ten ... Blind Eighty ... Clickety-click ... Two-and-One: Twenty-one. ... – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.83, 1943
 • Guy stared blankly at the Brigadier, who now plunged his hand in the pillow-case and produced a little square card. ‘Clickety-click,’ said the Brigadier disconcertingly. Then: ‘Sixty-six.’ – E. Waugh, *Men at Arms*, p.171, 1952
 • **Clicketty Click** Sixty six (bingo). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, 1969

• The troops were allowed to play the mild betting game of “Housey-Housey,” known today, I believe, as “Bingo”. And cries such as “Kelly’s eye”, “Clickerty-click”, “Legs eleven”, “Black Watch” could constantly be heard. – A. Dunlop, *The March of Time*, p.29, 1977
 • Every number had a name: number one was ‘Little Jimmy’ or ‘Kelly’s Eye’. Most were expressed in rhyming slang: eleven was ‘Leg’s Eleven’; forty-four was ‘Open the Door’; sixty-six was ‘Clickety-click’. – B. Farwell, *Mr. Kipling’s Army*, p.196, 1981
 • – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, 2002
 • But anybody who doesn’t know what Clickety-Click means has no more place in a bingo hall than someone who goes to the football and shouts: “So what IS offside anyway?” – *The Sun*, London, 1st December 2004
 • – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
 • – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

2 in darts, a score of sixty-six [UK]

Only evidenced in the full forms.
 • ‘CLICKETY CLICK’ Slang for sixty-six. – *The Citizen*, Gloucester, ‘The Language of Darts’, 5th March 1937
 • For the initiated “Bag o’ nuts” is the number 45; “Bull-calf” number 33; “Clickety-click” 66[.] – *Cambridge Daily News*, ‘Quaint Lingo of Darts’, 16th August 1939
 • For darts has its own esoteric terminology, some of which is common to the whole country and some of which is probably local. [...] But if your score is sixty-six it is “clickety-click” which is simply rhyme. – J. Moore, *Brensham Village*, p.95 [1948], 1946
 • – E. Partridge, *DSUES*, 1961
 • – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.19, 1980
 • – *Los Angeles Times*, 11th April 1987
 • **Clickety-click** Sixty six. [...] Also found spelt clicketty-click and clickerty-click. – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.37, 2011
 3 a stick [AUSTRALIA]
 Only evidenced in the full forms *clickety-click* (Mer-edith 1984) and *clicketty-click* (Seal 2009).
 • – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
 • – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

clickety-click

numeral

sixty-six [UK]
 Imperfect rhyming slang.
 • I turned clickety-click last Tuesday, done all me dole on the gollies. – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July 1978

clickety-clicks; clicketty-clicks

noun

women’s underpants [UK]
 Rhymes on the slang *knicks*.
 • – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970

Clickety Clicks

nickname

the 66th (2nd East Lancashire) Division, an infantry division of the British Army that served in World War I

Imperfect rhyming slang. A development of CLICKETY-CLICK.
 · THE ‘CLICKETY CLICKS.’ 66th DIVISION MEMORIALS. – *Burnley Express and Clitheroe Division Advertiser*, 1st February **1928**
 · Demobilisation began here and at midnight 24–25 March 1919 the 66th (2nd East Lancashire) Division, the “Clickety Clicks”, ceased to exist. – *www.longlongtrail.co.uk*, 4th May **2009**

clink and clank; clink and blank

noun

a bank [us]

The earliest recorded form is *clink and clank*, listed by Pollock (1935). *Clink and blank* is given by Maurer (1944).
 · – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

Clint Boon; Clint

adjective

mad [UK: MANCHESTER]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *Boon*, the first element of the phrase *Boon Army*, rhyming on *barmy*. < English musician and DJ Clint Boon (b.1959), who is a presenter on the radio station XFM Manchester and a founding member of the ‘Madchester’ band Inspiral Carpets; his fan base is known as the ‘Boon Army’.
 · “He’s gone a bit Clint”. Clint Boon = Boon Army = Barmy. – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

Clint Boon; clint

noun

the moon [UK: MANCHESTER]

< English musician and DJ Clint Boon (b.1959), who is a presenter on the radio station XFM Manchester and a founding member of the ‘Madchester’ band Inspiral Carpets.
 · MANC RHYMING SLANG “BRUSH YOUR NEWTON’S” – NETWTON HEATH – TEETH [...] “IT’S A HALF CLINT TONIGHT” – CLINT BOON – MOON. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2014**

clodhopper; clod

noun

1 a copper coin [UK]

In this usage the word *clodhopper* is an elaboration of the earlier *clod*, first recorded (in the plural form *clods*) by Fraser and Gibbons (1925).
 · Coppers, *Clodhoppers*; *clods*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.9, ca **1937**
 · – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 2 a police officer [UK]
 Rhymes on *copper*. Informed by *clodhopper* ‘a clumsy fool’ and *clod* ‘a fool’.
 · **Clod ’opper** Copper (Policeman). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.27, **1969**

· Copper (Police) *Clodhopper*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.76, **1973**
 · ‘Plod the Clod’ now pounds the beat. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
 · **Clodhopper** [...] Copper. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Clonakilty

adjective
 guilty [UK]

< Clonakilty, a town in the west of County Cork, Ireland.
 · – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th October **2003**
 · It looked like Mr. Smith had been found Clonakilty (guilty) of almost every lemon lime (crime) possible. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

close and muggy

noun

a buggy (a light one-horse carriage) [AUSTRALIA]
 · Then we’ll get a close and muggy and go for a dead and alive through the after dark. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

close Chas and Dave

noun

a narrow escape [UK]
 A rhyming equivalent of *close shave*. Formed on CHAS AND DAVE.
 · [T]hat was a close chas and dave and no mistake Mary poppins. – *www.theguardian.com*, 20th August **2013**

closet and broom

noun

a room [us]
 · – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
 · – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

cloth and silk

noun

milk [UK]
 · – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**

clothes peg

noun

1 the leg [UK]
 · – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
 · – Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
 · – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**
 · – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.107, **2011**
 · Cor, look at the clothes pegs on her! – *www.facebook.com*, 7th June **2013**
 2 an egg [UK]
 · – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
 · – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**
 · – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 · – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**
 · – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.30, **1979**

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- For breakfast I had clothes peg and holy ghost. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

cloud seven*noun*

heaven (as a religious concept) [US/UK]

< *cloud seven*, used in the expression *on cloud seven* ‘extremely happy’, itself probably stemming from the phrase *in seventh heaven*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, **1968**
- Jesus: **brown bread?** / That’s **Pete Tong!** / In **cloud seven** / Where he came from! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.30, **2009**

cloven hoof*noun*

a male homosexual [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *poof*. The sense of the word in the 1934 quotation is conjectural, but wholly plausible in its context. It is not otherwise recorded until the early 21st century.

- Have a drink, you...you Cloven Hoof. – M. Harrison, *Weep for Lycidas*, p.275, **1934**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

cloven hofter*noun*

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *poofter*.

- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

club and spade*noun*

a trade [IRELAND]

- What clubs and spades have you? – D. Bolger and C. O’Neill, *Dodgems*, dance drama, O’Reilly Theatre, Dublin, 25th September **2008**

club and stick*noun*

a detective [US/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *dick*. First recorded in the plural form *clubs and sticks* in an article by Robert Arnold, published under the pseudonym ‘Convict 12627’ in the 21st April 1934 issue of *Detective Fiction Weekly*.

- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Good People*, p.15, **1935**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- [W]hen he says that he “sights” a “club and stick” or a “dick” he means he sees a detective. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

club singer*noun*

an unattractive person [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *minger*.

- – *TheForce.net* forum, 27th November **2003**

clucking bell*noun*

used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

A slang rhyme on *fucking hell*. < ‘I think the phrase rhymes with *clucking bell*’, a famous quotation from the BBC TV sitcom *Blackadder* (1983–89); it was used as a euphemistic reference to *fucking hell* by the central character, Edmund Blackadder (played by Rowan Atkinson), in the final episode of the fourth series, broadcast on 2nd November 1989.

- Now my question is, how the clucking bell do you get in? – *Hitman Forum*, 22nd April **2004**
- What the clucking bell are you playing at? – *The Session* forum, 3rd September **2008**
- How the clucking bell does Gardiner get only a week? – *www.magpies.net*, forum, 2nd June **2009**
- Where the clucking bell is Dawnguard for PC and PS3!? – *www.youtube.com*, 27th July **2012**
- What the clucking bell is going on in here[.] – *MyGaming.co.za* forum, 5th June **2013**
- How the clucking bell did this happen... – *www.facebook.com*, 24th February **2016**

clucking bell*exclamation*

used as an expression of shock, surprise, amazement or anger [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

A slang rhyme on *fucking hell*. < ‘I think the phrase rhymes with *clucking bell*’, a famous quotation from the BBC TV sitcom *Blackadder* (1983–89); it was used as a euphemistic reference to *fucking hell* by the central character, Edmund Blackadder (played by Rowan Atkinson), in the final episode of the fourth series, broadcast on 2nd November 1989.

- “No foul,” says the referee. “Clucking bell!” says Thierry, although my lip-reading isn’t what it might be. – *www.theguardian.com*, 17th September **2003**
- Clucking bell, I’m a solitary old man, in poor health. – *The Session* forum, 27th August **2008**
- Clucking bell, they could have the film removed from the windows in next to no time. – *Railpage.com.au* forum, 23rd September **2008**
- Clucking bell, Gav, are you wearing make-up? – J. Tulloch, *A Winding Road*, p.29, **2009**
- Oh cluckin bell, and i have just tidied all the cables away. – *AVForums*, 21st June **2009**
- Yes, 1490 pounds for a seat behind the goals. “It is quite high up so your view won’t be restricted,” the woman protested after the guy said “clucking bell” or something like that. – P. Larkin, *Albert, Dougie and Wim*, p.222, **2012**

· [T]he ride-leader took us to view the beauty of a nearby artificial lake. One outspoken member's opinion of this surprise stop was not clearly heard but it sounded something like, "Clucking Bell", a view which earned him amild rebuke from the ride-leader who had expected him to be overwhelmed by the serenity and tranquility of the place. – *northerngateway.ulyssesclub.org*, 25th March **2013**

· Clucking Bell, is that spray paint?! – *GunSite South Africa* forum, 29th January **2015**

· Oh clucking bell, that is too sweet. – *Irish Railway Modeller* forum, 14th December **2015**

clucky hen

numeral

ten [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Clydebank an' Kilbooie; Clydebank an Kilbooie; Clydebank Kilbooie

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Shooey*, a familiar equivalent of *Hugh* in Glasgow and the west of Scotland [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Clydebank and Kilbooie* or *Clydebank Kilbooie*, a combination of two place names: Kilbowie (pronounced *Kilbooie* in Glaswegian English) is an area of Clydebank, a town near Glasgow.

· **Clydebank an Kilbooie** Shooley, ie Hugh. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· [W]anst ah' pit ma' vodka gless doon and picked up ma' GLESSES, ah' said "Ah ken his 'fizzer"! – It's 'Clydebank Kilbooie' – OOR SHUG!! Ah' cudny believe it, Shug Gracey in a BATH!! – *The RHF Veterans Forum*, 19th June **2011**

· **Clydebank an' Kilbooie** = Shooley, a Glaswegian version of the name Hugh. – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

Clydebank and Dumbarton

verb

farting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fartin*. < *Clydebank and Dumbarton*, a binomial phrase combining the names of two towns near Glasgow. Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions. Synonymous with BOAT O GARTEN.

· Wots that smell? Someones Clydebank and Dumbarton! – *BBC 606* forum, 31st October **2007**

Clyde McBatter

noun

talk, speechifying [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *patter*. < American R&B singer Clyde McPhatter (1932–72).

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.155, **1994**

Clydesdale bank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Clydesdale Bank, a high street bank with headquarters in Glasgow.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

coach and four

noun

the floor [UK]

< *coach-and-four* 'a coach pulled by four horses'.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] floor – coach and four[,] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

coachman on the box; coachman; coachmans

noun

syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. The short form *coachman* is first recorded by Partridge (1938). *Coachmans* is given by Puxley (1992).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· I find that the best thing to do when faced with an offer I can easily refuse is to say that I am recovering from a bout of The Coachman (Coachman on the box: pox. Ed.). – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.97, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – M. Ramachandran and M. Ronson, *The Medical Miscellany*, p.83, **2005**

coal and coke

adjective

▶ see COALS AND COKE

coal heaver; heaver

noun

a penny [UK]

Rhymes on *stiver*, an old slang word for a penny. Probably a folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *coal* or *cole* 'a penny' (first recorded in 1911), itself a narrowing of the sense of *coal* (more commonly spelt *cole*) 'money'. The shortening *heaver* is given by Franklyn (1960).

· "Coal" is a shortening of "coal heaver," which is the rhyming slang equivalent of "steever." – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September **1915**

· [A] threepenny bit is a "tizzer"; a penny a "coal-heaver," "coalie," or "coal," a "sausage" or a "steever"; a farthing is—or was when it had a value—a "daddler." – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· The common phrase, "I havn't got a coal" (coal-coal-heaver-stiver-a penny) suggests that this form of slang dates back nearly two-and-a-half centuries[.] – Anon., *DRS1*, p.2, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Most of the examples I collected, such as *Peckham Rye* for "tie", *Dickie Dirt* for "shirt", *Duke of Kent* for "rent" and *coal heaver* for "stiver", an obsolete word for a small coin, hence "penny, have been catalogued and ex-

plained by the authorities on the subject[.] – J.B. Smith, *Tradition and Language*, p.7, **1975**

coalman's sack; coalman's

adjective

black; hence, figuratively, very dirty [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I was sent down the lollipop to buy Uncle Reg for Michael Winner, but the polly parrots were Dot Cotton, the Spanish waiters were coalman's and the Woolwich and Greenwich wasn't worth the bread. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.240, **2008**

coal mine; coal

numeral

nine [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

coals and coke; coals; coal and coke

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *broke*. The form *coal and coke* is recorded by Croucher (1928) and Wilkes (2004); all other dictionary sources give the form *coals and coke*.

· Rhyming slang is a feature of the language which the sailor has fashioned for his own particular use. To be penniless or "broke," is often expressed by "coal and coke". – E.J. Croucher, *Sailor Words*, p.62, **1928**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.30, **1979**

· A hard-up person is 'down and out', 'a bit short', 'on the rocks' [...] or 'stone coals and coke'. – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.18, **1980**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· They reckon Mr. Crow is getting short of money. Almost coals, some say. – J. Gardner, *Moriarty*, p.237, **2008**

coal whipper

noun

a child [UK]

Rhymes on *nipper*. < *coal whipper*, an archaic term for a person who unloads coal from ships.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] nipper – coal whipper[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

coat and badge

noun

▶ see DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE

coat and badge; coat

verb

1 to cadge [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form, itself shortened from DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Any chance I could **coat and badge** a lift off you? – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

2 to lend [UK]

· Coat us a deep sea diver. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

coat and vest

noun

the chest [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972**

coat hanger; coat

noun

1 an old car [UK]

Rhymes on *banger*. Recorded only in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a sausage [UK]

Rhymes on *banger*. Recorded only in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a mistake [UK]

Rhymes on *clanger*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· He dropped a coat. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cob an' coal

noun

▶ see COB O' COAL

Cobar shower

noun

a flower [US/AUSTRALIA]

< *Cobar shower*, an Australian term for a dust storm; formed on *Cobar*, the name of a town in outback New South Wales.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

cobbler

noun

a ball [UK]

A clipping of the unrecorded rhyming slang *cobbler's awl* or a singularised form of *cobblers*, a shortening of COBBLER'S AWLS.

· I had last seen him on a fair in the north where he had been working "the Cobbler." This is the same sort of game as "the Spot," which was Clarry's racket. The Cobbler is even more simple. It is a ball game "cobbler" is the slang for ball and London Joe's joint is probably known by the majority of punters as "the swinging ball game." All the player is asked to do is to swing a ball

which hangs from the top of the stall by a piece of string. If he can knock down a small skittle with the ball on its backwards swing he wins a prize. – P. Allingham, *Cheap-jack*, p.186, **1934**

cobbler mince

noun

the testicles [IRELAND]

An elaboration of *cobblers*, an elliptical form of COBBLER'S AWLS. < *cobbler mince*, perhaps a reference to a savoury cobbler dish. Fairground travellers' slang.

• – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

cobblers

exclamation

1 used in dismissal of something that is rubbish or nonsense [UK]

An interjectional use of *cobblers*, the short form of COBBLER'S AWLS.

• 'We've had to kill it today, Bob. We've had a visit.' 'Cobblers,' said Bob, swaying handsomely. He looked at Edwin and said: 'You got up for a turn. You sing.' – A. Burgess, *The Doctor is Sick*, p.113 [1972], **1960**

• 'Is it true about their navigator?' Brian nodded. 'They came out of the jump, and he had a heart attack.' 'That's ever such bad luck,' said a girl. 'Cobblers,' said a big man from the other side of the lounge. 'Twere only bad luck for t'navigator.' – D. Hutchinson, *Fools' Gold*, p.49, **1979**

• **Brian** It's not that, they've got something else, something we don't have ... And maybe never will have. **Frances** Oh cobblers, you do like making an issue out of every little thing. – S. Berkoff, *Six Actors*, p.176, **2012**

2 used to express disgust, frustration, annoyance or defiance [UK]

• 'Die', said the general, / 'Cobblers', said the man, / So the Pentagon sent a cable / And the Queen a telegram. – *Bombers*, lyric, David Bowie, **1971**

• Oh, cobblers, I'll leave it there and hang it up later. – *Step toe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 24th December **1973**

cobbler's awls; cobbler's stalls; cobblers

noun

1 the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *cobbler's awls* (UK, Australia), *cobbler's stalls* (UK), *cobblers* (UK, Australia, Ireland). *Cobbler's stalls* is recorded by Franklyn (1960), Partridge (1961), Aylwin (1973) and Puxley (1992), all of whom also list the more common version *cobbler's awls*. In both forms, the possessive marked by the apostrophe may be singular or plural (*cobbler's awls/cobblers' awls*, *cobbler's stalls/cobblers' stalls*); very often, however, the apostrophe is dropped (*cobblers awls*, *cobblers stalls*). ► see COBBLER MINCE, DOG'S COBBLERS and SHOEMAKERS

• Well, they got us by the cobblers. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.145 [1947], **1936**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

• He was a trained man, and a swift kick in the cobblers wouldn't have worked here like it did in Anne's pub. – J. Sangster, *Foreign Exchange*, p.54 [1969], **1968**

• She simply can't see a bloke scratching his cobblers. – B. Naughton, *Alfie Darling*, p.61, **1970**

• BALLS Cobbler's Awls Cobbler's Stalls[,] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, **1973**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Policespeak!... A "male person"... for man. "the officer discharged his firearm"... for shot some passerby in the cobblers' awls! – *Grumpier Old Men* forum, 24th July **2004**

• – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

• A liberal teetotaler / from up the Lower Falls, / to please the local feminists / abjures his cobbler's awls. – S.B. Smith, *Peacemonger & Other Satires*, p.62, **2007**

• – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

• On a cold morning this guy was probably freezing his cobblers awls off. – *www.youtube.com*, 18th November **2012**

• [G]etting back into it can be a rather uncomfortable experience for a while with pain on the bit between your cobblers and your bum. – *www.halfords.ie*, 10th March **2012**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. Often in the phrase *a load of (old) cobblers* or, less commonly, *a load of (old) cobbler's awls*. In New Zealand usage, only recorded in the short form. The use of *cobbler's stalls* is confined to British English.

• A geezer couldn't lay still with all this load of cobblers going on. – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.122, **1956**

• It's a fact, and you can ask anyone who's been in porridge that it's a proper load of cobblers. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.172, **1970**

• Security... personal progress... finish one thing before you start another—all a load of cobblers. – D.G. Compton, *The Unsleeping Eye*, p.100, **1980**

• [T]he contemporary concern, not to say hysteria, regarding the threat to our privacy and very liberty posed by the explosive burgeoning of those damned computers is a load of old cobblers. – *New Scientist* magazine, London, 31st January **1980**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• But alas, we have rules and laws, arrest procedures, habeas corpus and all that cobblers. – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.35, **1985**

• You're just talking cobblers. – *Foot.ie* forum, 10th June **2004**

• Keep yer Alan Wickers on boys your talking cobblers stalls. – *www.digital-forums.com*, forum, 21st May **2007**

• That's a load of old cobblers. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· ‘One day I might own this shop.’ ‘A cobbler’s!’ he said. ‘Yer talking cobblers, our Bessie!’ – A. Connor, *The Jeweller’s Niece*, p.63, **2009**

· Well, it’s a load of old cobbler’s awls. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 9th January **2009**

· I just don’t swallow all this luxury cosmetic stuff at affordable prices...a load of cobblers awls! – *ShoppingTelly.com* forum, 18th October **2010**

· You probably find some comfort in that stereotype but it’s a load of cobblers. – *Politics.ie* forum, 10th May **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 courage; nerve [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. Recorded in the forms *cobbler’s awls* and *cobblers*.

· [F]or being the guy with the cobbler’s awls to say it. – *archives.midweek.com*, 26th April **2006**

· No-one from Sky has had the cobblers to even ring me & tell me what the alleged problem now is. – *Sky User* forum, 5th January **2007**

· Let’s see if Richard has the cobblers to finally stand behind the product he chose to spam on this forum. – *Somersoft Property Investment Forums*, 20th March **2007**

· All you have to do then is have the cobblers to follow through with your threat and word spreads – problem solved. – *blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun/andrewbolt*, blog, 12th March **2011**

· [W]ont have the cobblers to Insult to face as I’d Rip his bollox off... – *Boards.ie* forum, 12th May **2011**

· Those bloody Yanks half inched our dickie birds then have the cobbler’s awls to say WE speak rubbish! – *www.youtube.com*, June **2013**

cobblers to you

exclamation

used as an expression of contemptuous dismissal [UK]

An equivalent of *balls to you*. Formed on *cobblers*, a shortening of COBBLER’S AWLS. Also used with other objects (*cobblers to them*, *cobblers to the recession*, etc.).

· ‘So glad you could make it, Doctor. Your audience awaits you, all agog.’ On the ceiling drummed clumping big crass boots. ‘Cobblers to them,’ said Leo Stone, looking up. – A. Burgess, *The Doctor is Sick*, p.106 [1972], **1960**

· ‘Cobblers to you,’ replied the Joe Rook. ‘I only bet to cucumbers (numbers) here.’ – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, **1973**

· [H]e said he won’t be listening any more. Cobblers to him. – *The Mirror*, London, 17th February **1997**

· A letter came, saying ‘your services will not be required this year’, and it felt like a kick in the stomach. I said ‘right, cobblers to you guys, I’ll show you’. – *The Independent*, London, 27th April **2002**

· But the threat was dismissed by Menzies’ flamboyant managing director Ellis Watson, who claimed that in winning the work his firm was declaring ‘cobblers to the recession’. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 25th March **2009**

cob o’ coal; cob an’ coal

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· **cob o’ coal**. Unemployment relief[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o’ London’s Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· [T]he cob o’ coal is the “dole” – obviously enough unless it should be contracted to “the cob.” – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· **cob-o’-coal Dole**. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· on the *cob an’ coal*, *Ol’ King Cole* (dole). – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**

· I’m still on de cob an’ coal (dole). – P. Howard, *State*, p.38 [1986], **1984**

Coburg and Kew

verb

to vomit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. < Coburg and Kew, two suburbs of Melbourne.

· He’s gone to Coburg & Kew. – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**

· He’s been drinkin a brew or two / And now he’s gone to Coburg & Kew[.] – *boganpoetry.wordpress.com*, blog, 30th May **2012**

Coca-Cola

noun

in cricket, a bowler [AUSTRALIA]

< Coca-Cola, a popular branded soft drink.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· That season he really made his mark as a Coca-Cola. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.71, **1995**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· He’s a good coca cola. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**

cock-a-doodle

verb

to do [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *do* and *-doo*, the final syllable of *cock-a-doodle-doo*.

· [A]nd I look up at the white clouds and feel small and lost and know not where to go or what to cock-a-doodle.

– I. Brotherhood, *Bulletproof Suzy*, p.119, **2006**

cockaleekie

adjective

cheeky [UK]

< *cock-a-leekie* ‘a chicken and leek soup traditionally made in Scotland’.

· Don’t get cockaleekie or I’ll smack your legs. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cock and hen; cocker and hen; cockle and hen;

cockernen; cockerel; cockle; cock

noun

1 a pen [UK]

Recorded in the forms *cock and hen*, *cockle and hen* and *cockern*. *Cockle and hen* represents a casual pronunciation of *cockerel and hen*.

· I return to the Grafters and discover that the sun does not always shine: I meet London Joe, who persuades me to join him and his strange friend: I sell the cockerns and find Cross-Eyed Charlie a difficult colleague. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.183, **1934**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago: – [...] pen (cock and hen); Charlie (oats and barley)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· **cock(le) and hen** [...] (2) *pen*. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **Cock 'n' hen** *Pen*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

2 a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]
Recorded in the forms *cock and hen*, *cockerel and hen*, *cockle and hen*, *cockern*, *cockerel*, *cockle* and *cock*. Thus HALF A COCK.

· A fiver is a “flim” and a tenner is referred to as a “cockern”. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.38, **1934**

· “You damned old Jew! Orright, I’ll have to take it—and I hope your rabbit dies. Cock-and-hen-win!” [...] Lawley thought soulfully of the day when *he* would be able to make ten-pound bets on the course just on his name. – A. Brace, *Public Enemies*, p.16, **1934**

· **cock and hen**. A £10 note[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**

· He thinks my readers will be interested in other terms used by racing people when talking of money, and sends the following examples: [...] £10, cock and hen[.] – *The Daily Mail*, Hull, 13th February **1940**

· I reckon we oughter cop a cock-an’-en ’tween us. Be all right ter touch fer a flim apiece, eh? – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.126, **1943**

· Cock-and-hen £10. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**

· ten pounds–*Cockle* (rhyming: cock and hen). – F. Norman, *A Bit About Slang*, p.40, **1958**

· [H]e’d make a ton here and a pony there and live on the odd cock-and-hen between being in the nick—all down, I fancied, to that being his world, a sharp, hard, narrow world of a hard clout and an odd whore, same as he’d always known. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.57, **1962**

· Cock & Hen £10 Note (a ‘Cock’ or ‘Cockle’). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, **1973**

· So Gannex pulled out a fourth and then a fifth tenner. Five cockles! – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.62 [1977], **1975**

· Cockerel £10. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.207, **1976**

· Cockle £10 note (cock and hen). – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.232, **1989**

· I didn’t get much change back from a cock. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· The following morning it was time to visit the bookies. After meeting Jimenez, I felt it was fate so I put down a Cockle and Hen on the Spaniard at 100-1. – *www.golf-magic.com*, 22nd July **2010**

· £10 (A cockerel and hen). – *www.youtube.com*, July **2014**

3 a ten-year prison sentence [UK/AUSTRALIA]
In British usage, recorded in the forms *cock and hen*, *cockle and hen* and *cockle*. In Australian English, only as *cock and hen*.

· “Wot happened to the mug,” he inquired. “Done ’is cock-and-hen,” said Birmingham Harry. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, pp.58–59, **1943**

· These slang terms for money are also used in connection with prison sentences, etc., although most of the terms for *bird* are entirely different. [...] two years–*Two stretch* three or over–*Lagging* four–*Rouf* [...] ten–*Cockle*. – F. Norman, *A Bit About Slang*, p.41, **1958**

· cock(le) and hen. [...] Ten-stretch, ten years in gaol (underworld slang). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· ‘A cockle’ is also a ten year prison sentence. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Cock and hen: Ten year prison sentence (rhyming slang). – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 26th June **1994**

· **cockle ten years in prison**[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

4 in bingo, the number ten [UK/IRELAND]
Only recorded in the form *cock and hen*.
· ‘Ten’ is sometimes ‘ten,’ but more often ‘Shiny Ten,’ or ‘Downing Street’; [...] more rarely ‘Cock and Hen’ or ‘Uncle Ben’[.] – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.85, **1943**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – M. Duffy, *The Terrace*, **2012**

· – *Today with Sean O'Rourke*, Irish radio: RTÉ Radio 1, 20th May **2014**

· ‘To the left, the Cock and Hen.’ ‘Number ten.’ – Coral Bingo, UK TV advert, **2016**

5 ten shillings [UK]
Recorded in the forms *cock and hen*, *cockerel and hen* and *cockle and hen*.

· **cock(le) and hen** (i) *ten* (shillings)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **Cockerel & Hen Ten** Always reduced to a ‘cockle’ [...] this originally applied to ten shillings[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

6 in betting, odds of ten to one [UK]
Only recorded in the form *cockle*. Also COCKLE TO A PENNY BUN.

· – J. McCririck, *World of Betting*, p.59, **1991**

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.11, **2002**

7 in darts, a ten [UK]
Only recorded in the form *cock and hen*.

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.38, **2011**

cock and hen; cockle and hen

numeral
ten [UK/AUSTRALIA]
In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *cock and hen*.

· COCK AND HEN.—Ten. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:— One—I’ll be done. Three—Rozy Lee. Five—herrings alive. Six—I’m in a fix. Seven—Lord in heaven. Eight—make weight. Nine—Newcastle-on-Tyne. Ten—cock and hen. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

· [T]hen cock ‘n’ ‘en bottles ‘n’ stoppers falls on top of me like a mouse. [...] The above story makes perfect sense in cockney rhyming slang—which no hospital psychiatrist understands. – C. Sigal, *Zone of the Interior*, pp.131/132, 1976

· **cock and hen, cockle and hen 1** ten. – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· **cock and hen – ten.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Cock and Hens; Wee Cock and Hens

nickname

Glentoran FC, a Belfast football team

Rhymes on *Glens*, the football club’s popular nickname. The club’s emblem of a cockerel has appeared on their shirt since 1965.

· Life away from the Cock and Hens could be a culture shock, and vice versa. Says John: “Obviously, I cannot disregard 14 years of service at the Oval. Glentoran was a big part of my football life.” – *The Belfast News Letter*, 14th August 1999

· Apparently, ‘some’ Portadown players turned up on Saturday thinking they would wrap up matters against the Cock and Hens. – *Ulster Gazette*, Armagh, 18th April 2002

· At the same time the club, known affectionally to fans as the Wee Cock and Hens, was facing real problems. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 15th January 2011

· Mon the cock and hens! just a pity we done the scum a favour! – *twitter.com*, 20th December 2014

· [T]here’s no other team as good in the land as the wee cock n hens. – *twitter.com*, 20th March 2015

cock and scratch it

noun

a ratchet [UK; SCOTLAND]

Possibly influenced or suggested by the punchline of a popular joke: ‘Hold my bum and fuck it while I get my cock and scratch it’, where *bum*, *fuck it* and *cock and scratch it* are used as alterations of *bun*, *bucket* and *cocker spaniel*. Scaffolders’ slang.

· [M]a ratchet is a cock and scratch it lol. – *www.facebook.com*, 4th March 2011

cocked hat

noun

1 an informer [US/UK]

Rhymes on *rat*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 an extremely unpleasant, untrustworthy person [UK]
Rhymes on *rat*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 a rat [UK]

· But the door was still locked. I was stuck like a cocked hat in a trap. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.86, 2016

cockerel and hen; cockernen; cockerel

noun

▶ see COCK AND HEN

cock fowl

noun

a trowel [UK]

A perfect rhyme for many British speakers.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, 1968

cock frush

noun

a hairbrush [UK]

< *cock frush*, the Cockney and popular London pronunciation of *cock thrush*.

· I drop off me titfer-tat, off me daisy roots, up the apples and pairs to me old ned, drag a cock frush froo me barnet fair.[.] – *CycleFish* forum, 2012

cockie’s clip

noun

a pickpocket [US]

Rhymes on the slang *dip*. < *cockie’s clip*, an Australian expression used by shearers to mean ‘close-shearing’.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

cockle and hen; cockle

noun

▶ see COCK AND HEN

cockle and hen; cockle

numeral

▶ see COCK AND HEN

cockle to a penny bun; cockle to a penny

noun

in betting, odds of ten to one [UK]

Formed on *cockle* and PENNY BUN. The former word is a shortening of *cockle and hen*, itself a variant of COCK AND HEN.

· **cockle to a penny, a 10 to 1** the field: racing: since ca. 1920. *Cockle* = *cock (and hen)*, 10; and *penny* = *penny bun*, 1. – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970

· ‘[A] cockle to a penny bun’ is 10 to 1. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Incidentally, a ‘cockle to a penny bun’ is odds of 10-1. – *Pints West*, newsletter of the Bristol and District branch of CAMRA, autumn 2013

cock linnet; cock

noun

a minute [UK]

- < *cock linnet* ‘a male of the common linnet species, a popular caged bird in Victorian England’.
- The under-sheriff is out, but the omer of the carsey is coming in a few cock linnets. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.45, **1893**
 - – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**
 - Half a cock while I lemon my germans. – *The Tomorrow Show*, US TV: NBC, 26th November **1973**
 - Wait a cock-linnet! – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.82, **2002**
 - OK Sarah, ‘av a nice Fawltly Tower in a Cock Linnet[.] – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 18th August **2005**
 - After I’d gone into *mother brown*, I walked home via the *joan*. It knocked a couple of *cocks* off the journey, see. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

Cockney rhyming slang

noun

▶ see RHYMING SLANG

cockroach

noun

- a coach (a type of bus) [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**
 - – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
 - – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**
 - We’re all going on the cockroach to Brighton. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

cock sparrow; cock sparrer; cock

noun

1 a street trader’s barrow [UK]

▶ see SPARROW

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- We shook hands on the deal and I grabbed the handles and began to push my first cock sparrow back over the bridge towards the Whitechapel Road. – J. Archer, *As the Crow Flies*, p.23, **1991**
- He’s wheeling his cock ‘round the market. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Cock Sparrow is ‘barrow’. As many of the Cockneys were barrow boys (hawkers selling fruit and veg off large barrows at the side of the street) this could well apply to them. – *The Great North Road* forum, 8th November **2007**

2 a wheelbarrow [UK]

- I’ve got to take the *cock sparrer* up the *Dolly Varden* for some *rosebuds*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.13, **1969**
- A Cock Sparrow is Cockney rhyming slang for a “barrow” as in wheel barrow. – *Stormfront* forum, 29th November **2005**

3 a dart [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *arrow*. No evidence of use in the short form.
- [A] game of ‘cock sparrers’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

cock sparrow; cock sparra; cock sparrer

adjective

mad [AUSTRALIA]

- Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *sparrow* as *sparrer*, thus rhyming on the Australian slang *yarra*. The word *yarra* probably stems from *Yarra Bend*, the name of an early Australian mental hospital on Melbourne’s River Yarra.
- Ahh, you’ll end up goin’ cock-sparrer, mate, if yer start worryin’ what everyone else does. – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.6 [1987], **1973**
 - – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
 - Cock sparrer. Mad. Rhyming slang for ‘Yarra’. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

cocky’s joy

noun

a boy [AUSTRALIA]

- < *cocky’s joy*, Australian slang for treacle.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

cocoa; coco

verb

1 to say so [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. Almost invariably in the phrase *I should cocoa* (or *I should coco*), the direct equivalent of *I should say so*; used as an emphatic affirmative or, more commonly, as an ironic expression of disbelief, disagreement, derision or scorn. Sometimes expanded into COFFEE AND COCOA OF TEA AND COCOA.
- Well, what with the steamer she’s got for regular and the odd ones she picks up she don’t do so bad, I should cocoa. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.19 [1947], **1936**
 - Why didn’t you cocoa? – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, s.v. *coffee and cocoa*, **1960**
 - It was a nice little earner. I should cocoa. – *The Times*, London, 16th December **1985**
 - *I Should Coco* – Album by English rock band Supergrass, **1995**
 - Patch you up, Jeffro? I should cocoa, she’ll play bloody hell with you, she will, and you know it. – T. Broadbent, *Smoke*, p.113 [2005], **2002**
 - [L]ooks like she had a whopper bum cigar in the sauna. – I should cocoa. – *Thumped* forum, 10th July **2007**
 - What, me lend a thousand quid to a fellow who’s only my dear late wife’s great-nephew? I should coco. – R. Rendell, *Portobello*, p.63, **2008**
 - Coco-Rea with Coco at his rear? I should cocoa. Really! – *OzSpurs* forum, 21st September **2009**
 - Call itself a ‘labour’ government? I should cocoa! – *www.abc.net.au*, 10th May **2011**
 - “You dirty cunt! You doin’ em up the arse an’ all?” “I should fuckin’ coco an all, for a fuckin’ monkey!” – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.207, **2014**
 - The Beach Boys? In Montrose? I should cocoa. – *twitter.com*, 6th December **2016**

2 used as a substitute for a verb of cognition such as *know, believe, realise* and *understand* [UK]

From sense 1.

- You wouldn't cocoa how much it cost to take a bleeding taxi from the station. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.126, **1974**
- I have yet to mobilise the thousands of Kipper fans who, at this moment, do not even know that they exist. My first impulse is to nobble a few school kids but – blimey! You would not coco how suspicious people are these days. – T. Lea, *Pop Scene*, p.66, **1974**
- I was wondering who that mysterious bird was who kept running down the beach every half hour. I never cocoeo it was a cigar commercial. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.7, **1975**
- She clearly does not coco my robust wit but you can't have everything. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.51, **1976**
- I didn't coco that it was the Mass Observation Madge, but it makes perfect sense[.] – *imomus.livejournal.com*, blog, 20th February **2009**

cocoa drink

verb

to think [UK]

Probably a nonce usage.

- You must be crack smoking or having a bubble bath if that's what you cocoa drink. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

coco popper

noun

a police officer [UK]

- Rhymes on *copper*. < *coco popper*, a derivative of *Coco Pops*, a cocoa-flavoured breakfast cereal manufactured by Kellogg's.
- You might recall a couple of years ago I was pulled over by the Coco Poppers for straying into a bus lane or some such nonsense. – *The Independent*, London, 8th August **2015**

cocos; coco

noun

the police [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Possibly a shortening of *Coco Pops* (► see **COCO POPPER**), rhyming on *cops*. Alternatively, the word may be inspired by *Coco the Clown*, the name of a character portrayed by Latvian circus performer Nicolai Poliakoff (1900–74), or may simply be a partially reduplicated form of *cop*, on the model of *popo* 'the police'.
- **WHAT NOT TO CALL COPS WHEN ABROAD** [...] Scotland: Cocos[.] – *www.lexiophiles.com*, 11th January **2012**
- **Coco** is Scottish slang for the police, named after the popular children's cereal *Coco Pops*[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.98, **2015**
- The Rozzers, The Pigs, The Filth, The Fuzz, bobbies, boys in blue, cops, coppers, Nick-Nick, bizzies, Black Rats (usually traffic cops), Cocos (rhyming slang; *Coco Pops, Cops*)[.] – *The Aliens Legacy* forum, 20th March **2015**

cod and huss; cod

noun

a bus [UK]

- Might get the Cod home (Cod And Huss = Bus). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 16th January **2004**
- cod n huss – bus. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

cod and plaice; cod

noun

the face [UK]

- Face = Boat (Boat race), but I've heard Cod (Cod and plaice)[.] – *Toytown Germany*, 18th November **2005**
- Face. Cod & Plaice. It's too cold outside; no good for my cod. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**
- She's got a pretty cod and plaice. – *soulsurvivor.com*, accessed 5th June **2014**

cod's ear

noun

beer [UK]

- Rhyming slang is a feature of the language which the sailor has fashioned for his own particular use. To be penniless or "broke," is often expressed by "coal and coke". Beer becomes "cod's-ear." – E.J. Croucher, *Sailor Words*, p.62, **1928**

cod's roe; cod roe; cod's

noun

money [UK]

- Rhymes on *dough*. The variant *cod roe* is listed by James (1997).
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- It takes a lot of cod roe to buy a car like that. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- A losing punter may often be heard to complain that he has 'done his cod's.' – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

coffee and cocoa

verb

to say so [UK]

- A folk-etymological elaboration of the imperfect rhyming slang *COCOA*, which is often looked upon as its short form. Most commonly in the phrase *I should coffee and cocoa*, the direct equivalent of *I should say so*; used as an emphatic affirmative or, more commonly, as an ironic expression of disbelief, disagreement, derision or scorn. Synonymous with *TEA AND COCOA*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- The term 'I should cocoa' comes from coffee and cocoa – I should say so. – J. Harrowven, *Origins*, p.317, **1977**
- Ian rolled his eyes comically. "I should cocoa!" "What does that mean?" "*Coffee and cocoa* means *say so*, but the *coffee* part was dropped, so now all you can say is *cocoa!* with lots of emphasis." – M. Malkind, *Winds of Fear*, p.77, **1988**

· New Historic?? I should coffee and cocoa old son. You must be avin a bobble and scarf. – *Les Paul Forum*, 7th December **2008**

· The phrase when used in full is, ‘I should coffee and cocoa’, meaning ‘I should say so’[.] – M. Cryer, *Words and Phrases*, p.191, **2012**

· Coffee and cocoa” – a 20th century rhyming slang phrase, meaning “say so”. Abbreviated and popularised on BBC radio in the 1950s as “I should cocoa”. – *www.wholesalecoffeecompany.co.uk*, 4th March **2013**

coffee and tea; coffee

noun

the sea [UK]

· Nice to get away and dip your feet in the ‘coffee’ but you have to be careful these days[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I worship the one true God who made the land and the coffee-and-tea, and who is the God of heaven. [...] They didn’t want to chuck Jonah in the coffee. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.58, **2001**

· Throw me in the **coffee**, / You see it’s true! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.22, **2009**

coffee scroll; coffee

noun

a prostitute or promiscuous woman; loosely, a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *mole*, itself a variant of *moll*. < *coffee scroll* ‘a type of biscuit popular in Australia’.

· My husband regularly uses rhyming slang (an Australian version of the old cockney rhyming slang) – a couple of examples: [...] coffee scroll – molle. However he doesn’t stop there, he’ll abbreviate it just to make it a bit more difficult to understand, and say something like ... “The coffee slaughtered me at the gym this morning and my hams are killing me” Translation: His personal trainer worked him hard at the gym and he’s got sore leg muscles! (By the way – he uses coffee scroll as a ‘term of endearment’ so don’t be offended on her behalf – he calls her “the coffee” to her face and she just laughs!). – *notecouture.com.au*, blog, 1st July **2010**

· “Narelle walked out on me last month,” said Luke. “Coffee scroll. Went off with some bloke from Ballarat she met on a bus.” – *www.youwriteon.com*, ‘Mr One Thousand’ by Ivor Thomas, 9th January **2012**

· [H]ey coffee scroll, watcha lookin at ya billy hunt? did ya just finish ya Ronny coote in the polly waffle? – *dumbshitshortpeoplesay.blogspot.com*, blog, 6th August **2013**

coffee stalls; coffees

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. The short form is first recorded in Puxley (1992).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [K]ick ‘em in the coffee stalls –they’re a bunch of Charlie Chesters...if you get my meaning! – *The Electrogarden forum*, 23rd June **2003**

· For balls (testicles) you have: Berlins (Berlin Walls), Coffees (Coffee Stalls), Niagaras (Niagara Falls – which I’ve heard you, Jimbo, and others use)[.] – *Toytown Germany forum*, 18th November **2005**

coffin lid

noun

a child [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *kid*. A nonce word coined by English writer J. J. Connolly in his novel *Layer Cake* (2000).

· I’m almost sorry for this Alan, plotted up in some scuzzy bedsit, half pissed, all the other cozzers gone home to the wife and coffin lids. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.152 [2001], **2000**

Coffs Harbour; Coff’s Harbour

noun

a barber [AUSTRALIA]

< Coffs Harbour, a town on the north coast of New South Wales. The form *Coff’s Harbour* is given by Baker (1966).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Take a Captain Cook (look) at the Coffs Harbour (barber) with his Malcolm Fraser (razor) giving that Werris Creek (Greek) a Dad n’ Dave (shave). – B. Bell, *Australia*, p.337, **1988**

· – *www.krackatinmi.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

coke and coal

noun

a stroll [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word that occurs in ‘Close to Home’, a song written and recorded by Ian Dury (with music by Chaz Jankel) in 1977 and originally released in 1981.

· A ball of chalk down Glasshouse Walk, too cold to talk / [...] We’ve had our stroll, our coke and coal[.] – *Close to Home*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

coke frame

noun

a woman [US]

Rhymes on *dame*.

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Cold Chill

noun

the police [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme on *the Old Bill*.

· He went off with the cold chill. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th August **2003**

· Just then, the Cold Chill bursted through her Roger Moore[.] – *Mingle2 forum*, 27th October **2008**

cold potato*noun*

a waiter [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, 1973
- – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

Coldstream Guards; coldstreams*noun*

playing cards [UK]

< Coldstream Guards, the oldest regular regiment in the British Army. The short form is given by Dalzell and Victor (2006).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, 2011

Cole Porter*noun*

water [AUSTRALIA]

< American composer and songwriter Cole Porter (1891–1964).

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Col Gaddafi*noun*

▶ see COLONEL GADDAFI

Colin Bests*noun*

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Colin Best (b.1978).

- – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October 2002

Colin Firth; colin*noun*

a shirt [IRELAND]

A genuine rhyme in Dublin English. < English actor Colin Firth (b.1960).

- I have a slick colin and my new nuts and screws to wear tonight (Colin Firth – Shirt, Nuts and screws – shoes). – *answers.yahoo.com*, 26th August 2008

Colin Nish*noun*

1 something worthless; nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *pish*, the Scots form of *piss*. < Scottish footballer Colin Nish (b.1981).

- Or was he just talking Colin Nish? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November 2000
- You got it wrong and now your trying to dampen the spirits by saying we should hold out much hope, what a load of Colin Nish!! – *Foot.ie* forum, 2nd January 2008
- [Y]ou have done nothing but post a load of Colin Nish about Scotland and Scottishness. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 12th June 2008

2 ■ **take the Colin Nish; rip the Colin Nish** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*, used in the phrase *take the pish*.

- You taking the Colin Nish? – *Aberdeen Music* forum, 5th April 2005
- So, just to show I don't mind ripping the Colin Nish out of myself, here's an embarrassing picture of me n my pants. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 15th December 2007

• Only saving grace was humping the Americans in the Ryder cup and taking the Colin Nish out of them. – *HibeeseBounce* forum, 16th January 2010

3 urine; an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*.

- I'm away for a Colin Nish. – *RangersMedia* forum, 18th October 2007
- [A] particularly smelly cat's litter tray full of Colin Nish and Derek Whyte? – *BBC 606* forum, 20th July 2009
- I fancy, indeed need a Colin Nish. Oooh! Right now. – *HibeeseBounce* forum, 11th November 2009

4 ■ **on the Colin Nish** on a drinking binge [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*, used in the phrase *on the pish*.

- I was out on the Colin Nish a few years ago and I got Bert Van Lingen. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 15th December 2012

Colin Todd; Colin*noun*

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Colin Todd* (or *on one's Colin*) [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *todd* or *tod*, the short version of TOD SLOAN. < English football player and manager Colin Todd (b.1948).

- [H]e's left pretty much on his Colin Todd to face those rogues. – *www.freston.net*, blog, 4th November 2002
- Anyway, on my last trip to Oz I started off on my "Colin Todd". – *skillmcgill.20six.co.uk*, blog, 18th December 2003

• I would get a large chicken kebab tonight, but im looking after the baby on my colin and the monitors range doesnt reach the chippy. – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 23rd October 2009

• [P]ersonally didn't think he was too bad up front all on his Colin Todd tonight though. – *Thetownend.com* forum, 7th August 2013

• I go to plenty of away games on me colin (todd). – *FM-TTM* forum, 21st September 2013

collar and cuff; collar*noun*

1 an effeminate or homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *puff*.

- In the booth that night he tried on my silk hat and the others agreed that he looked "a right collar and cuff." This observation seemed to delight them, but Spike was not pleased. "No one ain't a collar 'ere," he said. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.24, 1934

· – I'm so fuking sick and confused by you limeys and the rhyming slang... esp you Smokie you latent homo... – What the Donald Duck you talking about you daft Sherman Tank, and Smokies not a collar and cuff either[.] – *NUFC* forum, 20th July **2012**

2 a soft or foolish man [UK]

Rhymes on *muff*. Only recorded in the full form

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Muff (soft fellow, collar and cuff); misses (girls, loves and kisses); farthing (Covent Garden); prison (fillet of veal)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

collar and tie

noun

1 a pie [UK]

· Your true Cockney has a rhyming slang word for almost everything such as [...] “Uncle Ned” (bed), “Collar and tie” (pie), and “You and me” (tea). – *The Western Daily Press* and *Bristol Mirror*, 13th June **1947**

2 a lie [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

3 a spy [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Colleen Bawn; colleen; colly

noun

an erect penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *the horn*. < Colleen Bawn, the heroine of *The Lily of Killarney*, an 1862 opera by Julius Benedict, itself based on Dion Boucicault's play *The Colleen Bawn*, which was first performed in 1860. The short forms *colleen* and *colly* are given by Hughes (1998) and Puxley (1992) respectively.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, **1973**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

collie dug; collie

noun

a gullible fool [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *mug*. < *collie dug*, the Scots form of *collie dog*. Often as a *right collie dug*. The short form is recorded by Crofton (2012).

· [B]earing on that average price, perhaps pulling the whole market downwards. But then, what would a wee bit collie dug know? – *DSL*, 2004: *The Herald*, Glasgow, 6th September **1999**

· They're makin me look a right collie dug! – M. Munro, *CP2*, **2001**

· [R]ight collie dug ... mug. – *Genes Reunited* forum, 3rd June **2008**

· – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

· Aye, he wiz bein' taken fir a right collie dug. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

collie dugs; collies

noun

1 drugs [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *collie dugs*, the Scots form of *collie dogs*.

· Still oaf the collies? – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.121 [1994], **1993**

· The guy who was the innocent party got a similar sentence just for being in his company. They do not fuck about in the Emirates with the collie-dugs. – *Hibeese-Bounce* forum, 19th February **2008**

· bryn, my box meant my laptop, collie dugs (dogs) r drugs. – *The Addiction Recovery Guide* forum, 11th March **2008**

· – Are ya insinuating that we take DRUGS???? [..] – Collie Dugs?!?! NAW lol, Ah wis talkin about that extra Chewy Highland Toffee that was kickin about in the early 90s. – *BreedBay* forum, 26th November **2009**

· Well we call the drugs “Collie Dugs” up here. – *twitter.com*, 29th September **2012**

· Ah drops ma voice tae a whisper, even though it's jist us in the cab. It's a guid habit tae stey in whin talkin about collies. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.304, **2015**

2 the ears [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *lugs*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.86, **2005**

· – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May **2007**

· [A]we aint he gettin big,,,his collie dugs {lugs are ok} they seem to reach the right point on the face, they wont look so wide when his head fills out, I find young dogs whos ears seem to be perfect fitting end up with flying ears when the head broadens[.] – *Dogsey* forum, 15th August **2007**

· [M]ate if you had seen the size of my collie dugs you would know I heard what I heard ... maybe different from what everyone has heard but dn't change the fact I heard it[.] – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 2nd January **2011**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January **2013**

Collie Knox

noun

syphilis [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < British journalist Collie Knox (1899–1977).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

Collier and Moat

noun

a coat [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Collier-Moat Ltd, a no longer extant Australian haulage company.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Colney Hatch; colney

noun

1 a match (a vesta) [UK]

< Colney Hatch, a psychiatric hospital in north London, built in 1851 and renamed Friern Hospital in 1937; it closed in 1993.

• The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Colney (Colney Hatch), match. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

• Match ... Colney Hatch. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

• “Yeah. It’s bin all right. How’s about a smoke?” “Sure. Light us one, there’s a ducks.” “Means getting out of kip and all,” grumbled Snowey. “Bloody funny we ain’t neither of us got no colneys.” – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.51 [1938], **1937**

• Want another fag? Cop. You got them colneys still? – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.198 [2008], **1938**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• Got any Colneys? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th October **2003**

• Nip down to the lolly on the Johnny, get me some Harry’s and colney’s. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 2nd December **2004**

2 a match or contest [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

• – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

Colonel Blimp

noun

1 a shrimp [UK]

< Colonel Blimp, a cartoon character created in 1934 by New Zealand-born British cartoonist David Low, probably via the controversial 1943 British film *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp*, which drew on the name the cartoon character to tell the tale of General Clive Candy, played by Roger Livesey.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a pimp [UK]

• – *uk.toluna.com*, April **2010**

Colonel Blinks

noun

drinks [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Colonel Blink, a comic strip character who first appeared in the *Beezer* in 1958.

• All Colonel Blinks ’arf price. – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Colonel Clink

noun

a drink [AUSTRALIA]

< Colonel Klink, a character in the American TV series *Hogan’s Heroes*, originally broadcast from 1965 to 1971.

• – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

• Put some rats n mice in the Jayden Leskie and have a few colonel Clinks. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

Colonel Custer

noun

1 a muster [AUSTRALIA]

< Colonel Custer, a reference to American cavalry officer George Armstrong Custer (1839–76).

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**

2 a duster [AUSTRALIA]

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.23, **1983**

Colonel Gaddafi; Colonel Gadafi; Col Gaddafi; colonel

noun

1 a café [UK]

< Colonel Muammar Gaddafi (1942–2011), leader of Libya. The rhyme only works if *Gaddafi* (sometimes also transliterated as *Kadafi* or *Qaddafi*) is pronounced with the ending *-daffy*. Recorded in the forms *Colonel Gaddafi* and *colonel*. ► see MUAMMAR GADDAFI

• – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.147, **2002**

• Pete Tong heads out of the Roger Moore, crosses the frog and toad, then pops into his local Colonel Gaddafi. – *The Independent*, London, 6th August **2007**

• Im in me jam jar, off down the frog an toad, on me way to the colonel gadafi [...] and legs it down the frog n toad, past the Colonel, avin a giraffe because the plastic didnt ave a Scooby doo, that I was in fact a tea leaf. – *Piston-Heads* forum, 17th April **2008**

• Moving with the times, some of the stranger rhymes include Nelson Mandelas for ‘Stellas’, or beers, or Colonel Gaddafi for ‘café’. – *www.huffingtonpost.co.uk*, 26th October **2011**

• I was working on a building site a few years back and was asked if i was coming down the Colonel? – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

2 a canteen or shop run by the NAAFI (the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes) [UK]

Military slang.

• Anyone coming down the Colonel? – C. Hunter, *Eight Lives Down*, p.199 [2008], **2007**

• Any one want a Pasty from The Colonel? – *CPFC BBS* forum, 2nd June **2009**

• Ok boys last one to the Col Gaddafi is pickin’ up all the brass later! – M.J. Harrison, *Operation Banner*, p.66, **2014**

• [O]ne of my kids commented that for years he thought that ‘Colonel Gaddafi’ was just a fictitious character I used in rhyming slang for NAAFI. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 9th June **2014**

3 a Welsh person [UK]

Rhymes on *Taffy*. Only recorded in the form *Colonel Gaddafi*.

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

• Colonel Gaddaffi – Someone from Wales[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 30th July **2010**

4 a half-day off work [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *halfie*. Recorded in the forms *Colonel Gaddafi* and *colonel*.

· I'm taking a Colonel from work to visit him. [...] A Colonel Gaddafi is a 'halfie'. – *Personal correspondence*, 8th December **2009**

· In the Corporation where I used to work, one guy used the word 'Colonel' as rhyming slang for a half-day. 'Halfie' rhymes with Gaddafi, see? – *tocasaid.blogspot.com*, blog, 23rd October **2011**

· Work can go fuck itself the day!! Colonel Gaddafi for me! – *twitter.com*, 4th November **2014**

Colonel Prescott; Colonel Prescot; colonel

noun

a waistcoat [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *weskit*. First recorded by Partridge (1949) in the forms *Colonel Prescott* and *colonel*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Colonel Puck

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [US]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Probably an alteration of COLONIAL PUCK.

· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.37, **1987**

· – *Twelve Ounce Prophet* forum, 4th January, **2002**

· – *www.sex-lexis.com*, **2012**

colonial pucker

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [US]

Rhymes on *fuck*. ▶ see COLONIAL PUCK

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Colwyn Bay; colwyn

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Colwyn Bay, a town on the north coast of Wales.

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· Try not to drop anything on the floor, only he's a bit Colwyn. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· I say purple again – pinks a bit Colwyn Bay lol!! – *Chilled PC* forum, 14th February, **2008**

· – He's a bit Stoke-on-Trent??? Did I miss that memo? – If I understand Jumbler correctly, it's Cockney (or probably 'mockney') rhyming slang for "bent". Also you can have "Southend" (queer, Southend Pier) and "Colwyn" (gay, Colwyn Bay). – *Famousmales Forums*, 15th and 16th October **2010**

comb and brush

verb

to treat someone to a drink [UK]

Rhymes on the slang verb *lush*.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

come and go; come

noun

snow [UK]

· There's no racing at Sandown 'cos there's come on the course. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

come in for ya tea

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-three [NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND]

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th July **2007**

· – *www.freebingomoney.blogspot.com*, 19th November **2007**

· – *www.uk-bingo.com*, 15th April **2009**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November **2013**

Comedy Dave; comedy

noun

a commercial event or party involving dancing and perhaps drinking and drug-taking [UK]

Rhymes on *rave*. < Comedy Dave, the broadcasting nickname of British radio DJ David Vitty (b.1974).

· You coming to the comedy? – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Comical

nickname

▶ see HOUSTON COMICAL and SAN FRANCISCO COMICAL

comical Chris

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. Recorded in Beale's edition of Partridge's *Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English*, where it is noted as being reported by Red Daniells, a well-known author and illustrator of humorous books about motoring. There being no other evidence, it is possible that this is a nonce word or private joke at the expense of an unknown 'comical Chris'.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

comical farce

noun

glass [UK]

· "I'll get the comical farce," said Mr. Harker, "if you'll take the Duke of York out of Aristotle." – *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 30th August **1939**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

comic cuts; comics

noun

1 guts (bowels, innards, intestines, the stomach); the guts (courage); the essence of something or someone [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *guts*. < *Comic Cuts*, a British weekly comic paper published from 1890 to 1953; also sold in Australia and South Africa.

· Patients feel the pills doing them good even before they reach the 'comic cuts'. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Newsreel*, Launceston, Tasmania, 4th May **1945**

· Comic cuts ... Abdomen ("guts"). – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**

· Detective Doyle has about a dozen rhyming slang words in his list. For example: [...] "comic cuts," guts[.] – *The Sunday Herald*, Sydney, 18th June **1950**

· [H]e's now rubbin' his comics. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· Well, I get on the plane and the old acid is working overtime in my comic cuts on account I'm nervous about aeroplanes[.] – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.122 [1992], **1965**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· "He got it in the comics." (He was shot in the belly.) – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, **1968**

· Fuck me dead if Punchy didn't balk with a molly and came in under with a rip to the comics that fucking near tore him in half. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April **1975**

· Each Saturday morning I crawl out of bed, / Hung-over from Friday's excess, / Feeling crook in the comics and crook in the head, / With a mountain of sins to confess. – *The TAB Punter's Song*, lyric, John Dengate, **1979**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· COMIC CUTS for GUTS means the truth, the guts of something and may be rendered just as COMICS. The word can also mean simply guts, as in intestines. – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.91, **1999**

· Well I believe he has been crook this week. Crook in the comic cuts. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 28th April **2006**

· [H]e didn't have the comic cuts to go after the tanks!! – *The Big Wobble Forum*, accessed 6th September **2013**

2 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *nuts*. Always in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

comic relief; comic

noun

a thief [UK]

Probably < Comic Relief, a charity set up by British comedians in 1985.

· – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

comic singer

noun

the finger [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Scottish English and in some accents of the Midlands and the north of England, including Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool.

· – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· – P. Wright, *Lanky Twang*, p.18, **1991**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· i wear my heart on my sleeve, and wear oot my wee comic singers "fingers tae you" in writing this epistle in yer praise[.] – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 10th July **2011**

coming and going; coming

verb

snowing [UK]

Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions. The short form is a pun on *come* 'to have an orgasm; to ejaculate at orgasm'.

· Someone up there is coming all over the place. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

commodore

noun

the sum of fifteen pounds [UK]

A covert pun on *lady*, a shortening of LADY GODIVA. < The Commodores, a popular Motown band of the 1970s and 1980s, one of whose biggest hits was 'Three Times a Lady' (1978) – hence the pun: *three times a lady* is taken to mean 'three times a fiver (£5)'. Synonymous with LIONEL RICHIE.

· Lend us a Commodore mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th June **2002**

· The term for "fifteen pounds" is "commodore," however, under the slightly more convoluted rationale that fifteen is three times five (a lady)[.] – C. Roberts, *Heavy Words*, p.69, **2003**

· When I came back he tried to sell me a jumper. He said I could have it for a commodore, and I said "£64 quid?," and he said "No, a commodore is £15 quid because it's once, twice, three times a lady." – *Peterborough, England*, spoken, comedian Andre Vincent, "Gaggin' For It" comedy night at The Cresset, 25th March **2005**

· FAST SAUSAGE & MASH. PLEASE SELECT AMOUNT (MAXIMUM DISPENSE £50) LADY GODIVA < (£5) SPECKLED HEN (£10) COMMODORE (£15)[.] – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

· What about you Appleby? It's a 'commodore' to call. – D.C. James, *Fear*, p.145, **2012**

· "How much is that squire?" "Well normally guv I'd charge a score, but to you, a commodore". – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

Commonwealth Bank

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Commonwealth Bank, one of Australia's largest banks.

· [G]etting caught having a 'commonwealth bank'... – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· I hope they didn't have a download limit when that bloke was havin a commonwealth bank in the lounge room. – *www.facebook.com*, 30th May **2012**

common whore

noun

a Holden Commodore car [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

· Aye, Steve! Lets take my commonwhore and do bog laps round Freo with my shitty stereo up so loud it's distorting. – *UD(.com)*, 28th March **2004**

· The common whore wagon looks very long[.] – *Car and Image* forum, 14th April **2007**

· My Common Whore VT Executive 11. – *Just Commodores* forum, 20th July **2010**

· 2 Other names for Commodores are: Common-Dores or if ur a bit cruder Common-whore[.] – *www.carsguide.com.au*, 27th January **2011**

· Commode is an acceptable rego for a Commodore/dunny door/common whore. – *Perth Street Bike* forum, 22nd May **2012**

compact disc; CD

noun

a risk [UK]

· [T]o chance something risky is known as ‘taking a CD’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

compass and map

noun

a nap [UK]

· Pat rafter me compass an’ map I’m michael owen down the apples ter make bertie mee an’ get some grub... as we say daan Saaf. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2010**

Conan Doyle; Arthur Conan Doyle; conan; arthur; arfur; sir arthur; sir arfur

noun

1 a boil [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Scottish writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930), the creator of Sherlock Holmes. In Australian English, only recorded in the form *Conan Doyle*.

· Boil ... Conan Doyle. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· **Conan Doyle Boil**. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· He was feeling ‘Frock & Frill’ (ill) as he had a ‘Conan’ (Conan Doyle–boil) on his ‘fife & drum’ (bum). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.ix, **1973**

· They are looked after by another of the stewards so I don’t have anything to do with them until he gets a conan on his fife and goes Uncle Dick. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.84, **1976**

· Some years previous Sir Henry, forced to ride side-saddle like Her Majesty because of a painful conan on the khyber, with his dauntless, trained whelk hounds in pursuit of a vicious servant, determined to apprehend and punish the rascal, fell from his horse near the sewerage works in Concreton. – *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio 1, 25th July **1978**

· I’ve got a dirty great conan on me bum. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Petrol station? ‘Er indoors worked at one of them. She didn’t arf pen when she came home. I made her knock it on the head cos the fumes were giving her Conans. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

· [I]n cockney rhyming slang you might have an Arthur Conan Doyle on your bottle and glass. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 19th November **1999**

· [V]ery often the expression used is “Sir Arthur”, as in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – He’s got a Sir Arfur on his bushel. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· **Conan Doyle – boil, meaning a skin abscess.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 boiling point [UK]

Rhymes on *the boil*. Recorded in the forms *Conan Doyle*, *Arthur Conan Doyle*, *arthur* and *arfur*.

· **Conan Doyle Boil**. [...] It is used in reference both to water at 100^o Centigrade, and a septic focus on an adolescent neck. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Arthur Conan Doyle is Cockney slang for Boil. “Clive, get that kettle on the arfur!” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st August **2003**

· Get the kettle on the Arthur. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 motor oil [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Arthur Conan Doyle* and *arthur*.

· Best rhyming slang I ever heard was when I got my car serviced in South London. When I picked it up, the mechanic said “All done Mate, I put you a bit of Arthur in there cos you was a bit low”. When I asked him what Arthur was, he said “Arthur Conan Doyle Mate...OIL”. – *Sheffield Forum*, 16th September **2008**

Conan Doyle

verb

to boil [UK]

< Scottish writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930), the creator of Sherlock Holmes.

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Among our critics is British Consul General Robert Culshaw who writes: [...] My trouble ‘n’ strife is just preparing Sunday lunch: Kate and Sidney pie with Conan Doyled potatoes, washed down with an Aristotle of pig’s ear. – *Chicago Tribune*, 16th June **2000**

Con Britt

noun

an act of defecating [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Australian Rules footballer Con Britt (b.1947).

· I’m just whipping out for a Con Britt[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 28th September **2004**

· – Con Britt was a nuggety red head similar (Not the same) as Des Tuddneham in stature. [...] – Thanks for that. I’ve heard his name used as rhyming slang for a certain bodily function. – *www.magpies.net*, forum, 1st June **2005**

· Yeah a lot of mates used to go for a Con Britt before they had a Dad ‘n’ Dave and a Tyrone Power. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 17th October **2009**

condiments and sauces

noun

horses [AUSTRALIA]

· I **cast a net** on the **Nelson** but my **condiments and sauces** were too slow and I lost my **sausage and mash...** – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· condiments and sauces = horses or nags, but I don’t get the rhyme here! – *allnurses-breakroom.com*, 5th October **2003**

Condoleezza Rice; Condolisa Rice; condelisa; condi*noun*

a price [UK]

- < American political scientist and diplomat Condoleezza Rice (b.1954).
- What's the best condi you can do? – *Television Without Pity* forum, 31st August **2006**
- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
- Have you seen the Condi of that bag? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- [C]rikey! Look at the Condoleezza Rice! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**
- This is a good condelisa. – *Trade2Win* forum, 3rd November **2008**

conger eel; conger*verb*

to inform on someone [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *squeal*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- If I ever find out who congered on me, he's brown bread. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

conger eeler*noun*

an informer [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *squealer*. A derivative of CONGER EEL.
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Connaught Ranger; connaught*noun*

1 a stranger [UK]

- < Connaught Rangers, the 88th Regiment of Foot in the British Army; it was disbanded in 1922.
- I was slipping down the frog and linked up with a connaught ranger. [...] I bunged down a tosheroon for two pig's ears and the connaught scarpered with my smash. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.204, **1950**
- So when I gets a decko at this connaught ranger takin' a pen'worth of chalk down the frog lookin' like 'e'd 'ave a dummy full of bees and honey, 'e looks ripe for a buzz. – F. Brown, *Martians, Go Home*, [2011], **1955**
- [I]t fascinates children, tickles other men, and makes a curious puzzle for the *Connaught Ranger* (stranger). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**
- – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.116, **1985**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**
- – *www.bbc.co.uk/kent/voices2005*, **2005**
- [H]e always called strangers 'Connaughts'. – *Bowland Central* forum, 12th December **2006**
- Jac u know a lot for a Connaught (stranger)[.] – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May **2011**

2 among London taxi drivers, an unknown driver [UK]

- Rhymes on *stranger*. Only recorded in the short form.
- – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**

Conner's key; conner's*noun*

tea [UK]

- < Connah's Quay, a town in Flintshire, North Wales.
- – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

connie hucked*adjective*

▶ see KONNIE HUQ'D

constant screecher*noun*

a teacher [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

constipation*noun*

a railway station [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

continental drift; continental*noun*

a lift in or on a vehicle [UK]

- Continental Drift – lift: as in "Have you got a Continental to Brondesbury". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

Conway Twittys*noun*

a woman's breasts [UK: SUNDERLAND/AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *titties*. < Conway Twitty, the stage name of American country singer Harold Lloyd Jenkins (1933–93).
- A lass I know used to stick a pint between her Conway Twittys and down it. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 20th January **2012**
- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**
- I'll miss you when I'm undressed. / Now get off my chest. / My boobies, my titties, my knockers, my jugs [...] / My Conway Twittys. – *Off My Chest*, lyric, Beccy Cole, **2015**

coochie-coo*noun*

a zoo [UK]

- < (*coochie-*)*coochie-coo*, a nonsense word used in baby talk.
- We're going to the coochie coo today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November **2000**
- Even Leatherhead is betta' than being born in a "coochie-coo"[.] – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 3rd January **2003**
- I'll be taking my kids down the coochie coo this afternoon. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

cook and chef*adjective*

deaf [UK]

- 'Oh, no, he must have said Acton, though it's more Shepherd's Bush, really. I suppose you're like me, a bit Mutt and Jeff.' 'I beg your pardon?' 'Cook and

chef. Deaf!' – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March 1972

cooking fat

noun

a cat [UK]

In the dialects of northern England this is more likely to be interpreted as a spoonerism than rhyming slang. Also used in the phrase *let the cooking fat out of the bag* 'to reveal a secret unintentionally', the direct equivalent of *let the cat out of the bag*.

· Don't tease the cooking fat! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th March 2002

· Lor' luv a duck! wengerboy yew 'ave let da Cookin' Fat aaah ov da bag yew charin' crosser. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 22nd February 2004

cookum fry

verb

to die [UK]

Probably a distortion of *cook and fry*, perhaps in support of the notion of hell as a destination. Sailors' slang. Originally a verbal application of *cookem fry*, given by Partridge (1949) and Lind (1982) as a sailors' word for hell. Granville (1949) notes that *cookem fry* is 'a survival of those lawless days when sailors had reputations so bad that they never expected to be candidates for heaven and were, therefore, reconciled to "cookem fry" in Hell'.

· – G. O'Driscoll, *Sailors*, p.27, 1943

· – J. Laffin, *Jack Tar*, p.197, 1969

Cool Hand Luke; cool hand

noun

a fluke, especially in games of pool or snooker [UK]

< *Cool Hand Luke*, a 1967 American film directed by Stuart Rosenberg and starring Paul Newman.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

coos and bulls

noun

jewels [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *coos and bulls*, the Scots form of *cows and bulls*.

· Ah ken it's wrong tae hud oot oan the boys wi the coos and bulls, but they've plenty other loot tae divvy, ken? – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.205, 2012

copper and brass

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [US]

Rhymes on *ass*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.55, 1968

copper flowerpot

verb

► see FLOWERPOT

copper kettle

verb

to settle (a bet) [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

coppers nark

noun

1 a park [UK]

< *copper's nark*, a colloquialism for a police informer.

· – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, 1937

2 a car park [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, 1973

coral diver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *five*.

· – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 3rd May 2002

Coral Reef

noun

body fat [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *beef*, used here as a synonym of *meat*.

· So ah took that advice oan board n Lean Lawson wis born: nae fry-ups n pints ay lager, that shite's a thing ay the past. So the auld Coral Reef flies oaf. Well, ah starts gittin the eye fae the young things[.] – I. Welsh, *Reheated Cabbage*, p.262, 2009

corned beef; corn beef

noun

1 in prison, a chief officer [UK]

Recorded in the form *corned beef*. Synonymous with BULLY BEEF.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· The "Corned Beef" (Chief Officer) ordered a basic grade officer to make me get my hair cut. – *jailhouselawyers-blog.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th September 2009

2 a thief [UK]

Recorded in the form *corned beef*.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· We are here to catch a corned beef, madam. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

· – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005

3 a boss [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *chief*.

· [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef* – Chief[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, 1974

· The other day this bloke came up to me at work and asked, 'Where's the corned beef?' – *news.nationalgeographic.com*, 14th April 2004

4 grief [UK]

Recorded in the form *corn beef*.

· – *THCTalk.com* forum, 2nd December 2012

corned beef; corn beef; corns

noun

the teeth [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. The variant *corn beef* is recorded in 2004.

· I'll knock ya Corns out. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th November **2004**

· ‘Corns’ may alternatively and occasionally mean ‘teeth’, from a cockney rhyme with ‘corned beef’. – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

· You want a full on debate? Choose the topic and terms and I'll give you plenty to get your corned beef into. – *www.amazon.co.uk*, 22nd August **2011**

· Check out the corned beef on the geezer, they look like a bowl of Sugar Puffs. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.350, **2015**

corned beef; corn beef; coarnbeef; corned; corny

adjective

deaf [UK: SCOTLAND, NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *deef*, the Scots and Geordie form of *deaf*.

The form *corned beef* is common in both locations of use. *Corn beef*, *coarnbeef*, *corned* and *corny* have been recorded in Scottish usage. ▶ see FRAY BENTOS

· Are ye corned beef? I said gimme another dozen. – *DSL*, 2004: H. McBain, ‘Supper on the Wall’, short story, in M. Burgess and H. Whyte, *Streets of Stone*, p.100 (1985), **1971**

· Are ye corn-beef? – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.33, **1973**

· Ye'll need tae shout, he's coarnbeef. – A. Mackie, *IGG*, **1984**

· **corned beef** Deef, i.e. deaf. Sometimes shortened to **corny**. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Are you cornbeef as well as stupid? – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

· Are you corned? Yes, you! I'm talking to you! – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· Dave, are you corned beef? I said Fay doesn't want to paint it. – *Aberdeen*, spoken, female, ca 20, November **1998**

· We in Northumberland have been using the term “corned beef” to indicate deafness for years. – *The Guardian*, London, 30th April **2002**

· “Are ye corned?” I said. – I. Black, *Weegie Wit*, p.80, **2006**

· You would have to be potted heid or corn beef not to be aware of this form of verbal communication. – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 22nd March **2009**

· im married to a geordie and I once couldnt hear here – so she shouts “are ye corned beef?” geordie rhyming slang for ... “deef”. – *Blonde Poker* foru, 24th May **2011**

Corney Grain; corney

verb

to rain [UK]

< Corney Grain, the stage name of English actor, entertainer and musical sketch writer Richard Corney Grain (1844–95).

· On the following Sunday he pays his ‘Beecham's pill,’ tells the landlady he thinks it is going to ‘Corney’ (‘Corney Grain’-rain), and off he goes to the ‘appro’ (‘approbation’-railway station). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

corn flake

adjective

fake [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Cornish pasty

noun

heroin [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nasty* as it is pronounced in some regional accents. < *Cornish pasty* ‘a pasty containing meat, potato, onion and turnip’.

· The mobile phone data revealed code language used by the gang selling “Cornish Pasty” which is rhyming slang for *nasty*, referring to heroin. – *www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk*, 14th March **2015**

Cornish pasty; Cornish pastie

adjective

1 appetising; (of a person) attractive, sexually appealing [UK]

An eye rhyme on *tasty*. < *Cornish pasty* (also spelt *Cornish pastie*) ‘a pasty containing meat, potato, onion and turnip’.

· She's a bit Cornish. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· In rhyming slang, moreover, Cornish pasty, mispronounced ‘peysty’, is applied to a young lady considered rather attractive (i.e. ‘tasty’). Hence the slang expression ‘That girl is a bit Comish’. – *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, **2005**

2 nasty [UK]

A perfect rhyme in some regional dialects.

· Cornish Pastie = Nasty (in northern accent!). – *The Motley Fool* forum, 28th November **2000**

· That's a bit Cornish Pasty aint it? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th November **2003**

corn on the cob; corn

noun

1 a job [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· ‘e can't afford it – ‘e ain't got a corn. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· It may not be just to do with your Corn On the Cob but have you thought it could be because you are a Ricky. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 8th November **2006**

· A few days after finishing my final green eggs and ham (exam), I put on my box of fruit (suit) and Fourth of July (tie) for my first day at my new corn on the cob (job). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *knob*. A visual metaphor. The short form is recorded by Thorne (2005).

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· Has he a big corn on the cob? – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th August **2005**

· I kicked him hard in the corn on-the cob. – *nobillydictionaryandphrasebook.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd February **2014**

3 a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *knob*.

· The whole point is merely to utter the first bit, once you have to spell it out, you simply look like a corn. (From “corn on the cob” – knob). – *Canal World* forum, 16th May **2006**

4 an act of fellatio [UK]

Rhymes on *blow job* and *gob job*. Perhaps suggested or reinforced by the metaphor underlying sense 2. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

corns and bunions; corns

noun

onions [UK]

Also used in the phrase *know one's corns and bunions* ‘to be very knowledgeable’, the direct equivalent of *know one's onions*. The short form is recorded by Willey (2009).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· She knows her corns and bunions all right! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**

· ‘He knew his corns and bunions when it came to painting’. A cockney summation of Michelangelo. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· I’ll take a bag of corns and bunions. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

Coronation Street

noun

heat [UK]

< *Coronation Street*, a British soap opera, broadcast on ITV since 1960.

· We could feel the Coronation Street as soon as we got off the Don McLean, it was really Randolph Scott for my liking. – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November **2005**

Corporal Klinger

noun

a fraudulent substitute in an amateur football match [UK]

Rhymes on *ringer*. < Corporal Klinger, a character in the American TV sitcom *M*A*S*H*, originally broadcast on CBS from 1972 to 1983; Corporal (later Sergeant) Maxwell Q. Klinger, played by Jamie Farr, made his first appearance on 8th October 1972.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Corporal Pyke

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*. < *Corporal Pyke*, a blend of *Lance Corporal Jones* and *Private Pike*, the names of two characters in the BBC sitcom *Dad's Army*, originally broadcast from 1968 to 1977. Suggested by a punning interpretation of ‘They don’t like it up ‘em’, one of Lance Corporal Jones’s catchphrases.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th February **2001**

corporate banker

noun

an obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· I did purely because Noel can be a right corporate banker at times as well. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 5th September **2012**

Costa del Sols; costas

noun

the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN ENGLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. < *Costa del Sol*, a Mediterranean coastal strip in Andalusia, in the south of Spain; a popular destination for British and Irish holidaymakers and expatriates.

· “Boot! Right in the Costa Del Sols,” agreed Jack, before £300,000 bet-winner Winston swung back his prosthetic leg and let rip with a match-winning, yet ill-fated line that was worth waiting beyond the credits for. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd June **2006**

· Paul Simpson gave his players a kick in the Costas when he ordered a double training session at Preston’s Spanish hideaway. – *www.lep.co.uk*, 26th February **2007**

· Retract that immediately or I’m sending a leprechaun by registered post to hit you a boot in the costas. – *GreeknockMorton.org* forum, 17th March **2010**

· Greece falling out of the euro will save Thomas Cook as the Drachma’s re-appearance (I reckon it will re-appear about 50% of where the euros sits,) will make a package holiday very cheap again and Brits and Germans will all hit the beach, the effect on Spain will be painful, a kick in the Costas if you like. – *edinburghmortgageadvice.co.uk*, 2nd January **2012**

· I think mate my boss is a wanker tho so I might need to give him a kick in the costa del sols mate. – *www.thefanclub.com*, 7th February **2012**

· Sadly, in this country anyway, there are so many fuckign legal issues regarding this kinda stuff, its a proper kick in the costas hense why im saying nowt. – *Skulland-BonesSkateboards.com* forum, 30th January **2013**

· [B]oof rite in balls, boof rite in costa del sols, boof rite in the davina mccalls! – *twitter.com*, 19th April **2013**

Costantino Rocca; Constantino Rocca; costantino

noun

a person or thing that is shockingly bad or offensive [UK]

Rhymes on *shocker*. < Italian golfer Costantino Rocca (b.1956).

· The ref had what we would call in the UK a Constantino Rocca (shocker) as he made a series of non-calls[.] – *bloggingmebloggingyou.wordpress.com*, blog, 8th June **2007**

· I had a terrible round of golf yesterday, couldn't hit a thing – a complete Costantino. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I thought the 5th official had a bit of a constantino rocca (shocker) last night. – *twitter.com*, 20th June **2012**

· If you have a bit of a Constantino Rocca (*Shocker*) and visit an area you shouldn't you could be making a Jaffa Cake (*Mistake*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

cotton wool; cotton

noun

1 an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *pull*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Canonical Masturbation Euphemisms [...] Having a cotton wool. – *aus.jokes*, *Google Groups*, 28th August **1995**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 an attempt to find a sexual partner [UK]

Rhymes on the British slang *pull*. Used in the phrase *on the cotton wool* (or *on the cotton*), the direct equivalent of *on the pull*.

· The hunt for sexual quarry is known as going on the 'cotton'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Let's go on the cotton wool tonight for a couple of Thoras. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Nonny on the cotton wool in THE Blackpool. – *www.youtube.com*, 6th May **2009**

cough and choke

noun

a cigarette, cigar or pipe [UK]

Rhymes on *smoke*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

cough and choke

verb

to smoke [UK]

An apt blend of rhyme and effect.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cough and drag; cough

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. Often as *a cough and a drag*. A variation of the older term SPIT AND DRAG and a felicitous combination of rhyme and black humour.

· GLK London is now closing down and will be off the air for five minutes for a quick cough and a drag. – *Hancock*, UK TV: BBC1, 9th June **1961**

· On his way to the toilet a worker may ask a colleague to 'cover for me while I nip out for a cough and drag'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm going out for a quick cough and drag. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· He asks me for a *cough* so I tell him, sorry I don't *laugh* no more. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, **2011**

· Nip out for a cough and a drag. – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

cough and sneeze

noun

cheese [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Notes & Queries* 12, Ser. ix, **1921**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.247, **1968**

· – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January **1979**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· You can take this cough-and-sneeze to the Commanding Officer. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.40, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· A friend of mine always calls cheese on toast "cough and sneeze on holy ghost". – *isitnormal.com*, August **2011**

cough and snivel

noun

in scaffolding, a metal clamp used for joining two tubes at any angle [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *swivel*, an elliptical form of *swivel coupler*.

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

cough and splutter

noun

butter [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

cough and stutter

noun

butter [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by L. Atkinson, **1978**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

cough rock*noun*

the penis [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Cough Rock, traditional rock sweets made by the Northern Irish manufacturer Shaws.· heavy petting's alright but don't follow with the old cough rock – O. McCafferty, *I Won't Dance*, p.79, **2002**· That's a fella you fools! He's hid his cough rock! – www.youtube.com, **2010****council gritter; council***noun*

1 the anus [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*.· Watch that one. I hear he takes it up the council gritter. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**· [H]e takes it up the council gritter. – *ScoobyNet* forum, 11th February **2002**· Took it up the Council Gritter last week while you were shagging ladyboys. – D. Lavin, *Bangkok*, p.42, **2006**· I reckon she'd take it up the council! – *London Fixed-Gear and Single-Speed* forum, 5th November **2008**· Look missus, some day you will meet a lad who will bang a ripe shiny pulsing bellend up your 'council gritter'. – *Boards.ie* forum, 20th September **2010**· [T]he paper tears and you accidentally stick your own finger up your council gritter. – *True LAD* forum, 15th November **2014**

2 a toilet [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*.· [H]er man was in the council gritter[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 14th August **2007**· i had to swiftly make my way to the council gritter, where what can only be described as a "Gaseous Clay" (see my sig for description) exited my starfish at fucking lightspeed. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th August **2009**· He ends up locking himself into the old council gritter. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.78, **2011****council houses; councils***noun*

trousers [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form, first recorded by Puxley (2003), is exclusively British.

· [I]t can't be a bloody woman, 'cause it's got Council 'ouses on. – M. Harrison, *Weep for Lycidas*, p.229, **1934**· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.179, **1977**· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**· 'is councils haven't seen an pressing this year. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**· – E. Nicholson, *On Tenterhooks*, p.35, **2009****counting house***noun*

a mouse [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] mouse – counting house[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002****country cousin***noun*

a dozen [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· They put away about three country cousins o' Bass. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**· The Duke of Kent was needed and she needed to pull at least a half a country cousin of little brown jugs. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, **1999**· What is the curry and rice for a country cousin? – *alldownunder.com*, 26th November **2010**· For today's deal we're offering you half a country cousin (half a dozen) cocktails[.] – www.quantico.uk, 16th February **2012****County Down; county***noun*

one pound sterling [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *poun'*. < County Down, a county in Northern Ireland. The short form is recorded by Macafee (1994).· 'There's a "County Down" the noo, an' Ah'll gie ye some mair mibbe the morra,' he said, grudgingly handing her a note. – B. McGhee, *Cut and Run*, p.64 [1963], **1962**· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**· – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007****County Kildare***noun*

the hair [UK: LIVERPOOL]

< County Kildare, a county in Ireland.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972****coup de grâce***noun*

a person's buttocks [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *arse*. A risqué nonce word used punningly by the fictional English secret agent James Bond, played by Roger Moore, in the 1974 film *The Man with the Golden Gun*.· 'Where is he?' 'Flat on his coup de grâce'. – *The Man with the Golden Gun*, UK film, script by Richard Maibaum and Tom Mankiewicz, **1974****couple of bob; couple***noun*

1 in darts, a damp cloth for cleaning the scoreboard [UK]

Rhymes on *swab*.

< *couple of bob* 'an indefinite amount of money; literally two shillings'. Only evidenced in the full form.

· [C]ouple o' bob and some careless talk[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

2 a job [UK]

· An unemployed person's desire is to go out and find a 'couple of bob'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I've always *smiled*. Had loads of *couples*, not all of them *bright*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, 2011

3 a lump of phlegm [UK]

Rhymes on *gob*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· If you see a couple of bob lying in the road it's more likely to be a green Gilbert than money. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Courtney Pine

noun

1 the spine [UK]

< English jazz musician Courtney Pine (b.1964).

· The gig went ahead with me holding down the bottom end, despite the pain in my Courtney Pine. – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August 2002

2 a dose of a powdered drug laid out in a line for snorting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *line*.

· Get a Courtney Pine of Lou Reed. – *Here You (That'll Be Right)*, lyric, The Wee Man, 2007

Cousin Ella

noun

an umbrella [UK]

· On 'is *Chalk Farm* is a *Cousin Ella*. 'In case it starts to *France an' Spain*, 'e sez. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.20, 1969

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Cousin it

noun

faeces; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Cousin Itt (or Cousin It), a character in the American television series *The Addams Family*, first broadcast from 1964 to 1966.

· – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 10th August 2003

Cousin Kelly; cousin

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.47, 1973

· There is also the way he handles the scotch. He throws it down his throat like he is trying to knock a spot off the bottom of his Cousin Kelly. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.32, 1975

Cousin Kyle

noun

a paedophile [UK]

< Cousin Kyle, a character in the edgy American cartoon series *South Park*, first aired in 1997; he was introduced in an episode broadcast in November 2001.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May 2006

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

Cousin Sis

noun

■ on the Cousin Sis on a drinking binge [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the slang phrase *on the piss*.

· [A]nd I drew out of the bank the dough I was going to use for the business, and I went on the Cousin Sis, and after about six weeks I got through three hundred pounds, and I was flat on the ribs. – G. Kersh, *Nine Lives*, p.42, 1942

· Going on the 'cousin sis'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· [M]e and a couple of the boys had been out on the cousin sis all night and were as pissed as newts[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 4th August 2010

Covent Garden

noun

1 a farthing [UK]

Relies on the once habitual Cockney pronunciation of *farthing* as *fard'n*. < Covent Garden, a square in central London, the one-time site of the city's principal fruit, flower and vegetable market.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1891

· – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 30th April 1937

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] farthing (Covent Garden); prison (fillet of veal)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January 1939

2 pardon [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995

· I beg your Covent Garden[.] – I. Sansom, *Book Stops*, p.135, 2008

covered wagon

noun

an ugly or unpleasant woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dragon*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

cow and calf

noun

1 a laugh [us/UK]

First recorded as a noun in 1944. As a verb, COW AND CALF goes back to the 1850s.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· We had a right cow and calf down the Bull last night. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.18, 2011

· Are you having a cow and calf? – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 31st March **2012**

2 a half [UK]

Noted by Franklyn (1960) as ‘current among racing-men’.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 ten shillings; hence fifty pence [UK]

Rhymes on *half* ‘half a pound’. A variation of *cow’s CALF*.

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Fergusson, *SSD*, **1994**

4 among currency traders, one-half per cent [UK]

A variation of *COW’S CALF*.

· – P.J.E. Hyams, *Rhyming Slang and the Dictionary*, p.134, **1981**

5 half a pint of a drink, especially beer [UK]

· I could use a cow and calf. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [F]or her it’s just a cow and calf (half) of fisherman’s daughter (water) with Vincent Price (ice). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cow and calf; cow

verb

to laugh [UK/US]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· *COW AND CALF*, to laugh. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· **COW-AND-CALF**, *verb* (rhyming slang). To laugh. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1891**

· **Cow and calf**, laugh. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· **Cow ‘n’ calf** Laugh (pron. larf). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· cow and calf. 1. Laugh (obsolescent). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Cow and Calf Laugh. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**

· At first I cows an’ calfs. – C. Sigal, *Zone of the Interior*, p.131, **1976**

· What are you cowing at? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Cow and Gate

adjective/adverb

late [UK]

< Cow & Gate, a British baby food manufacturer.

· When a woman is ‘cow and gate’ for her period, it is usually a sign that she’ll soon be buying baby food[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

cow and horse; cow

noun

heterosexual intercourse, mainly from a male perspective [UK]

Punning on the slang *cow* ‘a contemptible woman’.

· Six months and we still haven’t had any cow. I’m off for a pint. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

cow and kisses

noun

▶ see *COWS AND KISSES*

Cowdenbeath

noun

the teeth [UK: LIVERPOOL, SCOTLAND]

< Cowdenbeath, a town in Fife, Scotland.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972**

· Ah’ll jist run the brush roon the aul Cowdenbeath then Ah’m inty ma scratcher. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th January **2001**

· – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.86, **2005**

· Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it’s in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowdenbeath. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August **2015**

cowhide

adjective

aware, well-informed [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *wide*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

cows and kisses; cow and kisses

noun

1 a woman; one’s wife [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *missus*. In South African, American and Australian usage, only recorded in the sense of ‘one’s wife’. The form *cow and kisses* is given by McConville and Shearlaw (1984) and Partridge (1984).

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· Come, cows and kisses, put the battle of the Nile on your Barnet Fair, and a rogue and villain in your skyrocket[.] – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], ‘Thieves’ Slang’, 8th February **1883**

· Moping as usual, my pretty misses, my cows and kisses, moping again, eh? – G. Beaton, *Jack Robinson*, p.293 [1934], **1933**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· ‘E went up the apples and pears and ‘e sets down ‘is cherry ripe on the Cain and Abel and says to his cows and kisses, and where are me round the ‘ouses? – R. St John, *It’s Always Tomorrow*, p.146, **1944**

· [W]hen he talks of his “cows and kisses” he means his missus[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.490, **1984**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 women in general [UK/US]

Rhymes on *misses*. Only recorded in the form *cows and kisses*.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859
- – H. Asbury, *The Gangs of New York*, p.376, 1928

cow's calf; cow's; cows*noun*

1 ten shillings; hence fifty pence [UK]

Rhymes on *half* 'half a pound'. Also COW AND CALF. ►
see CALF and COW'S LICKER

· Gus. Evens on the field—what did I tell you? Bet levels, you devils. Shoot it in! Shoot it in! *Shark*. Cow's calf on *Fish*. – E. Partridge, *Slang To-day*, p.241, 1970: *The Cornhill Magazine*, London, June 1933

· A cow's calf is ten shillings[.] – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 15th February 1935

· He thinks my readers will be interested in other terms used by racing people when talking of money, and sends the following examples: [...] 10s, cow's calf[.] – *The Daily Mail*, Hull, 13th February 1940

· **cows**. Short for **cow's calf**[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: recorded in the *New Statesman*, 29th November 1941

· ten shillings—Cows (rhyming: cow's calf). – F. Norman, *A Bit About Slang*, p.40, 1958

· He pulled the pound from his pocket and held it out. 'Cow's each way, Lanternjaw.' – M. McShane, *The Straight and Crooked*, p.42, 1960

· Cows 10 shillings. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.207, 1976

· I would ask her for the East End slang names for each of the coins. For example, a half-crown (2s 6d) was a 'tosheroon', 5s was a 'caser', a ten shilling note – half a quid – was a 'cow's calf', a five pound note was a 'jack', and so on. – R. Kray et al., *Our Story*, p.159 [2015], 1988

· Another word that's used a lot in the market is 'a cow's.' A 'cow's calf' is half. 'Do you want a cow's for that?' – R. McCrum et al., *The Story of English*, p.305, 1992

· Lend me a Cow's Calf for my bus fare. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th June 2003

· I'm a cow's calf short for my kidney punch. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

2 among currency traders, one-half per cent [UK]

Also COW AND CALF.

· – P.J.E. Hyams, *Rhyming Slang and the Dictionary*, p.134, 1981

3 one hundred and fifty pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *one and a half*.

· COW'S CALF £150 (i.e. one and a half). – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.193, 1989

cow's hoof*noun*

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *poof*.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1944

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

cow's lick*noun*

prison [UK]

Rhymes on *the nick*.

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

cow's licker*noun*

one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *nicker*. Probably influenced by COW'S CALF.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, 1992

· – C.F. Kerr, *Filthy Lucre*, 2009

crack a cry*verb*

to die [us]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August 2002

crackers and toast*noun*

the starting or finishing post on a racetrack [us]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

crack smoking*verb*

joking [UK]

Used as a present participle in the phrase *you must be crack smoking*. Probably a nonce usage.

· You must be crack smoking or having a bubble bath if that's what you cocoa drink. – www.liveleak.com, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016

Craig and Charlie Reid*adjective*

dead [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *deid*. < Scottish musicians, twins Craig and Charlie Reid (b.1962), better known as The Proclaimers.

· After all, we all end up Craig and Charlie Reid. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November 2006

· I'm afraid she's Craig and Charlie Reid... – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May 2007

Craigavad; craige*adjective*

bad [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Craigavad, a village in County Down, Northern Ireland, near Belfast. Usually in the phrase of understatement *not too Craigavad*.

· [T]here are patently local Irish variations: as for example, Rory O'More, for the Door or Craigavad, for It's Bad. – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, 1941

- And the correct response to “Bout ye!” is “Not too Craige”.[.] – *h2g2* forum, 10th April **2003**
- And ‘I’m not too Craigavad’ is a perfectly acceptable answer to, ‘What about ye, mucker?’. *The Belfast Telegraph*, 25th March **2004**
- £700k for 13 months in custody? Bigger me but that’s not too Craigavad! – *PPRuNe* forum, 13th August **2008**
- Four whiskeys in and I was starting to feel not too Craigavad. – C. Bateman, *Nine Inches*, p.255, **2011**
- – I love this dress!!!! – She’s not too Craigavad either. – *twitter.com*, 9th September **2016**

Craig Broon; Craigy Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Glasgow [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Craig Broon*, the Scots form of the name of Scottish football player and manager Craig Brown (b.1940). Also used in the phrase *hit the Craigy Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

- Saturday night up the Craig Broon. – *twitter.com*, 20th October **2012**
- [U] cumin up then maybe hit the craigy broon later? – *twitter.com*, 23rd February **2013**

Craigendoran*verb*

torn [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *torn* as a disyllable, a feature of some Scottish accents. < Craigendoran, an area of Helensburgh, in the west of Scotland.

- His winners and losers were aw Craigendoran at the chorus and verse. – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994: **1979**

Craig Gower*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian dual code rugby international Craig Gower (b.1978).

- Might have a Craig Gower. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 10th January **2004**
- He has a knack for Australian slang, but mostly with rhyming actions with people’s names. E.G: Brad Pitt – Shit. Pat Malone – Alone. Craig Gower – shower. – *icouldneverbedeaf.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th February **2011**
- My friends and I use cockney rhyming slang for just about everything. [...] Craig Gower for shower and when at uni, not to come in because I’m having a sneaky Tom Hank (wank). – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 11th January **2012**

Craig Whyte*noun*

1 something of little or no value; rubbish; nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND/NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Scottish entrepreneur and former Glasgow Rangers FC chairman Craig Whyte (b.1971).

- You seem to be talkin a load of Craig Whyte! – *Rangers-Media* forum, 6th May **2011**
- Not really, couldn’t give a Craig Whyte what you think as it’s almost always mince. – *JA606* forum, 22nd August **2011**
- Stop talking craig whyte[.] – *Rangers Rumours* forum, 15th March **2012**
- I have googled everything and found it all to be a pile of Craig Whyte! – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 18th May **2013**

2 an act of defecating [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND/SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*.

- I’ve heard a few Rangers fans say they’re ‘going for a Craig Whyte’ this week, so I guess that’s catching on too. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 17th February **2012**
- I’m desperate for a Craig Whyte. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 5th May **2012**
- – Away for a pish and missed the goal. – I went for a Craig Whyte and missed two. – *twitter.com*, 9th August **2016**

Craig Wing*noun*

a brief sexual relationship with someone [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fling*. < Australian rugby league player Craig Wing (b.1979).

- At the bar I was ready for a Craig Wing with any girl. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

Craig Broon*noun*

► see CRAIG BROON

Craig Young*noun*

the tongue [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Craig Young (b.1956).

- I took her home and put my Craig Young down her throat as I started to get a Brad Thorn. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

cranker*noun*

a masturbator [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme on *wanker* or a shortening of HANDLE CRANKER. Prison use.

- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

crash barrier*noun*

a Roman Catholic; hence a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on TARRIER. Mainly used by Protestants and fans of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic’s traditional rivals.

- Is he a crash barrier? Aye, a total sticky tape. – *Follow-Follow.com* forum, 10th May **2012**

· This place is hooching of crash barriers today, tbh. – *RangersMedia* forum, 17th January **2015**

· Crash barriers rhyming slang for carriers. – *PistonHeads* forum, 23rd June **2015**

· Rite this is jus incase any yese ur crash barriers (tarriers), then dont hink ye will like this too much as am heavy bitter is fuck wen it cums tae bathe fitbaw an religion..proud to be a prod and always will be and also proud to support greatest team eva who have many famous records includin a world one that is winnin their league 50 times! – *maitlandtigers.freewebspace.com*, accessed 29th July **2015**

Crazy Jane

noun

rain [AUSTRALIA]

· Australians in time will be known in other parts of the world just the same as Americans are known now. The racing fraternity and the spieler use more cockney slang than any other class, and very often the rhyming slang, such as, 'Lets go up the field of wheat, turn the jerry horner, and get out of the crazy jane.' Which is nothing more or less than an invitation to go up the street, turn the corner, and get out of the rain. – *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March **1894**

cream bun

noun

1 a Protestant; hence a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC, traditionally a Protestant team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Hun*. Often with initial capitals. A sectarian insult chiefly used by supporters of Rangers' traditional rivals, Celtic FC and Edinburgh's Hibernian FC, two clubs whose roots are in the Irish Catholic community. Synonymous with CURRANT BUN, PARIS BUN and STICKY BUN.

· Protestants, on the other hand, are termed *Prods*, *Proddys*, or *Proddy Dogs*, *Huns* or *Cream Buns*[.] – L. Knight, *Glasgow Slang*, p.73, **1992**

· **cream bun** Hun, i.e. a Protestant. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· Please dont ask The Cream Buns a real question, they wont answer... – *answers.yahoo.com*, 1st October **2012**

2 a nun [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

Cream Buns

nickname

Glasgow Rangers FC

Rhymes on *the Huns*, a pejorative nickname for this club often used by supporters of Glasgow's Celtic and Edinburgh's Hibernian, two clubs whose roots are in the Irish Catholic community, as a sectarian reference to their largely Protestant following. Other derogatory nicknames for Glasgow Rangers are CURRANT BUNS, PARIS BUNS and STICKY BUNS.

· [L]ooks like the Cream Buns have been on the attack and 2 Hibs players have been booked since the goal... – *Black and White Army* forum, 27th November **2005**

· It would be daft to think the cream buns would be the only team in for him. – *EastFootball* forum, 10th June **2010**

cream cookie

noun

a bookmaker; a betting shop [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *bookie*.

· [Y]et when we were in the full flush of Saturday afternoon racing, shuffling in the hokey cokey line from the pub to the cream cookies, the blind man used to sit smiling tolerantly[.] – S. McAughtry, *Blind Spot*, p.74, **1979**

· Take a jump down the cream cookie and put a wee line for us, son. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 22nd August **1987**

· Like most cream cookies, the Drumchapel shop was made all hi-tech with wall-to-wall TV screens. – *The Glasgow Herald*, 3rd February **1990**

· I went down the cream cookies. – B. Murphy, *Syntactic Information Hiding*, p.16, **2001**

· Robert Gillies from East Kilbride trotted off to his local cream cookie to pick up what he thought was a tasty wedge after backing South Korea at 150-1. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 30th June **2002**

· So heading down the cream cookies to put a bit of bugs bunny on an inspector morse. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

· Sadly for TV punters there will be no coverage from the Beeb so you'll just have to go down to the cream cookies to see if the Epsom Derby second can go one better. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th June **2007**

· Who wants to bankrupt the cream cookies at 5pm today? – *Yellow Fever* forum, 6th November **2007**

· I would like to share my experience, I also was a cream cookie for 2 years. – *African Betting Clan* forum, 7th August **2008**

· Rob is correct, hedging is also what a cream cookie does when his liabilities are too high. – *African Betting Clan* forum, 27th August **2011**

· I was just trying to establish why she could be as "generous" as 3/10, maybe the cream cookies will have a different take on matters? – *African Betting Clan* forum, 15th February **2012**

cream cracker; creamer

noun

1 a member of the travelling community [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *knacker*. < *cream cracker* 'a crisp unsweetened biscuit, often eaten with cheese'.

· – A. Lillo, *Rhyming Slang in Ireland*, p.280, 2004: **2003**

· As one Traveller stated: 'the majority of them are very prejudiced against Travellers'. Interviewees spoke of being called 'knackers' (or 'cream crackers')[.] – A. Mulcahy and E. O'Mahony, *Policing*, p.22, **2005**

· – Knackers are knackers are knackers. – jaysus, animal rights and racism. couldnt be arsed explaining about racism and Travellers and the offensiveness of the word Knacker - theres plenty on here could explain racism better than me anywa but you do your cause no favours whatsoever. Pathetic. – Cream Crackers, that better? – *Thumped* forum, 1st August **2006**

· [K]nackers, creamers, jippos, cream crackers, gypsies, who cares, there all knackers! – *Politics.ie* forum, 21st December **2010**

· Who let them bleedin creamers in here? – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 30th January **2014**

2 a delinquent, tracksuit-wearing youth from Dublin's north side; hence, an uncouth working-class person, often specifically one from Dublin's north side; a lout or chav [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *knacker*.

· There's this cream cracker in the back as well, roysh, who insists on trying to talk to me. [...] You were tuned away because you're a skobie. You dress like a scarecrow and you smell of piss. You are one hundred percent creamer. – R O'Carroll-Kelly, *Dirtbag*, pp.36–37, **2003**

· Could have done with a shot of the Polish beer before the bus journey into town – it might have numbed me to the skobie hollerings of the drink crazed 'cream crackers' at the back of the bus arranging their social life on their mobiles. – *paulinecurtin.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th June **2010**

cream crackered; creamed; creamered
adjective

1 completely exhausted; worn out [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *knackered*. < *cream cracker* 'a crisp unsweetened biscuit, often eaten with cheese'. The forms *cream crackered* and *creamed* are common in both locations of use. *Creamered* has only been recorded in Irish English.

· 'Blimey, I'm cream crackered and starving hungry,' thought the ungrateful sportsman as he strolled purposefully down to the towpath. [...] Creamed = cream-crackered *fatigued*. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, pp.70/201, **1983**

· The players, mind you, graze happily in such fields of corn, unless more actively engaged in reducing opponents to a condition decorously known by the rhyming slang of "cream crackered". – *The Times*, London, 10th December **1984**

· The truth is I'm absolutely cream-crackered and I won't take a word in. – M. Haran, *Scenes*, p.247, **1993**

· Feeling cream crackered? Pro-Plus can provide a temporary answer for the relief of tiredness. – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 4th February **1996**

· Cream-crackered even before kick-off, I honestly cannot recall watching a more exhausting match. – *Irish Examiner*, Cork, 27th April **2006**

· In reality, you're cream-crackered and the last thing you want to do is haul yourself to some party which

starts at 2am[.] – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 11th August **2007**

· You should try hod carrying up 30 foot ladders - one day of it and I was totally creamed for days. – *Tri Talk* forum, 28th August **2007**

· Back in England...and totally creamed[.] – *Jamirotalk* forum, 7th January **2008**

· **Creamed** *adj.* shortened from cream crackered – rhyming slang for knackered meaning tired. – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.118, **2009**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Heading home in Jo maxi... Absolutely creamered... Mincers in back of my boat race... – *twitter.com*, 7th May **2010**

· He then told me the cello was from around 1750 and a minor masterpiece. "Plays like a dream," I said. "It looks totally cream-crackered, though." – *The Sun*, London, 23rd February **2013**

2 drunk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *knackered*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – I. Black, *Weegie Wit*, p.58, **2006**

cream crackers

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *knackers*. < *cream cracker* 'a crisp unsweetened biscuit, often eaten with cheese'.

· A swift kick in the cream crackers might not hurt. – *croydonian.blogspot.com*, 4th December **2006**

· She got me right in the Cream Crackers. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th March **2007**

· [S]ticks the nut on him, and follows up with a boot in the cream crackers. – *OutdoorsMagic* forum, 13th December **2008**

cream crackers

adjective

completely exhausted; worn out [UK]

A back-formation from CREAM CRACKERED. When used in the sense 'insane, crazy', *cream crackers* is an embellishment of the colloquialism *crackers*.

· Laid on my bed feeling cream crackers. – *twitter.com*, 4th January **2012**

· Great day in the sunshine, totally cream crackers now, you lot alreet? – *twitter.com*, 6th May **2013**

· Son phone mum at 8pm. He is totally cream crackers. Very busy days and hardly any sleep. Not getting to sleep until 2pm due to cleaning and ironing chores. – *cassie1149.blogspot.com*, blog, 10th January **2014**

creamery butters

noun

diarrhoea [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the scutters*, a common slang expression in Ireland.

· I'm in an out of the train teaks w a bum like the Japanese flag and dose of the creamery butters... – *twitter.com*, 18th April **2010**

creaming whirl*noun*

▶ see CREAMY WHIRL

cream of yeast*noun*

a priest [AUSTRALIA]

· – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January 1989**cream puff***noun*

a state of petty irritation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *huff*.· Aw don't take the cream puff. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985· 'You still in the cream puff, or what?' I shook my head. No, I wasn't in the huff. Narked maybe, aye[.] – J. Torrington, *Swing*, p.338, 1992· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, 1994· She'll not speak to me because she's in a cream puff. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.147, 2007· Shug threw himself into a spectacular sulk on our sixth date. A whopping great huff. A *right cream puff*, as my dad would call it. – www.heraldscotland.com, online dating blog, 2nd November 2012· If the lassie's in the cream puff because she doesn't see you enough, then you're not helping either one of you if you take yourself out of the picture altogether. – C. Brookmyre, *Bedlam*, p.21, 2013· [B]rooks is still in a cream puff with me. – twitter.com, 24th July 2016**cream rice***adjective*

nice [UK]

· That was cream rice! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November 2002· This is really cream rice. – *MoDaCo* forum, 20th September 2005· Er, that's so cream rice; that's so nice. – *Harry Potter Heaven RPG* forum, 12th May 2008**creamy whirl; creaming whirl***noun*

a girl [UK]

· [G]irls are Creaming Whirls. – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, 26th October 1971· *Woman/Girl Creamy Whirl*, Bird, Mannishin. – B. Marnard, *LYS3*, p.88, 1972**cribbage pegs***noun*

the legs [UK]

· Then a bow-wow by her side, / Who till then had stood and tried / A 'Jenny Lee' to banish, / Which was on his 'Jonah's whale,' / Gave a hydrophobia bark, / (She cried, 'What a Noah's Ark!') / And right through my 'rank and riches' / Did my 'cribbage pegs' assail. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] legs (cribbage pegs)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January 1939· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003**cricket bats***noun*

the teeth [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *tats*.· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984**cries and screeches***noun*

leeches [AUSTRALIA]

· [T]here were plenty of cries an' screeches, but when I rubbed the Cape of Good Hope over them, they went. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984**Crimea***noun*

beer [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as [...] "Crimea" for beer, or even "brussels-sprout" for boy scout. – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, 1911· Beer was "pig's ear" or "Crimea" or "Fusilier," but if a Welshman went into a pub where a Highland soldier was, of the regiment whose square was once broken by the Mahdi's dervishes in the Sudan, he would sometimes ask for a "pint of broken-square." – F. Richards, *Sahib*, p.48 [2003], 1936· "Frisky or Crimea?" asked Mr. Gordon Harker[.] – *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 30th August 1939· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, 1973· Beer can also be called *Crimea*, *far an' near*, *Oh, my dear!*, *never fear*, *red steer*, etc. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, 1981· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**crime-and-mystery***noun*

history [UK]

· [O]ur member is the man to go to if a Pearly King is egged on by his bother-and-strife and gawd-ferbids to look into his family crime-and-mystery[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, p.200, 1961: *The Heraldry Gazette*, Guildford, April 1960**Crippled Alice; Crippled Phallus***nickname*

Crystal Palace FC, a football team based in South Norwood, south-east London

A slang rhyme. ► see SCREAMING ALICE

- Crystal Palace was known as “Crippled Alice” and had been in administration for 18 months when I bought it last year. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 5th February **2001**
- The Lions’ chairman also dubbed his rivals “Crippled Alice” and “The Beagles”[.] – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 3rd November **2003**
- Step forward our good friends at Crippled Alice who took umbrage with our decision to part company with Mark. – G. Lloyd, *Wit and Wisdom*, p.9, **2004**
- Stoke 1 Crippled Phallus 2. – *Watford Darkside* forum, 7th April **2007**
- Well done brighton you stopped crippled alice from overtaking watford. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 17th March **2013**
- Had a trawl through the old Crippled Phallus forums and most were very impressed with him. – *www.yorkpress.co.uk*, 20th July **2013**

Crispin Blunt

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. < British Conservative politician Crispin Blunt (b.1960), who served as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice from May 2010 to September 2012; he has been an MP since 1997.
- And a right crispin blunt he is too[.] – *www.ainfos.ca*, 7th October **2007**
 - Offenders, says Prisons Minister Crispin Blunt (man or rhyming slang) should be able to enjoy reduced sentences by making personal apologies to their victims. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 27th July **2010**
 - What a Crispin Blunt! – *biggrab.wordpress.com*, blog, 28th August **2010**
 - What a complete Crispin Blunt. – *twitter.com*, 23rd September **2015**

crispy duck; crispy aromatic duck; crispy

noun

1 something of little or no value [UK]

- Rhymes on *fuck*. < *crispy duck* ‘a popular Chinese dish’. No evidence of use in the short form. Evidence supporting the adjectival form CRISPY DUCKED currently predates the earliest known use of the noun *crispy duck*; however, it is logical, in this instance, to presume that the noun came first.
- Couldn’t give a Crispy Duck mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd March **2007**
 - It turns out that even though they might get some Barry White from locals now and then, so long as they’re surfing, they don’t give a Crispy Duck. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**
 - As long as we get rid of Stadler & Waldorf I don’t give a crispy duck who buys us. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 2nd August **2010**
 - 2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]
- Rhymes on *fuck*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- And let’s not even get into yesterday’s tabloid revelations about Lineker. Back 4 will not be rushing to try out his alleged “Do you fancy a crispy duck?” chat-up line any time soon. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 23rd April **2007**
- crispy aramatic duck = fuck. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August **2008**

3 luck [UK]

Recorded in the forms *crispy duck* and *crispy*.

- You’d be well p____ed if you spent all night in a club mince pieing up a bird and she a stinging jack and danny you’d be start out of there thinking your well out of crispy duck[.] – *RRSPORT.CO.UK* forum, 3rd June **2007**
- You never know your crispy – it could be a right old Turkish! – *www.etsy.com*, 28th January **2014**

crispy ducked

adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of CRISPY DUCK.

- Andy T got his arm crispy ducked, that has to be one of the worst accidents i’ve heard of... – *groups.yahoo.com*, 11th February **2006**
- – Does anybody have a RH eyebrow panel? – Mine’s a bit crispy ducked. And I don’t really want to pay Rimmers £90 for one. – *The Triumph Dolomite Club* forum, 18th October **2008**
- Thought your back was crispy ducked? – *Muscular Development* forum, 31st July **2012**
- Jeez, and I thought that I was taking a risk from riding my old aprilia with plastic fuel connectors which were prone to leaking/breaking, and leaving the bike and potentially you crispy ducked. – *Crosstourer* forum, 26th February **2014**
- 2 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted, done for [UK]
- – We plan to walk the Great Wall of China every day for 7 days in October 2007 with all the finance we can raise going to Accord Hospice. [...] – You will be crispy ducked at the end of that. – *www.justgiving.com*, 3rd April **2007**
- I wanted the Greene or the Mick Jagger suite. Instead I was put in the Jean-Claude van Damme room. There really is no hope. As Alex often says, ‘I’m crispy ducked, mate.’ – *The Spectator* magazine, London, 24th January **2009**
- Hi all I’m getting the dreaded “Check parking brake” message every time I manually put on my hand brake. Does anyone have any thoughts? Or am I crispy ducked? ie new handbrake motor from my very unhelpful and expensive Renault dealer!! for about £500. – *Scenic Owners Club* forum, 22nd October **2013**

Crispy Skase

noun

► see CHRISTOPHER SKASE

Cristiano Ronaldo

adjective

hot [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *caldo*, Italian for *hot*. A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Brian Conaghan in his novel *When Mr Dog Bites* (2014). < Cristiano Ronaldo, the professional name of Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro (b.1985).

· ‘That’s fabulous. Do you know any more?’ Miss Flynn asked. ‘Cristiano Ronaldo.’ ‘Which is?’ ‘That’s a killer to get. It means *hot*, because *caldo* means *hot* in Italian, which rhymes with *Ronaldo*. So that’s like a Portuguese-Italian-English one, which is for advanced rhymers.’ – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.182, 2014

crocodile; croc

noun

a smile [UK]

Influenced by a visual metaphor.

· Come on, give us a crocodile. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 · [S]top telling me porkies or I’ll wipe that croc from your Chevy. – *limeyblimey.wordpress.com*, blog, 21st May 2009

Crocodile Dundee; crocodile

noun

a flea [UK]

< ‘*Crocodile Dundee* (1986) and ‘*Crocodile Dundee II* (1988), two films starring Paul Hogan as the eponymous hero.

· The dog won’t bite you but his crocodiles might. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

crooked and bent

noun

a tent [UK]

· ‘We must wait,’ he said, “until the currant is up before we take down the crooked and bent.” – *The Methodist*, Sydney, G.H. Vallins, ‘Time ... Lets Part Abide’, 2nd January 1954

Crook of Devon; Crook o Devon

noun

heaven [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Crook of Devon, a village in Perthshire, central Scotland.

· I, he wiz a guid man. Aye thinkin’ o’ others an’ no jist hissel’, there’ll be a place fir him in Crook o Devon nae doot. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Crosby, Stills and Nash; crosby stills; crosby; crosbys

noun

1 cash [UK]

< Crosby, Stills and Nash, an American rock-folk trio comprised of David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash. Shortened as *crosby* or *crosbys*.

· It cost yours truly and the love-and-kisses a lot of Crosby. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December 2000

· I must also remember to go to the **Sherman tank** to get some **Crosby, Stills and Nash**. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005

· You can pay with a goose or Crosbys. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April 2006

· He tried to give us a Gregory but I told ‘im we only took Crosby. – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 10th September 2007

· Don’t get Dunc started on his divorce. The scabby old tart runs off with her boss and then expects to get half of Dunc’s crosby. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th October 2008

· [Y]ou can withdraw some Crosby, Stills and Nash. – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August 2009

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Shortened as *crosby stills* or *crosby*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

· Just off for a Crosby. – *When Saturday Comes* forum, 19th June 2013

Crossmyloof; Crossmalooft

noun

an effeminate or homosexual man [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *poof*. < Crossmyloof, an area on the south side of Glasgow. The variant *Crossmalooft* is recorded by Macafee (1994).

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, 1994

· A ‘crossmyloof’ is...? b. A male homosexual. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.28, 2002

· Who are you calling a crossmyloof? – *Hidden Glasgow* forum, 19th April 2009

· Old John Voight is some actor. [...] Wis he noh a Crossmalooft in at movie. – *Knowhere Guide/Port Glasgow* forum, 23rd November 2012

crouch and bent

noun

a tent [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – [O]ne of the guys said last week “och a baught a mony well spent at the weekend its a cracker” what he ment was he baught a **tent**. – That’s wrong. It’s a ‘Crouch and Bent’ ffs! – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September 2009

crouton

noun

an erection [UK]

A slang rhyme on *root on*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

crowded space

noun

a suitcase [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – M. Dodson and R. Sazcek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.145, 2011

crown and anchor

noun

a despicable person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < *crown and anchor* ‘a dice game’ or *Crown & Anchor*, the name of a pub.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· My misshapen pals waggishly call me Crown and Anchor, which is rhyming slang for ... well, let’s not go into

that. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 10th September **1995**

· My tuner came in on Monday by which time the problem had disappeared (which made me look like a right crown and anchor). – *UK Piano Page* forum, 20th September **2007**

· [P]robably means that most of em were a bunch of crown and anchors. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 9th June **2012**

crown jewels; crowns

noun

tools [UK]

The shortened form is only given by Hayward (1973). The words *crown jewels* and *family jewels* ‘the male genitals (often specifically the testicles)’ are widely believed to have been formed as rhyming slang on *tools*. However, both these terms are no more than modern versions of *jewels*, a sexual metaphor dating back to the 15th century.

· We need crowns such as Chinese and Dukes to little and Lady the lemon. [...] We need tools such as spades and forks so that we can dig and dispose of the dirt. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.126, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

crown sheet

noun

the seat of a pair of trousers [US]

< *crown sheet* ‘a sheet of iron that covers the firebox of a steam locomotive’.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

Crunch 'n Munch

noun


a group of people [UK]

Rhymes on *bunch*. < Crunch 'n Munch, a branded popcorn confection first manufactured for sale in the United States in 1966. Probably a nonce usage.

· They're just a Crunch 'n Munch of Charlie Chesters. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

crust of bread; crust

noun

 the head, either as a part of the body or a source of intelligence and common sense [UK]

Also used in the phrases *do one's crust in* ‘to make one feel angry or disturbed’ and *use one's crust* ‘to use one's common sense’.

· Oh hell, any road was all right just so long as it didn't go back to the Smoke. No, use your crust, kid. It was getting late and all and it was a hell of a cold night to do a skipper. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.32 [2008], **1938**

· When Jack fell off his bike he got a bad crack on the crust. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· They stop me from groovin', / They bang on me wall, / They're doin' me crust in, / It's no good at all. – *Lazy Sunday*, lyric, Small Faces, **1968**

· Use yer crust. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· [O]nce he gets an idea into his crust it can be very hard to budge. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.13, **1976**

· Head: loaf or crust, short for loaf or crust of bread. – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.29, **1980**

· Moonie strikes him over the crust with the handy aluminium camera case which is still attached to his wrist and in which he hopes to carry off his 40,000 dollars. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.67, **1981**

· “Use your *crust*” instead of *Crust of Bread* meant head. – L.J. Carter, *Walworth*, p.78, **1985**


· I turned my Crust and it was still going on[.] – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.164 [1999], **1998**

· I 'ave so many ideas in me Crust of Bread floatin' 'round wite na, I wish I 'ad nickle and dime ter Kathy Burke on them aw. – *ice9onanairline.livejournal.com*, blog, 24th April **2005**

· I hit a Rastafarian with a wok a dozen times over the crust. – C. Bronson and S. Richards, *The Good Prison Guide*, p.35, **2007**

· If it's strong enough in your crust of bread, and in your jam tart, if you want it bad enough and work hard enough, you'll make it happen. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.35, **2012**

· I've got lots of clever stuff garn on in me crust of bread! – *Paul McCartney.com* forum, 14th March **2012**

 lead [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**

crutch with a flea

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-three [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 7 and a crutch, and between the number 3 and a flea. The ‘crutch’ metaphor also accounts for *crutch with a duck*, the call for number seventy-two. The ‘flea’ metaphor, though not so obvious, has also given rise to other bingo calls. ▶ see ONE LITTLE FLEA

· – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Cry and Dash Squad; Cry and Dash

nickname

a British far-right protest group created in 2014

A slang rhyme on PIE AND MASH SQUAD. Coined and used by anti-fascist activists.

· And the award for the worst blockade goes to... ...the Cry and Dash Squad aka. “Pie and Mash Squad”, a shit group of ugly twats and plastic football casuals. – *network23.org/obseceneturtle*, blog, 11th November **2015**

· [C]omplete fucking humiliation for the Cry and Dash Squad. – www.facebook.com, 14th March **2016**

· As we have seen in the past Cry and Dash don't have a problem attacking women and have taken to boasting about this. – northlondonantifa.wordpress.com, blog, 27th March **2016**

· The so called Pie and Mash squad, recently renamed Cry and Dash by militant antifascists who have met them, must have had a quick look at the hundreds of antifascists occupying their intended rally point and thought better of it. – network23.org/bristolantifascists, blog, 3rd July **2016**

cry and laugh

noun

a scarf [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

cry and tear

noun

the ear [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

cry boys cry

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

Formed on the model of HOLLER BOYS, HOLLER.

· We were brought up in Southend & when he took us kids upstairs to bed it was always “up the apples & pears” & when fixing the shirt collar with those little plastic studs would say “my holler boys holler & cry boys cry” (collar & tie). – archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com, ‘LONDON-L Archives’, 20th April **2004**

cry in the deep

verb

to sleep [US]

A variation of WEEP IN THE DEEP.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.56, **1968**

Crystal Palace Transmitter

noun

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < Crystal Palace Transmitter, a broadcast and telecommunication transmission station sited in south London where the Crystal Palace once stood.

· – *The Motley Fool* forum, 9th January **2006**

· Steelz takes it way up the Crystal Palace Transmitter. – NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk forum, 17th January **2006**

C.S.

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* ‘speed’) and *Lewis*. < Irish-born scholar and writer C.S. Lewis (1898–1963). ▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· Already it has variously been called “The Jerry Lee;” “The Daniel Day;” “The C.S.” or, as the real Dubliners say in their distinctive accent, “The Train in the Lane.” – B. Mac Aongusa, *Luas*, p.15, **2004**

· To northsiders Luas may be the “Daniel Day” or the “Jerry Lee” (Mick O’Gorman, July 3rd), but to southsiders like myself it is, of course, the “Cecil Day” or the “C.S.” – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 7th July **2004**

· – J. Ayto and I. Crofton, *BDMPF*, s.v. *Daniel Day*, *The*, **2006**

cucumber

noun

a number [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Give me your cucumber and I’ll ring you back. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Cucumber Patch; Cucumber-patch; Cucumberpatch

nickname

▶ see BENEDICT CUCUMBER PATCH

cucumbers; cu’s

noun

1 in horse-race betting, numbers [UK]

Used in the phrase *bet to cucumbers* (or *bet to cu’s*).

· Most Bookies bet to Cu’s. [...] “Cobblers to you,” replied the Joe Rook. “I only bet to cucumbers (numbers) here.” – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.68/70, **1973**

2 in prison, Rule 45 (formerly Rule 43), which allows certain prisoners to be segregated from the general prison population either for their own protection or to prevent disturbances [UK]

Rhymes on *the numbers*, used in the phrases *go on the numbers* and *take the numbers*. Only recorded in the full form and always preceded by the definite article.

· **Cucumbers (or ‘Numbers’ or ‘Protection’)**: ‘Nonces’ or ‘Bacons’ (sex offenders) and other ‘Protection-heads’ (debtors, grasses, cell thieves etc.) are usually segregated for their own safety under Prison Rule 45 (formerly 43). – *Do or Die* magazine, Brighton, ‘The Prison Lexicon’, **2003**

· Understanding the phrase ‘take the cucumbers’ required a journey into the more arcane realms of rhyming slang. – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.26, **2005**

· And while most nonces go into their own secure unit, there are still some who end up on the normal wings because they haven’t put themselves on the ‘cucumbers’, the numbers, Rule 43. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, pp.9–10 [2014], **2009**

· **Cucumbers** There are a whole raft of nicknames both cons and staff use for sex offenders, particularly those who are segregated for their own protection. This used to be done under Rule 43, now Rule 45. Hence, a man in protection was “on the numbers”. Numbers = cucumbers. Simple, innit? – prisonerben.blogspot.com, blog, 9th March **2010**

cuddle and kiss; cuddle*noun*

1 a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *miss*.

· 'Out with it, Benno, who's yer cuddle?' said Feathers.
– J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: E. Dyson, *Benno and Some of the Push*, p.4, **1911**

· – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· Watch my beer I'm just going for a cuddle. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Other less common cockney rhyming slang kiss associations meaning piss include French kiss, cuddle and kiss, ta ta kiss, and goodnight kiss. – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

3 take the cuddle and kiss to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*.

· [A] West End ice cream seller may be told to 'poke his overpriced cornet up his gonga because he is taking the cuddle and kiss.' – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

cuddled and kissed; cuddled*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, **1969**

· – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

· – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.58, **2005**

cuddly bear*noun*

the hair [UK: WALES]

· – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May **2011**

cuddly toys*noun*

a group of male friends [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTH-WEST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *the boys*.

· Out with the cuddly toys for the soccer. – *twitter.com*, 25th March **2012**

· Up the James Broon with the cuddly toys tonight though. – *twitter.com*, 9th March **2013**

· Had a very rare night out with the cuddly toys last night. – *twitter.com*, 23rd December **2014**

· Last night out with the cuddly toys before I move away! Gonna be emotional. – *twitter.com*, 16th May **2015**

cuffer*noun*

a drinker [UK]

A derivative of *cuff*, the short form of CUFF LINK.

· Amanda and I were the only non-musicians who were part of the highly exclusive sect known as 'Hucks Cuffers' – 'cuffer' being a drinker, derived from the cockney rhyming slang, 'cufflinks' = 'drinks'. – D. Waterman and J. Arlon, *ReMinder*, p.203, **2000**

cuff link; cufflink; cuff*noun*

1 a drink [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage. Hence CUFFER.

· – S.J. Baker, *Australian Slang*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· Let's go down the Rubber Dub and have a Cuff Link. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th April **2007**

· cuff(link)s drink. – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th June **2007**

· – If Tony gets better in a month or two we'll try and meet up for a "Cuff" (link) with Sweeney members. – [...] I am living in Sweden now but I would even consider flying over for a cuff with these 2 legends. – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 4th and 9th May **2008**

· A celebratory cufflink is well in order. – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 25th July **2011**

2 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Only recorded in the form *cufflink*.

· The most noted place for Chinks was Pennyfields, a street awf of West India Dock Road which is till there to this day. Ya could see all sorts going on in Pennyfields. Ya could see the old cufflinks in the poppy kitchens (opium dens) having a right old time. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.152, **1983**

cullen skink*noun*

a think, an act of thinking [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *cullen skink* 'a traditional Scottish fish soup'.

· Have a wee cullen skink about it first. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Culloden*adjective*

sodden [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Culloden, a village in the Scottish Highlands and the site of the famous Battle of Culloden (1746).

· Yer absolutely Culloden. Go and take they wet clothes aff. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Cullybackey; Cullybecky*nickname*used as a substitute for the pet name *Jackie* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]< Cullybackey, a village in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. First recorded in 2010 with the spelling *Cullybecky*.

· – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

· – A. Lillo, *Northern Irish Rhyming Slang*, p.143, **2013**

Cumberbatch*noun*

the vagina [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *snatch*. < English actor Benedict Cumberbatch (b.1976). Only used as part of such punning phrases as *put your Benedict in my Cumberbatch* and *Ben your dict in my Cumberbatch*.

· I want your benedict in my Cumberbatch. – *twitter.com*, 16th September 2012

· “Put your Benedict in my Cumberbatch” things that cumberbitches write on tumblr. – *twitter.com*, 24th September 2012

· I heard “Ben your dict in my cumberbatch”[.] – *twitter.com*, 31st May 2013

· [T]hen i stuck my benedict in her cumberbatch if you know what i mean. – *twitter.com*, 7th October 2013

· I'd like to put my Benedict in her Cumberbatch! – *twitter.com*, 22nd February 2015

Cumbernauld*adjective*

bald [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Cumbernauld, a town in North Lanarkshire, near Glasgow.

· STEVE JONES: You said he's bald now. Is that ...? GLEN MATLOCK: He's ... RAY McVEIGH: Totally Cumbernauld. – *Jonesy's Jukebox*, US radio: Indie 103.1, 19th December 2005

· – A. Lillo, *Nae Barr's Im-Bru*, p.81, 2012

· He's only 28, but he's gaun Cumbernauld. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February 2016

cup-and-plate*adjective*

■ **cup-and-plate in the head** crazy [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Terry Pratchett (1948–2015) in *Going Postal* (2004). Rhyming slang is occasionally used in the language of Discworld, the fictional setting for Pratchett's fantasy novels. In *Going Postal*, one of the characters uses ‘Dimwell Arrhythmic Rhyming Slang’, a parody of rhyming slang in which there is no rhyming link between the expressions and their target words, as in *cup-and-plate*.

· ‘He's a good lad,’ said Groat, when they'd gone. ‘Just a bit cup-and-plate in the head.’ – T. Pratchett, *Going Postal*, p.47 [2005], 2004

Cupid's dart*noun*

a fart [UK]

< *Cupid's dart* ‘the weapon with which Cupid, the Roman god of love, wounds his victims and makes them fall in love’.

· Oops, I just let out a little Cupid's Dart. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th March 2014

cup of tea*noun*

■ an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· If you hear somebody in the pub announce that he is going for a ‘cup of tea’ he isn't. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

cup of tea*verb*

to see [US/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· I'll cup of tea you later. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· So I'm off to Cup 'o Tea 'er now and maybe we can enjoy some Oedipus Rex later back at 'er gaff. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March 2010

cuppa*adjective*

nice [UK]

A shortening of a *cuppa*, a *sausage* and a *slice*.

· On one particular evening I have in mind I had taken him a plant in a pot and when he saw it he said “Robert, that's real ‘Cuppa’.” – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.17, 1973

cups an' saucers*noun*

horses [AUSTRALIA]

· “Fella not in yet with the cups an' saucers?” [...] “Fraid there isn't any fellow,” she said, “nor any horses. We're travelling alone, and I've been out after the horses since daylight, but they're gone.” – *The Sydney Mail*, 15th April 1931

curly kale; curly*noun*

ale [UK]

· Gimme a coupla pints o' curly. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.56, 1968

curly locks*noun*

socks [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 2nd September 2012

Curly McBride*noun*

a side (of an object) [AUSTRALIA]

· He's come good again, and the next town hall nicks off the Curly McBride of his this and that[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

currant bread*noun*

the head [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by Irish writer James Joyce (1882–1941) in his 1939 novel *Finnegans Wake*.

· My currant bread's full of sillymottocraft. – J. Joyce, *Finnegans Wake*, p.623 [2000], **1939**

currant bread*adjective*

dead [UK]

· But when anyone's *currant bread*, this has nothing to do with food, or at least he's right off it, for in fact he's dead. – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

currant bun; current bun; currant; current*noun*

1 the sun [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Outside Britain, only recorded in the full forms.

· Currant Bun. Sun. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· We even revived that rhyming slang which once (for some odd reason) was a tradition of camp. So we called the sun “the old currant bun”, and the sea the “you and me”, and the tent the “crooked and bent”. [...] “We must wait,” he said, “until the currant is up before we take down the crooked and bent.” – *The Methodist*, Sydney, G.H. Vallins, ‘Time ... Lets Part Abide’, 2nd January **1954**

· I arrived in Torremolinos and the currant bun shone down all the time. – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.52, **1962**

· I ain't seen too much currant bun today[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.54, **1973**

· Just sitting in the midday sun, / Just soaking up that currant bun, / With no particular purpose or reason, / Sitting in the midday sun. – *Sitting in the Midday Sun*, lyric, The Kinks, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.30, **1979**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.22, **1983**

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.19, **1984**

· Don't relax, nobody relax, we'll go straight away when the currant bun does us a favour. – B. Forbes, *A Spy at Twilight*, p.267, **1990**

· Also as the Current Bun was giving it large I hope there aren't too many red faces. – *Mini2* forum, 6th November **2005**

· I just had a **butcher's hook** out the **tommy trinder** to see the **currant bun** is out[.] – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 14th November **2008**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Well well... couple of large bottles of Winona Ryder under the heat of the currant bun[.] – *twitter.com*, 23rd May **2010**

· It was great that the old current was out again after a couple of days of iffy weather. – *justindegquack.com*, blog, 27th March **2014**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 in bingo, the number one [AUSTRALIA]

· We will not wear out our vocal chords any earlier in life by saying “stand at ease” instead of “cheese” [...] or the old numerical jargon of the housie games – “currant bun” for one, “how-do-you-do” for two, “Doctor Bevan” for seven[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

3 ■ **make a currant bun for it** to try to escape by running [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *run*, used in the phrase *make a run for it*.

· Well, what d'ye know, here comes the King of Spain. All the players are makin' a currant bun for it. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

4 ■ **on the currant bun; on the currant** escaping from justice [UK]

Rhymes on *run*, used in the phrase *on the run*.

· “On the currant” equals “on the currant bun” (run)[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], **1959**

· There, staring back at me from the page, was Joey Mackenzie, who was circulated as being wanted for a multimillion pound fraud. Joey was ‘on the currant’[.] – D. Kirby, *You're Nicked!*, p.139, **2007**

5 a son [UK]

Recorded in the forms *currant bun* and *currant*.

· What did you eat in the woods all day, Henry my son? / What did you eat in the woods all day, my currant bun? – *Henry My Son*, lyric, in *Sing (Britain's Folk Song Magazine)*, January/February **1963**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, **1973**

· This is the owner's currant. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.103, **2001**

· Mayday! Mayday! / We build an Ark, / **Currants** and **troubles** / Here at the double! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.12, **2009**

6 one penny in pre-decimal currency [UK]

Only recorded in the form *currant bun*.

· He calls the sixpence, among the most widely used British coins until decimal coinage took over today, “Tom Mix,” and one penny is a “currant bun.” – *The New York Times*, ‘Cockney Rhyming Slang Won't Take New Coins’, 16th February **1971**

7 fun [UK]

Only recorded in the form *currant bun*.

· [W]hen she says “I'm getting more currant bun out of life,” it is more fun she is getting. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.54, **1973**

8 a German [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *Hun*. Only recorded in the form *currant bun*.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

9 a nun [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, only recorded in the form *currant bun*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.22, **1983**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Nun. Current Bun. My meanest teachers were currents. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

10 a gun [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *currant bun*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.22, **1983**

11 a Protestant; hence a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC, a club with a predominantly Protestant following [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Hun*. A sectarian insult chiefly used by supporters of Celtic FC and Edinburgh's Hibernian FC. Often with initial capitals. Synonymous with CREAM BUN, PARIS BUN and STICKY BUN. ▶ see TIM

· *currant bun* = Hun (i.e. a Rangers supporter[.]) – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

· **RANGERS FANS** [...] Currant Bun (rhyming slang for hun) DOBS (which stands for dirty orange basturt). – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.79, **2005**

· Doesn't actually change the fact that I'm a "Currant", and, therefore, in your opinion, based on post #61, a fool. – *www.scotsman.com*, 22nd April **2007**

· In his chapter, Davie Provan says he was labelled as a "currant bun" – an obvious reference to "hun" – by some Celtic players but says it was good-natured[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 12th October **2007**

· I like in the History dvd when he [Alfie Conn] tells of how Johnny Doyle used to call him "the currant bun". – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 27th March **2009**

· Its nice to know calling someone a currant bun merits a 10% warning but the sectarian vile aimed at the catholic church is allowed as normal. – *GreenockMorton.org* forum, 15th September **2010**

· A quick stat for the Currants on here to ponder... – *Golf Monthly* forum, 29th December **2011**

· Never believed he was a Hearts fan but never had him down as a current bun either. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th February **2012**

· – I live in Prestwick/Ayr and i'd say its pretty mixed between tims and huns but i cant really say if there is more supporters of one than the other. – more tims in hamilton than currant buns. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 4th March **2012**

· Anyway my "filter" Mrs T will not allow me and the girls to use the word Hun so we use "currents" instead but like all "currents" they can be nauseating in a bunch lol. – *Celtic Rumours* forum, 9th March **2015**

· Is he a current bun? – *twitter.com*, 2nd July **2015**

12 used as a form of address for a boy or young man [UK]

Rhymes on *son*. Recorded in the forms *my/me old currant bun*, *my/me old current bun* and *my/me old currant*.

· Well done me old currant bun. – *www.jiscmail.ac.uk*, 22nd October **1999**

· Well said me old Currant bun. – *Blue and Amber* forum, 2nd February **2006**

· Are ye up for the roadyin' lark at Crewe in March me old currant? – *Ultravox.org.uk* forum, 12th January **2007**

· Right me ol' currant it's taters out. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 5th February **2009**

· Frankly Cuthbert me old currant, I ain't got a didgeridoo. – *www.iii.co.uk*, forum, 21st August **2012**

· [O]riginally i come from east London me old current bun. – *PistonHeads* forum, 21st November **2012**

· [U]s David Hockneys av more savvy than that me old currant. – *TeakDoor* forum, 5th April **2013**

Currant Bun; Old Currant Bun

nickname

1 the *Sun* newspaper (London)

· Nice man George, newsagent on the corner / He was closed today, maybe gone to mow the lawn. / Had to go further down the road to get me Currant Bun. – *In the Middle of the Night*, lyric, Madness, **1979**

· While selling newspapers around a local hospital I am sometimes asked for a "currant bun" (Sun). – *The Times*, London, 10th June **1982**

· Attacking *The Sun* (known to those fond of it as 'the currant bun') is a popular sport among those who proudly boast that they don't read it themselves[.] – R. Grose, *The Sun-Sation*, p.7, **1989**

· Glenn, a keen reader of Britain's favourite paper – known as the Currant Bun – got the needle when he became the butt of pals' bar-room jibes. – *The Sun*, London, 20th June **1994**

· It's known as The Sun, or The Old Currant Bun[.] – *www.dooyoo.co.uk*, 9th April **2001**

· It ties in first place with this story from the nation's acknowledged moral arbiter *The Old Currant Bun*, about the provenance and provision of porn for sperm donation / fertility clinics in the NHS. – *www.healthpolicyinsight.com*, 9th August **2010**

· [O]ne cannot help but reflect that when others were subjected to such treatment the Currant Bun was either eerily silent or cheering the old bill on. – *Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 19th February **2012**

2 the *Sun News-Pictorial* newspaper (Melbourne), published from 1922 to 1990

Rhymes on *The Sun*, the popular name for this newspaper. Recorded in the form *Currant Bun*. An alternative, though less common nickname is 'the PUN'.

· *The Sun*, Melbourne, had a circulation of 563,479, comparable with thirty years later. Like the unchanging circulation, Australia's largest for a daily, the "currant bun" was a little-changing thing in a changing world. – *Quadrant* magazine, Collingwood, Vic., February **1994**

· When I wore a younger man's clothes (i.e. thinner ties), I was a whipper snapper of a reporter on the now defunct Melbourne Sun News-Pictorial. [...] Those big ocean mammals could have a whale of a good time, and of course it was hats off to the milliners at Cup time. No wonder we called our paper *The Currant Bun*. Or *The Pun*. – S. Dow, *Gay*, p.125, **2001**

3 the *Herald Sun* newspaper (Melbourne)

An alternative nickname is 'the HUN'. ▶ see SUNDAY HUN

· These ones are generally more prevalent in The Age though than the Currant Bun. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 5th March **2003**

· The mainstream media did its usual woeful job of covering the dispute, with the shabbiest performer being the mass-circulation Melbourne Herald-Sun. The ‘currant bun’ – in its inimitable fashion – was able to sweep aside all the complexities and nuances and simply deal in terms of Good Guys and Bad Guys. – *The National Indigenous Times*, Wanniasa, Australian Capital Territory, 20th April **2006**

currant bun

numeral

one [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

currant bunnery; current bunnery

noun

allegiance to Glasgow Rangers FC [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hunnery*, a derogatory word used by supporters of rival teams, especially Glasgow’s Celtic and Edinburgh’s Hibernian. Formed on CURRANT BUN.

· [T]his negativity towards Celtic smacks to me of currant bunnery. – *Xtratime Community* forum, 22nd July **2004**

· Some stoater called Bearwithme complained that I used a term that sounds a bit like currant bunnery in this thread. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 17th November **2009**

· [F]icken Traitors the lot of them by current bunnery standards? – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 29th November **2009**

· You poor cunt. That also explains the Currant Bunnery. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 28th March **2012**

currant bunnish

adjective

of or relating to Glasgow Rangers FC [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Hunnish*. Formed on CURRANT BUN.

· Bad news from the docs for those of Currant Bunnish persuasion. It seems that, not only is your team utter mince, but their keechness is affecting your health. – *mikesladyboyadventure.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th September **2004**

Currant Buns; Current Buns; Currants; Currents

nickname

Glasgow Rangers FC

Rhymes on *the Huns*, a pejorative nickname for this club chiefly used by supporters of Glasgow’s Celtic and Edinburgh’s Hibernian, two clubs whose roots are

in the Irish Catholic community, as a sectarian reference to their largely Protestant following. Other derogatory names for this team are CREAM BUNS, PARIS BUNS and STICKY BUNS. With greater affection, Rangers are known as ‘the Gers’ or ‘the TEDDY BEARS’.

· The teddy bears, the gers, the currant buns, the huns, the Glasgow Rangers! – *The Dugout* forum, 26th December **2003**

· Rangers are having a bad spell but I fear they’ll recover. Best we can do realistically is 5th, but the currents will struggle to be third. – *Killiefc.com* forum, 28th November **2005**

· [T]his is a major bounce back game for the current buns with revenge factor[.] – *Bettingadvice* forum, 9th December **2006**

· After scoring just before half time, it was obvious the currants would come piling in the second half and we’d have more and more chances on the break. – *www.scotsman.com*, 14th May **2009**

· The currant buns hoped Dave King would be their saviour[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 1st November **2009**

· The Currant Buns being beaten 1–0 by Aberdeen has cheered me up though. – *irish4palestine.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th November **2009**

· Why keep Commons on the bench too when he’s been on fire? Not a disastrous result by any means and it favours us more than the Currants but we could have sealed it. – *TalkPunk* forum, 25th April **2011**

· I fully expect the currant buns to get beat next week v Arbroath in the cup in what will be a tough game but one that may just be a winnable one for them if they can rise to the occasion. – *Golf Monthly* forum, 28th December **2011**

· The current buns have 6 months to pay back their pay day loan of £1.5 million[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 25th February **2014**

currant cake

noun

a heroin substitute made out of opioid painkillers like morphine and codeine [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *homebake*.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

currant cake; currant

adjective

aware, informed [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *awake*.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· There was a screw in A Block around that time who’d just arrived from Class. and who wasn’t too currant cake about the way things worked. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.89, **1982**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.dailytelegraph.com.au*, 23rd December **2014**

currant cakes

noun

the trembling that characterises delirium tremens [UK]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. A back-formation from CURRANT CAKEY.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *ambitionbird.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st May **2005**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.56, **2011**

currant cakey; currant cakie; current cakey

adjective

shaky, usually with reference to a person's hands [UK]

The spelling variant *currant cakie* is recorded by Franklyn (1960) and Puxley (1992).

- Feelin' "current cakey" this morning, give us a "waterbury watch" and I'll have an "ocean wave." – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- **Currant cakey** Shaky. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.30, **1979**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Currants

nickname

applied to someone without teeth [UK]

Formed on *currants*, the short version of CURRANTS AND PLUMS, rhyming on the nickname *Gums*.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

currants and plums; currants

noun

1 threepence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *thrums*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

2 the gums [UK]

- Come on, flash your currants. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

current bun; current

noun

▶ see CURRANT BUN

current bunnery

noun

▶ see CURRANT BUNNERY

Current Buns; Currents

nickname

▶ see CURRANT BUNS

current cakey

adjective

▶ see CURRANT CAKEY

curried mince

noun

a prince [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

curry and rice

noun

1 a price [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· What's the curry and rice? – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· It shouldn't cause any Dalai Lamas as long as the curry and rice doesn't go up if you use it on the way to dodge and shirk. – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 26th August **2009**

2 in horse racing, the betting price on a horse [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Curry Vomit

nickname

the *Surrey Comet* newspaper (Kingston upon Thames)

A slang rhyme. An alternative nickname is the SURREY VOMIT.

- [A] friend of mine called the local rag of mine – surrey comet – the curry vomit. – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 21st August **2006**

Curtis Strange

noun

change (money) [AUSTRALIA]

< American golfer Curtis Strange (b.1955).

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

cu's

noun

▶ see CUCUMBERS

custard and jelly; custard

noun

television; a television [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· I try to get through the day without watching any custard and jelly. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· Nobody is watching the custard, so he has turned the channel over. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· See, I was watchin' the custard an' jelly larst night[.] – *unitedheroes.net*, **2001**

· [W]hos watching the custard at the mo. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August **2011**

· Cockney rhyming slang is dying, according to a study that finds even Londoners don't know their apples and pears from their custard and jelly. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

custard cream; custard

verb

to dream [UK]

< *custard cream* 'a popular type of biscuit'.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

cut

verb

married (past of *marry*) [UK]

Functionally shifted from *cut*, an unrecorded shortening of the participial adjective CUT AND CARRIED.

· The second brother cut the woman, and 'e also died without 'aving any kids. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.105, **2001**

cut and blow; cut

verb

to go [UK]

· – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

cut and carried

adjective

married [UK]

▶ see CUT

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.28, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Once there were seven brothers, and the eldest one got himself cut-and-carried and 'e died without having any kids. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.105, **2001**

cut-an'-run

noun

a gun [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in use among soldiers during World War I.

· [T]he big cut-an'-runs on the Goeben was droppin' marriage-bells on us all the time. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

cut and slicer

noun

a bowler hat [US]

Rhymes on the American slang *dicer*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

cut lunch

noun

a punch [AUSTRALIA]

Used in the phrase *throw a cut lunch* 'to give a punch'. < *cut lunch*, Australian slang for a packed lunch (often sandwiches).

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· His temper and tendencies to start throwing 'cut lunches' were getting out of hand. – J. Freud, *Voice*, [2011], **2002**

· [H]e threw a cut lunch at Dixie now using carols cream to fix the damaged hand. – *Greyhound Knowledge Forum*, 27th August **2006**

· 2 security guards went over, somebody threw a cut lunch & police immediately intervened. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 7th September **2008**

· If you throw grenades, you have to expect some coming back at you. It's just like that day Mick Malthouse threw a cut lunch at you. – *www.couriermail.com.au*, 7th September **2010**

cuts and scratches; cuts

noun

matches (vestas) [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility

at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· A box of cuts. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Do you have any cuts? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

Cutty Sark

noun

1 an informer [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *nark*. < Cutty Sark, a 19th-century tea clipper dry-docked in Greenwich, London, whose name stems from Cutty-sark (ultimately from the Scots for 'short undergarment'), the nickname given to a fictional witch in Robert Burns's poem 'Tam o' Shanter' (1791). Cutty Sark is also the brand name of a blended Scotch whisky created in 1923, named to honour the Clyde-built tea clipper.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a shark [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 a loan shark [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th February **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Cynthia

noun

a pain [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *pain* and *Payne*. < English brothel keeper of the 1970s and 1980s Cynthia Payne (1932–2015), whose clients exchanged luncheon vouchers for sexual services. Payne's life was the subject of two 1987 films, *Wish You Were Here* and *Personal Services*.

· 'Why don't you let me be the judge of that? What's the problem?' 'Well, I've been getting a bit of a cynthia.' – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 5th February **1989**

Cynthia Payne; Cynthia Paine

noun

rain [UK]

< English brothel keeper of the 1970s and 1980s Cynthia Payne (1932–2015), whose clients exchanged luncheon vouchers for sexual services; she was the sub-

ject of two 1987 films (*Personal Services* and *Wish You Were Here*).

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 7th May **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· The forecast is for Boris the Bold, Cynthia Paine and it's going to be Mork and Mindy[.] – *www.greenandgold-rugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

Cyril Cusack

noun

music [IRELAND]

< South-African born Irish actor Cyril Cusack (1910–93).

· At home listening to some Cyril Cusack... Might stick on the Roger Melly... – *twitter.com*, 14th May **2010**

Cyril Lord; cyril

adjective

bald [UK]

A perfect or nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where final and pre-consonantal *l* (as in *bald*) is commonly vocal-

ised. < English carpet manufacturer Cyril Lord (1911–84), whose name was made memorable by the advertising jingle 'This is luxury you can afford by Cyril Lord'. Puxley (1992) posits a punning reference to *rug* 'a wig'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· They were an odd couple, Cindy and Fred. She was 22, he was 85. She had lovely blonde *barnet*. He was *cyril*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

Cyril Sneer; cyril

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Cyril Sneer, a character in the Canadian cartoon series *The Raccoons*, first broadcast in 1985. The full form is recorded in the two sources below.

· I'm not going to the pub with you. You look like a Cyril in that pink shirt. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· That geezer looks like a right Cyril. – *UD(.com)*, 6th December **2010**

D

DA

noun

▶ see DUCK'S ARSE

dabbing machine

noun

in bingo, the number fifteen [UK]

One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

• – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December **2016**

• Number 15: 'dabbing machine' replaces 'young and keen'. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 30th December **2016**

dad

noun

a writing pad [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A slang rhyme.

• There is a fair amount of rhyming slang [in Liverpool]–*dad* (writing-pad), *China plates* (mates, companions), *five-to-two* (Jew)–but in contrast to general belief it is not all copied from Cockney. Some is definitely more Northern, like e.g. *Glasgow Range* for change (e.g. from a fiver) or *steam-tugs* for bugs. – P. Wright, *Lancashire Dialect*, p.45, **1976**

Dad and Dave

noun

1 a shave [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

< Dad and Dave, two characters created by Steele Rudd, the pen name of Australian author Arthur Hoey Davis (1868–35), and first appearing in the *Bulletin* in 1895; they have since appeared in popular fiction, theatre, film, radio and television.

• A Dad and Dave, a fairy bower, and there's hardly soda and lime for breakfast. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July **1952**

• – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

• – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

• – B. Wannan, *Australian Folklore*, p.445, **1970**

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

• – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

• – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

• Awrite! Who nicked me daks while I'm having a Dad + Dave? – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, p.60, **1999**

• – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

• – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

• Have you had a Dad and Dave this morning? – *Sunrise*, Australian TV: Channel Seven, 12th June **2009**

• [A]nd for those in need, some extra 'Bob Hope' for a 'Dad and Dave' (*shave*). – *www.squaredancenational2016.com*, 'Buderim Bush Telegraph', March **2016**

2 a close **Dad and Dave** a narrow escape [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The rhyming equivalent of *close shave*.

• – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

• Mr Speaker...since Tony left, it's been a bit of a close Dad and Dave...and I know it's customary for the Leader of the Opposition to come the raw prawn in this joint... but, all I ask for is a fair shake of the sauce bottle... – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 13th June **2009**

3 a grave [AUSTRALIA]

• – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

dad and mum; daddy

noun

rum [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English the term also refers to a cup of Bonox (a beef stock-based drink) and rum. The variant *daddy* is confined to British usage.

• – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**

• – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 26th July **1941**

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

• I used to mix an Aristotle of fine and dandy wif me dad and mum. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.96, **1968**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• [A] tot of 'daddy'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

dad at the door

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK]

• The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] Twenty-four, dad at the door[.] – M. McGrath, *Silvertown*, p.219 [2003], **2002**

daddy-ruff; daddy-rough

noun

snuff [BIRMINGHAM]

< *daddy rough*, a dialect word for *stickleback*.

• – C. Chinn and S. Thorne, *Proper Brummie*, **2002**

Dad's Army

adjective

foolish; slightly crazy [UK]

Rhymes on *barmy*. < *Dad's Army*, a BBC sitcom originally broadcast from 1968 to 1977.

• I don't trust him, he looks a bit dad's army to me. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th March **2007**

• Dylan Hartley, a one time looker, is in this category but he's Dad's Army anyway! – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

daff

verb

to have sex [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Daffy Duck*, rhyming on *fuck*. ▶ see DAFFY DUCK

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

daffadowndilly; daffydowndilly

adjective

silly [UK]

Probably a folk-etymological elaboration of *daffy*. < *daffydowndilly*, a colloquialism for a daffodil. The spelling with a medial *-y-* is given by Aylwin (1973) and Lilley (1990); all other authors spell it with an *-a-*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.29, 1969

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.83, 1973

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Daffy Duck; daffy

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Daffy Duck, an animated cartoon character created by Tex Avery (1908–80) in 1937. ▶ see DAFF

· [A]lright darlin' fancy a daffy?! – *UD(.com)*, 24th September 2003

· [A] holiday romance is a gallon of lager and a quick 'daffy duck'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 something of no value [UK]

Used in the phrase *not give a Daffy Duck* 'to not care at all'.

· As I stated consistently on this page throughout Euro 2008, I am one of those Scottish football fans who couldn't give a Daffy Duck about the European scene. – *Daily Record*, 5th July 2008

· [Y]ou do hate the wee man, but i do get the impression he doesnt give a daffy duck[.] – *BBC 606* forum, 17th December 2009

· Hell, yes, / We're less rigid, with legs spinning, / And well-dressed women and get given / An opportunity to tell them that we dont give a Daffy Duck. – *Jive*, lyric, Rizzle Kicks, 2013

3 used to express annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· Why the Daffy Duck would you have a scanned copy of your passport on your laptop? – *twitter.com*, 17th August 2009

· I'm ashamed to say this like but what the daffy duck does BAPE stand for?! – *twitter.com*, 19th October 2010

· How the Daffy Duck has Johnson managed to get 50 caps for England. – *twitter.com*, 5th March 2014

daffy ducked; daffied

adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of DAFFY DUCK.

· [A]nything broken or worn out is said to be 'daffied'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

· Well that's our season totally daffy ducked isn't it[.] – *Bob's Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 17th May 2011

2 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· – Ramos + Poyet and director of football have all gone, what a joke! – lol, thats gold lol they are daffied, absolutely daffy ducked!! – *Charlton Life* forum, 25th October 2008

· Absolutely daffy ducked today! – *twitter.com*, 6th November 2013

daft and barmy; daft

noun

the British Army; hence, an army [UK]

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.30, 1979

· Got chucked out of the daft and barmy already, have yer? – L. Harry, *Kiss the Girls*, p.75, 2001

· He was promoted in the daft. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· With thanks to our friend and neighbour Tony Shephard, here are a few uncommon examples of Cockney rhyming slang: Jeremiah = fire; Gawd forbids = kids; Cain and Abel = table; daft and barmy = army[.] – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, 2005

· 'E's that bleedin' stupid e's gone and joined the daft! – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· Hi Paul! Who was you with in the Daft and Barmy. – *Hull & Yorkshire Bikers* forum, 10th July 2006

· We're God's daft and barmy[.] – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.18, 2009

Daft Punk

noun

semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < French electro-house duo Daft Punk.

· – *Drowned in Sound* forum, 31st December 2007

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 5th March 2013

Daft Punk

adjective

drunk [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < French electro-house duo Daft Punk.

· – *The Sun*, London, 10th January 2001

· [D]rinkers can get Daft Punk after too many Britney Spears. – *www.mcarchives.com*, 14th January 2001

· – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February 2004

Dagenham Girl Piper; dagenham girl

noun

a windscreen wiper [UK]

< Dagenham Girl Pipers, an all-female bagpipe marching band based in Dagenham, Essex.

· There's nothing wrong with me Dagenham Girls when it's not raining. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009

daily bread*noun*

the head of a family [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**Daily Distress***nickname*1 the *Daily Express* newspaper (Edinburgh), published from 1855 to 1859

A slang rhyme.

· [S]uch was its general condition that, in the trade, it was usually known as the *Daily Distress*. – W. Norrie, *Edinburgh Newspapers*, p.16, 18912 the *Daily Express* newspaper (London)

A slang rhyme.

· Letter to the Editor of “The Daily Distress” from the Chamber of Commerce at Widdleley-by-the-Wold. – *Punch* magazine, London, 2nd November 1921· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.29, 1973· Anyone seen today’s Daily Distress?! – *RailUK Forums*, 4th May 2012**Daily Express***noun*

a dress [UK]

< *Daily Express*, a leading British tabloid.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**Daily Express; daily***verb*

to dress [UK]

< *Daily Express*, a leading British tabloid.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· [M]en also get ‘dailied’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**Daily Fail***nickname*the *Daily Mail* newspaper (London)

A slang rhyme.

· The Daily Mail is the Daily Wail or the Daily Fail. Its agenda reeks of ‘bitterness and negativity’, its columns resound to the ‘rantings of Little Englanders’[.] – *The Observer*, London, 25th February 2001· [A] number of interesting articles on ancient civilisations have been featured in the Daily Mail of late and John asked the audience had anyone read the ‘Daily Fail’. So dear reader, you can see the feelings that the guest speaker had towards his fellow ‘seekers of the truth!’ – *The Skeptic* magazine, Loughton, England, 20th February 2002· The anti-Irish Daily Mail, known as the Daily Fail, spent two days playing catch-up...then simply copied our story. – *The Sun*, London, 26th May 2007· Don’t fall for the daily fail rubbish. Wait for confirmation from a trustable source. – *BBC 606* forum, 4th April 2010· How to read the Daily Fail without giving them traffic[.] – *twitter.com*, 8th July 2011**Daily Heil; Daily Hail***nickname*the *Daily Mail* newspaper (London)A slang rhyme formed on the Nazi salute *Heil Hitler!* ‘Hail Hitler!’, which reflects a generalised view of the organ’s socio-political and editorial outlook based on its historic support for facism. *Daily Hail* is mostly used as a variant, though it may also be regarded as an independent formation.· **Daily Heil** Nickname of British tabloid newspaper, the *Daily Mail*. – *UD(.com)*, 28th June 2004· The other part of the history which is despicable is that it supported Hitler’s regime and Mosley even during WWII – which gives rise to the nickname The Daily Heil. – *Sheffield Forum*, 10th July 2007· They’re known as ‘The Daily Hail’ (due to the paper’s racist viewpoint, and it’s support for the nazi party in the run up to WW2), or just ‘The Daily Fail’. – *touch arcade.com*, 15th March 2009· The daily hail has published as a proof of the unseparable Britishness of Dover a snap of a Spitfire in POLISH COLOURS!!! [...] I bet the editor of the Daily Heil literally came in his pants when he first heard about this story! – *The Register* forum, 8th February 2010· It’s frequently lampooned by *Private Eye* for this, especially over house prices – rises, falls and stagnation are all given mock headlines describing them in fearful and pessimistic terms – and has acquired the nickname the *Daily Heil* in some quarters. – *www.britishpapers.co.uk*, 10th September 2012· The Daily Wail also Known as the Daily Hail, The Heat Mail, The Daily Hate, The Daily Bile. – *www.alltop10list.com*, accessed 27th February 2013**Daily Mail; daily***noun*

1 an animal’s tail [UK]

< *Daily Mail*, a major British tabloid. Only recorded in the full form.· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

2 a tale, especially one intended to deceive or con [UK]

· “‘Taint no fanny,” he expostulated. “Ole Rots don’t slip no Daily Mail ‘cept telephone numbers. Straight up. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, p.144, 1943· Daily. Exaggerated story. (*Daily Mail*.) – J. Phelan, *Fetters*, p.190, 1957· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972· He spun me a Daily (Mail) I just couldn’t believe. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, 1977· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

3 a person’s buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *tail*. Also used in figurative phrases such as *on someone’s daily* ‘hard on someone’s heels, following closely behind someone’, *drive right up someone’s*

daily 'to drive very close behind another car' and *work one's daily off* 'to work strenuously'.

- But this time Nat and I were right on his daily (*Daily Mail* = Tail). – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.127, **1956**
- [T]he law drag was right on our daily but this was a good tool and it wasn't long before we had gained quite a lot of distance. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.156, **1959**
- He fell on his Daily Mail. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, **1977**
- He would keep driving right up my Daily, all the bloody way. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**
- [I]t is common for a PC to be on a suspect's 'daily'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [B]usy people may work their 'Dailys' off[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Surely many who've spoken our great language all of their lives were perplexed as Ray Winstone growled "I've got a geezer on me daily" into his phone. – *www.digitalspy.co.uk*, 22nd October **2006**

4 ale [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.73, **1973**
- Going for a pint of 'daily' is a reference to going to the pub. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

5 among workmen, a nail [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

6 bail [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- Guvnor, what's the chances of the old Daily Mail? – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, **1977**

7 a prostitute [UK]

- Rhymes on *tail*. Only recorded in the full form.
- She's Daily Mail all right (she's accommodating in the sexual sense). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, **1977**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

8 among professional wrestlers, a person's back [UK]

- Rhymes on *tail*.
- We used a lot of rhyming slang in the ring. If a man muttered 'Me daily,' for example, I knew he meant his back, as 'Daily Mail' equalled 'tail', or back. – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.76 [1987], **1985**
- Wrestlers also used rhyming slang to instruct their opponent which bodypart to 'attack' next, be it the Daily (...Mail = tail, as in 'back') or the Gregory (...Peck = 'neck'). – J. Lister, *Clandestine Jargon*, **2006**

Daily Tale

nickname

the *Daily Mail* newspaper (London)

- A slang rhyme.
- Usual bleating from the Daily Tale readers comments at the bottom of their article. – *inspectorgadget.wordpress.com*, forum, 2nd November **2010**

· The Daily Mail = The Daily Tale or The Daily Fail. Take it seriously as a credible news source at your own risk. – *twitter.com*, 20th October **2012**

· Is it because he's white and tabloids like the Daily Tale are heavily right wing and essentially racist? – *Football Talk* forum, 17th January **2013**

Daily Tell the Tale

nickname

the *Daily Mail* newspaper (London)

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

Daily Wail

nickname

the *Daily Mail* newspaper (London)

- A slang rhyme. Noted by Puxley (2008) to date back to the early 20th century.
- The Daily Mail is the Daily Wail or the Daily Fail. – *The Observer*, London, 25th February **2001**
- "Bloodied and brooding, this is the latest face of the England captain upon whose talents the hopes of millions of fans depend," chorused The Daily Wail. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd June **2001**
- Take, for example, the article on this page last Thursday by Melanie Phillips of the Daily Mail (or the "Daily Wail" as my grandmother correctly called it). – *The Western Morning News*, Plymouth, England, 21st February **2008**
- The Daily Wail getting their knickers in a knot about the airship going over the runway. – *The James May Board* forum, 2nd December **2009**
- [T]he Daily Wail will then spew cackling vitriol about how you are now[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 21st March **2011**

dairy

noun

suspicion [UK]

- According to Morton (2002), this is possibly a shortening of *dairy cream*, rhyming on *beam*, the word *beam* being taken figuratively to mean 'the spotlight, public attention'. Criminal slang.
- Take the dairy off = to divert suspicion. – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.287, **1932**
- "That pair inside," he clarified, "is to take the dairy." ('Taking the dairy,' in underworld terminology, means the diversion of attention and/or suspicion to oneself at a given moment.) – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, p.90, **1953**
- I only did that to take the dairy off myself. – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

Dairy Box; dairy

noun

a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

- Rhymes on *the pox*. < Dairy Box, a chocolate assortment manufactured by Nestlé.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [A] dose of the 'Dairy'. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

daisy beat*noun*

a swindle [US]

Rhymes on *cheat*.

· DAISY BEAT (American thieves'). – A swindle of the first water; a robbery of magnitude. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *beat*, **1890**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

daisy beat*verb*

to commit burglary [UK]

Rhymes on *cheat*. Partridge (1984) notes the word may have been suggested by the slang *daisy-beaters* 'the feet'.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Daisy Bell*noun*

a state of great suffering, pain or discomfort; torment [UK]

Rhymes on *hell*. < 'Daisy Bell', also known as 'A Bicycle Built for Two', an 1892 music-hall song by Harry Dacre.

· I was on the Kermit having a nap when the taxi cabs on me ken dodds started givin me Daisy Bell. – *Online Drummer.com* forum, 11th July **2006**

Daisy Bell; daisy*exclamation*

used as an expression of anger, disappointment or surprise, or for emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *hell*. < 'Daisy Bell', also known as 'A Bicycle Built for Two', an 1892 music-hall song by Harry Dacre.

Also as *fucking daisy*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Daisy Dormer; daisy*noun*

a bed-warmer [UK]

< Daisy Dormer, the stage name of English music-hall entertainer Kezia Beatrice Stockwell (1883–1947). The short form is recorded in 2008.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Daisy Dormer*adjective*

warmer [UK]

· He will probably tell the landlady that she need not light the "Annie Maria" (fire), as it is getting much "Daisy Dormer." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

daisy roots; daisy recruits; daisies; daiseys*noun*

☞ boots [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

The full form *daisy roots* is common in all five locations of use. *Daisy recruits*, *daisies* and *daiseys* have been recorded in British usage. ► see **ROOTS**

· DAISY RECROOTS (so spelt by my informant of Seven Dials, he means, doubtless, *recruits*), a pair of boots. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· DAISY-ROOTS. Boots and shoes. – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· When inside I could not see any wedge laying about in the kitchen, so I screwed my nut into the washhouse, and I piped three or four pairs of daisy-roots (boots). – J.W. Horsley, *Jottings*, p.8, **1887**

· But if I am asked how "daisies" can be the rhyming slang for "boots," I answer that we have here an example of the second or complex form of the jargon, which finds its highest development in the mouths of experts. – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**

· Nice pair of daisy roots, ain't they? Bought them at the Can't Stop round the Johnny Horner. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

· A man's arm is his "false alarm"; his nose, "I suppose"; his eye, "mince pie"; his hand, "German band"; his boot, "daisy root"; his face "chevvy chase"; and so forth—an interminable list. – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, **1917**

· My satisfaction will not be complete until my "daisy-roots" (boots) dirty the front door step of Home in the best land there is. AUSTRALIA. – P. Hodge, *Hodge War Diary*, pp.267–268, 1915–19: diary entry dated 15th–18th January **1919**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· *Boots ... Daisy Roots. [...] The abbreviation may be used "Daiseys." – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· Is it my daisies that draw your gaze? – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.4, **1933**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· **daisy roots** Boots. [...] It has currency in Australia, in South Africa, and in the U.S.A., both in New York and on the Pacific Coast[,] – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· He looks a proper narner in his great big hobnailed boots, / He's got such a job to pull 'em up that he calls them daisy roots. – *My Old Man's a Dustman*, lyric, sung by Lonnie Donegan, written and composed by Lonnie Donegan, Peter Buchanan and Beverly Thorn, **1960**

· So I threw off my barrel of fat, dicky dirt, rammy rousers and daisy roots, and dived into the mother and daughter. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· If my friends could see me now, / Looking out my hotel window, / Dressed in satin strides and two-tone daisy roots. – *Sitting in My Hotel*, lyric, The Kinks, **1972**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· Getting my daisy roots (boots) polished at Leadenhall market while on my work experience! – *twitter.com*, 18th April **2013**

2 shoes [US/UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only evidenced in the forms *daisy roots* and *daisies*. The latter is exclusively British.

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.45, **1972**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – *UD(.com)*, 27th May **2003**

· – R.S. King, *A Pea-Souper*, p.144, **2007**

3 the feet [US]

An extension from sense 1 or, perhaps, an elaboration of *roots* ‘the feet’, a metaphorical coinage recorded by Albin J. Pollock in *The Underworld Speaks* (1935). Only evidenced in the form *daisy roots*.

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

Dalai Lamas

noun

problems [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dramas*. Generally used in the phrase *no Dalai Lamas*, the direct equivalent of the colloquialism *no dramas* ‘no problem’. The term was coined after the 14th Dalai Lama’s visit to Australia in June 2007. Synonymous with *DROMANAS*, *VASCO DE GAMAS* and *WES NAIQAMAS*.

· Hey, no Dalai Lamas. – *ForumGarden.com* forum, 8th December **2007**

· It shouldn’t cause any Dalai Lamas as long as the curry and rice doesn’t go up if you use it on the way to dodge and shirk. – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 26th August **2009**

· No Dalai Lamas. – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December **2011**

· How’s your blood blister Jan? Has she got a new man? / An apology to her might atone for my crass rude behaviour last time I was here. / A weekend full of Dalai Lamas / Do you reckon she might fancy me still a bit? – *pool.abc.net.au*, 29th January **2012**

· – *How to Talk Australians*, web TV: *www.youtube.com*, 29th July **2014**

Dame Edna Everage; dame edna; dame

noun

a drink [UK]

Rhymes on *beverage*. A variation of *EDNA EVERAGE*.

· Me and the lads are off down the Rat and Parrot for a few Dame Edna’s. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th November **2003**

· Will the aforementioned “Dame Edna” cost me a “monkey”? – *Blue and Amber* forum, 27th April **2004**

· Fancy a few dame ednas tonight? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· [M]y mate texted me a message “do you fancy going for a dame edna”[.] – *Red and White Kop* forum, 18th April **2006**

· Popped out with Mrs Vegster for a well deserved-dame edna this afternoon and found The Hanover

was closed[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 13th March **2011**

· I am off down the apple and pears and get me a dame edna everage before the old bill turns up. – *Bob’s Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 17th May **2011**

· I’m just off to the pub for a couple of Dames. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

· Off out after work for a couple of Dame Ednas. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Dame Judi Dench; Judi Dench; Judy Dench; dame judi; dame judy; judi; judy

noun

1 a stench [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< English actress Dame Judi Dench (b.1934).

· It’s fucking well freezing out here, although the cold can’t block out the acrid Dame Judi Dench which rises up from my flannels. [...] A pile of chestnuts faces me, foul of Dame Judi, but yielding no signs of the alien monster. [...] Even I’m beginning to notice the Judi Dench when I come into the hoose. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, pp.35/171/285 [1999], **1998**

· A rat died under the floorboards and the Judi is awful. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Phwoar, there’s a hell of a Dame Judi in here, might have to hit the bog for a Brad Pitt. – *Inthemix* forum, 25th August **2003**

· Must be a right Judi Dench coming off you. – *Maximum Bikes* forum, 1st February **2005**

· A right Dame Judy in here. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

· I just done a Richard, left a right Judy Dench. – *news.arseblog.com*, 23rd August **2011**

· [T]here is a bit of a Judy (Dench) in there. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

2 a wrench or spanner [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Judi Dench*, *Judy Dench* and *judy*.

· Judy Dench is Cockney slang for Wrench. “Oi, hand me that Judy.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd September **2002**

· Can you pass me that adjustable **Judi Dench**? – *hollywoodrhyingslang.com*, **2015**

3 in rugby union and football, the bench [IRELAND/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Dame Judi Dench*, *Judi Dench*, *Dame Judi*, *Dame Judy* and *judi*.

· The view I had of the match was as good as sitting on the old Dame Judy. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.136, **2010**

· Only for Pavlyuchenko to remain on the Dame Judi (Dench) bench as the last resort in any given game when the north Londoners have got a problem and no-one else can help. – *www.mirror.co.uk*, 26th January **2010**

· Merson says beans on toast = post, our own Dazza says Dame Judi Dench = bench. – *twitter.com*, 27th April **2010**

· [N]ice to see Ade on the judi dench again! – *www.aclfarsenal.co.uk*, 23rd August **2010**

· For me, Jeff, the lad Dzeko's had a torrid. I mean, Peligrini must be looking at his options on the Judi. – *www.dangerhere.com*, 6th November **2012**

· I thought we needed to be a bit more attacking with the squad before the match i.e. Waggy or Green in place of Wilson on the Dame Judi[.] – *Charlton Life* forum, 6th April **2013**

4 a gym-user who has well-muscled strength [UK]

Only recorded as *Judi Dench*.

· – S. Dent, *Dent's Modern Tribes*, p.39, **2016**

Dame Judi Dench; Judi Dench; Judy Dench; dame; judy
adjective

1 fashionably attractive or impressive; excellent [UK]

Rhymes on *hench*. Recorded in the form *Dame Judi Dench*.

· Absolutely Dame Judi Dench! – *Deluded In My Mind*, lyric, The Streets, **2006**

2 strong and muscular [UK]

Rhymes on *hench*.

· That guy is proper Dame! Dame Judi Dench – *Hench*. – *twitter.com*, 17th May **2012**

· Words used to describe those who look good include “shredded”, “sliced” and the curious “Judy Dench”. – *www.scotsman.com*, 15th January **2015**

· Fitness fanatics now have their own special language that includes phrases like ‘bro science,’ ‘cutting up,’ ‘getting caked,’ and ‘Judi Dench.’ – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 18th January **2015**

· Ah Nigel before he hit the weights I see. Whenever I look at photos of people taken before they come out the closet I always feel a bit sad. [...] Also once he came out he became hilarious and Judy. – *www.reddit.com/r/rugbyunion*, 4th April **2015**

· Luke is getting right Judi Dench. – *twitter.com*, 15th July **2015**

Dame Judi Dench; Judi Dench

verb

to smell unpleasantly [UK]

Rhymes on *stench*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Dame Judy Dench – *Stench*. [...] “He don’t half Judi Dench!” – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

Damien Duff; Damien

noun

■ **up the Damien Duff; up the Damien** pregnant [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *duff*, used in the phrase *up the duff*, and *Duff*. < Irish footballer Damien Duff (b.1979).

· There I was driving to Chelsea when my old lady tells me she is up the Damien (Duff). – *The Sun*, London, 1st September **2003**

· Pregnant Colleague (PC) informs me these would do quite nicely should I get myself up the Damien. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 5th February **2005**

· [T]his is the most sexual experience I’ve had involving any member of her family since the day she found out she was up the Damien with Honor. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.76, **2007**

· Is she chomping on the lollipop more because she’s up the Damien? – *THFC Talk* forum, 7th October **2008**

· Seemingly Adelle is up the Damien Duff again. – *Boards.ie* forum, 23rd December **2011**

Damien Duff

adjective

ill, unwell [UK]

Rhymes on *rough*. < Irish footballer Damien Duff (b.1979).

· Feeling damien duff on Sunday. – *Circus Club* forum, 15th December **2008**

Damien Hirst; Damien Hurst; damien

noun

1 a first-class university honours degree [UK]

< English conceptual artist Damien Hirst (b.1965).

· Worth a Damien? – *Times Higher Education*, London, 28th June **1999**

· A friend of mine got a “Damien” (Hirst). – *b3ta* forum, May **2007**

· This still doesn’t help people who don’t understand British degrees being awarded as First class, 2.1, 2.2 and third class. You have missed out a Damien (Hurst) = First. – *lists.herald.co.uk*, 15th January **2009**

· These days, degrees have different names, derived from rhyming slang: [...] a first is a Geoff for the footballer, or a Damien for the artist[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 5th July **2012**

· After thinking over the last three years of study I see what fundamental changes in how I think, organize and work a Damien requires. – *londonexternal.wordpress.com*, blog, accessed 19th April **2013**

2 the worst [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Damien Hurst* and *damien*.

· **It’s the Damien** It’s the worst (Cockney rhyming slang: Damien Hurst). – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, **2011**

damn and blast

adverb

(of a racehorse) last in a race [UK]

· Damn and blast, my horse came in damn and blast. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Damon Hill

noun

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug [UK]

Rhymes on *pill*. < English motor-racing driver Damon Hill (b.1960).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· i got nicked coming back from amsterdam, i just had some bob monkhouse on me, no nicki lauder or damon hills. – *DOA* forum, 16th November **2001**

· In a bid to prove to her that I wasn't taking Damon Hills all weekend I am sat on the train two hours after leaving the club chugging on gallons of OJ and repairing my face with lip balm. – *b3ta* forum, 8th January **2004**

· [T]heres nothing i like more than a few damon hills to pass the night away. – *Trance Addict* forum, 16th March **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

· Anyway I need to get some more damon hills soon for some upcoming parties. – *Bluelight* forum, 24th October **2012**

Damon Runyon; damon

noun

an onion [UK]

< American writer Damon Runyon (1880–1946).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

damp and soggy

adjective

foggy [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

dancer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme. The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

dancing bears

noun

stairs [UK]

Perhaps an elaboration of *dancers* 'stairs', a slang word that is first recorded in Richard Head's *The English Rogue* of 1665.

· Get up those Dancing Bears right now! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – There is a common saying in the north of England when sending children to bed. The saying is 'get up the dancers'. Can you explain the origins of this saying? – Rhyming slang is not exclusive to London – there is a fair amount in Yorkshire, for example – and I think it may be rhyming slang for dancing bears (stairs). – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 8th November **2001**

· **dancers** *npl.* Brummagem rhyming slang, from 'dancing bears', for stairs or staircase[.] – C. Chinn and S. Thorne, *Proper Brummie*, **2002**

· [O]i theres nothing wrong with east london or the way we talk, so Jabba the Hutt your north and south, and go on up the old Dancing Bears[.] – *The Student Room* forum, 13th July **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

dancing fleas

noun

keys (for operating locks) [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Have you got my dancing fleas in your Lucy Locket? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

dancing queen

noun

in bingo, the number seventeen [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< 'You are the dancing queen, young and sweet, only seventeen', a line from the song 'Dancing Queen' (1976) by Swedish pop group ABBA.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Dan Dare

noun

1 hair; the hair [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Dan Dare, the eponymous hero of *Dan Dare – Pilot of the Future*, a comic strip created by English illustrator Frank Hampson in 1950 for the *Eagle* comic.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2008**

· Gloria Gaynors for sports footwear. Dan Dare for the old barnet. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

2 the floor [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *flair*.

· A left hook to yer Dan Flynn and you'd be flat oot on the Dan dare. – *twitter.com*, 9th April **2015**

Dan Dares

noun

flared trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *flares*. < Dan Dare, the eponymous hero of *Dan Dare – Pilot of the Future*, a comic strip created by English illustrator Frank Hampson in 1950 for the *Eagle* comic.

· Ah see the Dan Dares are comin back inty fashion. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Hey Harry there's nothing wrong with a nice pair of Dan Dares[.] – *Cardiff City FC* forum, 13th March **2005**

· In the '70s we all wore Dan Dares. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.147, **2007**

· Paul looks to have a fine swing but check out the size of the 'Dan Dares' (flares) as we used to call them back then [in 1970]. Believe it or not these were the height of fashion at that time. – *celticunderground.net*, 1st March **2010**

Dan Dook

noun

a spot or pimple [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *plook*.

· I take you don't live in Glasgow or get oot much, me and mates have even got a wee bit of rhyming slang for plooks "That's a lovely 'Dan Dook' you've goat oan yer forehead Jimmy". – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

· I wood nut embarrass him in front of his friends ok I mite say thats sum size of dan dook on yur nose jist fur a wee giggle[.] – *billmcmurdo.wordpress.com*, blog, 17th April **2014**

Dandy and Beanos

noun

chinos (casual cotton trousers) [UK]
 < British children's comics *The Beano*, published since July 1938, and *The Dandy*, published from December 1937 to December 2012, and then online until June 2013.

· I think you'd be better off with a pair of beige Dandy and Beanos. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Dandy Dons

noun

the hands [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hauns*, the Scots form of *hands*. < *Dandy Dons*, a nickname for Aberdeen FC.

· There's also Brad As in Brad Pitt and Dandy Dons = hauns (hands) [...] I'm from Glasgow by ra way. – *Queenzone* forum, 18th February **2008**

dane bower

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [IRELAND]

< English pop singer Dane Bowers (b.1979).

· – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th December **2007**

Dan Flynn

noun

the chin [UK; NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND]

Probably < Scottish boxer, cyclist and bookmaker Dan Flynn (ca 1884–1980).

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· A left hook to yer Dan Flynn and you'd be flat oot on the Dan dare. – *twitter.com*, 9th April **2015**

Dangermouse

noun

a spouse [UK]

< *Danger Mouse*, a British animated TV series (1981–92) and its title character, voiced by David Jason.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd May **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Daniel Boone; daniel

noun

1 a spoon [UK]

< Daniel Boone, the stage name of English pop musician Peter Lee Stirling (b.1942); ultimately from American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734–1820).

· Spoon. Daniel Boone. Pass me a daniel. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 31st March **2012**

2 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *coon*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· A great shame that 'Daniel Boone' has been used as cockney rhyming slang over the last 30 odd years for something very distasteful. I think it was 'Pat Boone' before that! – *z6.invisionfree.com*, *Popscene* forum, 24th May **2008**

Daniel Day; Danny Day

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Lewis*. < English actor Daniel Day-Lewis (b.1957). Luas trams began operating on 30th June 2004. ▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, C.S., HUEY LEWIS, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· Many of the guests had to take a special So-Say from the city centre to bring them out to the Daniel Day. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 1st July **2004**

· I love the Luas or, as we've taken to calling it in our house, the Danny Day. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 10th July **2004**

· [N]ow all of a sudden I'm looking around for something to actually write on, but Sorcha's still going, like a Daniel Day into the path of a porked cor. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.196, **2006**

· The Luas—or the Danny Day, as South Dubliners have lovingly christened it—is the jewel in the area's transport crown. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.68, **2007**

Dan Leno

noun

a festive celebration; a jollification, especially a coach trip to the seaside [UK]

Rhymes on *beano*. < Dan Leno, the stage name of English music-hall comedian George Galvin (1860–1904).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Dan McDowell

noun

▶ see DAN MADOLE

Dan McGrew

noun

1 an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. < Dangerous Dan McGrew, the hero of 'The Shooting of Dan McGrew', a narrative poem by English writer Robert W. Service, first published in 1907.

· And Gary McLeod had a Dan McGrew in the gutter. – A. Buzo, *The Front Room Boys*, sc. i, p.22, **1970**

· Have a quick Dan McGrew [spew] (= vomit in Aussie rhyming slang) in the morning before going to work[.] – *www.orble.com*, 1st May **2008**

· It was Dan McGrew when I was a kid. That's for spew, of course. – *Bomberblitz* forum, 6th October **2015**

2 a passenger who gets sick during a taxi ride [AUSTRALIA]

Extended from the previous sense. Taxi drivers' slang. · – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 22nd May **1994**

3 flu [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

Dan Mack

noun

dismissal from employment [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the sack*. < ‘Dan Mack’s’, a popular Irish polka also known as ‘Dan Mac’s’ or ‘The Newmarket Polka’.

· Talk of the old Dan Mack is premature because, apart from anything else, Celtic’s finances simply won’t allow them to dispense with Strachan so early in his tenure. – *Evening News*, Edinburgh, 2nd August 2005

· I got the dan mack from a job a while back for using the internet. – *Strathycruise* forum, 30th April 2009

· [I]f they are not staying in that Premier League, they are getting the Dan Mack. – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 19th August 2009

· [T]hought he was given the dan mack after the shambles of setanta. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 5th March 2011

Dan Madole; Dan McDowell

noun

the anus; the buttocks [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*.

· Does my arse look big in this? [...] [“H]ell no dear, your dan madole is slimmer than a slim thing on a diet” is the usual lie. – *Amateur Photographer* forum, 17th January 2004

· Fergie should give him a good boot up the Dan McDowell. – *NI Football* forum, 21st September 2010

· I’m in no position to criticise anyone who was giving up their own time to fight this as I was sitting at home on my Dan Madole reading the press statements[.] – *Our Wee Country* forum, 25th September 2010

Dan Milecki; Dan Milecy; Dan Malecki

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *ecky* (variously spelt). < Australian race-caller Dan Milecki. The recorded plurals are *Dan Mileckis* (also spelt with -’s), *Dan Mileckies*, *Dan Maleckis* (sometimes spelt with -’s) and *Dan Maleckies*.

· MACCA you are my hero son and keep on the Dan Mileckies. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th February 2002

· Dan Milecy – Ecky. – *Melbourne Beats* forum, 21st October 2005

· She rang me up and went off her dial and I told her to settle down or mum and dad find out that you spend your time chomping on dan milecki’s and smoking bob hope[.] – *Footy Headquarters* forum, 15th March 2006

· – Top New Zealand jockey Leith Innes has been suspended for six months after testing positive to the drug ecstasy, Queensland Racing said today. [...] – everyone gets on the dan milecki’s at some stage. – *Thoroughbred Village* forum, 23rd June 2007

· Dan Mileckis = eccies. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 10th August 2009

· [M]ust be on the dan maleckies all weekend! – *twitter.com*, 22nd February 2012

· Chol had to be on Dan maleckis to dream that up. – *twitter.com*, 27th June 2012

· Then there’s some slang which I believe (could be wrong) is very localised to Melb’s Western Suburbs. Smidge – speed Dan Milecki – ecstasy tablet (ecstasy eccy)[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 27th February 2015

· [H]as kevin procotor taken some dan mileckies before kick off. – *twitter.com*, 1st June 2015

· I think he has had a few “Dan Malecki’s”. – *twitter.com*, 4th January 2017

danny

noun

a taxicab [UK]

A shortening of *Danny McNab*. < Danny McNab, a bookmaker in the south-west of England.

· If you got the lot at the races yrs ago you would ring up for a “danny” to get you to the train station. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th September 2011

Danny Diver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK: SCOTLAND/NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *fiveer*. < Scottish footballer Danny Diver (b.1966).

· – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 13th August 2002

· Will more than happily pay a ‘Danny Diver’ for the Lords cause..... – *Bob’s Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 6th July 2007

· I appreciate times are hard but if you can spare a ‘Danny Diver’ or anything at all I would be so grateful. – *www.justgiving.com*, 16th September 2012

· ill personally pay yees aw a danny diver. – *www.comunistats.com*, 2013

Danny Dyer; danny

noun

1 ■ **get a Danny Dyer** to leave early [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *flyer*, used in the phrase *get a flyer*. < English actor Danny Dyer (b.1977). Only recorded in the full form. In use among scaffolders.

· [W]e say “gettin a danny dyer” meaning were getting a flyer – away early! – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November 2012

2 ■ a tumble dryer [UK]

· – *twitter.com*, 15th June 2012

· After I washe my clothes I stick em in the Danny. @MrD-Dyer “Dryer” – *twitter.com*, 2nd January 2013

· – You muggy little **** ;) picking up on my danny dyer. – Oih gummidge that’s tumble dryer in rhyming slang. – *Not606* forum, 9th January 2013

Danny Glover; danny

noun

a lover [UK]

< American actor Danny Glover (b.1946).

· How’s my little Danny. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th March 2002

- And I wouldn't know if he had a big tick tock or even if he is a good Danny Glover. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th August **2005**
- If you're a Danny Glover of the Rhyming Slang ... they've made a Sausage & Mash machine just for you. – *Renault Turbo Owners Club* forum, 28th August **2009**

Danny Kay*noun*

a day [UK]

- < American actor Danny Kaye (1913–87) or South African singer and songwriter Danny K (real name Danny Koppel, b.1977).
- And it's another beautiful Danny Kay, innit. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 11th April **2014**

Danny La Rue; Danny Laroo; Danny Leroux; danny*noun***1** an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. < Danny La Rue, the stage name of Irish-born drag artiste Daniel Patrick Carroll (1927–2009). Recorded in the forms *Danny La Rue* and *danny*. According to the available evidence, the latter is confined to British usage.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, **1983**
- I need a danny la'rue [...] Who's just been for a danny? it wrecks. – *UD(.com)*, 26th April **2007**
- I do go for a Danny. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**
- My colleague has just left the room announcing he's off for a Danny La Rue. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2016**

2 in snooker, the blue ball [UK]Recorded in the form *Danny La Rue*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

3 a clue [UK]

- Shanks, I ain't got a Danny La Rue what it is you're on about. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.124 [2001], **2000**
- [A]s for the rumbling noise, havent got a danny leroux. – *MIG Performance Vauxhalls* forum, 16th September **2002**

· That copper hasn't got a Danny about the break-in. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Dont have a danny leroux what you're on about! – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**

· [S]ometimes even the locals don't have a Danny La Rue what's being said[.] – S. Johnstone and T. Masters, *London*, p.28, **2006**

· Probably because i wouldnt have a danny laroo what i was looking for[.] – *Mitsubishi Lancer Register* forum, 13th August **2006**

· ahh di'unt ave a danny leroux wot I wuz gonna do next. – *GameFAQs* forum, 19th April **2011**

· [F]or those millennials who might not have a Danny (La Rue) what the characters are talking about, here is a glossary of terms to ensure that you too can parlez acid house. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th September **2015**

4 in bingo, the number fifty-two [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the form *Danny La Rue*.
 · *Danny La Rue* (52) becomes *chicken vindaloo*[.] – N. Constable, *This is Gambling*, p.44, **2003**
 · – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.playfree.com.au*, 2nd February **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *bingo.williamhill.com*, accessed 20th September **2013**

5 in bingo, the number seventy-two [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Danny La Rue*.
 · So farewell to Tom Mix (6) – a star of silent era West-erns; Danny La Rue (72) – a popular drag artiste; and Jump and Jive (35) – a dance step. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 7th May **2003**

· Danny La Rue (72), Trombones (76)[.] – H. Norris, *Chambers Factfinder*, p.594, **2006**

6 an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. Only recorded in the form *Danny La Rue*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

7 stew [UK; NORTHERN IRELAND]

Recorded in the forms *Danny La Rue* and *danny*.
 · In a Belfast pub, you ask for 'a bowl of Danny' if you want stew (Danny La Rue, geddit?). – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th March **2011**

Danny La Rue*adjective*

blue [UK]

Used as a synonym of *blue* in all its senses. < Danny La Rue, the stage name of Irish-born drag artiste Daniel Patrick Carroll (1927–2009).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Danny La Rues; dannels*noun*

shoes [UK]

< Danny La Rue, the stage name of Irish-born drag artiste Daniel Patrick Carroll (1927–2009).

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 2nd August **2006**

· My mums not around to polish my Danny la rues. – *twitter.com*, 23rd November **2013**

· Wot d'ya fink of me new Dannels? – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

· – I simply must own a pair of these.. Size 8 and i require purple laces thank you. [...] – Nice danny la rues. – *www.facebook.com*, 13th April **2015**

Danny Lee*noun*

an ideal person for a particular task or purpose [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *pea*, itself extended from the use of the word in horse racing to mean 'a favourite or certainty in a race'. < Australian rugby league player Danny Lee (b.1965).

· Now I'm not telling Johnny Gibbs: this girl was the Danny Lee. – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

Danny Leroux

noun

► see DANNY LA RUE

Danny McGrain; danny

noun

1 the brain [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Danny McGrain (b.1950). Only evidenced in the full form.

· Ye've got a Danny McGrain. Use it! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

2 a train [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – What is the best way to travel between Tallin & Riga around about April time[?] – The Danny McGrain i would think? – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 22nd February **2007**

· The Danny (Danny McGrain) is a locomotive mode of transport. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

3 a pane [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· He broke the glass and now wants to charge us for a new Danny McGrain. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

4 a vein [UK: SCOTLAND]

Drug users' slang. Only evidenced in the full form.

· It's mair *physiology* ah'm worried aboot right now, wi ma dodgy Danny McGrain's[.] – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.191, **2012**

Danny Maher; danny

noun

a car [UK]

< American jockey Danny Maher (1881–1916).

· “Danny” from Danny Maher (google it) = car. Bit obscure but I like it. – *Betfair Community* forum, 26th March **2011**

· Danny Maher – car. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th September **2011**

Danny Marr; danny

noun

a car [UK]

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· I'll give you a lift in the Danny. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Me Danny's cream crackered! – *Tripwire Interactive* forum, 18th February **2010**

· Anyone ever use Danny for car? Played footie with ab uber scouse lad from Scottie rd who always said that. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 1st August **2011**

Danny Mills; danny's

noun

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

Rhymes on *pills*. < English footballer Danny Mills (b.1977).

· Danny's – as in Danny Mills – Pills. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 27th June **2005**

· Rhyming slang, like Danny Mills. Pills. Not feeling the Mae West. – *Worlds Apart Forums*, 9th November **2006**

· Danny Mills and Gary Ablett's for disco biscuits. – *Blue-moon* forum, 24th May **2010**

Danny Rucker

noun

► see DAN TUCKER

Danny Shittu; Danny

noun

1 faeces; an act of defecation [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *shit* and *Shittu*. < Nigerian footballer Danny Shittu (b.1980).

· Danny – as in Danny Shittu meaning shit. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 27th June **2005**

· – *Empire* forum, 19th August **2008**

· Other than yourselves, NOBODY give a Danny Shittu about your club! – *BBC 606* forum, 2nd September **2008**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *shit* and *Shittu*.

· I've taken it upon myself to compose something in the interim just to prove that Smorgs poor excuse of 'I can't log on' is actually a load of Danny Shittu! – *www.clubwebsite.co.uk/cleevecolts*, 17th November **2012**

· Please note, this whole 'follow back policy' is a load of Danny Shittu so please ignore at all times. – *priteshpatel.me*, blog, 6th January **2013**

· “your jokes are rubbish” “well yours are Danny!” (shit-u). – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 23rd July **2015**

Danny Tucker

noun

► see DAN TUCKER

Dan Quayle; dan

noun

among university students, a fail [UK]

< American politician James Danforth 'Dan' Quayle, who served as Vice-President of the United States (1989–93) under George Bush Sr and is best remembered for his academic failings.

· The real woodentops will end up with a Dan (Quayle) – fail. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 8th December **2000**

· Those spending too much time in the bar could find themselves with a Douglas Hurd (a third) or even a Dan Quayle (fail). – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 8th December **2000**

· Talking of art and education, since we are students of the English language and colleagues expressed confusion about the marking system, you might appreciate this rhyme slang: a 'Damien' (Hirst) is a first, a Trevor (Nunn) is a 2:1 or upper second, a 'Desmond' (TuTu) is a 2:2 or lower second followed by a 'Douglas' (Hurd) and the unfortunately rhyming 'Dan Quayle.' – *london external.wordpress.com*, blog, accessed 19th April **2013**

Dan Quayle*verb*

to fail (an examination or test) [UK]

< American politician James Danforth 'Dan' Quayle, who during his term as Vice-President of the United States (1989–93) was often ridiculed for his poor academic record.

· dan quayed = failed (sorry about the spelling but i am british after all). – *rec.humor, Google Groups*, 2nd March 1995

· Studying for their degrees, many aim for a Geoff Hurst – a first – but some will probably Dan Quayle – fail. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 8th December 2000

Dan Tucker; Danny Tucker; Danny Rucker*noun*

butter [UK/US]

Imperfect rhyming slang. *Dan Tucker* is British and American. *Danny Tucker* and *Danny Rucker*, recorded by Maurer (1944), is exclusively American.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· A glorious sinner. Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May 1950

Daphne Broom; daphne*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Daphne Broom, a character in *The Broons*, a comic strip published in Scotland since 1936.

· [U]p the daphne wi cubs and #cut some shapes. – *twitter.com*, 20th July 2012

· [I]f yer up the Daphne Broom, let me ken, I'll bring the laddies up fir a deek. – *twitter.com*, 18th March 2013

· Up the daphne for a don revie. – *twitter.com*, 29th March 2014

· [G]et yersel up the 'Daphne Broom' wi me on a Friday night.....I'll get ye sorted wi a burd!! – *twitter.com*, 18th May 2014

Dapper Dan*noun*

a toilet [us]

Rhymes on *the can*. *Dapper Dan* is also listed in Flores (1998) and 'The Gang Dictionary' (*publicintelligence.net*, 25th August 2004), but both these sources define it as 'can', which makes it impossible to determine its intended meaning. Blumberg (1968) gives it as 'can (lavatory, toilet)'.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.56, 1968

Dapto dog; dapto*noun*

a person of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ethnicity [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wog*. < *Dapto dogs*, a reference to the greyhound races held at Dapto, New South Wales.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, 1983

· There are heaps of gangs in Sydney. There's the Headbangers, Footyheads, [...] Wogs, Dapto Dogs or Chocolate Frogs, and even lower on the racist rung, the Slopeheads, who are hated 'cause they're head-and-a-halves. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.187 [1993], 1987

· The badly-maligned 'Wogs' (Dapto dogs/Chocolate frogs) are finally wreaking revenge on Anglo-Saxon kids. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 3rd January 1987

· The local high school harbours many different groups. There are the *Waxheads* (surfers), [...] *Slopeheads* (Vietnamese kids), *Wogs/Chocolate Frogs/Dapto Dogs* (kids of ethnic extraction), *Skips* or *Joeys* (Anglo-Saxon Aussies)[.] – K. Lette, *Grommitts*, 'A note from the author', 1988

· It is probably to avoid anti-discrimination legislation that *Werris* (*Creek*) came to be used as code for "Greek" and *Dapto* (*dog*) for "wog". – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 12th February 1991

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· We also have a sayin, no nig nogs, golliwogs, chocolate frogs, dapto dogs allowed... (that covers all the coloured folk... – www.youtube.com, 2012

Darby and Joan; Derby and Joan; darby*noun*

1 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Darby and Joan* (sometimes shortened to *on one's darby*) [UK]

< *Darby and Joan*, the conventional archetype of a happily married elderly couple.

· Bright light, or deep night, or dirty dawn, / I say a guy'll die as he was born – on his Derby-and-Joan. – G. Kersh, *Nine Lives*, p.31, 1942

· That is, of course, provided you don't live like a bleeding pig – on your Darby-and-Joan, for yourself. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.204, 1957

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· A loaner spends most of his time on his Darby. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Now she's a widder she spends too much time on her Darby. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· I've been here on me Darby and Joan, drinking one cup after another. – C. Rivers, *Eve of the Isle*, p.216, 2009

2 a telephone [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Darby and Joan*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.29, 1973

· You'll find a Darby and Joan over in that corner. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

☞ a loan [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Darby and Joan*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.221, 2002

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Darby and Joan

verb

to moan [UK]

< *Darby and Joan*, the conventional archetype of a happily married elderly couple.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – *members.virtualtourist.com*, 14th July 2013

Darby bands

noun

the hands [UK]

< *Darby's bands* (also *Father Darby's bands*), an archaic phrase referring to a form of bond between a money-lender and a borrower.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.22, 2002

Darby Kelly; Derby Kelly; Derby Kelley; darby kell; darby kel; derby kell; derby kel; darby; derby; kelly

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK/NEW ZEALAND/US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

< Darby Kelly, the hero of an eponymous comic song written around 1820 by English playwright and songwriter Thomas Dibdin (1771–1841). In American English, recorded in the forms *Darby kelly* (Sharpe 1928; Pollock 1935) and *Derby Kelley* (Maurer 1944). In Australian usage, recorded in the forms *Darby Kelly* (Meredith 1984; Seal 2009) and *Darby Kel* (Seal 2009). ▶ see DARK KELLY

· The Claimant is free, and he lives once again, / On pheasant, beef pudding and jelly; / His hair has turned grey, and they've taken away / A lump of his fine Darby Kelly. – *I'm the Fellow that Tells the Truth*, lyric, Fred Gilbert, 1885

· Boiled beef and carrots, / Boiled beef and carrots, / That's the stuff for your Darby Kell, / Makes you fat and keeps you well. – *Boiled Beef and Carrots*, lyric, sung by Harry Champion, written and composed by Charles Collins and Fred Murray, 1909

· For stomach once the proper term was belly, / And Brachia the science term for arm, / Would you recognise the one as "Darby Kelly," / The other "False Alarm"? – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909

· The oesophagus (so to speak) is the *Derby*, or *Derby Kell*[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyiming Slang', 26th November 1913

· You've altered, but you've altered for the best. / Once or twice I thought you meant to grow a Derby Kell, / But they've took it off and stuffed it in yer chest. – *Now You've Got Yer Khaki On*, sung by Marie Lloyd, written and composed by Charles Collins and Fred W. Leigh, 1915

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· I never could eat any blancmange or jelly, / The sight of the stuff upsets my Darby Kelly. – *Alibut, 'Addick or 'Ake*, lyric, Tommy Handley, 1941

· – D.W. Maurer, p.192, 1944

· [H]is "darby kelly" is his belly. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, 1963

· At half past twelve my old kelly was rumbling and I fancied a pie and chips[.] – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.41, 1970

· She rubs her hand up and down my Derby Kell and makes 'Grrgh!!' noises. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, pp.121–122, 1975

· How I wish we could be with you all day, sharing a pint of pig's ear, or filling our Darbies round your Cain and Abel. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, 1979

· Stomach: Darby Kell[.] – R. Bartrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.30, 1980

· He wore a dark blue suit wiv a silver watch-chain across his derby kelly. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.164, 1983

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· Peter was placed Derby down on the wheeled vehicle. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.181, 1986

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· They hit him in the minces, the I suppose and in the north, broke his Hampsteads and punched him in the derby. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th Mar 2002

· My Welsh uncle, carving knife in hand and poised over the turkey, always used to pull himself to attention and recite: We stuffed his poverty corner / With sage and potato as well, / We fired three shots at his Marble Arch / And three at his Derby Kell. – *The Times*, London, 24th December 2002

· Burke knows me and he keeps my Derby Kel nice and full. – S. Petrucha, *Shadow*, p.79, 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· I much prefer a woman who's got a bit of a Derby on her to one of these birds who've got a six pack. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.144, 2015

darby roll

noun

parole [UK]

Criminal use.

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.41, 1989

Darius Danesh

adjective

fresh [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish singer Darius Danesh, also known as Darius and, more latterly, Darius Campbell (real name Darius Campbell-Danesh, b.1980).

· You could always leave your sofa for some Gardner Spiers from the Kingston Bridge (so they're guaranteed to be Darius Danesh). – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November 2006

dark and dim*noun*

a swim [AUSTRALIA]

- I'm teaching Mary and all the tin lids in the district to dark an' dim, and they reckon I'm the bees knees, ants pants, and nits tits all rolled into one. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Darkey Cox; Darky Cox; darky*noun*

1 a box [UK]

< Darkey Cox, a north London-based boxer of the 1910s. Recorded in the forms *Darkey Cox* and *Darky Cox*.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

2 a theatre box [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Darky Cox*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- We went to the theatre and sat in a Darky Cox. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 a coffin [UK]

Rhymes on *box*. Recorded in the forms *Darky Cox* and *darky*.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

dark felt*noun*

a belt [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian racehorse Dark Felt, who won the 1943 Melbourne Cup.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

darkies' lips; darkies lips*noun*

1 chips (deep-fried chipped potatoes) [UK: SCOTLAND]

A variation of *nigger's lips*, the plural of NIGGER'S LIP. First recorded with the spelling *darkies' lips*.

- – J. Holland, *Lost in Care*, p.xiv, **2005**
- Gaun tae the chippy for some darkies lips[.] – *Follow-Follow.com* forum, 3rd June **2011**
- My dad told me the rhyming cockney slang for chips was 'darkies lips'. – www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit, 9th May **2015**

2 in scaffolding, metal clamps used for joining putlogs or transom tubes to ledgers [UK]

Rhymes on *clips*, used specifically to refer to *single couplers*. Recorded with the spelling *darkies lips*.

- – www.facebook.com, 5th March **2011**
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

3 beds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *kips*. Recorded with the spelling *darkies lips*.

· Bairns are in there darkies lips time tae chill mite have a couple o Britney Spears watching the fitba. – *twitter.com*, 22nd November **2012**

Dark Town strutter*noun*

butter [AUSTRALIA]

< 'Darktown Strutters' Ball' (1917), a jazz standard by Shelton Brooks.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Darky Cox; darky*noun*

▶ see DARKEY COX

Darky Kelly*noun*

the belly [UK]

A variation of DARBY KELLY.

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as "needle and thread" for bed, "you and me" for tea, "Jim Skinner" for dinner, "Darky Kelly" for belly[.] – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, **1911**

Darling Beyoncé*noun*

a fiancée [UK]

< Beyoncé, the stage name of American singer Beyoncé Knowles (b.1981). ▶ see BEYONCE

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Darling Buds of May; darling buds*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < *The Darling Buds of May*, a British TV series (1991–93) based on the novel of the same title by H. E. Bates (1958); the title comes from a line in Shakespeare's Sonnet 18: 'Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May'.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

darling daughter*noun*

water [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· On the way back I got my daisy roots soaked after ball of chalking through the darling daughter. – www.sussexcanoe.co.uk, October **1998**

darling wife*noun*

a knife [UK]

A variation of CHARMING WIFE.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Darren Bent; Darren*adjective*

1 homosexual [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bent* and *Bent*. < English footballer Darren Bent (b.1984).

· That bloke keeps looking over here, he's a bit Darren. – www.catflapfootball.com, 11th March **2009**

· Got a sneaky suspicion Tom Daly might be a bit Darren (Bent). – *twitter.com*, 2nd July **2012**

2 dishonest [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *bent*.

· – *www.catflapfootball.com*, 11th March **2009**

Darren Britt

noun

1 an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Australian rugby league player Darren Britt (b.1969).

· As I proceeded to Mal Meninga her, I ran to the bathroom for a Les Kiss and a Darren Britt. – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

· [T]he night's drinking caught up with me & I had to rush to the dunny for a Darren Britt... – *League Unlimited* forum, 17th June **2010**

· Going for a Darren Britt! – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2012**

· Went to get the footy and accidentally sprung old mate dropping a Darren Britt... – 25th May **2015**

2 something of little or no value [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. Often used in the phrase *not give a Darren Britt* 'to not care at all'.

· I don't give a Darren Britt about this stuff! – *twitter.com*, 3rd May **2012**

· You know your team is Darren Britt (Shit) when Fui Fui can score a double against you. – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2013**

Darren Day

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < English actor and singer Darren Day (b.1968), once nicknamed EASY LAY. Formed ironically on Day's well-documented heterosexuality.

· That bloke over there ... do you think he's a bit "Darren Day"? – *b3ta* forum, 9th February **2003**

· You are a bit Darren Day. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Spencer is an odious c@@k blocker. He needs to understand he's coming across as Darren Day[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th April **2012**

· Well, yes, Angus is *fit* but he's a bit Darren Day, isn't he? – R. Eisenwolf, *The Counterfeit Brit*, p.29, **2013**

darren dayin'

verb

saying [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. Recorded as part of a progressive present phrase. < English actor and singer Darren Day (b.1968).

· I didn't understand a fackin' Thora Hird anyone was Darren fackin' Dayin'. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

Darren Fletcher

noun

a stretcher [IRELAND/UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Darren Fletcher (b.1984).

· [H]e got takin off on the darren fletcher. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December **2006**

· They had to carry him home on a Darren Fletcher. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June **2007**

Darren Gough; darren

noun

a cough [UK]

< English cricketer Darren Gough (b.1970).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Sorry mate, I'm full of cold at the moment and have a nasty Darren Gough as well. – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 8th March **2006**

· This Darren is killing me pants and vest. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th November **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Darren Gough

verb

to cough [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun.

· To Darren Gough is to cough[.] – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

Darren Gough

adverb

off, away from a place [UK]

< English cricketer Darren Gough (b.1970).

· – *ilXor.com* forum, 25th February **2004**

Darren Mapp

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crap*. < Australian rugby league footballer Darren Mapp (b.1980).

· – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

Darryl Patch; darryl

noun

a match (a vesta) [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Darth Vader

noun

a wader [UK]

< Darth Vader, a character in the *Star Wars* films. Bird-watchers' slang.

· [W]hen I looked through my Sir Christopher Wren's and focussed on a little Darth Vader posing on the small island in front of the turning tide, Nada! Fricking Nada! – *justindequack.com*, blog, 18th April **2014**

Darth Vaders; darths

noun

waders [UK]

< Darth Vader, a character in the *Star Wars* films. Angling slang, but first heard on XFM London radio station on 16th May 2005, where it was jokingly cited as a piece of 'Star Wars rhyming slang'.

· Darths (darth vaders) as in “Oh no my left foots all wet, I bet I’ve got an hole in my darths”. – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June **2008**

date and plum; date

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. The short form doubles as a visual metaphor when applied to the anus, thus becoming indistinguishable from the Australian slang *date* ‘the anus’, first recorded in the early 1920s. The rhyming slang origin of the Antipodean usage, suggested by some authors, is not supported by evidence.

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.23, **1989**

· *Wife*: The dog’s been full of mischief today. *Husband*: Yeah? Well, his date’ll be full of my boot if he keeps on. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

daughter

noun

1 two hundred and fifty pounds sterling [UK]

A slang rhyme on *a quarter*. Recorded in use among second-hand car dealers.

· How do they describe customers? [...] And money? Bill and Ben is £10, a century £100, a daughter (as in quarter) £250, a monkey £500[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 18th April **1999**

· – *House Price Crash* forum, 29th September **2004**

2 a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

Perhaps originally a shortening of one of several terms rhyming *daughter* with *quarter*, like BISHOP’S DAUGHTER, FARMER’S DAUGHTER, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER and VICAR’S DAUGHTER.

· Sounds kinda dodgy though if your in the street on your phone and you say, hello mate, can you get me a daughter... but still. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 13th December **2006**

· (mother and) Daughter: 1/4. – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2007**

· So in some parts of the UK we use a sort of rhyming slang/code for different amounts of weed. [...] A quarter is a daughter. – *www.reddit.com/r/Drugs*, 17th December **2014**

Dave Clark

adjective

dark [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < English musician Dave Clark (b.1942), best known as the leader and drummer of the 1960s pop band The Dave Clark Five.

· [H]aving no Mott the Hooples he goes out when it’s a bit Dave Clark. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich

adjective

rich [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich, an English pop band of the 1960s.

· [T]o get Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich [...] quick. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Dave Gower

noun

▶ see DAVID GOWER

Dave Grohl; dave

noun

toilet roll [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American rock musician Dave Grohl (b.1969).

· I’ve just noticed we’re dangerously close to being out of Dave. I’ll pop out and buy some. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

· I think this only applies in my house: Dave Grohl – Bog Roll “looks like we’re nearly out of Dave, better go to the shops”. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April **2007**

· Alright mate, got any of that Dave? I’m touchin’ cloth ’ere – gotta get meself to the sh1tter. – *UD(.com)*, 27th August **2008**

Dave Murrays

noun

▶ see DAVID MURRAYS

Dave Sands

noun

the hands [AUSTRALIA]

< Dave Sands, the ring name of Australian boxer David Ritchie (1926–52).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Dave the Rave

noun

a shave [UK/IRELAND]

· The itchiness of my beard is leading me to believe i require a dave the rave. – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2012**

· Everyone knows Shave is Dave the Rave! – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

· I need a dave the rave and face ache wants eye pad. – *arsenalarsenal.net*, 28th February **2013**

· [Y]a need a dave the rave like. – *twitter.com*, 8th September **2013**

· [R]ight, im off for a brad pitt, a jack bauer and a dave the rave. – *www.reddit.com/r/funny*, 23rd June **2014**

Davey Cloke; Davey Cloak; davey

noun

a man; a person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bloke*. < Australian Rules footballer David Cloke (b.1955).

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Northern Suburbs of Melbounre people are very familiar with this. “ey have a look at this davey”. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 19th January **2014**

Davey Crockett; davey*noun*

▶ see DAVY CROCKETT

Davey Gower*noun*

▶ see DAVID GOWER

Davey Greigs*noun*

the legs [UK]

< David Greig, a now defunct chain of grocery shops established in London in 1870.

• – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, 1981

Davey Large*noun*

▶ see DAVY LARGE

Davey Murrays*noun*

▶ see DAVID MURRAYS

David*noun*

semen [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *semen* and *Seaman*. < English footballer David Seaman (b.1963), also known as Spunky and, in abbreviated rhyming slang, HARRY or just H.

• – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

David Beckham*noun*

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *peckham*, the short version of PECKHAM RYE. < English footballer David Beckham (b.1975).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

David Beckham*nickname*

Peckham, an area of south London

< English footballer David Beckham (b.1975). An alternative nickname is VICTORIA BECKHAM.

• – Going to be hard to leave #Brixton it's still surprising me after two years. – Where are you going to? – David Beckham - Peckham. Between there and East Dulwich. – *twitter.com*, 14th September 2014

• – *twitter.com*, 10th July 2016

David Blaine*noun*

rain [UK]

< American illusionist David Blaine (b.1973).

• [J]ust when I thought the David Blaine was finished down comes another load of the stuff. – *justindefquack.com*, blog, 7th April 2014

David Blaine; David Blane*adjective*

insane [UK/IRELAND]

< American illusionist David Blaine (b.1973). Coined in September 2003, when Blaine was performing a 44-day endurance stunt suspended in a perspex box near Tower Bridge, London.

• What am I doing? I must be going David Blaine! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th September 2003

• [A] new one I heard the other day David Blaine = Insane. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 26th October 2003

• – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007

• *Dodgems* is a seductive theatrical collage of fantasy and reality. The light and dark of the fairground plays upon the motley crew of characters which inhabit this dream-like realm. If you're David Blane, you're insane, if you've a club and spade, you've got a trade[.] – *www.coisceim.com*, 2008

• [B]limey! That's a bit David Blaine ain't it mate? – *www.londonolympicguide.net*, 2008

• [Y]ou must be David Blaine. – *www.moove2london.co.uk*, 16th April 2010

David Boon*noun*

[1] a spoon [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer David Boon (b.1960).

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

• Pass me that David Boon[.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

• – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 8th August 2003

• – *www.whitehat.com.au*, 10th February 2006

[2] a tune [AUSTRALIA]

• Put on some David Boons. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August 2006

David Bowie; Dave Bowie; david*noun*[1] a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on the North-East English slang word *cowie*. < David Bowie, the stage name of English rock musician David Robert Jones (1947–2016), often also pronounced to rhyme with *blowy*. Recorded in the forms *David Bowie* and *Dave Bowie*. A synonym, also used in North-East England, is IAN BOWIE. ▶ see BOWIED

• [S]hit a reckon rather take a david bowie any day. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 17th May 2006

• dave bowies = cowies. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August 2008

• – The fucks Cowies? – david bowies/cowies = ecstasy lol. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 23rd September 2008

• In the north east of England it's COWIES, has been for as long as i can remember (David Bowies)[.] – *Bluelight* forum, 24th October 2012

[2] AIDS [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *the cowie*. Recorded in the form *David Bowie*.

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th June **2011**

· – Everything hunky-dory? – Aye, course it is, ah snaps, cause that’s what cats huv sterted sayin when thir really akin yer about Aids. Like the cowie, the David Bowie, ken? – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.496, **2012**

· Your auld buddy Larry Wylie’s been there n aw, n thir sayin he’s goat the David Bowie[.] – I. Welsh, *The Blade Artist*, p.107, **2016**

3 a specialty of the north-east of Scotland consisting of a savoury bread roll made with butter and lard [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *rowie* (pronounced with the vowel of English *cow*), a Scots word for what is also known as an *Aberdeen buttery* or simply a *buttery*. Only recorded in Aberdeen.

· You have got to try a Aitken’s roll if you are here!!! AKA morning roll, rowie, buttery and David Bowie. – *restina.net*, 21st July **2012**

· David Bowie is Cockney rhyming slang for North East delicacy The Rowie. As in can I get a pulkle o yon David’s please. – *twitter.com*, 19th February **2014**

David Bowie

adjective

windy [UK]

Rhymes on *blowy*. < David Bowie, the stage name of English rock musician David Robert Jones (1947–2016), often also pronounced with the first syllable rhyming on *how*.

· A bit David Bowie last night wasn’t it! – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· “Just popping out down the offy mum!” “Oooo I wouldn’t dear its a bit David Bowie outside...” – *UD (.com)*, 28th April **2005**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

David Broome

noun

a room [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in *Confessions from a Health Farm* (1974), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea. < Welsh showjumper David Broome (b.1940).

· The sooner I am tucked away in my David Broome, the better. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.94, **1974**

David de Gea; David

noun

hair; the hair [UK: MANCHESTER]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *hair* and *Gea*. < Spanish footballer David de Gea (b.1990), who has played for Manchester United since 2011. In English the name is pronounced as if spelt *Daveed de Hayer*.

· MANC RHYMING SLANG [...] “PINT OF SHAUN PLEASE?” – SHAUN RYDER – CIDER “ANY SPARE

WHALLEY?” – WHALLEY RANGE – CHANGE “I NEED TO GET MY DAVID CUT” – DAVID DE GEA – HAIR. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2014**

David Gower; Dave Gower; Davey Gower; Davie Gower; Davy Gower; Sir David Gower; david; davie

noun

1 a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

< English cricketer David Gower (b.1957). *David Gower* is common in all three locations of use. According to the available evidence, the other alternative forms are geographically distributed thus: *Dave Gower*, *Davey Gower*, *Davie Gower*, *Davy Gower*, *Sir David Gower* (UK), *david* (Australia, UK), *davie* (UK).

· Can’t a bloke have a David Gower in peace? – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.15, **1995**

· Give us half an hour mate I’ve gotta go for a David. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· I’ll just have a David Gower. Before me David I’ll have a Rodney Hogg. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· [C]ricketers are notorious for speaking in slang, so much so that new comers would think we were all speaking a different language. Often you’d hear a call from the shed ‘OI!! I wanna have a David, who’s got a spare Greg and some Bob?’ – *V8Central* forum, 10th January **2007**

· Seriously in need of a dave gower. – *twitter.com*, 12th August **2011**

· [A]nd then a david Gower when I get home... – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 4th April **2012**

· Had a Davy Gower and just buried some beans on toast. – *twitter.com*, 8th July **2012**

· Time for a Dave gower. – *twitter.com*, 22nd August **2012**

· Sir David Gower – shower. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

· Just had a lovely kip, now time for a Davey Gower to freshen up. – *twitter.com*, 12th February **2013**

· Davie – Shower. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 15th February **2013**

· Up early, 6k run, now for a Davie Gower[.] – *twitter.com*, 20th April **2013**

· Tell your son to have a davie gower. – *twitter.com*, 10th August **2013**

· **David Gower** noun a shower (rhyming slang). – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· [D]ont think Id have a rodney in the david. – *twitter.com*, 4th January **2017**

2 a shower of rain [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *David Gower*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· If there’s any chance of rain you might end up with a David Gower. – *twitter.com*, 17th January **2017**

3 a flower [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *David Gower*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

David Hockney; david*noun*

1 Cockney rhyming slang; loosely, British rhyming slang [UK]

- < English pop artist David Hockney (b.1937).
- What's David Hockney for stairs? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th February **2007**
- This thread needs moar David Hockney. – *Mass Immo-lation* forum, 30th December **2007**
- [D]isappointingly, none of them could understand any of our David Hockney. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**
- Or, for those of you not fluent in David Hockney: Bank Machine, which runs 2,500 ATMs across the country, has set up five cash dispensers in locations from Spittalfields to Barnet[.] – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August **2009**
- What's David Hockney for "what a wanker"? – *www.tumblr.com*, accessed 6th March **2013**
- Cor blimey, luv a duck, stone the crows, Jeremy, nice bi' o' David there (Hockney). – *jeremybutterfield.wordpress.com*, blog, 11th June **2015**

2 a Cockney native; loosely, a Londoner [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- And what better place to start than with the language of the David Hockney (that's Cockney). – *londongirl-about-town.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th January **2011**

David Hockney*adjective*

Cockney [UK]

- < English pop artist David Hockney (b.1937). Hence *David Hockney rhyming slang* and *David Hockney rhyming Michael Chang*. ► see RHYMING MICHAEL CHANG
- Everybody, it seemed, was sick of their disco beatbox and their punky riffs, their Sarf London pride and their David Hockney rhyming slang[.] – *Deadline* magazine, October **1993**
- Lawd above! David 'ockney rhymin' Micheal Chang. – *British Expats* forum, 2nd February **2004**
- Leave out the David Hockney rhyming slang. – *personal.strath.ac.uk*, accessed 12th August **2006**
- Boris's yer friendly David Hockney translator. – *www.merciatouristboard.org.uk*, 27th March **2013**

David Jason*noun*

a Freemason [UK]

- < David Jason, the stage name of English actor David White (b.1940), best known for his role as Cockney wheeler-dealer Derek 'Del Boy' Trotter in the popular TV sitcom *Only Fools and Horses* (1981–2003).
- You can tell he's a David Jason by the look of 'im. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th January **2002**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

David Jones*noun*

bones [AUSTRALIA]

< David Jones, an Australian department store chain.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, **1983**

David Kitt*noun*

an act of defecation [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *shit*. < Irish rock singer David Kitt (b.1975).
- [M]aybe you should go for a David Kitt. – *Thumped*, forum, 21st July **2005**
- I'm off for a David Kitt. – *Thumped*, forum, 10th September **2009**
- Just went for a David Kitt, Claire Danes in my underpants. – *twitter.com*, 7th June **2012**

David Leckie*noun*a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *ecky* (variously spelt). < Australian television executive David Leckie (b.1951). ► see DAVID VIALECKY
- – ok, what do u guys call ecstasy when ur on the phone or on text messages, or like hwat ur little nicknames between ur mates. [...] – Stuey Macgills, David Leckie's. – *Bluelight* forum, 27th April **2004**

David May*adjective*

homosexual [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *gay*. < English footballer David May (b.1970).
- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

David Mellor; David; Dave*noun*

Stella Artois lager [UK]

- < English Conservative politician-turned-journalist David Mellor (b.1949), who served as Chief Secretary to the Treasury (1990–92) and Secretary of State for National Heritage (1992) under John Major; perhaps best remembered for the sex scandal that forced his resignation from politics.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Well I am off for a few David Mellors and a Bo Peep. – *www.int13h.com*, 22nd September **2000**
- Besides "Nelson," Stella (Artois) beer can also be called "Cinderella," "David" ~ "Dave" (< David Mellor), "Keith" (< Keith Dellar), "Paul" (< Paul Weller), and "Uri" ~ "Yuri" (< Uri Geller). – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**
- [A] pint of David Mellor[.] – *www.beerinthevening.com*, 31st May **2007**
- Tesfuckingco had run out of David Mellor. – *The Mock Turtle* forum, 7th September **2012**

David Murrays; Dave Murrays; Davey Murrays*noun*

- **no David Murrays; no Dave Murrays; no Davey Murrays** no problem, not to worry; also used as a polite formula for responding to thanks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *worries*, used in the Australian phrase *no worries*. < Scottish-born David Murray (1829–1907), Adelaide merchant, manufacturer and politician who founded D. & W. Murray, a department store that traded nationwide into the 1950s.

· If you just want a few, say so at the start and buy in a smaller group, that's all! No 'David Murrays' Mate! – *FreeGolfInfo* forum, 19th November **2001**

· No david murrays Doggie. – *KhonKaen.com* forum, 4th February **2004**

· [N]o dave murrays about fiting in ...hk is easy....air pollution can be bad in many parts of the world....and possibly no worse than sydney. – *HKExpats* forum, 13th September **2007**

· 'No david murrays', as we say down under. – *rabaul-dailyphoto-jules.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th November **2007**

· – thanks ouri30! – No David Murrays grub. Glad to be of service. – *i30 Owners Club* forum, 13th November **2008**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· Other drivers were not pleased, but Reggie didn't care. "NO WORRIES!" Reggie would exclaim regularly. "No Davey Murrays! No wuckin' furries!" – *www.canyoncountryzephyr.com*, June/July **2009**

· No David Murrays, mate. She'll be right. – *Topix* forum, 7th July **2013**

David Nish; Davie Nish; Davy Nish

noun

1 ■ **take the David Nish; rip the David Nish** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on the Scots *pish*, used in the phrase *take (or rip) the pish*. Probably < English footballer David Nish (b.1947).

· I assume you are ripping the David Nish? – *NightB4* forum, 12th September **2003**

· That figure is truly below the radar. WTF? Young Master Clough has to be taking the David Nish wi' that one. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 13th January **2015**

2 ■ an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*.

· I remember as a youth I used to go for a Davie Nish after a few 80/'s. – *twitter.com*, 21st August **2012**

· [A]fter you've had a few pints of Mick, you're usually in dire need of an outlet for a good Davy Nish. – *www.heraldscotland.com*, 17th April **2014**

David Platt

noun

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *twat*. < English footballer David Platt (b.1966).

· "Ashley Cole isn't the only Arsenal player ever to be 'honoured' by having his name made into abusive Brummie rhyming slang," writes Julian Coleman. "Admittedly it stems from his time at Vile Park, but I can remember when 'David Platt' was synonymous with..."[.] – *www.theguardian.com*, 17th September **2003**

· [D]uring the 2nd half a bunch of David Platt's urinated on a bunch of scousers from above. – *The-Goal-Mouth.com* forum, 8th October **2011**

· You are a David Platt = t**t lol. – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

David Pleat

noun

a seat [UK]

< English football player and manager David Pleat (b.1945).

· [W]ant a David Pleat – seat. – *Bluemoon* forum, 24th May **2010**

· I heard in Manchester once 'Don't get out of your David Pleat', etc etc etc. – *savageparrot.livejournal.com*, blog, 26th June **2011**

David's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< *David's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of David Cameron (b.1966) during his period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2010–16). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

David Soul; David Sole

noun

sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *get one's David Soul*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*. < David Soul, the stage name of American-British actor David Richard Solberg (b.1943), who found fame in Britain and Ireland in the 1970s with the American TV police series *Starsky and Hutch*.

· THERE'S only one way to get over the disappointment of a day like last Sunday, roysh, and that's to get out there and get your David Soul. – *www.bebo.com*, 21st May **2006**

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

David Starkey; david

adjective

disagreeably cold, chilly [UK]

Rhymes on *parky*. < English historian and broadcaster David Starkey (b.1945).

· It's a bit David oot mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th April **2005**

· It's too David Starkey outside to bother contributing to this thread. – *Digital Spy* forum, 28th November **2008**

David Vialecky

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *ecky* (variously spelt). Possibly an alteration of DAVID LECKIE.

· Me & my mates use the old ryming slang. [...] We don't call it an eccy we call it a "David Vialecky". – *Bluelight* forum, 31st December **2002**

Davie Gower

noun

▶ see DAVID GOWER

Davie Nish

noun

▶ see DAVID NISH

Davie Weir

noun

1 cocaine [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *gear*. < Scottish footballer Davie Weir (b.1970).

· – *twitter.com*, 14th February **2011**

· She prefers the Davie Weir to the Christian's. – *twitter.com*, 11th July **2013**

· – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 22nd May **2014**

· If yer gear looks like that, ad be questioning the dealer. That's no Davie Weir. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2016**

2 beer [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Going for a davie weir? – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

· I'm going to have a few Davie Weirs. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May **2012**

· [T]he england game and some Davie weirs seems like a much better idea. – *twitter.com*, 19th June **2012**

Davina McCalls; davinias

noun

1 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < English TV presenter Davina McCall (b.1967).

· [I]t sounds like a right load of Davina McCalls to me. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

· Therefore, this article is a load of Davina McCalls. – *www.theguardian.com*, 23rd January **2009**

· That's an interesting concept too. All to do with their 5000 year calendar, and solar flares. But it's clearly a load of Davinas. – *Scarlet Fever* forum, 26th August **2011**

2 the testicles [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. ▶ see DOG'S DAVINAS

· After achieving the dubious honour of being the lamest chat show host in broadcasting history (Gaby Roslin, your sins are forgiven) Davina achieved linguistic immortality this week on BBC2. [...] "Boot! Right in the Davina McCalls." – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd June **2006**

· The producers have mucked about with it too much and deserve a right good kick in the Davinas. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 5th July **2006**

· Thorpe park Tackle show Hmmmmmmmmm tempting, but if I spend any more money this month I'll get a boot in the Davina McCalls[.] – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 7th February **2007**

· Six weeks ago, if you told me I'd be sitting here with *carnes a la brasa y pescado fresco*, I'd have been drawing up a list of every bird I slept with in the past six months and rubbing cream on my Davinas. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.288, **2008**

· Shirley kneed me right in the Davinas! – T. Randall, *EastEnders*, p.120, **2008**

· As a south Dubliner, I've a right pain in my Davinas listening to some of the whingers on this thread[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 11th April **2008**

· We should be looking to the stars, not rolling in the gutter, kicking each other in the Davina McCalls. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.194, **2015**

3 courage; nerve [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. Also used in the expression *Davina McCalls of steel*, the rhyming slang equivalent of *balls of steel*.

· [P]oker also requires Davina McCalls of steel, ice in the veins ... and a special kind of intuition. – *The People*, London, 27th May **2007**

· He has the Davina McCalls to go, "Who?" I'm there, "Who do you think? That cocktail-crazed good-time girl you're still technically married to." – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 29th August **2009**

· Bizarrely, only Chick Young had the Davina McCalls to put Walter on the spot and the silence from the rest was deafening. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 24th October **2009**

· Not many people have the Davinas to bounce back from a dangerous driving ban so it's good to see someone that has. – *PistonHeads* forum, 12th February **2010**

· i pass them often but dont have the davina mccalls to venture in. – *Hidden Glasgow* forum, 2nd February **2011**

· Because anyone with real davinias knows this is the drum and bass to be. – *EWrestling News* forum, 2nd May **2011**

Davy Crockett; Davey Crockett; Davy Crocket; davy; davey

noun

1 a pocket [UK/US/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

< American frontiersman and congressman David 'Davy' Crockett (1786–1836). Especially familiar outside the US via the success of the TV and movie theme song *The Ballad of Davy Crockett* (1955), the movie *Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier* (released in Britain in 1956), comic book adventures and an associated fashion-craze for coonskin hats. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· **Davy Crockett Pocket**. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Davey Crockett = pocket. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.96, **1968**

· Davy crocket= pocket. – *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 2nd March **1995**

· 'If it's foreign currency you hold, I can work out the exchange rate on me Babbage.' 'Your Babbage?' Will spoke the words slowly and with care. 'In me Davy.' The lad delved into his pocket and whisked out a small brass

contrivance; a pocket calculator. – R. Rankin, *Witches*, p.99, **2003**

· Put yer Jimmy Shands in yer Davy Crockett, it's only a Pam Shriver. – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2003**

· I think his old man's a bit of a swordsman and his old dear is sick of him not coming home, or finding other women's numbers in his Davy Crockett. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.104, **2004**

· I whip the little box out of my Davy Crockett and push it across the table to him. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.6, **2007**

· **Davy Crockett** a pocket. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**

· **Davey Crockett (2) – pocket**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Take your Jimmy Shands out of your Davey[.] – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August **2009**

· And forget reaching into your Davey Crockett (pocket) to buy a pig's ear (beer)[.] – *www.72point.com*, 30th March **2012**

2 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the technical term *socket*. Only recorded in the form *Davy Crockett*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

3 an electric socket [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Davey Crockett*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Davy Gower

noun

► see DAVID GOWER

Davy Large; Davey Large

noun

a barge [UK]

< Davy Large, noted by Franklyn (1961) to have been a docker who later became a trades union official. The variant spelling *Davey Large* is given by Smith (2011).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.145, **2011**

Davy Nish

noun

► see DAVID NISH

Dawn Fraser; Dawn Frazer

noun

a razor [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser (b.1937). The spelling *Dawn Fraser* is given by Baker (1966) and Spilsted (1997); all other sources below give the variant with *z*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – *alt.prophecies.nostradamus*, *Google Groups*, 20th November **2005**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 2nd September **2012**

Dawn French

noun

a stench [UK]

< Welsh-born comedian and actress Dawn French (b.1957).

· Phew there's a Dawn French coming out of those drains today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th March **2014**

dawn frenched

adjective

wet through [UK]

Rhymes on *drenched*. < Welsh-born comedian and actress Dawn French (b.1957).

· You will not make it to the Battle Cruiser without a Red 'n' Yella or you will get Dawn Frenched in the Blackpool Tower. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 23rd March **2012**

Dawson's Creek; dawsons

noun

1 a streak (a naked dash in a public place) [UK]

Rhymes on *streak*. < *Dawson's Creek*, an American TV series originally broadcast from 1998 to 2003.

· I remember Erica doing a Dawsons like it was yesterday. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th February **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *leak*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Dawson's Creek – Leak (pee) [also sometimes means Streak]. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

day and night

noun

1 light ale [UK]

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Just a pint of day and night for me. – S. Finch, *LBOCRS*, **2015**

2 light (illumination) [US?/UK]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Upon entering a darkened room one switches on the 'day and night'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

daylight robber

noun

a friend, a mate [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *cobber*.

· Should a "shingle short" (sport) wish to know if his "daylight robber" (cobber) intends to witness the glori-

ous battle between Tommy Jones and Billy Wenand he would put the following question[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March **1912**

day's a-dawning; days a-dawning; day's dawning; day's dawnin'

noun

the morning [UK]

- Day's Dawning [...] Morning. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- **day's a-dawning** *Morning*. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- **Day's dawning, or Gipsy's warning** *Morning*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.30, **1979**
- *dáy's a-dáwnin'* 'morning'[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.98, **1981**
- Good night. See you in the day's a-dawning. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- Till the days a-dawning. – B. Park-Dixon, *Wild Child*, p.218, **2011**
- [A] cuppa Everton Toffee and a oily rag on a sunny Day's Dawnin'. – *twitter.com*, 18th July **2015**

days and nights

noun

fight [us]

- Reported to Blumberg (1968) by an ex-professional wrestler from Oakland, California.
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.56, **1968**

day tripper

noun

a slipper [UK]

- She kicks her day trippers (slippers) off her plates of meat (feet)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**
- Slippers = Day Trippers. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 23rd February **2012**

Deacon Blue

noun

- 1 a lavatory [UK: SCOTLAND]
Rhymes on *loo*. < Scottish rock band Deacon Blue.
- The only danger is, you're off to the Deacon Blue for a Jackie Bird[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**
- 2 flu [UK: SCOTLAND]
· I'm all bunged up with the Deacon Blue. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**
- 3 a clue [UK: SCOTLAND]
· You haven't got a Deacon Blue[.] – *Thorn Tree* forum, 1st November **2008**

Deacon Brodie

noun

the human body; specifically an attractive female body [UK: SCOTLAND]
< Deacon William Brodie (1741–88), a respectable Edinburgh cabinet-maker and deacon of the guild of

wrights and masons who led a secret life as a burglar to fund his gambling and womanising.
· Yon dancer at the social club, whit a Deacon Brodie she hud oan 'er. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Deacon Skinner

noun

- a dinner [AUSTRALIA]
- [I'll be back in soda and lime (time) for Deacon Skinner' (dinner). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**
- Articles of furniture and meals were expressed thus: [...] DINNER: Deacon Skinner. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 'This Slanguage of Ours!', 14th September **1935**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dead alive

noun

- in bingo, the number five [UK]
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**

dead and alive

noun

- 1 a drive [AUSTRALIA]
- Then we'll get a close and muggy and go for a dead and alive through the after dark. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**
- 2 five dollars [us]
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.56, **1968**

dead beat

noun

- meat [UK]
- – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

dead Brazilian

noun

- a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]
A covert pun on AYRTON SENNA. Brazilian F1 driver Ayrton Senna died in a crash while leading the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix at Imola.
- I pulled a dead Brazilian out of me sky rocket. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**
- I paid a dead Brazilian for that Peckham. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, s.v. *Ayrton Senna*, **2008**

dead funny

noun

- a toilet [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on the Australian slang *dunny*.
- Go to the dead funny[.] – *Weatherzone* forum, 17th April **2004**

dead horse

noun

- tomato sauce [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]
▶ see BLEEDING DOG'S EYE, FLIES AND DEAD HORSE and LIES AND DEAD HORSE

· [A] couple of pounds of stammer and stutter with a bottle of dead horse. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Puckapunyal: Official Journal of the 17th Australian Infantry Brigade*, 2nd October **1940**

· – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 26th July **1941**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· “Cai'n Bligh please.” “One ...” “Wun wiv ...” “None on mine.” “One – no dead 'orse thanks” (no sauce). – *Greeley Daily Tribune*, Greeley, CO, 21st May **1969**

· At Australian-flavour parties there is the inevitable cocktail sausage aching to be stabbed and dipped in a bowl of “dead horse”[.] – *The Canberra Times*, 5th February **1975**

· Dog's eye: Pie, with or without dead horse – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· You're a two wheeler, go and get us a dog's eye and dead horse. – M. Balwyn, *Survival Guide*, p.143, **2007**

· I chucked in some snags and dead horse for the billy lids[.] – *The Cairns Post*, 21st April **2016**

dead loss

noun

a boss [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· At five o'clock every day / he got to his plates of meat, / nodded to the dead loss, / settled his tit for tat / on to his loaf of bread[.] – A. Witting, ‘Quality of Life’, in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· My Dead Loss is threatening me with the Tin Tack. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st May **2014**

dead ringer

noun

an ugly person [UK]

Rhymes on *minger*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th June **2004**

· – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

dead wowsers

noun

trousers [AUSTRALIA]

Formed on *wowser*, an Australian term for a censorious puritan or spoilsport.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

deaf adder

noun

a ladder [AUSTRALIA]

< *deaf adder* ‘a highly venomous Australian snake (*Acanthophis antarcticus*), also known as a *death adder*’.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

deaf and dumb

noun

☞ chewing gum [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast

for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Gum, Deaf and Dumb. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

☞ rum [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

· There are pubs [in London] where a large portion of the drinks are asked for in rhyming slang—and pity the barmaid who doesn't understand. Beer is a pig's ear. Whisky a bright and frisky. Rum a deaf and dumb. – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, ‘Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney's Rhyming Slang’, 28th November **1955**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· Eddie will have a “shot of “thick and thin,” the other “pot and pan, my friend, Floyd, will a “deaf and dumb” with coke[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June **1966**

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

☞ reliable information [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *drum*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· I'll give you the deaf and dumb. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

☞ a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *bum*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.25, **1983**

· That show business lark... they're all Stoke-on-Trent, aren't they? You have to watch yer old deaf and dumb in that game, Rodney! – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 14th March **1985**

· I hear you queens like it up the deaf and dumb. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.29, **1986**

· ‘Shove it up your deaf and dumb’. [...] ‘She's got a lovely little deaf and dumb.’ – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· I've got me longers and lingers all over 'er deaf and dumb (kingdom come) an' me Mary Rose ('ooter) in her Georgie Bests. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Love a girl who takes it up the deaf and dumb. – *xhamster.com*, 7th November **2009**

· Look at that tosspot, I bet he likes it up the deaf and dumb. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 26th May **2011**

Dean Gaffney; Dean

noun

a person's house or flat [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *gaff* and *Gaff*, the initial part of the surname *Gaffney*.

< English actor Dean Gaffney (b.1978), best known for his role as Robbie Jackson in the popular BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*.

· If you wanna bring the thing over and record it at my dean gaffney we can do that, just lettuce know

a time. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 5th May **2009**

· How dare you come to my dean [1] and cuss me. – *leftoutside.wordpress.com*, blog, 12th January **2011**

· 3 bellends turn up at my dean gaffney to rob the place when I'm at home and I'll destroy the cnuts. – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 3rd September **2012**

· Everyones welcome to come back to my Dean for a bit of a Todd[.] – *Cook'd and Bomb'd* forum, 12th June **2014**

Dean Martin

noun

1 farting [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fartin'* (the Scots form *fartin* is properly spelt without an apostrophe). < Dean Martin, the stage name of American singer and actor Dino Paul Crocetti (1917–95). Also used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

· Hank Marvin – Starving. Dean Martin – Fartin'. – *Scotland.com* forum, 12th July **2001**

· Right, wid ye stop Dean Martin, it's boughfin[.] – *Do-TheBouncy* forum, 26th January **2008**

· [W]ho's after Dean Martin?, theres a bad oul peggy in here. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October **2012**

· There's a bad oul pen and ink in here, is someone after Dean Martin or wha? – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October **2012**

· **Dean Martin** = farting **Battle Cruiser** = boozier, pub. – *CycleChat* forum, 5th September **2015**

2 a hair parting [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *parting* as *partin'*.

· Why is a bald man like a depleted Rat Pack? No Dean Martin. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Dean Park

noun

the dark [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish entertainer Dean Park (b.1950).

· I've always been scared of the Dean Park. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Deansgates; deans

noun

friends [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *mates*. < Deansgate, a major street in Manchester.

· "Alright Deans?" Deans = Deansgates = Mates[.] – *man-cyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

Dean's Grange

noun

change (money) [IRELAND]

< Dean's Grange, more commonly known as Deansgrange, a village near Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

· So I said to the trouble and strife that I had a few barney dillons in me dean's grangel[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, **1966**

dearie me

noun

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

Debbie McGee

noun

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

< English radio presenter Debbie McGee (b.1958), best known as the wife-cum-assistant of magician Paul Daniels. Thus **MAGICIAN'S WIFE**.

· – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**

· She was fast, with her low cancerous voice, wrecked from countless cigarettes, calling, "Cup of tea, Debbie McGee; 23, The Lord's my Shepherd; Droopy Drawers, all the Fours—" – J. Papernick, *Who by Fire*, p.239, **2007**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

decky dirt

noun

▶ see **DICKY DIRT**

dee-dee

verb

to leave [UK]

Probably representing the initials of *Donald Duck* in the phrasal verb **DONALD DUCK OFF**.

· Sonny goes to work on Roy and persuades him to come out to Barbados rather than dee-dee to Spain; he'll wash up his cash and transfer it back later. [...] Maybe you wanna start thinking about dee-deeing back down to Spain. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, pp.153/225, **2011**

deedle dawdle; deedle doddle

noun

an establishment that, during the 19th century and much of the 20th century, provided the most basic accommodation for working-class and poor people [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *model*, an informal shortening of *model lodging house*.

· You're gaun about like somethin out the deedle doddle. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· But I seem not to have satisfied Dr Cowan as to my answer to the question of what a deedle-dawdle is. It is rhyming slang of course for a "model;" to wit: a model lodging house. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 31st July **1993**

· Somewhere down the city centre is 'The Model', known in Glasgow rhyming slang as 'The Deedle Doddle'. This

is the last refuge for the city's drunks and down-and-outs. – R. Douglas, *Somewhere*, p.161, **2006**

· Linlou, I believe the 'model' was used to describe what was believed to be a Model of how lodging houses should be. The Glasgow ryming slang they became known by some of the residents as 'The deedle doddle!' – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 23rd January **2008**

Deedle Dawdle; Deedle Doddle; Deedle

nickname

Glasgow Rangers FC player and manager Willie Waddell (1921–92)

Generally preceded by *the*.

· Known in the game as "the Deedle" from the rhyming slang "Deedle Dawdle" for his surname, he went on to form a formidable partnership with the late Willie Thornton, and won 17 international caps before retiring in 1955. – *The Independent*, London, 16th October **1992**

· Why Willie Waddell, himself not inclined to linger especially in front of a Celtic goalmouth, was christened as the Deedle owes more to Glaswegian notions of euphony than logic, as is the way with Glaswegians. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 31st July **1993**

· I remember the days now far awa', Of Jerry Dawson, Gray and Shaw, Of Thornton and the deedle Duddle (The one and only Willie Waddell). – *www.heraldsotland.com*, 1st January **1996**

· What was Willie Waddell's nickname? b. Deedle Dawdle. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.79, **2002**

· 'Deedle', as he was known from his playing days, when the fans had exhorted his team-mates, 'Don't deedle dawdle – give the ball to Waddell,' had then carved out a new career in newspapers as a sports writer[.] – J. Greig, *John Greig*, p.84, **2005**

· I had been at Rangers for only 18 months and the Deedle's words were inspirational to me. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd November **2005**

deep delve; deep

numeral

twelve [UK]

· 12 – Deep (delve). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

deep fat fryer

noun

a liar [UK]

· You're just a Deep Fat Fryer. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th December **2002**

· [Y]ou're such a deep fat fryer I can't believe a word you're saying! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· You son are a bull shitter, a deep fat fryer, a Bob Cryer, a fakin liar. – *www.thespoof.com*, 19th December **2010**

Deep Heat

noun

the feet [IRELAND]

< Deep Heat, a brand of creams, sprays and patches for relief of muscular pain.

· The girl has fallen on her Deep Heat in a major way. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.45, **2007**

deep in debt

noun

a bet [UK]

· I once went to airs and graces and put a bag of sand on a tomato sauce at Shakin' Stevens but the deep in debt was Andy Capp in the handicap and left me so coals and coke I had to Duke of York to the gates of Rome. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

deep sea diver; deep sea

noun

1 a person who evades work or duty [UK]

Rhymes on *skiver*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· Every military base, ship or airfield had the *skiver* (to rhyme with "diver"). This dub comes from a rarely used rhymer *deep sea diver*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.30, **1973**

2 a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *five*.

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

· A conversation with a ticket tout, for example, might go thus: A deep sea (diver – five) for that? You haven't got an igloo (clue), our kid. – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 12th February **2004**

· Slang terms for larger amounts of money abound. Examples include monkey (£500), nifty (£50), a bullseye (£50), a pony (£25), deep sea Diver (a five)[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th April **2005**

· Lend us a deep sea 'til payday. – *A(.com)*, accessed 23rd August **2006**

· Fucking bargain mate! Get to ride indoors wiv a copper and a northerner for a deep sea diver. Fuckin steal innit! – *Flat Matters Online* forum, 8th January **2013**

deep sea glider

noun

cider [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.42, **2005**

Deep South

noun

the mouth [UK]

< Deep South, the south-eastern region of the United States stereotypically viewed as embodying conservative values. Possibly with a side glance at *Deep Throat*, a 1972 pornographic film directed by Gerard Damiano.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.55, **1973**

De La Soul

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < American hip-hop band De La Soul.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November **2003**
- – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

Delawares

noun

stairs [UK]

< Delaware, a state on the east coast of the USA.

- I'll always remember Tim hanging on my leg going bumpo, bumpo up the Delawares of the hotel. – J. de Vileneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.142, **1986**

dell

noun

► see FLOWERY DELL

Demba Ba; Demba

noun

in football, a crossbar [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bar* and *Ba*. < French-born Senegalese footballer Demba Ba (b.1985), who played for several English clubs from 2011 to 2014. Coined and popularised by English footballer-turned-pundit Paul Merson. Usually reduced.

- [H]its the Demba and goes over[.] – *Soccer Saturday*, UK TV: Sky Sports, 20th October **2012**
- Paul Merson calling the cross bar the Demba on Gillette Soccer Saturday! – *www.youtube.com*, 20th October **2012**
- Lee Cork bends his free-kick like Beckham but unfortunately it smashes against the Demba during Jubilee's 6–3 victory over Norwich Medics (13/4/13). – *www.streamica.com*, 18th April **2013**
- Lewandowski going close there hitting the Demba. Was a decent effort i thought, not an easy angle. – *Total Football Forums*, 30th April **2013**
- Recreatio nearly found the net in the second half when they beat the offside trap on a clever worked free kick only to hit the Demba Ba too. – *saltsunderland.com*, 30th July **2014**

Demi Moore; demi

noun

1 in cricket, a 'four', a shot in which the ball reaches the boundary after hitting the ground, scoring four runs [AUSTRALIA]

< Demi Moore, the stage name of American actress Demi Kutcher (b.1962).

- [N]ot so many 'Demis'. – *www.angelfire.com/sd/fzycricket*, 28th April **1996**
- If you were batting you'd try and hit a Dorothy (Dorothy Dix = 6) or a Demi (Moore = 4) if you were bowling you'd be aiming for a Michelle (Pfieffer = Five-for). – *V8Central* forum, 10th January **2007**
- Mitchell Johnson hit a Demi Moore. – *www.dailytelegraph.com.au*, 22nd November **2013**

2 a shore [UK]

· It's too tempting to get in the jam jar with my trouble and strife and head for the Demi or the Jacks. [...] Demi (Demi Moore = shore)[.] – *americasright.com*, 26th August **2009**

Deni Hines

noun

a powdered drug, especially cocaine, when presented in lines for inhalation [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian R&B singer Deni Hines (b.1970).

- – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

Denis

noun

1 a policeman [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *law* and *Law*. < Scottish footballer Denis Law (b.1940).

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

2 the police [UK]

From the previous sense.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 a love bite [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hickey* and *Hickie*. < Irish rugby player Denis Hickie (b.1976).

- I'd actually prefer a dirty big Denis on my neck to all these fucking mossie bites[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.88, **2004**

Denis Law; Dennis Law; dennis

noun

1 a saw [UK]

< Scottish footballer Denis Law (b.1940). Only recorded in the form *Denis Law*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2009**

2 cannabis [UK]

Rhymes on *draw*. In Scottish usage the rhyme is also on *blaw*, the Scots form of English *blow*. The form *dennis* is recorded by Thorne (1997), who notes it was in use in the late 1980s.

- – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· Dennis Law: Modern Rhyming Slang for 'draw' (hashish). – *souonecanobee.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th April **2006**

· We're in the flat, me sprawled over my two corded black beanbags, Renton spreadeagled oan the couch, discussing the barry time wi the skag the other night; puffing Denis Law and watching Bruce Lee and Chuck Norris's climactic fight scene in *The Way of the Dragon*. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.66, **2012**

3 a stupid person; an idiot; a fool [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *heid the baw*, literally 'head the ball'. Only recorded in the form *Denis Law*.

· Yer nothin' but a Denis Law! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

4 twenty pounds [UK: EAST MIDLANDS]

Rhymes on *score*. Recorded in the forms *Dennis Law* and *dennis*.

· Bobby – 20 pound note (from Bobby Moore – Score) aka a ‘Dennis’ from Dennis Law. – www.facebook.com, ‘Words & Phrases used in Ilkeston and their meanings’, 27th July **2009**

5 a draw in a match or game [IRELAND]

Only recorded in the form *Dennis Law*.

· That match today was some boring Dennis Law. – www.slang.ie, accessed 26th February **2015**

Denis Laws; Dennis Laws

noun

the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. < Scottish footballer Denis Law (b.1940).

· I reckon you boys who have been working on East Stirling need to keep at it as it would be a real kick in the Dennis Laws if they finally come up trumps at some outlandish price and nobody is on. – *Punters Lounge* forum, 6th November **2004**

· I’m going to boot his Denis Laws. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Dennis Hoppers; dennises

noun

the teeth [UK]

Rhymes on *choppers*. < American actor Dennis Hopper (1936–2010).

· Anyway, get your pearly whites round that without your Dennises in (Dennis Hoppers = choppers). – www.thesplurt.co.uk, 19th July **2013**

Dennis Law; dennis

noun

▶ see DENIS LAW

Dennis Laws

noun

▶ see DENIS LAWS

Dennis Lillee

adjective

(of weather) chilly [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Dennis Lillee (b.1949).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Dennis Spooner

noun

a supporter of Arsenal FC, a London football team [UK]

Rhymes on *gooner*. < English stand-up comedian-turned-television scriptwriter Dennis Spooner (1932–86).

· [W]e’re both Dennis Spooners, aren’t we? – *Mid-Morning Show*: ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Dennistoun Palais

noun

aluminium [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *ally*. < Dennistoun Palais, a long-defunct dance hall in the Dennistoun area of Glasgow. Used by scrap-metal dealers in Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Dennis Wise; dennis

noun

a pay rise [UK]

< English football player and manager Dennis Wise (b.1966).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [A]sking for a ‘dennis’ in today’s climate could result in the sack and the job filled with cheap foreign labour. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

dental floss

noun

something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a dental floss* ‘to not care at all’.

· I wouldn’t imagine the examiner would give a dental floss about a DR10. – *TruckNet UK* forum, 5th August **2008**

· I couldn’t give a dental floss. – *BBC 606* forum, 25th November **2009**

dental flosser; dental

noun

a worthless or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *tosser*.

· Only a complete dental would turn down the chance to go out with a woman as rich as her. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· You’ve forgotten your passport, Tarquin? You really are a complete dental! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· That geeza’s a right dental flosser. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th May **2009**

· I mean the **dental flosser** was in a right **two and eight**[.] – www.wordsyoudontknow.com, 24th August **2009**

· “You bar steward, you dental flosser, you Khyber Pass you,” Jasper retorted, with barely more than a twitch of disdain across his face. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.63, **2012**

· [O]ur in the nude is Brad Pitt, and the England football team – what a Tony Blair! – a bunch of overpaid dental flossers. – www.liveleak.com, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

Denver Cities; denvers

noun

the female breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *titties*. < Denver, a city in Colorado, USA.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Deputy Dogs

noun

clogs [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< Deputy Dawg, a TV cartoon character created in 1962 by the Terrytoons animation studio.

· – www.geordietimes.com, 4th April **2011**

Derby and Joan

noun

▶ see DARBY AND JOAN

Derby Brights; derbys*noun*

lights (illuminations) [UK]

< *Derby Brights* ‘a type of coal with a bright appearance that used to be produced in the Midlands’.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• [S]tarstruck actors always want to see their names in ‘derbys’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Derby Kelly; Derby Kelley; derby kell; derby kel; derby noun

► see DARBY KELLY

Derby Road; derby*adjective*

cold [UK: EAST MIDLANDS]

Relies on the pronunciation of *cold* as a homophone of *code*, a common feature of some British dialects, including East Midlands English. Usually used in the phrase of understatement *a bit Derby Road* (or *a bit derby*).

• A bit of left arm spin when it’s a bit derby road should be what that Brear wants[.] – *Heanor Town CC Banter Board*, 28th May 2003

• It’s a bit Derby Road[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 30th July 2005

• Derby – Cold (From Derby Road rhyming with Code). – *www.facebook.com*, ‘Words & Phrases used in Ilkeston and their meanings’, 27th July 2009

• A common saying around Nottingham, when it is rather cold was – “It’s a bit Derby Road”[.] – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, ‘NOTTSGEN-L Archives’, 13th February 2012

• Its a bit Derby Road today! – *www.facebook.com*, 8th October 2012

• ‘[I]t’s a bit Derby Road’, obviously rhyming with *code*, meaning ‘cold’, and we particularly don’t like Derby in Nottingham, so it’s doubly funny. – *sounds.bl.uk*, ‘Evolving English WordBank’, accessed 21st May 2015: *Evolving English exhibition*, *Paccar Gallery*, *British Library*, London, spoken, male, 41, 8th December 2012

Derby winner*noun*

a dinner [AUSTRALIA]

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• I sat at the Cain & Abel and startd 2 hav mah Derby Winner! – *www.bebo.com*, 7th June 2008

derek*noun*

1 among currency traders, one million (of a basic unit of currency) [UK]

A shortening of *Derek Pringle*, rhyming on *single*. < Kenyan-born English cricketer Derek Pringle (b.1958).

• Of course, the deal might not have been in sterling, it might have been in Bill ‘n Ben – yen. And the size might not have been a lady or a Hawaii but a Derek, a single,

named after England cricketer Derek Pringle. – *Financial Post*, Toronto, 9th March 1993

2 in cricket, a shot that enables one run to be scored [UK]

Rhymes on *single*.

• The boundaries were on the long side, too, so there were lots of ‘Dereks’[.] – *www.angelfire.com/sd/fzycrick-et*, 28th April 1996

• Let’s be sharp on these Dereks boys! – D. Whiting and L. Kenna, *Cricket Banter*, p.19, 2013

• And Steve Dobson and Tim Lowe go for a quick Derek in the Tigers’ last league game against Swinbrook. – *setigerscricketclub.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th July 2013

Derek and Clive; derek*noun*

five pounds sterling [UK]

< Derek and Clive, a comedy double act made up of Dudley Moore (1935–2002) and Peter Cook (1935–95).

• – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, p.35, 2015

Derek and Clive clean and dirty*noun*

five thirty [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage which occurs in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. It combines two separate phrases: *Derek and Clive* and *clean and dirty*; the former < Derek and Clive, a comedy double act made up of Dudley Moore (1935–2002) and Peter Cook (1935–95).

• Yet **today** you was servin’ drinks at Derek and Clive clean and dirty a.m. – *Viz* comic, April/May 1998

Derek Lilley*noun*

the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *willy*. < Scottish footballer Derek Lilley (b.1974).

• I was on the dancefloor when she just grabbed my Derek Lilley. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 13th March 2010

Derek McInnes; Derek*noun*

Guinness beer [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

< Scottish football player and manager Derek McInnes (b.1971). Coined during McInnes’s time at West Bromwich Albion (2000–03).

• A pint of Derek. – *Personal correspondence*, University of Warwick student, 15th December 2001

• – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 4th May 2002

Derek Pringle; derek*adjective*

not involved in an ongoing romantic or sexual partnership or relationship [UK]

Rhymes on *single*. < Kenyan-born English cricketer Derek Pringle (b.1958). ► see DEREK

• [A]re you derek at the moment, wouldnt be suprised if you are with comments and naivety like that? – *Fuk.co.uk* forum, 26th June 2008

· Being Derek at the time (Derek Pringle – single), I did not know what to do with myself – any angle I put my penis at hurt apart from between 10 and 2 o'clock. – *Flaming Bails* forum, 3rd March **2010**

· Derek pringle – single. – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 16th June **2014**

Derek Randall; derek

noun

1 in angling, a tangle of lines [UK: NOTTINGHAM]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English cricketer Derek Randall (b.1951).

· [I]n Nottingham it would be a derek, as in derek randall the notts cricketer. – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June **2008**

2 a sandal [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *kensington_browns.sa.cricket.com.au*, 8th October **2011**

Derek Randalls

noun

a layer of excess fat just above the waist [UK]

Rhymes on *love handles*. < English cricketer Derek Randall (b.1951).

· Look at the size of his Derek Randall's! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th August **2007**

· I think there's a few Derek Randall's on Bell, who's as old as the hills. Too many Britney's down at the Ringo? – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

· Did you see the size of her Derek Randalls? – *www.tumblr.com*, accessed 6th March **2013**

Dereks

noun

Pringles, a brand of potato-based snack [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang. < Kenyan-born English cricketer Derek Pringle (b.1958). Recorded in use among cricketers.

· Several beers, some vodka and Red Bull in a mug and two packets of Pringles – inevitably referred to as Dereks – were consumed before we switched to cups of tea to keep us going. – *www.kingcricket.co.uk*, 30th November **2010**

· The Pringles and Twirl were brought from home and I believe the pints were an eye-watering £3.50 each. But that's par for the course in Guildford. [...] We do actually call them 'Dereks', to the general bafflement of casual fans who discovered the game post-1993. – *www.kingcricket.co.uk*, 21st September **2011**

Derek Stillie

noun

the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *willy*. < Scottish footballer Derek Stillie (b.1973).

· He's not the best husband, but you should see the size of his Derek Stillie. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Derek Whyte

noun

1 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Scottish footballer Derek Whyte (b.1968).

· Shut up you Noel Hunt, you're full of Colin Nish and Derek Whyte!!!! – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2008**

· But it turns out we've all been talking complete and utter Derek Whyte. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th November **2010**

· However it should be noted that the EE (or the local comic as we call it up here) always spouts a load of Derek Whyte so I widna believe a word in that article. – *New 606* forum, 6th April **2011**

· That porno movie was utter Derek Whyte!!! – *UD(.com)*, 14th October **2011**

2 excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· [A] particularly smelly cat's litter tray full of Colin Nish and Derek Whyte? – *BBC 606* forum, 20th July **2009**

· I'm away for a Derek Whyte. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 21st May **2012**

derry and tom; derry

noun

a bomb [UK/US?]

< Derry & Toms, a department store in Kensington High Street, London, from 1853 to 1973. The Derry & Toms building suffered some bomb damage during World War II, and at the hands of the Angry Brigade in 1971. Usually in the plural *Derry and Toms* (shortened to *derries*). Hence DROP A DERRY AND TOM. The short form is exclusively British. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· Derry and Tom ... Bomb. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· **Derry and Toms Bombs**. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· DERRY & TOM – For bomb. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaefer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· The 'helter' was packed tight and old 'Oats' just stood there—he couldn't sit—his 'Conan' hurt too much—and outside the 'Derries' (Derry & Toms—bombs) continued to fall. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.ix, **1973**

· We walked on through it almost every night all through the Blitz period. Bomb stories were two a penny. Every morning you'd say, "Anything happen last night? Any

Derry and Toms about?” – K. Grime, *Jazz at Ronnie Scott's*, p.16, **1979**

• **Derry & Toms Bombs.** – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Derry and Tom is Cockney slang for Bomb. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• Kevin says there was more Derries flying around in the Blitz than you can believe. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

• **“Derry and Toms” – bombs.** – *www.londonlovesbusiness.com*, 25th October **2013**

desdy

noun

a person who complains a lot [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *moaner* and *-mona*, the last two syllables of *Desdemona*. < Desdemona, the wife of Othello in William Shakespeare's play *Othello* (1604).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

desert rat

noun

a flat (an apartment) [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< *desert rat* ‘a soldier of the British 7th Armoured Division who served in North Africa in 1941–42’; ultimately from *desert rat* ‘a jerboa’.

• We have many colourful slang phrases such as Desert rat – flat[.] – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Desmond

noun

a Decca Navigator (a radio navigation device) [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Decca* and *Dekker*. < Desmond Dekker, the stage name of Jamaican ska and reggae singer Desmond Dacres (1941–2006). Scuba diving slang.

• Desmond – (hmm, the Desmond doesnt seem to be working)[.] – *Yorkshire Divers – Scuba Community forum*, 13th July **2010**

Desmond Hackett; desmond

noun

a jacket [UK]

< English sports journalist Desmond Hackett (1912–92).

• **Say it this way** Desmond **Root** Desmond Hackett **Word** jacket. – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.116, **1985**

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• I must take my Desmond off, its getting hot in here. – *UD(.com)*, 2nd October **2006**

• He's sporting a new Desmond. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

• When somebody leaving a party asks for his Desmond, they mean their Desmond Hackett, jacket. – *www.sports-journalists.co.uk*, 3rd April **2009**

• Desmond Hackett is a jacket by the way. – *CPFC BBS forum*, 2nd June **2009**

• I like your Desmond Hackett. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

Desmond's

noun

in craps, a roll of two twos [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *two twos* and *Tutus*, the plural of the surname *Tutu*. < South African archbishop emeritus and Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu (b.1931). ▶ see **DESMOND TUTU**

• All sorts of dice calls were announced using slang, both cockney & prison related: 2 crap – pissholes in th snow 3 crap – Scaramangas (from the man with the golden gun, Mr Lees character who had 3 nipples) Hard 4: Desmond's (tu-tus)[.] – *TCHtalk forum*, 3rd December **2012**

Desmond Tutu; Desmond

noun

1 a lower second-class honours degree, also known as a 2:2 [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *two-two* and *Tutu*. < South African archbishop and Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu (b.1931). Thus **BISHOP DESMOND**.

• Bums are people like Jay, Mr Hall's stepson, who spends most of his time windsurfing and is hoping to 'do fine art next year'; and Rob, who has just graduated from Bristol University with a Desmond (student rhyming slang for a 2-2) in theology. – *The Independent*, London, 7th August **1992**

• As usual I got nought for literature but did rather better in history in which many moons ago I gained a 2:2 degree at university, or rather, in nonpolitically correct parlance, I got a Desmond (Tutu – geddit?). – *The Birmingham Post*, 23rd March **2002**

• Me, I've a BSc (Hons) frae Glesga's Heilan' Hame fur wallies (Glasgow Uni) and I scored a Desmond cos I was a lazy git. – *Smart Mania forum*, 28th June **2006**

• Even after scoring a desmond on ur degree, u got offered a grad position within Fund sales and you left? – *news.efinancialcareers.com*, 25th June **2009**

• I bet he got a desmond tutu as well for his degree! – *RTG Sunderland forum*, 16th November **2010**

• Because he didn't want to get a “Desmond”. The thought of graduating with a “Desmond Tutu”, or 2:2 grade, he felt, would have been of even less benefit to him than not graduating at all. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 6th July **2012**

2 among interest rate traders, four of an agreed unit or specific sum [UK]

A pun on *two plus two* or *two times two*.

• A half is a laugh, one is a Spaniard (Juan), a pair is a Lionel (Lionel Blair the dancer), three is a carpet (flea) and four is a Desmond[.] – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 29th March **1993**

3 in football, a two-two draw [UK]

• At least they managed to get a Desmond with Bolton. – *Croydon*, spoken, male, ca 30, October **2004**

• [A]ny game of football that ends in a 2-2 draw is automatically referred to as a desmond. – *Dover Forum*, 7th October **2010**

· – Put bet on a 2-2 draw between Russia and Poland. – @samhaggarmcfc a Desmond Tutu! – *twitter.com*, 12th June **2012**

· [T]hey were soon back in it with clever play down their left saw a player get the ball to near the bye line and finish from a tight angle to make the score a ‘Desmond Tutu’ as they would have reported in the Skysports Soccer Saturday studio. – *www.pontelandunitedfc.com*, 19th April **2013**

4 the sum of four pounds [UK]

A pun on *two plus two* or *two times two*.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 25th August **2006**

5 in darts, a score of twenty-two or double eleven [SOUTH AFRICA]

A punning interpretation of *twenty-two* as two independent digits, that is, *two-two*. No evidence of use in the full form.

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.46, **2011**

6 a tutu [UK]

· [E]njoy wearing your desmonds... Good luck all of you! – *www.justgiving.com*, 20th May **2011**

Des O'Connor; des; dessie

noun

an erection [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *stauner*. < English singer and entertainer Des O'Connor (b.1932).

· Maybe I'll test them out by explaining to them why “Des O'Connor” is Scots rhyming slang for the male's state of sexual arousal. – *Daily Star*, London, 3rd May **2002**

· [S]he gives me a des! – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 3rd October **2005**

· [C]heck the nick o'her, she's geein me a dessie. – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 23rd May **2007**

Desperate Dan; desperate

noun

1 a suntan [UK]

< Desperate Dan, a comic strip hero who has appeared in the *Dandy* since 1937.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 among stage lighting technicians, a lighting plan for a production [UK]

· – *www.onstagelighting.co.uk*, R. Sayer, ‘Stage Lighting Terms – A Guide to Lampie Slang’, 21st October **2009**

3 food [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *scran*. Only recorded in the full form.

· We then foond out that there was indeed a buffett in the first floor restaurant, so! – ‘off we went’ for some more much needed ‘desperate dan’. – *www.geordietimes.com*, 3rd August **2010**

· The Desperate Dan (Scran) wasnt too bad[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

4 Clan, a brand of pipe tobacco [UK]

Prison slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· Smoking Desperate Dan is viewed as a sign that you have pretty much hit rock-bottom as a smoker[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.182, **2015**

Desperate Dan

verb

to can [UK]

< Desperate Dan, a comic strip hero who has appeared in the *Dandy* since 1937.

· You can eat any of this lot fresh, frozen, dried – or even Desperate danned. – *tvfillers.coi.gov.uk*, 12th July **2004**

Desperate Dans; desperates

noun

1 headphones [UK]

Rhymes on *cans*. < comic strip hero Desperate Dan, who appeared in the *Dandy* from 1937. Recorded in use among musicians and sound engineers.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [C]an you turn up my desperates please? – *Sibelius User's Group, Yahoo! Groups*, 27th May **2007**

· Engineering in the studio, I've been asked, “Can you give me a bit more in the Desperates?” – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 11th September **2007**

2 the female breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *cans*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Awrite hen thats a lovely pair of “Desparate Dans” you've got there. – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**

Dettol

noun

a person with anti-American views [UK]

A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Dettol, a brand of antiseptic products. Synonymous with DOMESTOS, LISTERINE and SAVLON.

· i'm not a dettol/listerine. – *lolinternet.co.uk* forum, 19th November **2003**

· – *Psymusic UK* forum, 1st May **2005**

· [S]omeone who hates Americans is a Dettol. – *HB-Games* forum, 15th August **2010**

· My favourite is Dettol for someone that doesn't like Americans[.] – *www.viralbender.com*, 26th August **2015**

deuce and ace; doos an' ace

noun

1 a person's face [UK]

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· “Jem Mace” and “deuce and ace” both refer to a face. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.9, **1938**

· But they don' know wot I know: that I'll come back 'ere-an' so will you—as sure's there's a nose on me deuce-an'-ace! – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.25, **1943**

· – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.285, **1948**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Jem Mace, Chivvy Chase, doos an' ace. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**

2 a suitcase or briefcase [UK]

Only recorded in the form *deuce and ace*.

· All there was in the deuce and ace was a lot of tosh. [...] What was I doing? Hot and bothered, schlapping deuce and aces about? – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.69/171, **1986**

devil and demon; devil*noun*

semen [UK]

· Sleep around? She's had more of the devil inside her than the whole of the Spanish Armada. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

devil's daughter; devil's*noun*

a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

· Give me a devil's and I'll pay you on Friday when I get my **elephant**. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.319, **2015**

Devin Toner*noun*

an erection [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *boner*. < Irish rugby player Devin Toner (b.1986).

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

diamond bright*noun*

a fight [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

diamond mine; diamond*noun*

a dose of a powdered drug laid out in a line for snorting [UK]

Rhymes on *line*.

· Dean takes out a bag of the white stuff and chucks it on the table. "Come on, mate. Few little diamonds won't fuckin' do you no harm and all". [...] Dean starts chopping up the wares and soon has four nice big thick diamond mines all set up, two for him, two for Dave. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, pp.205–206, **2014**

diamond rocks; diamonds*noun*

socks [UK]

· Chuck us me Diamonds. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th June **2003**
 · Put on ya diamond rocks and daisy roots... – *Minifinity* forum, 30th June **2005**
 · – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

diana door; diana*noun*

twenty pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. < Diana Dors, the stage name of English actress Diana Fluck (1931–84).

· [W]e have a "nifty" for fifty pound a "diana" for twenty pound thats diana door–score = £20[.] – *Official Int. Sacred Forum*, 18th May **2006**

Diana Dors; dianas*noun*

1 in bingo, the number forty-four [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *all the fours*. < Diana Dors, the stage name of English actress Diana Fluck (1931–84). Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by A.E. Petch, **1974**

· – *The Guardian*, London, 8th May **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

2 women's or girls' underpants [UK]

Rhymes on the dated but familiar *drawers*. The short form, given by Puxley (2003), may also be an elliptical version of DIANA VICKERS.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *The Guardian*, London, 8th May **2003**

Diana Ross; diana*noun*

1 dental floss [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American soul singer Diana Ross (b.1944).

· Diana Ross = Dental floss ("My dentist is always telling me to use Diana, but somehow I can never be bothered.") – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

2 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Diana Ross* 'to not care at all'. Only recorded in the full form.

· Punters couldnae give a Diana Ross about all that hats 'n shoes crap! – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th June **2013**

· Does anybody give a "Diana Ross" what you think? – *www.derbytelegraph.co.uk*, 12th May **2016**

Dianas*noun*

1 doors [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *doors* and *Dors*. < Diana Dors, the stage name of English actress Diana Fluck (1931–84). Used in the phrase *mind the Dianas!*, which Partridge (1984) records in the slang of bus and underground train conductors.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

2 among stage lighting technicians, the moment the general public is let into the venue [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *doors* and *Dors*.

· – *www.onstagelighting.co.uk*, R. Sayer, 'Stage Lighting Terms – A Guide to Lampie Slang', 21st October **2009**

Diana Vickers; dianas*noun*

women's or girls' underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < English pop singer Diana Vickers (b.1991). Also used idiomatically in the phrase *get one's Diana Vickers in a twist* 'to become agitated or angry', the direct equivalent of *get one's knickers in a twist*. *Dianas* may be an elliptical form of *Diana Vickers* or DIANA DORS.

· – Diana Vickers!!!! – Cockney Rhyming Slang? – same as Eddies - Eddie Grundys. – *Allotments 4 All* forum, 19th November **2008**

· Cheers me right up when everyone gets their Diana Vickers in a twist. – *www.nufcblog.com*, blog, 26th February **2009**

· New one in our house form last years X factor ... Diana Vickers-Nickers! – *www.noddleit.com*, 30th October **2009**

· Brilliant. The kids are at your mum's, the phone's off the hook and you're not due on blob for two weeks. Get your Dianas on and make my dinner! – *UD(.com)*, 23rd August **2010**

dib and dab

noun

1 a taxicab [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April **1968**

· [J]ust rang a dib dab, going down the rubber, to have a couple of germanes gonna get hit n missed hope CFC win 2day. – *twitter.com*, 15th April **2012**

· [G]et a dib and dab, you know it makes sense. – *twitter.com*, 5th June **2015**

2 a worker who refuses to join a strike or who replaces a union worker during a strike [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *scab*.

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.124, **1984**

· He is a real 'Dib and Dab' as far as upholding any credible position for the ALP as he allows his ridiculous religious beliefs to invade policy making. [...]The closing stanza of a glorious explanation of just what a Dib and Dab is, is a perfect description: A dirty stinking crocodile / with belly on the grass / whose principles have sunk so low / we'd better let it pass. – *thatsmyphilosophy.wordpress.com*, blog, 21st December **2011**

dib-dab

noun

a taxicab [UK]

< *dip dab*, a popular name for Sherbet Dip Dab, a branded sweet manufactured by Barratt.

· – R. Collis, *Survivor's Guide*, p.304, **2002**

· Upon entering a New York dib-dab (cab) what must you know name off? – *www.rottentomatoes.com*, accessed 8th May **2013**

dibs and dabs

noun

pubic lice [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, **1983**

· If you don't get the pox, you could get the dibs and dabs. – I.J. Shepherd, *Life Lessons*, p.175, **2003**

Dick Advocaat

noun

a fool [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Dutch football player and manager Dick Advocaat (b.1947).

· [T]urn on the Gerard Kelly, and gawp at one of those karaoke Evander Snos featuring the usual Dick Advocaats. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Dick Dunn

noun

the sun [UK]

< English bookmaker Dick Dunn (1848–1905).

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca **1937**

Dick Emery; dick

noun

memory [UK]

< English comedian and actor Dick Emery (1917–83).

· A man with a bad 'Dick' needn't have a social problem.

– R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 2nd March **1995**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Now I'm getting on a bit I'm losing my Dick Emery. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

dickery dock

noun

▶ see HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

dickey bird; dickey

noun

▶ see DICKY BIRD

dickey dirt; dickey dirk

noun

▶ see DICKY DIRT

Dick Fair

noun

air [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian actor Dick Fair (1907–82).

· Hutton goes for the bash, and with a mighty swipe of his this and that sends the town hall high up into the dick fair and into the Rio Grande for a Dorothy Dix. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

dickie bird; dickie

noun

▶ see DICKY BIRD

dickie dirt; dickie

noun

▶ see DICKY DIRT

dickie diver

noun

▶ see DICKY DIVER

Dickie Dower; dickie

noun

a shower [IRELAND]

· I hit the basement for a barry, then had a quick dickie and a chaz. [...] Dickie (Dower): Shower. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

Dickie Rock; Dicky Rock

noun

the penis [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Irish singer Richard 'Dickie' Rock (b.1938).

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**
- Not enough to make me get my dicky rock out these days, however. – *The Free Kick* forum, 27th March **2009**

Dickie Rocks; Dicky Rocks

noun

socks [IRELAND]

- < Irish singer Richard ‘Dickie’ Rock (b.1938).
- – *Boards.ie* forum, 10th November **2006**
- My brother calls socks Dicky Rocks. – *Beaut.ie*, blog, 7th April **2011**
- [M]atching dicky Rocks (socks). – *twitter.com*, 21st February **2015**
- Brilliant lads, mighty dancing. Nice dickie rocks too haha. – *www.facebook.com*, 26th March **2015**

dickies

noun

a script, specifically an actor’s lines [UK]

- From *dicky*, an elliptical form of DICKY BIRD. Used in the phrase *learn the dickies*, literally ‘to learn the words’.
- – S. Dent, *Dent’s Modern Tribes*, p.91, **2016**

dickory dock; dickory; dicky

noun

▶ see HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Dick Powell

noun

a towel [AUSTRALIA]

- < American actor Dick Powell (1904–63).
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Dick Turpin

noun

1 in darts, a score of thirteen [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. < English highwayman Dick Turpin (1706–39).
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938: *The Evening News*, London, 2nd July **1937**

2 a gherkin (a small pickled cucumber) [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Dick Van Dyke; Dick Van

noun

a lesbian [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *dyke* and *Dyke*. < American actor Dick Van Dyke (b.1925).
- ‘Does it bother you when you hear people use these slang expressions?’ ‘What slang expressions are you referring to?’ ‘You know, the usual, lesbos, lezzers, les-be-friends, dykes, bulldykes, Dick Van Dykes, spare rib-ticklers[?]’ – *Knowing Me, Knowing You with Alan Partridge*, UK TV: BBC2, 21st October **1994**
- His first utterance was to question why MM was “lookin’ at ‘im funny?”, his second to proclaim that two girls who somehow had the self-control to resist his advances were

a “pair of Dick Vans”. – *wisdomweasel.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th March **2005**

- Why are most Dick Vans f**king ugly? – *British Expats* forum, 10th October **2011**
- I could be wrong but I think I used to work with the lass on the left. If so she’s called Lyndsey and you’re out of luck – she’s a Dick Van. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 20th November **2014**

Dick Van Dyke

noun

a bicycle [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *bike*. < American actor Dick Van Dyke (b.1925). Also in the phrase (*get*) *on your Dick Van Dyke* ‘go away’ (used imperatively), the direct equivalent of (*get*) *on your bike*.
- On your Dick Van Dyke. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th May **2002**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, **1997–2005**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.180, **2007**
- I can work off the calcs later with a ride on my dick van dyke... – *www.forumwomansowndiets.co.uk*, 14th March **2008**

- One of my favourites is ‘Get on your Dick Van Dyke’ i.e. ‘get on your bike’, which is usually used as an expression to clear off. – *www.torybush.com*, 5th February **2009**
- LOOK AFTER YOUR JAM TART AND JUMP ON YOUR DICK VAN DYKE. – Legend on a poster designed by Ross Crawford, London Transport Museum, July/August **2010**
- We have got the cycling and the word bike is Dick Van Dyke in Cockney rhyming slang. – *Morning Edition*, Washington, DC, National Public Radio, 14th March **2012**
- So here I am all on me Todd, / me only transport a crapply old Dick van Dyke. – *hellopoetry.com*, 14th September **2012**
- On your Dick Van Dyke, mate! – *twitter.com*, 31st August **2015**

Dick Van Dyke; Dick Van

nickname

the Spire of Dublin, a large, pin-like monument that stands in O’Connell Street, in the centre of the Irish capital

- Rhymes on *the Spike*, one of the many sobriquets for this monument. < American actor Dick Van Dyke (b.1925).
- [A]lso, see you at the dick van = dick van dyke = spike = spire was interesting... just hilarious to see a mate of mine shout at another friend on a busy henry street that we should meet at the dick van. – *Boards.ie* forum, 20th May **2009**

Dicky Bart

noun

a fart [AUSTRALIA]

< Dicky Bart, a character in the Australian radio serial *Mrs 'Obbs*, broadcast from 1940 to 1950.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

dicky bird; dickey bird; dickie bird; dicky; dickey; dickie
noun

a word; one's word (a promise) [UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Often in the phrases *not a dicky bird* (variously spelt), meaning 'not a word' and, by extension, 'nothing at all', and *have a dicky bird* (or *have a dickey*), the direct equivalent of *have a word*. Hence DICKIES. The first recorded use of *dickey* antedates by nearly four decades the earliest attestation of *dicky bird*. Thus, it is not clear whether *dicky bird* arose as an elaboration of *dickey* or, in fact, this latter form is a shortening of the rhyming slang expression.

• [T]hough they offered me lots of money to blow the gaff, I felt afraid to palarie a dickey for fear of being trapped by either owner or trainer, for they had chaps trying to bribe me and all. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, pp.59–60, 1893

• Word ... Dicky bird. – P.P., *RS*, 1932

• Word, *Early Bird; Dicky Bird*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca 1937

• These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] house (cat and mouse); my word (my dickey bird). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939

• I wz 'avin' a dicky-bird wiv one er the stooards, an' 'e tole me that no one don't do a 'and's turn the moment we leaves Blighty. [...] Daft 'Arry: an' 'e looked the blessed part, I give yer me dicky. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, pp.50/61, 1943

• I didn't understand a dicky-bird about what he had been rabbiting about[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.104, 1959

• 'If I was you I wouldn't stretch my mouth about this. You know how things travel.' 'Not a dickey-bird.' – M. McShane, *The Passing of Evil*, p.78 [1963], 1961

• That was all a waste of taxpayers' money, because I didn't say a dicky bird. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.169, 1970

• I give you my dicky bird for it. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

• I look down at the moist and inviting Sheila before me and do a quick comparison with the bald-headed old piss artist who swopped a few dicky birds with me behind the sign of Doctor Tensor. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.98, 1974

• Chisholm was around, but I didn't say a dickie bird. – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.37, 1985

• And heard not a squeak from them. Not a dicky bird. – *The Press*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 18th November 1994

• Couple of minutes she never said a dickie. [...] Never worried where it came from or why the safe was open,

lifted it, spent it in a week. Never heard a dicky. – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, pp.50/71, 1995

• Yet, opening the font in Fog reveals nothing – not a dicky bird! – *listserv.heanet.ie*, 2nd December 1998

• What do we think is being said, / what news of hope for us? A neap, a nothing, / not a dicky bird. – P. Porter, 'Kein Vöglein', in *Collected Poems*, p.340, 1999

• She's given up talking, / Don't say a word, / Even in the classroom, / Not a dicky bird. – P. McCartney, *She's Given Up Talking*, 2001

• Yet the silence was deafening – apart from the usual bland press release on New Year's Eve, not a dickie bird from Treasury Buildings. – *www.davidmcwilliams.ie*, 12th January 2003

• [.]By the way, any sign of the newspapers, or even of Stratton's men?' 'Not a dickey bird. Bit strange, that, ain't it, Miss?' – J. Winspear, *Pardonable Lies*, p.77 [2006], 2005

• Can I have a *dicky bird*? – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• But not a mention about Pat's great performance in Europe or the current plight of Cork City. Not a dickie bird! – *Foot.ie* forum, 10th August 2009

• He has a way with *dickeys*, his head is always in a *rookery* and he got a *geoff* at university. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, 2011

• But Mr McCully had not a dicky-bird to say about the sorts of areas where Opposition parties have already plausibly been evoking cutback concerns[.] – *The Southland Times*, Invercargill, New Zealand, 25th February 2012

• I'm on the dog trying to have a dicky with me mate. – *Pet Forums*, 23rd April 2013

• And our host appears to be ignoring these issues. Not a dicky bird. – *www.sowetanlive.co.za*, 4th November 2013

dicky diddle

noun

an act of urination; urine [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*, perhaps with a pun on *dicky* 'the penis'.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

dicky diddle

verb

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*, perhaps with a pun on *dicky* 'the penis'.

• I've got to dicky-diddle. Back in a minute. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

dicky dirt; dickey dirt; dickie dirt; dicky dirk; dickey dirk; decky dirt; dinky dirt; dinkey dirt; dig and dirt; erky dirk; dicky; dickie

noun

a shirt [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Probably < 'Dicky, Dicky Dirt, / Your shirt's hanging out, / Four yards in and four yards out', a variant ver-

sion of ‘Dicky, Dicky Doot [*also spelt* Dicky Doubt], / Your shirt’s hanging out, / Four yards in and four yards out’, a piece of playground doggerel dating back at least to the late 19th century. Suggested by the slang *dicky* ‘a worn-out shirt; a false shirt front’.

The different forms of the term are geographically distributed thus: *dicky dirt*, *dickey dirt* (UK, Australia, South Africa), *dickie dirt* (UK, Australia), *dicky dirk*, *dickey dirk* (US), *decky dirt* (Australia), *dinky dirt* (US, Australia), *dinkey dirt*, *dig and dirt*, *dirk* (US), *dicky* (South Africa, UK), *dickie* (UK). In British English the word is also used idiomatically in the phrase *keep your dicky dirt on* ‘don’t lose your temper’, the direct equivalent of *keep your shirt on*.

· He’d like to see me got up with a cigarette to puff, / A dickey dirt and tie[.] – *At My Time of Life*, lyric, words and music by T.W. Connor, **1896**

· A ‘Tommy’ took down his ‘Round the House’s (Trousers), pulled up his ‘Dicky Dirt’ (shirt) and showed his ‘Bottle and Glass’. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, p.45 [1901], **1898**

· ‘Ere, ‘Arry, what size dickey-dirts do you take? – A.M. Binstead, *Pink ‘Un*, p.9, **1898**

· I ‘eard a fat old geezer say ‘O fetch a policeman, Bert!’ / And ‘e put on a spurt – though ‘e was on a cert. / We got three-quarters of ‘is coat and ‘alf his dicky dirt! – *The Girls from Bryants and May*, lyric, written by Edgar Bateman (words) and George Le Brunn (music), **1901**

· Dickey Dirt, that’s shirt. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.31, 1993: *New York Evening Journal*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 7th May **1920**

· Shirt–Dicky Dirt. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· **DICKY DIRT**: Shirt. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· *Dig and dirt*–shirt. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· He had barely made a good lather with the band of hope and started rubbing the dicky dirt[.] – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**

· Shirt–dickey dirk. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Dinkey dirt**, a shirt (inkeyday irtday). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· If that happens the young collegiate will don his fiddle and flute, his lean and fat tipped at a rakish angle, a dinky dirt undone at the neck[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmic Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**

· **SHIRT**. Dinky dirt (*rhyiming sl.*)[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· I can see you don’t know your London slang; dickey dirt for dinky[.] – J. Lodwick, *Running to Paradise*, p.358, **1943**

· **DINKY DIRT**. A shirt. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyiming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· Rhyming slang is, of course, pure East End. And the Central Prison is full of it [...] ‘dickey-dirt’ for shirt[.] –

H.C. Bosman, *Jerepigo*, p.136 [1957], 2002: ‘South African Slang’, originally published in *The South African Opinion*, 18th–19th June **1946**

· When she points out to him that his “dicky dirt” could do with a wash, she is referring to his shirt. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**

· I don’t blame them, as there’s nothin’ worse than a pair of wet St. Vitus dance or a damp dickey dirt. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· **DICKY DIRT** – For shirt. **DIG & DIRT** – For shirt. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· So I threw off my barrel of fat, dicky dirt, rammy rousers and daisy roots, and dived into the mother and daughter. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· After the three S’s—the shit, the shave, and the shower—I would put on a clean fiddle and an erky-dirk. – R. Byrne, *McGoorty*, p.150 [2004], **1972**

· All right mate, keep yer *dicky dirt*/shirt on. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.96, **1973**

· *Dicky* = (*dirt*) = shirt. – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.13, **1974**

· Her face remains buried in his dicky dirt until she is kneeling with her lips inches from his fast-expanding hampton[.] – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.47, **1976**

· **DECKY DIRT**: rhym. Shirt. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· **DICKY DIRK**: **SHIRT**. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· Her *bristols* pointed at me / Through a *dicky* crisp and white[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.21, **1979**

· If you feel like adding a little color to your everyday language, you could try adopting a few of these unusual, but useful words and phrases. All are in current use. [...] **dig and dirt** shirt[.] – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

· Gucci terrace of houses and dicky dirt[.] from the op-shops for the blokes and jeans and slogan carrying T-shirts for the Charlie Wheelers. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.11, **1983**

· **dinky dirt**: a shirt. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· We had brought a hamper with us, so Larry and I took off our dickies and basked in the sun[.] – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.147, **1986**

· Dicky Dirt shirt. – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.10, **1992**

· **Dicky Dirk** – [**Prison: Aryan Brotherhood**] Shirt. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· Dickie is from Dickie Dirt, or shirt, and sky is from sky rocket, or pocket. – R. Barnett, *The Reluctant Tourist*, p.117, **2001**

· She kicks her day trippers (slippers) off her plates of meat (feet), and it’s on with the Harpers and Queens (jeans), the Dicky Dirt (shirt), the tit for tat (hat) and the rhythm and blues (shoes). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· Gonna slip into me nest of ants (pants), dickie dirt (shirt) and meat pie (tie)[.] – *www.theherald.com.au*, 7th June **2013**

· The most comfortable dickie dirt in your wardrobe. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 23rd November **2013**

dicky dirt lifter

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Formed on DICKY DIRT. A rhyming equivalent of *shirt-lifter*.

· Me old Trouble and Strife won't go to the funeral coz she's convinced he was a Dicky Dirt lifter. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March **2010**

dicky diver; dickie diver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a five-euro note or the sum of five euros [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *five*.

· Can you lend me a dicky diver, Rod? – *Dublin*, spoken, male, ca 20, September **1998**

· Rangers 1-0 @ 6/1 Rangers 2-0 @ 11/2 Rangers 2-1 @ 7/1 worth a dicky diver on each? – *Punters Lounge* forum, 2nd May **2006**

· **Dickie Diver** a fiver (money). – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· What a waste of a dicky diver! – *phoenix2k.blog.co.uk*, blog, 15th December **2007**

· Look on ebay for a Lenco GL 72 ,<<youll get a ****ing great turntable for about £20>> and a Rotel Amp <<any model will do>>, and a jack to jack plug for a dicky diver from Asda. – *Gifted Kid* forum, 5th May **2011**

· Got a Hailo job a couple of weeks back in Glasnevin, when i got there,there was another Hailo driver present, turns out the girl ordered 1 taxi, put a note on the chat section, got a dicky diver for it!! – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 20th May **2013**

Dicky Lee

noun

1 an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Go for a Dicky Lee[.] – *Weatherzone* forum, 17th April **2004**

2 tea [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 2nd September **2012**

Dicky Mint

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Dicky Mint, a ventriloquist's dummy created by comedian Ken Dodd; he was one of the famous Diddymen characters who worked in the 'jam butty mines' of Dodd's native Knotty Ash, an area of east Liverpool.

· Couple that with the fact I've had days off this week meaning I won't get EMA for another two weeks, plus all the revision guides I've had to buy recently... in short, I'm absolutely dicky mint! – *Forever Delayed* forum, 9th April **2008**

· And now Royal Bank of Scotland is 'Skint, dicky mint, flat broke' and is having a gigantic 'Rights Issue' to raise capital from shareholders. – *The Home Shop Machinist and The Machinist's Workshop* forum, 22nd April **2008**

· Believe it or not though mine's give me the go ahead to go Thailand. I'm really tempted but I'm dicky mint. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 15th July **2009**

Dicky Rock

noun

▶ see DICKIE ROCK

Dicky Rocks

noun

▶ see DICKIE ROCKS

diddly dory; diddly dorey

noun

1 a story; a tall tale [IRELAND]

· She's prone to making up silly diddly dories. – *Galway*, spoken, male, 32, May **2000**

· Some verifiable links for those Mossad diddly-dories, please. – *Politics.ie* forum, 30th July **2014**

2 the facts about a particular situation; the state of affairs [IRELAND]

Often found in the phrase *what's the diddly dory?* 'what's happening?; how are you?'

· Anybody know what the diddly-dory is with this album-signing? – *Boards.ie* forum, 15th September **2004**

· [S]o has that auld BMV packed it in or what's the diddly dorey? – *Octane.ie* forum, 26th January **2006**

· Long time no diddly dorey! What's goin on and what are ya at? – *www.bebo.com*, 12th February **2007**

· Cool, then what's the diddly dory (story) with paying? How much do I owe and who do I owe it too? – *Mountain Biking UL* forum, 27th April **2007**

· What's the diddly dory? Rob on the radio and on board the FM 104 Roadhog outside The Wright Venue for the Miss University 2012 Final tonight ;) – *www.facebook.com*, 14th April **2012**

diddly-donce

noun

a pimp [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*.

· "Dicker. An alphonse, a candle-sconce, a diddly-donce, of the first water." His hearers nodded their comprehension that the late Dicker had been a souteneur. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, p.57, **1943**

didgeridoo; didgery do; digeridoo; didgery; didgery's; digery

noun

a clue [UK/IRELAND]

- In Irish English, only recorded in the form *didgeridoo*.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st December **2002**
 - Having been born in Hampshire, I have the correct dialect, but alas, as to your kinf message, I haven't got a didgery wot you're on about mate. – *Soul Source* forum, 8th June **2006**
 - Sorry mate, but I ain't got a didgeridoo what your going on about[.] – *Yew Tree Racing*, forum, 7th October **2007**
 - I haven't got a didgery what you're on about. – *Runner's World* forum, 16th November **2007**
 - [H]aven't got a didgery do who she is. – *BritishMods.com* forum, 9th October **2008**
 - I havent got a digery what will happen today. – *Trade2Win* forum, 3rd November **2008**
 - And there's me, not a focking didgeridoo what's she's banging on about. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.57, **2010**
 - Where she came from, I haven't got a digeridoo. – *scribblingssofanexpat.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th June **2010**
 - I haven't got a didgery's mate. – *The Free Dictionary* forum, 11th January **2011**
 - I haven't got a didgeridoo! I think it may depend on her size... – *Practical Fishkeeping* forum, 5th August **2011**

didn't ought

noun

port wine [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.51, **1973**
- – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, **1977**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

didn't oughter; didn't ought ter; didn't oughta

noun

1 a body of water [UK]

Used with the definite article.

- I left me worry-and-strife across the didn't oughter. – *The Hutchinson News*, Hutchinson, KS, T. Burke (London), 'Learning One Thing', 3rd June **1918**

2 water [UK]

- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] water (fisherman's daughter or didn't oughter)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**
- MOTHER AND DAUGHTER. Water. (Origin doubtful, probably English.) This again, if English, is rare. I have never heard anything except *ratcatcher's daughter* (from a popular song of the 1850's), or *didn't ought ter*. – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, pp.46–47, **1946**
- As for drinks, pig's ear is the Englishman's usual choice, but there is generally a choice of needle and pin, gay and frisky, [...] or just plain didn't oughter, sometimes known as rat-catcher's daughter! – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**
- **didn't oughter** water. – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

• [T]here's didn't oughta all over the Rory O'Moore in the Kermit[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.114, **2008**

3 a daughter [UK]

- Didn't oughter Daughter. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.180, **1977**
- He brought his didn't oughta. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

did you score?

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK/IRELAND]

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**
- – *www.butlersbingo.com*, accessed 20th October **2013**

diesel fitter; diesel

noun

bitter (beer) [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

diesel Merc

noun

a Turk [UK]

Merc is a familiar shortening of *Mercedes*, itself a common short form of the brand name *Mercedes-Benz*.

- The Turks – or Diesel Mercs, as they were known in cockney rhyming slang[.] – G. Johnson, *Druglord*, p.42 [2007], **2006**
- Dylan goes out on the piss with the diesel Mercs from Green Lanes, North London Turks who look foreign but speak with thick Cockney accents. – G. Johnson, *Gang War*, p.199, **2011**
- Why are them diesel mercs (turks) on our page?? – *www.facebook.com*, 30th September **2014**

Diet Coke

noun

a joke [UK]

< Diet Coke, a soft drink produced by the Coca-Cola Company.

- London Transport is a Diet Coke! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th September **2004**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Diet Pepsi

noun

epilepsy [UK]

< Diet Pepsi, a soft drink produced by PepsiCo. Used primarily by those with disabilities.

- – *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**
- I am going to share with you an extraordinary Usenet posting about Cockney Rhyming Slang used among disabled Cockneys in East London: [...] Diet Pepsi = epilepsy. – *www.rogerebert.com*, 16th April **2005**
- – *b3ta* forum, 3rd May **2007**

- – *TeakDoor* forum, 5th March 2009
- – E.H. Thripshaw, *Tasteless Jokes*, p.141, 2010
- – *twitter.com*, 27th July 2012
- – *www.facebook.com*, 31st May 2014

dig a grave

verb

▶ see DIG IN THE GRAVE

dig and delve

numeral

twelve [UK]

< *dig and delve*, a phrase taken from the traditional counting rhyme ‘One, Two, Buckle My Shoe’ (1805).

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

dig and dirt

noun

▶ see DICKY DIRT

digeridoo; digery

noun

▶ see DIDGERIDOO

Digger

nickname

English guitarist Ian Amey (b.1944), known for his work with Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich, a pop band of the 1960s

An altered spelling of *dig a*, the short version of *dig a ditch*, rhyming on *Tich*, Amey’s sobriquet in the band and to his friends.

- My liaison A and R man at Warners was Dave Dee, he of the old DD, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Digger band. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.170, 1986

digger’s nest; digger’s vest

noun

the chest [AUSTRALIA]

First recorded by Baker (1966) in the form *digger’s nest*. Seal (2009) lists both *digger’s nest* and *digger’s vest*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

dig in the grave; dig the grave; dig

noun

a shave [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The full form *dig in the grave* is common in all three locations of use. *Dig the grave* and *dig* have been recorded in British usage.

- *DIG IN THE GRAVE, A*: A shave. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925
- In the morning he would have a “lemon squash” and a “dig in the grave” round his “fillet of plaice”[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd April 1926
- With regard to rhyming slang (such as “trouble and strife” for “wife”), a reader recalls a few instances popular among old soldiers:– [...] *Dig in the grave–Shave*. – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth, 4th December 1929

· Rhyming slang. I thought this was extinct, but it is far from it. The hop-pickers used these expressions freely: A dig in the grave, meaning a shave. – P. Davison, *The Complete Works of George Orwell*, p.231, 1998: diary entry, 1931

· Other Cockney rhyming slang terms are [...] “Dig in the grave” for shave, “Army and Navy” for gravy, “Uncle Ned” for bed, “Tick-Tack” for sack, and “Bees and Honey” for money. – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th April 1939

· A Dig in the Grave: a shave. – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, 1941

· Struth, a bag of coke comes into th’ Sydney Harbour for a dig in th’ grave[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945: *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October 1942

· **Dig in the Grave** Shave. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· At the barber’s shop, the Cockney will say, *give me a dig*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.81, 1973

· Shave: a dig in the grave. – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.30, 1980

· He had to have a dig-in-the-grave, wash and cut ’is Barnet, change his these-and-those, and then he was brought to the Pharaoh. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.30, 2001

· Just when everybody thinks they can spot the Jeckylls by looking out for a bearded lady, old Queenie goes and has a dig. – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.104, 2005

· **dig in the grave** a shave. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, 2007

· Dig (in the grave) – shave – *CPFC BBS* forum, 15th April 2007

· [H]e was going for a dig. – J.J. Gould, *Black Heart*, p.72, 2012

· Got up outer me Uncle Ned (bed) an Bob Squashed (washed) me boat race (face), with some band of hope (soap) before ’aving a dig the grave (shave). – *the pearlies.co.uk*, 2014

dig in the grave; dig in a grave; dig the grave; dig a grave; dig me grave; dig

verb

to shave [AUSTRALIA/US/UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

According to the available evidence, the different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *dig in the grave* (UK, US, New Zealand), *dig in a grave* (Australia, UK), *dig the grave* (UK, Ireland), *dig a grave* (US, Australia, UK), *dig me grave*, *dig* (UK; only used transitively). The two 1968 quotations below, though taken from American sources, illustrate a British usage.

· **digging in a grave** Having a shave. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1944

· *DIG IN THE GRAVE* – For shave. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· I’m going to dig in a grave me once a week. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.75, 1968

· And maybe when you got up, you’d **dig in the grave** (shave). – *This Week* magazine (The Salt Lake Tribune), Salt Lake City, UT, 10th March 1968

· **DIG A GRAVE.** Shave. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.493, **1984**

· **dig a grave:** have a shave. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **dig a grave** to shave. – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· **dig in the grave** to shave. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· Won't be long, I've got to dig me grave. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, **2003**

· digging the grave – shave. – *FileSharing Talk* forum, 30th September **2003**

· [M]y old dad used to say “i'm off to dig the grave” when he was going to shave. – *Badger & Blade* forum, 8th July **2008**

· **dig a grave** = shave ‘He was at the mirror digging his chin.’ – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Apart from a couple of years in the seventies when first a moustache and then a full beard made their appearance I have been digging the grave for over forty years now. – *catherinesstory.me*, blog, 9th September **2012**

· “[A]re ye righ’ there Michael?” – “I just have to dig the grave.” – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 12th September **2013**

dime a pop

noun

a police officer [US]

Rhymes on *cop*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

dimple and blotch

noun

Scotch whisky [AUSTRALIA]

< *dimple and blotch*, a phrase partly suggested by Dimple, a branded Scotch first manufactured by John Haig & Co. in the 1890s; this whisky, also sometimes known as Dimple Pinch, is apparently named for the dimpled bottle in which it is marketed.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dim sim

noun

a swim [AUSTRALIA]

< *dim sim* ‘a Cantonese-style dish of savoury snacks, especially steamed or fried dumplings with various fillings’.

· So my advice to those thinking of taking a dim sim in Sydney Harbor is simply this. – *New York Post*, ‘Aus-sie Slang Bang: Avoiding a Noah’s Ark’, 17th September **2000**

ding

noun

a song and dance [UK]

Shortened from *ding-dong-and-isle-of-France*, a compound made up of DING-DONG and ISLE OF FRANCE.

· Holloway sometimes tizzies American show people backstage with such cockneyisms as “I’ll do a ding.” Ding is the short form for ding-dong-and-isle-of-France, which, as every cockney knows, is slang for song-and-dance. – *Lebanon Daily News*, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 24th May **1957**

dingaling

noun

a king [AUSTRALIA]

< *dingaling* ‘the penis’, best known from Chuck Berry’s 1972 hit ‘My Ding-a-Ling’, an innuendo-driven song originally recorded in 1952 by Dave Bartholomew.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

ding-dong

noun

1 a song [UK]

▶ see DING

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· I love ‘er, yus, I love ‘er, as they say in the ding-dong. – *Sporting Times*, London, 17th November **1900**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· I must die for the want o’ Johnny Rann, / No Little Nell shall be rung for / This Pope-o’-Romeless pot-’n-pan / My ding-dong has been sung for... – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.29, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Yer comin’ dahn the rub-a-dub for a far an’ near an’ a ding dong? – Courage Best Bitter beer mat, **1980**

· These ding-dongs are lovely. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.47, **2002**

· Frank sits down on the *joanna*, knocking out the *ding-dongs* while Beryl mangles along. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.54, **2011**

2 a singsong, an informal gathering for singing; hence, a party, at the end of which there may or may not be a singsong [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

· – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.118, **1930**

· To call one’s friends’ attention to the *ding dong* one is holding on Saturday night is more modest than to describe the gathering as a ‘sing-song’; whereas to call it a ‘party’ is intolerably ‘uppish’. – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.294, **1953**

· [‘]Did you have a nice trip?’ ‘It was great, sir. We had a ding-dong and all, sir.’ – B. Behan, *Borstal Boy*, p.217 [1990], **1958**

· All the songs in this book were sung at family parties (or “ding-dongs”, as most Londoners would call them). – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: C. Keeping, *Cockney Ding Dong*, **1975**

· We’re having a ding dong round our place on Saturday. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· A jam session from 1956 allegedly involving Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash – the ‘Million Dollar Quartet’ – was no more than a thirty minute taped excerpt from a ding-dong round Sun studio’s piano[.] – A. Clayton, *Death Discs*, p.35, **1997**

3 a kind of water pipe used for smoking cannabis [UK]

Rhymes on *bong*.

· Give us a puff of the ding dong. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st March **2002**

ding-dong bell; ding-dong dell; ding-dong

noun

1 hell [UK]

< ‘Ding Dong Bell’, a traditional English nursery rhyme first recorded in 1609. According to Franklyn (1961), the term was used in the Royal Air Force during World War II. ▶ see *AYLESBURYING DING-DONG BELL*

· What the ding dong bell does he think he’s playing at? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· They’ll bring ding-dong bell. – *What a Bringdown*, lyric, Cream, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· [O]ne of the ‘army tanks’ hit him in the ‘chevy chase’ and ‘ding dong dell’ broke out. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· Fucking ding dong. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· We’ll do what the ding-dong-bell we like, thank you very much! – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.16, **2002**

2 ■ a **ding-dong bell of a** used to express that something or someone is very good or very bad, or just for emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *hell*, used in the phrase *a hell of a*.

· See you tomorrow, it will be a **ding dong bell** of a do!!!! – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

dingley dell; dingley

noun

■ **give someone a dingley dell; give someone a**

dingley to telephone someone [UK]

Rhymes on *bell*. < Dingley Dell, a village in Charles Dickens’s novel *The Pickwick Papers*, first published serially from 1836 to 1837. Suggested or reinforced by *dingle* and *ding-a-ling*, as used in the phrases *give someone a dingle* and *give someone a ding-a-ling*.

· Gimme a dingley tomorrow. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· dingley dell = bell. – *Fuk.co.uk* forum, 30th October **2010**

dinkie do

noun

▶ see *DINKY DOO*

dinky-di

noun

a meat pie [AUSTRALIA]

< *dinky-di*, an Australian colloquialism meaning ‘genuine, reliable, true’.

· Yet the order is seldom “One meat pie and tomato sauce please.” Where pie-eating is concerned, the variation – often in glorious Australian accents – is the order of the day. Examples: “Pie ‘n’ sauce please.” “Dinky-di please.” – *Greeley Daily Tribune*, Greeley, CO, 21st May **1969**

dinky dirt; dinkie dirt

noun

▶ see *DICKY DIRT*

dinky dong

noun

a song [US]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

dinky doo; dinky do; dinkie do

noun

1 in bingo, the number twenty-two [UK/IRELAND]

< *dinky doo*, a slang word or euphemism for an unnamed article.

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· She had a French chef who called the numbers when the passengers had a tombola session – Clickety Click, Downing Street, Kelly’s Eye and Dinky Doo. – L.G. Green, *Under a Sky Like Flame*, p.245, **1954**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.85, **1973**

· 22 = dinky-do. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· 22 Dinkie do, Two little ducks. – *felixschrodinger.files.wordpress.com*, blog, **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**

2 in bingo, the number two [UK]

· One and one’s two! Dinky-doo-number-two! – W. Hall, *The Long and the Short*, I, p.58, **1959**

· 2 = Dinky-Do. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May **2007**

3 in darts, a score of twenty-two [UK]

Recorded in the form *dinky doo*.

· – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.19, **1980**

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

4 a cucumber [UK]

Rhymes on *cue*. Recorded in use among market traders.

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

5 a clue [UK]

Recorded in the form *dinky doo*.

· [A]in’t got a dinky doo who it is or whats it called[.] – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 5th March **2004**

· Hello help me aint got a dinky doo what to do here lol... – *www.hi5.com*, 2nd May **2009**

· [T]here is new firmware available for this player... haven’t got a dinky doo what it’s for though... – *AVForums*, 12th January **2010**

d an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. Recorded in the form *dinky doo*.

· [I]t is something to leave next to the lav to delve into when you're having a 'Dinky Doo'. – *www.dartsmad.com*, 16th June **2011**

dinky doos

noun

shoes [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

· They should put on a nice dicky dirt and dinky doos and go for a long ball and chalk. – *www.wiganworld.co.uk*, 4th July **2008**

· – *londontopia.net*, 29th January **2012**

· – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

dinner plate

noun

a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *mate*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Dinny Hayes-er

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun on KING HIT. < *Dinny Hayes-er* (variously spelt *dinnyhayser*, *dinnyhazer*, *dinnyazer* and *dinnyaiser*), an Australian slang synonym for *king hit* 'a knock-out blow'.

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

Dino Zoff; dino

noun

a half measure of spirits, especially whisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hauf*, the Scots form of *half*. < Italian footballer and manager Dino Zoff (b.1942).

· Having a few dinos (older guys the italian goalie dino zoff, 99 world cup winner) dino zoffs – hawfs. – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January **2013**

Dino Zoff; dino

adverb

off, away from a place [UK]

< Italian footballer and manager Dino Zoff (b.1942).

· See ya later lads, I'm Dino Zoff. – *The Motley Fool* forum, 23rd May **2006**

· Yogi? He's Dino... – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 30th December **2008**

· Anyway, that's enough from me, I'm Dino. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

Dion Nash

noun

cash; money [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand cricketer Dion Nash (b.1971).

· [N]o 'dion nash' = no cash. – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

dip and chuck it; dip and duck it

noun

a bucket [AUSTRALIA]

First recorded by Baker (1966) in the form *dip and duck it*. Meredith (1984) lists both *dip and duck it* and *dip and chuck it*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

dip and dive

verb

to drive (a vehicle) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

dip and duck it

noun

▶ see DIP AND CHUCK IT

dip south

noun

the mouth [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Dirk Kuyt

noun

something inferior or worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK: LIVERPOOL, SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Dutch footballer Dirk Kuyt (b.1980).

· [D]irk kuyt is rhyming slang for.....well liverpool fc really!! – *BBC 606* forum, 22nd September **2006**

· Now you're just talking a load of Dirk Kuyt. – *PESFan* forum, 30th April **2007**

· You might not agree (actually it's clear you don't agree) but that doesn't mean you're right and everyone else is talking "Dirk Kuyt" mate. – *Celtic Rumours* forum, 30th June **2013**

dirt, grime and dust

noun

the crust on a pie [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

dirty

noun

thirty pounds sterling [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce slang rhyme.

· FAST SAUSAGE & MASH. PLEASE SELECT AMOUNT (MAXIMUM DISPENSE £50) LADY GODIVA (£5) SPECKLED HEN (£10) COMMODORE (£15) PONY (£25) DIRTY (£30) DOUBLE TOP (£40) NIFTY (£50). – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

dirty and rude

adjective

nude [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

dirty bath*noun*

a laugh [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. Often in the phrase *you're having a dirty bath* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

- – *Boom Esquire Music Forum*, 7th January **2006**
- Jayco are you having a dirty bath (laugh)? – *Betfair Community forum*, 7th March **2011**

dirty beast*noun*

a priest [UK: SCOTLAND]

- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 19th October **1988**
- [Y]ou dress like a dirty beast (priest). – *Totallycrap.com forum*, 14th January **2007**
- So Ken Stott's granda was a dirty beast. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 8th February **2007**

Dirty Bert*noun*

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *The Hidden Culture*, p.42, **1989**

Dirty Dan*noun*

a can of beer [AUSTRALIA]

- **tin** G A tinnie, a Dirty Dan, a can of beer. – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker's Bible*, **1983**

dirty daughter*noun*

water [UK]

According to Franklyn (1961), the term was used in the army during World War I.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Dirty Den*noun*

1 a pen [UK]

< Dirty Den, the popular nickname of Dennis Watts, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, portrayed by English actor Leslie Grantham (b.1947).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 one hundred and ten pounds [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th April **2005**

3 a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th September **2009**

Dirty Dick; dirty*noun*

prison; a police station [UK]

Rhymes on *the nick*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

dirty dish*noun*

a fish [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- She had her own ideas about cleaning the dirty dish. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.54, **1995**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dirty flees*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-three [UK]

A misspelling of *dirty fleas* perpetuated by the Internet. The spelling *dirty fleas* is unrecorded.

- – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**
- – *www.bingohq.co.uk*, 20th October **2011**
- – *www.bingo-rooms.com*, accessed 5th November **2013**

Dirty Gertie; Dirty Gerty; Dirty Girty*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

• Dirty Gertie ... 30. – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

• [Y]ou start to notice familiar phrases such as 'Unlucky for some' 'Dancing Queen' and 'Dirty Gerty' among others. – *www.worldlottery.net*, 30th September **2009**

- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

• Bingo – as it used to be called in England. [...] Dirty Girty - 30. – *www.keypoint.com.au*, accessed 21st October **2013**

dirty knees; dirty knee*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-three [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme. Usually in the imperfectly rhyming form *dirty knees*. Possibly influenced by the playground rhyme, performed with appropriate gestures, 'Chinese, Japanese, dirty knees, look at these'. The perfect rhyme *dirty knee*, recorded in the 2011 and 2013 sources below, is rare.

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

- – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

- – *www.ballsuppingo.co.uk*, 13th April **2011**

- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 10th August **2013**

dirty leper*noun*

pepper [UK]

The form *dirt*, given by Puxley (1992), seems to be an independent coinage.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

dirty looks

noun

books [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word used by Stephen Fry in his 1985 revision of the book of the musical *Me and My Girl*, originally written and produced in 1937.

- He is in the library at the moment studying the relevant dirty looks. – L. Arthur Rose et al., *Me and My Girl*, II.i, p.45 [1990], revised version originally produced at the Adelphi Theatre, London, 12th February **1985**

dirty mac

noun

crack cocaine [UK]

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

dirty old Jew

noun

in bingo, the number two [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, **1973**
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**

dirty rotter; dirty

noun

a squatter [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

dirty slag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*.

- – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 11th June **1991**

dirty Turk

noun

work [NEW ZEALAND]

- – H.W. Orsman and D. Hurley, *BLBNZS*, **1994**

dirty tyke

noun

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.29, **1969**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

dirty whore; dirty 'ore

noun

1 in bingo, the number thirty-four [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, **1973**

2 four pounds [UK]

Rhyming slang.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

disaster

noun

1 an Egyptian or Turkish piastre [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

A slang rhyme. Used by Australian and New Zealand troops serving in Egypt and Turkey.

- We counted solidly for about an hour and a half, and at the end were jolly sick of piastres–'disasters' as the troops call them. – A. Laugesen, *Diggerspeak*, p.70, 2005: J.L. Treloar, *An Anzac Diary*, p.95, 1993; diary entry dated 17th February **1915**
- The most used coins are piastres (commonly known as disasters) of which about five go to the 1/-. – *acms.sl.nsw.gov.au*, 'Roy Richards war diary and letters, 4 March 1915 - 17 November 1916', letter dated 26th July **1915**
- Piastres are called "disasters" by the boys in Egypt, because "we are always being had with them." – *Free Lance*, Wellington, New Zealand, 10th September **1915**

· We leave camp at 5.30, and catch a train, which costs half a 'disaster' (the Australian for piastre), and after a run of 15 minutes we arrive at Cairo. – *The Gippsland Mercury*, Sale, Victoria, 10th March **1916**

· – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, p.19, **1919**

· Nor will he be present when a brassy voice is heard declaring that though you come to his school in wheelbarrows you depart in cars, or demanding to know what the 'mud-hook' or 'sergeant-major' has done that nobody is having a few 'disasters' or 'onks' on 'em. – A. Laugesen, *Diggerspeak*, p.70, 2005: S.W. Keough, *Around the Army*, p.39, **1943**

2 a Vietnamese piastre [us]

· [O]ld American buddy, let's us change some old U.S. dollars for some Vietnamese piastres or disasters, huh old buddy. – D. Halberstam, *One Very Hot Day*, p.182, **1967**

disco dancer

noun

1 cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.25, **1983**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, s.v. *dancer*, **2009**

2 an unscrupulous opportunist [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chancer*. A perfect rhyme in Scottish English and Scots.

· He's a bit of a disco dancer that pal a yours, eh no? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

dish ran away with the spoon

noun

a pimp [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, **1983**

Dissa

nickname

English footballer Neil Pointon (b.1964)

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *Pointon* and *-pointin*, the last two syllables of *disappointin*'.

· Everton were displaying the kind of form which had seen them win the title in the previous season and with Neil Pointon – cruelly nicknamed “Dissa” later in his career – making an impressive debut, the fans at Goodison were impressed with what they were seeing. – *Liverpool Echo*, 21st January **2006**

· This Sherminator business leads the Independent to produce a guide to the cruellest nicknames in Sport. Among them are such classics as Mrs Doubtfire for the busty Colin Montgomerie, Trigger for Jason McAteer, and the witty Dissa for former Everton defender Neil Pointon. – *Evening Standard*, London, 3rd August **2009**

· And who now remembers the Godloves-a-trier full-back Neil Pointon, known to sarky Goodison fans as Dissa? – *The Sun*, London, 12th November **2012**

Divine Brown

adverb

■ **go Divine Brown on** to perform fellatio on [UK]

Rhymes on *down*, used in the slang verb *go down on*. < Divine Brown, the professional name of Stella Thompson (b.1969), an American prostitute who got her fifteen minutes of worldwide fame in 1995, when she was arrested for having oral sex in a car with English actor Hugh Grant.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.204, **2009**

Divorce

nickname

the Horse and Farrier pub in Gatley, Manchester, in the north-west of England

A shortening of *Divorce and Marry Her*. Always used with the definite article.

· Back in Manchester there was a pub not far from me called the Prince of Wales [...]. Just down the road was a pub called the Horse and Farrier which people called ‘The Divorce’ from its rhyming slang name ‘Divorce and marry her’. – *Sheffield Forum*, 24th February **2005**

Dixie Dean

adjective

clean [UK]

< English footballer William ‘Dixie’ Dean (1907–80).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th March **2011**

Dixie Deans; dixies

noun

■ jeans [UK]

< English footballer William ‘Dixie’ Dean (1907–80). No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Course, when she gets those Dixie Deans off, I can see wot a fine pair of pins she’s got... – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Me dixie deans (jeans) an’ me dicky dirt (shirt) were soppin’ wet from all the pleasure ‘n’ pain! (rain). – *my.opera.com/BIGDADGIB*, blog, 5th June **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Oh no, just spilt juice down me new Dixie deans! – *twitter.com*, 29th August **2012**

■ beans, especially baked beans [UK]

The Scottish use of the word is reinforced by the name of Scottish footballer John ‘Dixie’ Deans (b.1946).

· Dixie Deans – Beans. Most commonly baked beans. – *The People*, London, 19th March **2006**

· Wish I hadn’t eaten a full tin of Dixie Deans. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· [B]eans on toast becomes ‘dixies on holy ghost’[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· You don,t hear it much today but in my youth Manchester had its own form of cockney rhyming slang. [...] Beans was Dixie Deans. – *Knowhere Guide/Gorton* forum, 29th April **2012**

Dixie Lee

noun

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

< Dixie Lee, the stage name of American actress and entertainer Wilma Winifred Wyatt (1911–52).

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 11th September **2008**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November **2013**

dixie lid; dixie

noun

1 a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*. < Dixie Cup, a brand of disposable cups often provided with lids. The short form is given by Springle (1990).

· – W.B. Springle, *The Vanishing Cockney*, p.47, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *www.answerbag.com*, 7th March **2009**

do and dare

noun

underwear [US/UK]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

do as you like

noun

a bicycle [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bike*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Hey, that’s a new do as you like! Where are you going? – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**

· You have to wear a helmet with a do as you like that size, don’t you? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

do-as-you-likey*noun*

a gypsy or traveller [UK]

Rhymes on *pikey*. < *do as you like*, here interpreted as an apposite description of the lifestyle and attitudes of the stereotypical gypsy and traveller (hence the rhyming phrase *do-as-you-likey pikey*). Also used attributively. Synonymous with HAPPY-GO-LIKEY and LOOKY-LIKEY.

· Inside were effigies of a gypsy family peering out through the windows, and on the outside were the words: “Do As You Likey Driveways Ltd – guaranteed to rip you off.” – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 30th October **2003**

· My wife and daughter have just got home from Sainsbury’s on Purley way and have said that the Do-as-you-likeys have set up base camp in the car park, near the tram stop. – *CPFC BBS forum*, 14th August **2009**

· [S]tuff at Rother District Council in East Sussex declared the phrase “It’s the “do as you likey” attitude that I am against” – sent in an email to their planning department – was potentially racist because “likey” rhymes with the derogatory word “pikey”. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 10th January **2010**

· Do-as-you-likeys don’t pay any form of tax. – *Sydenham Town forum*, 15th July **2011**

· A lot of do-as-you-likey families like the joyces, pidgeleys etc keep a tight line and marry cousins. – *Filipina Roses forum*, 15th December **2012**

· I’ve got a vest and fake tan on. Look like a do as you likey!! – *twitter.com*, 7th February **2015**

docker’s hook*noun*

1 a bookmaker’s book of bets [AUSTRALIA]

· **make a docker’s hook:** to lay the odds or make a book. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a look [UK]

A variation of BUTCHER’S HOOK.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

docker’s strike*noun*

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*.

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] bike – docker’s strike[.] – *h2g2 forum*, 15th August **2002**

docker’s tanner*noun*

a spanner or wrench [UK]

< *the docker’s tanner* ‘a pay rate of sixpence an hour, the main demand of the London Dock Strike of 1889’.

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] spanner – docker’s tanner[.] – *h2g2 forum*, 15th August **2002**

doctor and nurse; doctor*noun*

a purse [UK]

· A mugger will snatch a ‘doctor’ and leg it. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Doctor Bevan; Doctor Beven*noun*

in bingo, the number seven [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Rev. Dr Llewelyn David Bevan (1842–1918), a well-known Melbourne personality. The variant *Doctor Beven* is given by Baker (1966).

· We will not wear out our vocal chords any earlier in life by saying “stand at ease” instead of “cheese” [...] or the old numerical jargon of the housie games – “currant bun” for one, “how-do-you-do” for two, “Doctor Bevan” for seven[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Doctor Cotton*adjective*

rotten [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

Doctor Crippen; Dr Crippen*noun*

dripping (melted fat from meat) [UK]

< Hawley Harvey Crippen (1862–1910), popularly known as Dr Crippen, an American ‘quack’ doctor who was hanged in London in 1910 for murdering his wife.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, **1973**

· – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.207, **1976**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

· I’d brushed me Hampsteads and gone down the apples and pears for breakfast to find the bacon had gone bales. [...] I had uncle Fred and Dr Crippen instead.” – *weloveaccents.co.uk*, 9th April **2014**

Doctor Dre; Dr Dre; doctor*noun*

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Dr Dre, the stage name of American rapper and producer Andre Young (b.1965).

· Gay (homosexual). Doctor Dre. E’s a bit of a doctor. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

Doctor Dre; Dr Dre*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Dr Dre, the stage name of American rapper and producer Andre Young (b.1965).

· Of course he’s Doctor Dre. Have you seen his trousers? – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Doctor Jekyll; Dr Jekyll*noun*

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *freckle*. < Dr Jekyll, the good side of the protagonist in *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1886) by Robert Louis Stevenson.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Doctor Kildares; Dr Kildares*noun*

stairs [AUSTRALIA]

< *Dr Kildare*, an American TV series broadcast from 1961 to 1966 and its eponymous central character, played by Richard Chamberlain (b.1934).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Doctor Legg; Dr Legg*noun*

an egg [UK]

< Doctor Legg, a minor character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, portrayed by English actor Leonard Fenton (b.1926).

• When ordering a fry up he asked for two ‘Doctor Leggs’.

– R. Puxley, *FR*, 2008

Doctor Legg; Dr Legg*verb*

to beg [UK]

< Doctor Legg, a minor character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, portrayed by English actor Leonard Fenton (b.1926).

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Doctor Snoddy; Dr Snoddy; doctor*noun*

vodka [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *voddy*. < Dr Snoddy, a character in the BBC TV series *Dr Finlay's Casebook* (1962–71), played by Scottish actor Eric Woodburn (1894–1981).

• ‘You’s for another? A wee yin?’ ‘Eh ... Aye.’ Fisher said, ‘I’ll have a doctor.’ ‘What?’ ‘A doctor.’ Fisher winked at Mick. ‘He doesn’t know what a doctor is!’ ‘What is it?’ asked Eddie. ‘A doctor, a doctor snoddy, a voddy.’ – J. Kelman, *Home*, p.37 [1996], 1987

• We have to report that sadly the Diary’s favourite Dr Finlay character will not appear in the Scottish TV series. Dr Snoddy, the whingeing rival GP (a Thatcherite on the medical front before her time) is no more. Glasgow rhyming slang for ordering a vodka will never be the same again. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August 1992

Doctor Spock; Dr Spock*noun*

1 the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Dr Spock, a reference to American paediatrician Benjamin Spock (1903–98), best known as the author of *Baby and Child Care* (1946); also a misnomer for Mr Spock, a character in the television and film science fiction adventure series *Star Trek*, first shown on TV in 1966.

• Anything else? – sex toys [...] heres one for your Doctor Spock. – *Bangkok Tonight* forum, 8th January 2008

• [C]ant go past these few for your rhyming slang. Pat Malone – on my own Dr Spock – cock[.] – *twitter.com*, 19th February 2013

• I don’t tell you what a Doctor Spock is. – *TalkBass* forum, 1st January 2016

2 a Scot [UK]

Rhymes on *Jock*.

• No, it’s rhyming slang. Sweaty socks, Jocks, you know [...] Or Dr Spocks you could call them. – *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, US TV: CBS, 28th July 2008

3 a clock [AUSTRALIA]

• – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December 2013

Doctor Who; Dr Who; doctor*noun*

1 in bingo, the number two [UK/IRELAND]

< *Doctor Who*, a BBC TV series first broadcast in 1963 and its eponymous title character. Only recorded in the full form.

• 2 = me an’ you (or Dr Who from children’s TV). –

P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, 1981

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004

• – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

• – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

2 a prison warder [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *screw*. Prison slang. Only recorded in the full form.

• – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

3 two pounds [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

4 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. Only recorded in the full form.

• [J]ust going for a Dr Who. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 5th June 2007

• Back in a minute - just going for a Doctor Who. – *twitter.com*, 29th September 2013

• What’s your favorite euphemism for going to the bathroom? – [...] Going for a Doctor Who. – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 11th September 2015

5 a screw [UK]

• Carpenters and joiners now use ‘doctors’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Doddie Weirs*noun*

years [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Scottish rugby union player George ‘Doddie’ Weir (b.1970).

• – *Daily Star*, London, ‘New Way of Leith Walking; It’s Jockey’, 26th January 2001

dode bernards*noun*

▶ see GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S

dodge and bass*noun*

a place [IRELAND]

· [A] faraway dodge and bass. – D. Bolger and C. O'Neill, *Dodgems*, dance drama, O'Reilly Theatre, Dublin, 25th September **2008**

dodge and feint*verb*

to paint [IRELAND]

· *Dodgems* is a seductive theatrical collage of fantasy and reality. The light and dark of the fairground plays upon the motley crew of characters which inhabit this dream-like realm. If you're David Blane, you're insane, if you've a club and spade, you've got a trade, if you can dodge and feint you can paint and if you are feeling tired you'll be after an uncle Ned to Bo-Peep in. – *www.coisceim.com*, **2008**

dodge and shirk*noun*

work [AUSTRALIA]

Synonymous with GRIND AND SHIRK.

· Next morning I was ready to move when a pot and pan driving a nice high stepping tomato sauce in a flash big an' bulky pulled up and asked if I was looking for dodge an' shirk. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – M. McCrindle, *Word Up*, p.80, **2007**

· It shouldn't cause any Dalai Lamas as long as the curry and rice doesn't go up if you use it on the way to dodge and shirk. – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 26th August **2009**

· Professor Roly Sussex put in a fair bit of dodge and shirk to tell us the grim and gory of rhyming slang. – *www.abc.net.au*, 8th October **2015**

dodge and swerve; dodge*noun*

1 a look of sexual desire or interest [UK]

Rhymes on *perve*.

· Going down to the Nuclear Sub for a bit of a Dodge? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th November **2002**

· [I]t all went a bit pete tong when the trouble an strife run up the apples an pears an caught me on the dog and bone to me china plate about goin down the nuclear sub for a dodge and swerve!!! – *The FIAT Forum*, 2nd September **2005**

2 a sexual pervert [UK]

Rhymes on *perve*. Only recorded in the full form.

· When I comes out I 'ave a quick butchers, an' there they are, gettin' grief off a right Elephant and Castle. I looks a bit nifty, tumbles 'is game, and slides back into pole po-

sition. Bleedin' dodge and swerve keeps at it[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Dog Alley*nickname*

The Palais, a popular nightclub venue in Nottingham, renamed as the Oceana in the early 2000s

· Especially when my main night out tended anyway to be Wednesday, "ladies' night" at The Palais, known amongst young Nottingham men not merely in rhyming slang but also disparagingly as "Dog Alley". – R. Brentnall, *Pitch Black*, pp.23–24, **2004**

dog and bark*noun*

an informer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nark*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *dog*.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dog and bone; doganbone; dogganbone; doggin' bone; dogn; dog*noun*

1 a telephone [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

In British and Australian English, usually as *dog and bone* or *dog*. Hence iDOG AND BONE, MOBILE DOG AND BONE and SMART DOG AND BONE. In Irish and New Zealand English, only recorded in the full form *dog and bone*. The clipping *dogn*, recorded in Australia, is rare. In British criminal slang, a tapped *dog* is said to be sick. ▶ see DOGGEN

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· The problem is, when on the dog and bone and discussing privates, usually ladies' operations, Kitty carries on the conversation in silence and I think she's popped off somewhere. [...] Leonard, who never interferes in other people's business, called the Loopy Loo on the dog. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.7/159, **1986**

· I fink your dog is sick. – *The Guardian*, London, 27th September **1990**

· Marigold, I used your dog and bone, hope you never mind. – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.119, **1995**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

· And the bollocks you'd 'ear people saying on the dog, y'know, 'No I'm just driving down the M1 love. I'll be home in five hours.' – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.16, **2001**

· I got straight on the Doganbone and phoned the Fox Hot Line. – *www.agblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd January **2003**

· No, I don't want to say too much on the dog and bone. – L. Wright, *Coke on the Rocks*, p.215, **2004**

· [W]hy dont u just pick up the dogganbone an call your local dealer? – *Ducati Sporting Club* forum, 2nd July **2004**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· dogn = phone (dog n bone). – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 9th May **2008**

- – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009
- If not, I'll be on the doggin' bone to Olivia. – *Boards.ie* forum, 13th October 2010
- – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December 2011
- I'm using twitter on my dog and bone. – *twitter.com*, 8th January 2013
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015
- I was on the doganbone with an old army mate of mine[.] – *www.dailyecho.co.uk*, 26th August 2015
- ② a telephone call [UK]
 - Extended from the previous sense. Used in the phrase *give someone a dog and bone* (or *give someone a dog*) 'to call someone on the telephone'.
- "Tell him to give me a dog" for "Tell him to phone me." is sure to puzzle anyone not from their class structure/neighborhood. – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, 1985
- [D]efo something on sat, i shall give you a dog and bone[.] – *www.bebo.com*, 3rd January 2007
- [I]f you're awake, give me a dog and bone – don't wanna ring in case you're sleeping. – *able2know* forum, 17th May 2009

dog and bone*verb*

to telephone [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Dog and bone me 'cause I miss you so. – *www.facebook.com*, 30th October 2010
- [S]he quickly dog and boned 999. – *The South West Stroke Research Network PCPI Newsletter*, August 2012
- Persians are bad. Just say no if three-wheelers dog and bone you. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November 2013

dog and boned; doggo*adjective*

intoxicated by drugs (especially marijuana) or, occasionally, alcohol [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *stoned*. The form *doggo* is exclusively British. According to Thorne (1997), the full form was used in the 1960s and early 1970s; he further notes that the reduced version may have been 'reinforced by the immobility and furtiveness implied in the colloquial phrase to "lie doggo"'.
 · – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

- [H]e's absolutely dog n boned. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004
- [L]ive in the shankill wit ma misses an 2 kids love gettin dog an boned an a drink every ni an again[.] – *www.bebo.com*, January 2007
- [I]'m in amsterdam in a web caffee...im well dog n boned..lol[.] – *Don't Stay In* forum, 2nd July 2008
- A knw tew is aboot it fukin justin geting dog n boned fukn bolloks u up tay this w/end u on it :-) – *www.bebo.com*, Irish male, 1st December 2010

- [S]wim loves getting dog and boned but by only smoking after 6o'clock swim can still smoke cannabis without giving it up completely... – *Drugs-Forum*, 5th April 2012

dog and boulder*noun*

the shoulder [UK: NEWCASTLE]

A variation of *ROCK AND BOULDER*.

- Also in geordie land, a 'trouble and drummer' is a plumber, 'apples and pears' are a variety of cider, 'dog and boulder' = shoulder. – *www.hintsandthings.co.uk*, 3rd December 2009

dog and cat; dog*noun*

a mat [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.29, 1969

- Once they'd made this opening, they lowered the paralysed geezer dahn lying on his dog-and-cat. [...] 'Now then, me ol' china. Get up, pick up your dog, and go home!' – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.68, 2001
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

dog and duck*noun*

① a brawl [UK]

Rhymes on *ruck*. < *Dog and Duck*, a common pub name.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

② an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- I always thought 'dog and duck' was cockney rhyming slang for something! – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 7th March 2002
- [G]iving it large about having a dog and duck on the apples with some old tom[.] – *BrianEnos.com* forum, 23rd January 2004
- [B]y the way, american people, "Dog & Duck" is Rhyming slang – pop meant to type "meet you for a Dog and Duck". – *Literotica* forum, 12th April 2004
- In the Royal Parade on our ship was an English pub, the Dog and Duck, and I could never forget the Cockney rhyming slang. – *Cruises* forum, 12th April 2011

dog and ducked*adjective*

① completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of *DOG AND DUCK*.

- I was up all night getting jiggy wi' it. Today I'm absolutely dog and ducked. – *UD(.com)*, 30th September 2004
- Fernandes will jump ship and they will be absolutely dog and ducked. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 19th January 2012
- What a day just completed 5ton floor laid nowadays I'm dog and ducked!!!!!!! – *twitter.com*, 26th October 2012
- ② broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]
 - Rhymes on *fucked*.

· [I]t could be dog and ducked if the Urchins, Spammers and the boy's team dont win... – *Non League UK* forum, 8th February **2008**

· I had a bad time with a mini – bought the thing and the engine was dog and ducked, so I came by a Clubman lump. – *Z10wnersClub GB* forum, 24th June **2008**

dog and pup; dog

noun

a cup (a drinking vessel or a trophy) [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.41, **2011**

dog and pup

verb

to cup [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· By this time I was friar tucked off my Chevy chase and was highland flinging along with everyone else. So much so that I don't recall having my coffee stalls dog and pupped by Mark and Thom. – *www.sussexcanoec.co.uk*, October **1998**

dog fight; dog

noun

a light (for a cigarette, etc.) [UK]

· Dog Fight – Light [...] Got a dog mate[.] – *soc.culture.british, Google Groups*, 11th June **1991**

dogganbone

noun

▶ see **DOG AND BONE**

Doggen; Doggen Foster

nickname

English rock musician Tony Foster (b.1966), best known for his work with Spiritualized

A respelt version of *Dog and*, itself a shortening of *Dog and Bone*, rhyming on *Tone*, one of the pet forms of *Anthony*.

· It is possible that some of this interest is because two members of the band, drummer Kev Bales and guitarist Doggen, are now playing with Spiritualized[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 24th July **2001**

· Many moments were simply exquisite, with the choir's refrains answering Pierce's lonelier ones as Doggen's keyboard gently circled the string section's lines. – *Los Angeles Times*, 29th April **2008**

· The first CD contained rock music inspired by Lethbridge featuring, amongst others: Cope, Doggen Foster and Kevin Bales from the rock band Spiritualized. – T. Welbourn, *The Man Who Saw the Future*, p.291, **2011**

· PB: Where did Doggen thing come from, Tony? D: Ah, that was my stupid brother. He went through a stage of rhyming slang and I was always on my phone as a kid growing up, so it went "dog and bone", "Tone"... and so now I'm sort of stuck with it. – *www.pennyblackmusic.co.uk*, 14th December **2013**

doggett

noun

1 ▶ see **DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE**

2 a scrounger [UK]

Formed on the verb **DOGGETT** or as a shortening of **DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE**.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, **1990**

doggett

verb

to scrounge [UK]

Functionally shifted from *doggett*, an unrecorded shortening of **DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE**.

· Dobbs gave me a small, reassuring laugh and said, 'I thought he was trying to Doggett a Chinese dinner.' – J. Mortimer, *Rumpole*, p.106, **1981**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, 1990: *Bristol*, spoken, pensioner, **1989**

Doggett's coat and badge; doggetts; doggett; coat and badge; C and B; C & B

noun

■ **on the Doggett's coat and badge; on the doggetts; on the doggett; on the coat and badge; on the C and B; on the C & B** on the scrounge [UK]

Rhymes on *cadge*, used in the phrase *on the cadge*. < Doggett's Coat and Badge, the prize and name of an annual rowing race from London Bridge to Chelsea, founded in 1715 by Irish actor Thomas Doggett; the winner is awarded a livery coat and a silver badge. Hence the verb **COAT AND BADGE**.

· The stage doorkeeper told him one day that a man had been asking for him. "But I shouldn't worry about him if I were you," added the doorkeeper, "for I think he was on the Doggett." The actor was completely puzzled by the remark, and only later learned that "Doggett" was short for "Doggett's Coat and Badge," and that this, in its turn, was the slang equivalent of "cadge." – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th December **1930**

· **coat and badge Cadge**. 19 C., and sometimes given in full as **DOGGETT'S**... [...] 'He's on the C. and B. again!' – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Coat and badge (C & B) ... Cadge (scrounge). – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· [P]eople on the tap are often said to be 'on the doggetts'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

doggin' bone

noun

▶ see **DOG AND BONE**

dog's barnacles

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK: UK/IRELAND]

An equivalent of *the dog's pills*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on *barnacles*, the short version of **BARNACLE BILLS**.

· Bays are the dogs barnacles! – *LoveMyBus* forum, 28th August **2008**

· That zedge think is brilliant btw. Used that for my previous phones and android app is the dog's barnacles – *twitter.com*, 17th March **2011**

· This Avengers Age Of Ultron poster is the dog's barnacles.... – *twitter.com*, 24th April **2015**

dog's cobblers

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on *cobblers*, the short version of COBBLER'S AWLS.

· Thanks for all the advice. I do understand now that CD-A is the dog's cobblers[.] – *Cakewalk* forum, 30th December **2008**

· Known about Bernard since I first signed him on FM13 and he was the dog's cobblers. – *Glory Glory* forum, 10th June **2013**

dog's date

numeral

eight [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dog's davinias

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on *davinias*, the elliptical form of DAVINA MCCALLS.

· Icom have a new one out.....the dog's Davina's but the money is a little on the topside.. Ya get what ya pay for with these things. – *PWCforums.co.uk*, forum, 21st June **2006**

· [M]y machine is now supposed to be the dogs davinias instead its like having a ferrari with a lada engine. – *ASUS* forum, 7th November **2009**

dog's dicks

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-six [UK/US]

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.blackjack-night.com*, accessed 6th November **2013**

dog's dinner

noun

1 a race result very profitable to a bookmaker or gambling operator [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *skinner*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, s.v. *skinner*, **1989**

2 the tosser of coins in the gambling game of two-up [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spinner*, a common Australianism.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

dog's eye

noun

1 a meat pie [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Hence BLEEDING DOG'S EYE.

· At lunch time he might slip out to the nearest eat-up joint for a "dog's eye" or a "cheap and nasty with dead horse." – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· Yet the order is seldom "One meat pie and tomato sauce please." Where pie-eating is concerned, the variation – often in glorious Australian accents – is the order of the day. Examples: "Pie 'n' sauce please." [...] "Dog's Eye, please." – *Greeley Daily Tribune*, Greeley, CO, 21st May **1969**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Dog's eye: Pie, with or without dead horse. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· I'm at my rubbety-dub in Steak 'n' Kidney, knockin' back a dog's eye with dead horse and sinkin' a tinnie with me china plates[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 14th July **2005**

· You're a two wheeler, go and get us a dog's eye and dead horse. – M. Balwyn, *Survival Guide*, p.143, **2007**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· This is not just icing on the cake; it's the dead horse for the dog's eye – you can't live without that! – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th July **2015**

2 a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

3 the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *pie*. Perhaps suggested by a visual metaphor.

· G'day to you! Did your hoffman brick get a piece of the dog's eye this weekend? – *Anstmarching.org* forum, 23rd February **2004**

dog's flowers and frolics

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK: SCOTLAND]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on FLOWERS AND FROLICS.

· And Ayr was the dog's flowers and frolics last year. – *Team Strathclyde Hockey Club* forum, 15th August **2007**

dog's growl

noun

a towel [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dog's Harry Rollocks

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on HARRY ROLLOCKS.

· [T]hese are the dog's Harry Rollocks – Harley Davidson should buy the company. – *UKSaabs*, forum, 11th October **2012**

dog's hee-haws; dog's hee haws; dog's heehaws*noun*

▶ see DUG'S HEE HAWS

dog's hydraulics*noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK/IRELAND]

An equivalent of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on HYDRAULICS.· Got to agree a well set up car is the dogs hydraulics. – *Haynes Forums*, 31st July 2010· [T]his is the dogs hydraulics lol. – *ScoobyIreland.com* forum, 24th October 2010· All about taste isn't it, some folk think McKenzie's the dog's hydraulics. – *twitter.com*, 16th May 2011· [L]ooked and sounded the dogs hydraulics on the outside but no matter what he done it was still a ford. – *Bris-koda.net*, forum, 13th December 2014· Remember if you wore Hugo boss caps you were the dogs hydraulics[.] – *twitter.com*, 15th October 2015**dog's Jackson Pollocks; dog's jacksons***noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on JACKSON POLLOCKS.· Dirty cockney rhyming slang, it's rude, it's crude – it's the dog's Jackson Pollocks. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, back cover, 2003· And it's art with a heart, served up in great dollops / She likes us as we are, she's the dog's jackson pollocks[.] – M. Harvey, 'Beryl Cook', poem, *www.bbc.co.uk/radio4*, 31st May 2008· 'Minder' was the Dog's Jacksons. – *www.imdb.com*, 19th June 2008**dog's jacob's; dog's jacob***noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's knackers*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on *jacob*s, the short version of JACOB'S CREAM CRACKERS.· Looks the dog's jacob's to me though, so I'm well chuffed... – *The Esprit Owners Topic* forum, 9th February 2005· This parading we did with aplomb, strutting around like we were the dog's jacob's. – *www.chelseafcblog.com*, blog, 8th November 2006· [A]part from that he looked the dog's Jacob's. – D. Trotter, *He Who Dares...*, p.292, 2015· Wish I had bid on this it looks the DOG's JACOBS. – *Statii* forum, 5th January 2015**dog's knob***noun*

a job [UK]

· I've got a big dog's knob tomorrow[.] – *Oprano Adult Industry* forum, 5th November 2002· – K. Bush, *Dogs*, p.241, 2007· Even with Sean not getting in it because he can't check his Alexei Sayle except at the Dog's Knob, we still got him with this Rum and Coke. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January 2009**dog's maracas***noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's knackers*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on MARACAS.· [T]he latest TD's appear to be the Dogs Maracas. – *Horizons Unlimited* forum, 8th March 2005· With Latin DJs and live bands limbo-rocking a tiki club bar downstairs, Barrio is the dog's maracas. – *keithbarker-main-bars.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th June 2010· [O]ther than that they are the dog's maracas! – *UK-Climbing* forum, 31st January 2012· They'll be the dog's maracas. But perhaps a bit more lemony. – *twitter.com*, 30th October 2013**dog's meat***noun*

the feet [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *dogs* 'feet', which is sometimes regarded as its short form. The rhyming slang expression is first found in *OED2*, where it occurs as a misetymology of *dogs* (*OED2* 1989, s.v. *dog* n.¹, sense 14). The revised entry for this word in the online *OED3* (accessed 3rd February 2012, s.v. *dog* n.¹, sense 16) reads in part: 'It has been suggested that this is short for *dog's meat*, used as rhyming slang for *feet*, but there is very little evidence for such a use'.· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· So I'm going to find a clean dickie dirt, get on my dog's meat and I think today I'll need me quaker oat. – *Brit-Movie* forum, 16th July 2010**dogs niagaras; dogs niagras***noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on short versions of NIAGARA FALLS.· Best tv and best buy for me at the moment as i have my eye on one is Samsungs LED range. LED is the dogs niagras of them all. – *FMUK* forum, 8th April 2010· Hey, they look the dogs Niagaras. Cheers. – *twitter.com*, 9th May 2012· It's The Dogs Niagras! – *sozsatire.wix.com/soz-satire*, 2013· Back 4 me seabass, this is the dogs niagras. – *twitter.com*, 1st July 2014

dog's orchestras*noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on *orchestras*, the short version of ORCHESTRA STALLS.

· Andy Mewse is the dog's orchestras, have some of his Zippy's and they are awesome quality[.] – *World Sea Fishing* forum, 14th December 2010

dog's rollocks; dog's rollox; dog's rollicks; dog's rollix; dog's rowlocks*noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [IRELAND/UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on ROLLOCKS.

· This is coming from the same person who thinks Liam Murphy is the dog's rollix! – *Foot.ie* forum, 12th February 2002

· Boss thought Noel was the dog's rollicks. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 1st January 2006

· And I've got to agree Belgian chocolate is the dog's rowlocks. – *www.freelists.org*, 14th May 2006

· Clean, chamoised and in sunshine UMS really looks the dog's rollox! – *GT-R Register - Nissan Skyline and GTR Owners Club* forum, 30th May 2009

· This die is probably the dog's rollocks for the serious marksman[.] – *ShootForum.com*, 30th May 2011

· Obviously the dog's rollicks. – *twitter.com*, 18th December 2012

· Our meals were top notch – (one could say they were the dog's rowlocks) – the presentation, the quality, the flavours – were all first rate. – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, 24th September 2013

Dog's row*verb*

to show [UK]

< Dog Row (now known as Cambridge Heath Road), a street in London's East End.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] show – Dog's row[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

dog's Sandra Bullocks; dog's Sandras*noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK]

A pseudo-rhyming slang equivalent of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on SANDRA BULLOCKS.

· [L]ast night, I played DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION EUROMIX T!W!O! for the first time, and it was the dog's Sandras. – *www.missprint.org*, 13th August 2002

· I mean those new abilities in the previews of LBP2 make it look like the dog's Sandra Bullocks. – *Playstation Trophies* forum, 13th August 2010

· I think you're the dog's Sandras, mama. – *craftedsisterhood.com*, blog, 13th April 2015

dog's tooth*noun*

the absolute truth [UK]

Suggested by a pun on *God's truth*.

· I swear that's the dog's tooth. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

dog's town halls*noun*

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [IRELAND/UK]

An equivalent of *the dog's balls*, itself a variation of *the dog's bollocks*. Formed on TOWN HALLS.

· The C63 AMG is the dogs town halls. – *VAGdrivers* forum, 24th January 2008

· Theyre my best and worse as well! The roller is the dog's town halls, the pellet pump is simply dog poo. – *Talk Angling* forum, 25th April 2013

· I've owned the Z1 and Z3 and they're the fucking dogs town halls. – *warosu.org*, 2nd September 2015

Doily Carte; Doily Cart; doily*noun*

▶ see D'OYLY CARTE

Doily Carte*verb*

▶ see D'OYLY CARTE

Dollie Gray*noun*

▶ see DOLLY GRAY

dolls pram*noun*

a gramme (of an illegal or illicit substance) [UK]

· Get us a dolls pram of Brighton Pier. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *Brighton Pier*, 18th October 2009

Dolly Cotton*adjective*

rotten [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Everyman* magazine, 26th March 1931

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

dolly dimple; dolly*adjective*

simple, foolish, lacking intelligence [UK]

Probably < Dolly Dimples, a generic *nom de théâtre* for the 'Fat Lady' exhibit in American circus freak shows.

The term is particularly common in Scottish and northern English dialects.

· A bit dolly dimple, she is. Queues for'r pension at three in the morning, talks to'r shadow, y'know the kind of thing. – J. Torrington, *Swing*, p.239, 1992

· *Dolly Dimple* = simple[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, 1994

- Ye'll need tae excuse her ... she's a wee bit dolly. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**
- – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**
- – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**
- I'm not 'dolly dimple', you know. – L.A. Brand, *Families*, p.71, **2012**
- I'm obviously a bit dolly! – *Caithness.org* forum, 20th January **2012**
- I heard the word Dolly when i worked in Manc in the 90s, Dolly Dimple aka Simple. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 5th February **2012**
- I was going to say something but The Wench telt me to keep quiet as it looked like the lad was 'a bit dolly dimple' in her words like. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 25th March **2013**
- Senga walked into the door, she is pure dolly man. – *www.eveningtimes.co.uk*, 3rd February **2014**
- Writing is where the cash is! If I wasn't so dolly dimple I'd put pen to paper. – *twitter.com*, 14th March **2016**

Dolly Gray; Dollie Gray

noun

1 a threepenny piece [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *trey*. < Dolly Gray, the title character in the American song 'Good-Bye Dolly Gray', written in 1898 by Will D. Cobb (lyric) and Paul Barnes (music). The song became a favourite among British and colonial troops during the second Boer War (1899–1902); it was revived with great popularity during World War I (1914–18).

- 3d. – *tray*, *Alma Gray*, *Bobby Gray*, *Dora Gray*, *Dollie Gray*[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a three in cards [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *trey*.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

dolly mixture

noun

a picture [UK]

< Dolly Mixture, a children's sweet.

- You'll get to see [...] my favourite Dolly Mixture (cockney for picture) of me old kitchen sink (this is cockney for jail I'm not sure Danny actually knows much cockney rhyming slang but he tries bless him)[.] – *theworldofdick.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th January **2010**
- I loved the pink tifter (tit for tat = hat), but I admired his blue dolly mixture (= picture) even more. – *travelwithintent.com*, blog, 14th December **2013**

dolly mixtures

noun

the cinema [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *pictures*. < Dolly Mixture, a children's sweet.

· [I]f you are going to the *dolly mixtures* (pictures), you might first have a *dig in the grave* (shave)[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· How about becoming blood bruvvers like the Indians do on the dolly mixtures? – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.21, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Dolly Parton

noun

farting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fartin*. < American country singer Dolly Parton (b.1946).

· Apart from the fact her name is rhyming slang for breaking wind, the title of her best-selling album – *Dolly Parton's Greatest Hits* – is also hilarious. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 20th April **2011**

Dolly's chemise

noun

a breeze [UK]

Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· [A] soft Dolly's chemise kinkajou across the Farmer's. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 30th April **2014**

Dolly Varden; Dolly Vardon; dolly

noun

1 a garden [UK/US?]

< Dolly Varden, a character in Charles Dickens's novel *Barnaby Rudge* (1841). The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The forms *Dolly Vardon* and *dolly* are exclusively British.

· "The trouble and strife's up the apples," he said; "or else out in the Dolly Varden." – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· Dolly Vardon (Dolly) ... Garden. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· The trouble put our cherry in the dolly. [...] The wife (trouble and strife) put our dog (cherry hog) in the garden (Dolly Varden). – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· DOLLY VARDEN – For garden. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I've got to take the *cock sparrer* up the *Dolly Varden* fer some *rosebuds*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.13, **1969**

· Garden *Dolly Varden*. – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**

· **Garden** Dolly Varden. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.15, **1979**

· A couple of days ago I was loafing about in the dolly[.] – *terryfreedman.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th August **2009**

2 a farthing [UK]

Relies on the once habitual Cockney pronunciation of *farthing* as *fard'n*. Only recorded in the form *Dolly Varden*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.29, **1969**

Dolly Varden; Dolly Vardon; Dolly

nickname

Covent Garden, a square in central London, once the site of the city's principal fruit, flower and vegetable market

< Dolly Varden, a character in Charles Dickens's novel *Barnaby Rudge* (1841). First recorded with the spelling *Dolly Vardon* in a 1913 essay by English author E.V. Lucas. In a later version of that essay, re-titled 'Of Slang-English and American' and included in *Cloud and Silver* (1916), Lucas changed the spelling to *Dolly Varden*.

· And these foolish synonyms are really used, too, as you will find out with the greater ease if (as I did) you loiter in the Dolly. "In the Dolly?" you ask. Oh, if you want any more information let me give it: in the Garden-Covent Garden, from *Dolly Vardon*. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· This is Dolly's three hundredth birthday, Dolly being the Dolly Varden, or the Garden, that is Covent Garden Market, where rhyming slang was born[.] – *The Tablet* magazine, London, 9th May **1970**

· Lyn seems to be right about rhyming slang. Dolly Varden = (Covent) Garden. – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, 'ENG-CHS-NORTHWICH-L Archives', 12th November **2008**

do me a favour; do me

noun

a neighbour [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· For many the ideal 'do me' is one who's not there when he's not wanted. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

do me dag; do my dag; do me

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. < *do my dags* 'an old children's game'. Partridge (1949) lists the singular form *do me dag*, but notes the term is usually used in the plural (*do me dags*). Neither Franklyn (1961) nor Puxley (1998), however, gives a singular form. Both these authors list the term as *do my dags*. Puxley also gives the short form *do mes*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

do me good; do me

noun

1 food [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] food (do me good); hat (tit for tat); bed (needle and thread)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

2 timber [UK]

Rhymes on *wood*. Recorded in use among carpenters and other workmen. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

3 a Woodbine cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *Wood*, a popular name for a cigarette of this brand. Only evidenced in the full form.

· Perhaps last year's proved worth no more than a small packet of do me goods[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, p.26, **1960**

· [A] packet of ten Do Me Goods. – *Penthouse* magazine, London, **1965**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 firewood [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· So I gathered some do me good, got out the Jack Scratches and lit the Barney McGuire, put on the knock me silly and made a pot of Jinny Lee. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· **Do Me Good** [...] A piece commonly heard when coal fires were frequently lit and 'do me' came in penny bundles. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Domestos

noun

a person with anti-American views [UK]

A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Domestos, a brand of household cleaning products. This coinage reflects a confusion between *disinfectant* and *antiseptic*. Synonymous with LISTERINE.

· It's full marks to Mr. Herring, septic tank == yank. See, I'm no Domestos. – *www.hulver.com*, 4th March **2004**

· Demestos = Anti US (From Septic tank = yank. Domestos is a well know anti-septic). – *Queenzone* forum, 11th May **2006**

Dominic Joyce

noun

a voice; the human voice [IRELAND]

< Irish cricketer Dominic Joyce (b.1981).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

do my dag

noun

▶ see DO ME DAG

Donaghadee

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *E*. < Donaghadee, a small town in County Down, Northern Ireland.

· If you asked for a bag of Donaghadees you could find yourself in prison for trying to buy some Class A drugs. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 25th March **2004**

· Alright mucker, got any Donaghadees? – *Belfast Forum*, 5th May **2008**

dona Highland flingers

noun

female music-hall singers [UK]

< *Highland fling* ‘a type of Scottish folk dance’. A pun on the notion of *flinging high notes*. *Dona* is a Polari word for a woman.

· **Dona Highland Flingers** (*Rhyming–Music Hall Singers*). One of the names of the serio-comic—generally one who sings or flings high notes—hence the term. ‘Many a dona Highland Flinger gets nailed when she marries a toff, and finds out that he’s a bad egg. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

donald

noun

► see DON REVIE

Donald

verb

to fart [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *trump* and *Trump*. < American property tycoon, reality TV personality and politician Donald Trump (b.1946), latterly better known as the 45th President of the United States. ► see DONALD TRUMP

· Why isn’t ‘Who just Donalded?’ a more popular phrase? – *twitter.com*, 2nd November **2010**

· Talking of dirty words you can’t use, I just Donalded quite audibly in the back of the car. – *twitter.com*, 11th December **2015**

Donald Duck; donald

noun

1 something of no value [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Donald Duck* (*or not give a donald*) ‘to not care at all’. < Donald Duck, an animated cartoon character created by Walt Disney in 1934. The short form has been recorded in British and Irish usage.

· ‘Efter that,’ he said, ‘Ah don’t gie a “donald”’. – B. McGhee, *Cut and Run*, p.155 [1963], **1962**

· Look, I don’t give a Donald Duck how you do it. Do it. – E. Morecambe, *Mr. Lonely*, [2010], **1981**

· [E]ircom could not give a Donald Duck whether theres enough demand for 20 dsl exchanges were you live. – *Boards.ie* forum, 28th November **2002**

· Please Henry, most people don’t give a Donald Duck about what this or any other person does in private. – *ajrwatch.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th October **2009**

· When I tried to talk to them they didnt give a donald. – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 22nd August **2010**

· By putting its characters on extreme diets, Disney is effectively saying they couldn’t give a Donald Duck about children. – *www.dailylife.com.au*, 5th September **2012**

· – I think word of me being a Mickey Mouse engineer is spreading. – Probably also heard you don’t give a Donald Duck. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2014**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. The short form has been recorded in Australian and British usage.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.247, **1982**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, **1983**

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, **1983**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· He travelled alone, shunning the company of the other members of the Prospero Players troupe, who had scattered around the economy class cabin wearing Fancy-a-Donald T-shirts and trying to wiggle their necks in the manner of natyam dancers[.] – S. Rushdie, *The Satanic Verses*, p.74, **1989**

· Did you get a Donald? – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

· The storyline was a predictable fiasco as Steven’s quest for his first Donald Duck became public knowledge. – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – D. McGill, *DNKS*, **2011**

· Sometimes she lets me off the leash and maybe this is one of those times and I’m going to get myself a bonus donald duck. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a truck [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**

· Personally, I feel the desire to run about as often as the desire to unload the Donald, and anyone will tell you that’s not a regular thing. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 26th February **1995**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 luck [UK]

· The phrase, ‘It’s jist yir Donald’, completely baffled me. – J. Patrick, ‘A Glasgow Gang Observed’, in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June **1969**

· [L]et us remember those less fortunate than ourselves: those who are on their *Jack Jones*; a man without a *tit willow* to lay his head on; a girl, very much down on her *Donald Duck*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.39, **1979**

· Well, some chaps have all the Donald[.] – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.9, **1985**

· Just our Donald Duck. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 25th April **1999**

· In refusing any exchange of drinks, the landlady informed the customer that was just his Donald Duck. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August **2006**

· The man was English, Cockney at that by the sound of him. [...] “The best of Donald, me old garden. Oo’s next then?” – P. Taylor, *Fingal O’Reilly*, p.174, **2013**

5 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- What the donald are you on about? – *London*, spoken, male, ca 40, October **2010**
- What the Donald Duck is going on? – *twitter.com*, 8th April **2013**
- What the Donald Duck are you putting in your bread!?! – *www.facebook.com*, 31st July **2013**

Donald Duck

verb

1 to have sex (with someone) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- We washed down the meal with Germaine Greers and Donald Ducked on the Rory O'Moore. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.170 [1993], **1987**
- [H]ad a w@nk next to a bird when she was asleep in bed the morning after i donald ducked her and i spvkned all over her back and couldnt face up to telling her. – *FM-TTM* forum, 29th January **2011**

2 to damage irreparably, to ruin, to destroy [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- Mr Cesario blotted his copybook when he comprehensively donald ducked the Alfa 75 in 1987. – *Conrod.com.au* forum, 20th May **2003**
- [Y]ou have donald ducked them. you need a replacement set of hoses. – *Pug306.net* forum, 28th November **2010**

Donald Duck

exclamation

used as an expression of anger or frustration [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. From the noun DONALD DUCK.

- Donald Duck, you're saying I turned up and they Donald Ducked off? – *The Independent*, London, 5th October **2008**

donald ducked; donald

adjective

1 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted, in serious trouble, done for [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of the verb DONALD DUCK. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- – Hendo. Do you know how much a saline drip costs? – Goan, Smokey ... ah widnae ask but wir Donald Ducked, man. We need tae get this hangover oot the road soas that we can go oot the night. – I. Welsh, *The Best Brand of Football*, p.38, **1996**
- Eh's no as fill ay ehself as usual, eh looks Donald Ducked. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.381, **2002**
- Just spent the afternoon with my 82 year old, gradually losing it, mother and our 3 grandsons aged 3 to 8. I'm totally donald and need a sleep and my brain is

about to shut down. – *MG-Rover.org* forum, 27th March **2005**

• I reckon he'll have gone up the bar with a tenner, expecting it to cover the five drinks and he's going to be donald ducked when he gets the final sum. – J. Craig, *One Team in Tallinn*, p.53, **2007**

• "We're going to do it differently; we don't have to say 'you're fired'," Bill told reporters last week. "We might say, 'hit the road', 'you're barney bracked' or 'Donald Ducked'. We want to show an Irish version of the thing." – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 15th June **2008**

• I for one know that between keeping my R34gTt and the missus's PT Cruiser on the road in good seved order I'm Donald Ducked if I could afford a third[.] – *Skylines Australia* forum, 25th March **2010**

• [W]e could be donald ducked if we go one down in this! – *You Boys in Green* forum, 8th October **2011**

• Now if you took out an endowment policy say which were all the rage some year back... you would be donald ducked... – *www.interest.co.nz*, 5th December **2011**

• Fuck sake, said ah'd meet Stevie doon the West End later n ah'm Donald Ducked ... – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.301, **2012**

• I saw it on the news that night, how he'd supped off, like. Well, I knew there and then I was Donald Ducked. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.177, **2013**

• We are utterly Donald ducked now. – *twitter.com*, 24th June **2016**

2 intoxicated by drugs or drink [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fucked*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• When i first saw this i thought it was speed vs MDMA cause in england i have heard of speed pill's being called fizzer's but as for MDMA pill's we got a few name's for them but i like to refer them as little 1's. The effect's we say getting mash up, missing, lost, pilling or donald (as in donald ducked – Fucked) but every1 as there own lingo in England. – *Bluelight* forum, 8th January **2009**

• We all went out together that evening for our last night together. Needless to say, we all got Donald ducked. – *www.offexploring.com*, blog, 21st January **2013**

3 broken, ruined, spoilt; seriously injured [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *fucked*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• Unfortunately i'm pretty sure Justin's car is donald ducked[.] – *Improved Production Racing Australian Community Forum*, 1st August **2005**

• No wonder the NHS is Donald Ducked! – *Digital Spy* forum, 29th July **2009**

• [T]he UK is donald ducked. – *Hidden Glasgow* forum, 6th January **2010**

• [M]y broad band was donald ducked for last two weeks only got it fixed today. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 8th March **2006**

· i took it to a phone repair shop who flashed it for me – still donald ducked[.] – *Expansys.co.nz* forum, 27th September **2006**

· I can see Angela wiping over it with a cloth just a little too hard ... and then the telly is donald again ... – *MB-Club UK* forum, 1st December **2006**

· Chucked away the rear stops cos they were Donald Ducked. – *VWWatercooled Australia* forum, 1st June **2007**

· It would take a foolish person to argue against the property market being Donald Ducked for the foreseeable future. – *Foot.ie* forum, 30th December **2007**

· [S]ome prick drove over my kids bike, thankfully he wasnt on it at the time. [...] its totally donald ducked. – *Irish Biker Forum*, 25th July **2008**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang my foot is donald ducked! Hit a curb earlier. – *twitter.com*, 19th April **2010**

· Many years ago a colleague told me his printer was Donald. – *Spiceworks* forum, 15th June **2011**

· My car is donald ducked & the warranty ran out 2 months ago! – *twitter.com*, 7th February **2012**

· If the battery is really donald ducked it still is very unlikely to start... – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 2nd August **2013**

· [M]y telly is Donald. – *www.facebook.com*, 31st August **2013**

· In three years, both of them will be better off and Australia will be donald ducked. – *www.abc.net.au*, 8th August **2013**

donald ducking

adjective/adverb

used for intensifying expressions of anger, exasperation, etc., or for emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fucking*. Formed on the verb DONALD DUCK.

· If you can't stand the waves, stay at Donald Ducking home. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th June **2002**

· Oh and donald duck me dead! not the donald ducking Merkava AGAIN!! – *Strategy Page* forum, 1st March **2004**

· You are out of order. Absolutely Donald Ducking out of order. [...] I will not stand for that Donald Ducking crap. No Donald Ducking way, lies. – *The Independent*, London, 5th October **2008**

donald ducking hell

exclamation

used as an expression of shock, surprise, amazement or anger [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fucking hell*. Formed on DONALD DUCKING. Synonymous with AYLESBURYING DING-DONG BELL and *fucking ding-dong*.

· HAHHAHAHA donald duck'in 'ell, go on then, then, tosser. you ain't about to tell me nuffink i don't already know, yeah? – *simply-scarlettuk.tumblr.com*, accessed 27th January **2014**

Donald Duck me dead

exclamation

used for expressing shock, astonishment, alarm or other strong emotion [AUSTRALIA]

A rhyming equivalent of the slang *fuck me dead!*.

Based on the verb DONALD DUCK.

· Oh and donald duck me dead! not the donald ducking Merkava AGAIN!! – *Strategy Page* forum, 1st March **2004**

Donald Duck off

verb

to go away [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuck off*. Formed on the verb DONALD DUCK. Hence, probably, DD.

· If you do it again, I am telling you, you can Donald Duck off ... – *The Independent*, London, 5th October **2008**

· I've heard he's donald ducked off. – *Pink'un* forum, 7th January **2011**

Donald Duck up

verb

to damage irreparably, to ruin, to destroy [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

A rhyming equivalent of the slang *fuck up*. Formed on the verb DONALD DUCK.

· Had to uninstall it, i didnt half donald duck it up by doing that. – *SystOpt.com* forum 29th August **2003**

· Sites like Facebook and Twitter are designed to be as easy as possible to use, yet somehow some bands and artists still manage to completely Donald Duck it up. – *www.riotradio.co.nz*, 7th August **2011**

· Think it will be a harder division this season and could be a very close race just hope we dont Donald duck it up like last season! – *Vital Football* forum, 12th August **2013**

Donald Dump

nickname

American property tycoon, reality TV personality and politician Donald Trump (b.1946), latterly better known as the 45th President of the United States

A slang rhyme.

· Donald Dump earns millions, but gives away 50% to build affordable housing for poor people. – D. Larsen and S. Larsen, *Popular Passages*, p.92, **1990**

· "Thank you, Donald Dump, for letting us play your castle!" Johnny Rotten snarled as the Sex Pistols stormed the Grand Cayman ballroom of the Trump Marina in Atlantic City. – *Spin* magazine, New York, December **2003**

· Isn't that something like you did with Donald Dump? – *perezhilton.com*, 16th June **2009**

· Perry went to din din with Donald Dump, and they yukked it up by going "full birther" on Obama[.] – *Topix* forum, 26th October **2011**

· Donald Dump needs to be stopped. – *www.cleveland.com*, 16th March **2016**

· Donald Dump has a problem in the Oval Office – no corners to hide his illegal Mexican workers. – *twitter.com*, 22nd January **2017**

Donald Peers; Donald Pears; donalds

noun

the ears [IRELAND/UK]

< Welsh singer Donald Peers (1908–73). In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *Donald Pears*.

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Donald Pears* – Ears. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· With young Justin committing GBH of the Donalds? – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.23, **1984**

· If you've always used the Donalds (Donald Peers = ears), it's difficult to change. There is a certain poetry in the expression: 'He gave me the G.B.H. of the Donalds' instead of 'bending my ear'. – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.119, **1985**

· **Donald Pears** [...] Ears. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – *www.projecthmedia.com*, 'Clanbrasil Street – 1' by Sean Lynch, April **2009**

· Ears would once have been Donald Pears but nowadays more likely to be Britney Spears. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th September **2011**

· Well I heard "mintimperial" by blokes I worked with when I left school in 1962 and it was among of other rhyming slang expressions they used [...]. Some have gone out like "Donald Peers" = EARS, because todays generation have never heard of Donald Peers. – *RLFANS* forum, 12th December **2011**

Donald Trump; Donald

noun

a fart; sometimes specifically a fart that emits faecal matter [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *trump* and *Trump*. < American property tycoon, reality TV personality and politician Donald Trump (b.1946), latterly better known as the 45th President of the United States. Used in the phrases *have a Donald Trump* and *crack* (also *do* or *pull*) *a Donald*. ▶ see DONALD

· And a Donald is a wet fart. – *twitter.com*, 16th November **2012**

· [D]o you ever use the phrase I've just had a Donald Trump when a fart slips out? – *twitter.com*, 9th December **2012**

· A 'Donald Trump' is 2 accidentally expel a wet tan slug into 1's own undergarments. – *twitter.com*, 9th December **2015**

· Did you just crack a Donald? – *twitter.com*, 10th December **2015**

· When the kids fart they have started announcing they've 'done a Donald'. – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2016**

· [H]ey @realDonaldTrump your name means fart in England. My parents refer to their flatulence as pulling a Donald. – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2016**

Donald Trump; donald

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *dump*. < American property tycoon, reality TV personality and politician Donald Trump (b.1946), latterly better known as the 45th President of the United States. Synonymous with IVANA TRUMP.

· I'm just nipping out for a Donald. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 20th April **2000**

· I'm going upstairs for a Pat Cash and a Donald Trump. Be Back in an hour. – *UD(.com)*, 21st April **2004**

· So when you see blokes queuing for the cubicles in pubs or clubs, they invariably don't need to take a Donald Trump... they need to take a Hit and Miss. – *Babbling Brook/Leinsterfans.com* forum, 15th June **2006**

· I've got to go for a donald. – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

· [F]or some reason I've taken a Donald Trump in one of Bernard Jackman's Dubes[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.191, **2008**

· I am now off for a Donald Trump. – *www.youtube.com*, **2010**

· Someone just took a Donald Trump in here. – *twitter.com*, 20th February **2013**

· I'm going to the bathroom to take a Donald Trump. – *www.avclub.com*, 29th June **2015**

· [J]ust popping to the scooby for a donald. – *twitter.com*, 4th November **2016**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *hump*.

· – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**

3 a bad mood, a fit of sulks [UK]

Rhymes on *hump*. Used in the phrase *have/get the Donald Trump* or *have/get the donald* 'to be or become annoyed or sulky'.

· – Im very good at games and win most of them, usually only lose when my girlfriend looks like she is starting to get the donald trump (hump). – [M]y boyfriend felt sure he was going to win a game of rummy last night, and then I won the game, he had the right donald... – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 24th September **2004**

· I got the fucking donald!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! [...] I got the fucking Donald Trump!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd June and 12th November **2010**

Donal Lunny

noun

money [IRELAND]

< Irish musician Dónal Lunny (b.1947).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Don Doak

noun

a cigar, cigarette or pipe [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smoke*. Probably < Australian rugby league player Don Doak, who played for the North Sydney Bears in the 1960s.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

done-a-bunk

noun

a punk rocker [UK]

< *do a bunk*, a British colloquialism meaning 'to abscond, to run away'.

· The other amazing thing was that I had Twiggaler in black, exactly what the punks now wear! Perhaps some

done-a-bunk had clocked my old pictures in a dentist's waiting room. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.90, **1986**

doner kebab; doner

verb

to stab [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th March **2002**

· I hear someone was donered here last night. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

doner kebabs; donner kebabs; donnar kebabs

noun

1 pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

· He had a touch of the doner kebabs. – *BBC Ouch!* forum, 18th July **2007**

· That old brass gave me the Doner Kebabs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th August **2009**

· Andy McNabs – Crabs [sometimes also Donnar Kebabs – Crabs]. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

2 ■ **on her doner kebabs** menstruating [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dabs*, used in the phrase *on her dabs*, a colloquial Scottish equivalent of *on the rag*.

· [“D]id you get your Jam Roll last night?” “naw she was on her donner kebabs!” – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

donkey barrow

noun

a vegetable marrow [UK]

< *donkey barrow* ‘a street trader’s cart pulled by a donkey’. Recorded in use among market traders.

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

donkey rides; donkeys

noun

trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *strides*.

· He’s wearing black donkeys. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *Buzz50* forum, 29th March **2012**

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

donkey's ears; donkeys' ears; donkey's; donkeys'; donkeys; donks

noun

a very long time [UK/NEW ZEALAND/INDIA/US/AUSTRALIA/CANADA/IRELAND/SRI LANKA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Probably rhyming slang on *years*. This term is widely thought to have arisen as a variant of *donkey's years*, perhaps as a result of a slurred or dialect pronunciation of the word *ears* as a homophone or near-homophone of *years*, reinforced by an allusion to the remarkable length of donkeys' ears. However, the use of *donkey's ears* predates that of *donkey's years*. The former is first recorded in the 1880s, while the latter is

not recorded until the 1920s. It is likely that *donkey's years* was originally suggested, at least in part, by the notion that donkeys do live for a very long time.

Both *donkey's ears* and *donkey's years* were, in fact, used interchangeably in *years and years*, and *donkey's ears/donkey's years* ‘a long period of time’, a 19th- and early 20th-century dialect phrase which must form an inextricable part of this term's history. *Years and years*, and *donkey's ears* occurs, for example, in Alice King's *The Strange Story at Lee* (1887), whilst G. F. Northall's *A Warwickshire Word-Book* (1896) gives *years and years*, and *donkey's years* (? *ears*). According to the available evidence, the shortened forms *donkey's* (also spelt *donkeys'* and *donkeys*) and *donks* are confined to British, Irish, Australian and New Zealand usage.

· Pyramus met him at Rhyl a fortnight gone, but I have not set eyes on him for donkey's ears [i.e. long years]. – F.H. Groome, *In Gipsy Tents*, p.82, **1880**

· [S]he at last unthawed to the extent of remarking that she would give us a “chune,” though she “hadn't stood up” to sing by herself “for donkey's ears.” – *Punch* magazine, London, 1st December **1920**

· Been in the House for donkey's ears, but doesn't possess 'em. – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 24th March **1923**

· For lo! he has gathered unearned increment for donkey's ears, he and his forbears, and loss hardly affects his accumulated profits. – *The Calcutta Municipal Gazette*, 1st August **1931**

· But well, he's been hunting heads for donkey's ears. – *Link* magazine, New Delhi, 4th October **1964**

· It's been donkey's ears. I almost fainted when I got your wire! – F. Marion, *Off With Their Heads!*, p.154, **1972**

· Don't know if there's been a common denominator to my love affairs. Usually we've been friends for donks. – L. Re, ‘Of All Sad Words’, short story, in *Hecate: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Women's Liberation*, 30th November **1985**

· It's been likesay, donks, since ah went tae the fitba, ken. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.122 [1994], **1993**

· The constant bitching, the efforts to give a semblance of decency and coherency to the Saas-Bahu serial on air for donkey's ears[.] – *timesofindia.indiatimes.com*, 3rd March **2005**

· “They haven't been a farthing for donkey's!” [...] Over the course of the best steak counter-lunch he's had in donkeys', Henry finds out that his job is to write a column[.] – P. Wilson, *Faces*, pp.22/137, **2007**

· Built by so-and-so donkey's ago. Bombed to fuck by the proud boys of the RAF in 1941. – A. Smith, *Union Jock*, p.126, **2008**

· It's been around for donkeys (but) the cost of actually putting that technology into smaller plants is very prohibitive[.] – *The Southland Times*, Invercargill, New Zealand, 24th September **2010**

· Been a Triumph fan come Layland freak for donks[.] – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 9th June **2011**

- I've wondered the very same thing for donkey's ears. – *spokenscene.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd August **2012**
- This wine has been around for donkeys', but I think the last time I tasted it was in my teens. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 16th August **2012**
- "How are ya? I've not seen you for donkeys'," she said. – D.J. Francis, *Walking Up a Slide*, p.139, **2014**
- [H]ard-copy versions have been around for donkey's ears. – *www.smh.com.au*, 18th July **2014**
- Our screenings in the Briery Gap theatre last February brought hundreds of people from the locality who had not been to a cinema, as one elderly gentleman described it to me humourously ... "in donkey's ears"! – *mp2films.com*, blog, 23rd April **2015**
- I am from Kandy and have an older brother and sister. [...] I have been at the Galadari Hotel for donkey's ears. – *Daily News*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10th October **2015**
- No one's been here for donkeys' ears, he reckoned. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.46, **2016**
- This project has been on the SCAMP for donkey's ears. – *www.defenceweb.co.za*, 16th August **2016**
- The USA has probably been reading Putin's emails for donks[.] – *Politics.ie* forum, 7th November **2016**

Don Lang*noun*

slang [UK]

- < Don Lang, the stage name of English trombonist and singer Gordon Langhorn (1925–92).
- [A]n old teddy boy who was fluent in the 'old don lang'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Don McLean*noun*

a train [UK]

- A perfect rhyme. < American singer Don McLean (b.1945).
- We could feel the Coronation Street as soon as we got off the Don McLean, it was really Randolph Scott for my liking. – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November **2005**
- "Just got off the old Don McLean," he said of his journey[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 30th April **2012**

Don Murray; don*noun*

a curry [UK: WALES]

- < Scottish footballer Don Murray (b.1946), who played for Cardiff City FC from 1962 to 1975.
- – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, s.v. *Ruby Murray*, **2006**

- Off for a "Don Murray" now - if you're 40 years of age (+VAT) and from Cardiff you should know what I mean. – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2012**
- [W]hat better way to celebrate than to go out for a "Don Murray". – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2013**
- Great piece of Welsh rhyming slang there to sit alongside: Say Porthcawl (feck all), and Going for a Don (Murray) curry. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 19th September **2015**

donner kebabs; donnar kebabs*noun*

▶ see DONER KEBABS

Donnie Darko*nickname*used as a substitute for the name *Marko*, a familiarvariation of *Mark* [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- A nonce word. < *Donnie Darko*, a 2001 American film directed by Richard Kelly and its eponymous hero, portrayed by Jake Gyllenhaal (b.1980).
- – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Donnie Darko; donnie darko'd*adjective*

in a state of unconsciousness [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *sparko*. < *Donnie Darko*, a 2001 American film directed by Richard Kelly and its eponymous hero, portrayed by Jake Gyllenhaal (b.1980).
- The guy on the floor was totally Donnie Darko'd. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th December **2006**
- SLANG AS IT IS NOW [...] Donnie Darko = sparko. – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

Don Revie; Don Revvie; don; donald*noun*

an alcoholic drink [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bevvy*. < English football player and manager Donald George 'Don' Revie (1927–89). According to the available evidence, the form *donald* is confined to northern English usage.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- When players wanted a drink they went out for a 'Don' Revie – bevvy. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 7th June **1998**
- An Aberdour and then I'm off oot for a Don Revie[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th January **2001**
- I'm all for meeting for a Don Revie before games. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 1st August **2003**
- Purchasing the don revvies in al fresco's. – *twitter.com*, 22nd May **2010**
- Fancy a Don? Got a right Geoff on. – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November **2010**
- In the early 1980s we in t'North would meet and go out for a 'Donald' (from Don Revie, bevvy). – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 2nd April **2012**
- Feel like having a don revvie. – *twitter.com*, 12th March **2014**

don't be funny; don't be*noun*

[1] money [UK]

- [M]oney is *don't be*, from *don't be funny*[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**
- [M]oney = don't be funny[.] – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April **1932**

2 a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dummy*. Always used in full.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

don't be rude; don't be

noun

food [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- You'll feel better with some don't be inside you. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Don't be Vague

nickname

English politician William Hague (b.1961). He was leader of the British Conservative Party from 1997 to 2001 and Shadow Foreign Secretary from 2005 to 2010, when he became First Secretary of State and Foreign Secretary under David Cameron's premiership. He served as Leader of the House of Commons between 2014 and 2015

A slang rhyme based on the Haig whisky slogan 'Don't be vague – ask for Haig' – hence ultimately a covert pun on the homophones *Hague* and *Haig*. The slogan was launched in 1934 and continued into the 1970s. The *vague* theme features prominently in several other nicknames for William Hague, including *Vague Hague*, *Hague the Vague*, *MR VAGUE*, *KING WILLIAM THE VAGUE* and *WILLIAM VAGUE*.

- Some chap with a double-barrelled name in Hague's office in downtown Victoria claims that "Don't Be Vague" found the portrait of himself as a boy in short trousers in the Guardian "very amusing". – *The Independent*, London, 15th June 1997
- And don't be vague was forced to reveal his wife's miscarriages – like hell he was – he is doing it not because he is forced, but to rescue his career from the innuendo. – *www.theguardian.com*, 1st September 2010
- Moral high ground indeed, Gaddafi burying Abdel Younes and 'Don't be Vague' tutting his disapproval at Assad. – *www.theguardian.com*, 2nd August 2011

don't forget her

noun

1 a letter [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme relying on the *h*-less pronunciation of *her*.

- Well China, this don't forget her is getting long and I am running out of nails and screws[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

2 a condom [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme on *French letter*. Relies on the *h*-less pronunciation of *her*.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

don't make a fuss

noun

a bus [UK]

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, 1973

- Waiting for the don't make a fuss, eh? – E. James, *DB-SCE*, 1997

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

- – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005

Doogie Howsers; doogies

noun

trousers [UK]

< Doogie Howser, the title character in the American sitcom *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, originally broadcast on ABC from 1989 to 1993, portrayed by Neil Patrick Harris (b.1973).

- Nice Doogie Howsers. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th November 2004

- "Pants" are "adams" (< Adam and the Ants), "doogies" (< Doogie Howser), or "lesleys" (Lesley Crowthers). – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August 2006

do or die

noun

a meat pie [AUSTRALIA]

- Or take something that can be even deadlier – the meat pie rendered ceramic by some days in a roadside caf's kiln. Add some tom sauce and it becomes a do-or-die-with-a-dash-of-dead-horse ... – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August 2006

doorknob

noun

1 a shilling [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bob*.

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, 1973

- While he was delving in his pockets Julia drew a shilling from her purse – a bob, in everyday English. "Will a door-knob do?" she asked sweetly, in best Belgravian. – M. Macdonald, *The Sky with Diamonds*, [2013], 1988

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

- – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

2 a job [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

- When you reach a certain age the only 'doorknob' open to many is driving a mini-cab[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

- Hi Deki hows the door knob? – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th August 2009

door-to-door

noun

in bingo, the number four [UK]

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, 1981

- – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.131, 1987

- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, 2007

doos an' ace

noun

▶ see DEUCE AND ACE

doppelganger

noun

a sausage [UK]

Rhymes on *banger*.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**Dora Gray; dora**

noun

a threepenny piece [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *tre*.· – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941**Doris Day; doris**

noun

1 a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Doris Day, the stage name of American singer and actress Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff (b.1924), probably influenced by her status as a gay icon in her latter years. The short form is first recorded in 1997.· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997· How's about Doris Days... I would have said (in my younger days of course) Irons. – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 21st August 2006· Big Mo bullied Steven Beale into bed with Stacey on EastEnders. "Leave it much longer and she'll think you're a bit of a Doris Day," Mo advised sensitively. – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th April 2008· Only when he died of Aids did the world at large learn that the hunk who had famously partnered Doris Day was a bit of a Doris himself. – *www.liverpoolecho.co.uk*, 14th May 2008

2 a route, road or path [UK]

Rhymes on *way*.· To be 'on your Doris' signifies your imminent departure. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, 2007**Doris Day; Doris; Ugly Doris**

nickname

Jim Gray (1958–2005), one of Northern Ireland's chief loyalist paramilitaries

< Doris Day, the stage name of American singer and actress Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff (b.1924). Jim Gray's dyed blonde hair, fake tan and flamboyant dress sense were thought to be somehow reminiscent of the actress.

· Entitled "Doris you're dead", the article claimed that other brigadiers had warned Gray, a wealthy racketeer, about drug dealing. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 6th April 2003

· Although dubbed 'Doris Day' by the media, Gray had another unprintable nickname inside the UDA, in-

spired by his sex life. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 9th October 2005· And it is primarily about the UVF leader in east Belfast nicknamed the Beast from the East or "Ugly Doris". The first nom de guerre relates to his east Belfast bailiwick and the second refers to the late Jim Gray, the UDA east Belfast leader or "brigadier" murdered by his own people. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 23rd June 2011**Doris Day; doris**

adjective

(of a man) homosexual; relating to or used by homosexuals [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Doris Day, the stage name of American singer and actress Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff (b.1924), probably influenced by her status as a gay icon in her latter years. The short form is first recorded in 1997.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997· He seems a little bit Doris[.] – *UD(.com)*, 8th February 2004· slipknots a bit Doris Day, if you know what i mean. – *KillerMovies Community* forum, 10th July 2005· Triumph rider silences gay bishop. [...] He must be having a lark, 'cos I've heard that Nutty is a bit Doris Day himself! – *TriumphRat.net* forum, 13th July 2008· – He pulled up his round the houses, brushed off his Claire Rayners, straightened his ****ie Dirt, smoothed his Barnet Fair and headed straight for... – ... a Doris Day bar. – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October 2008· He's definitely Doris Day. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009· It is not polite, for example, to openly refer to someone who is Doris Day (gay) as an Iron (iron hoof = pouf) nowadays, so we have to be a bit more subtle. – *americasright.com*, 26th August 2009· I was very young at the time but i always thought he was a bit Doris Day too[.] – *TruckNet UK* forum, 5th February 2012· He's a bit Doris. – *twitter.com*, 13th November 2012**Dorothy Dix; dorothy**

noun

in cricket, a 'six', a shot in which the ball goes over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs [AUSTRALIA]

< Dorothy Dix, the pseudonym of American journalist Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer (1870–1951), who gained international fame for her column of advice to the lovelorn.

· He still laughs loudly about hitting a 'George Moore' (to the boundary) and a 'Dorothy Dix' – or 'Dorothy' for short – over the fence. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 2nd July 1979· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984· That was a *Dorothy* from the moment it left the bat. – J. Leigh and D. Woodhouse, *Cricket Lexicon*, 2006

· He may have had "Pup" on his back but he had mongrel on his mind – straight away he hit a pie from Mark Gil-

lespie over long off for a Dorothy Dix. – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, 16th December **2007**

Dorothy Dors

noun

in bingo, the number forty-four [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *all the fours*, another bingo call for this number.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Dorothy Gish; dorothy

noun

a dish [AUSTRALIA]

< American actress Dorothy Gish (1898–1968), sister of the better-known LILLIAN GISH.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Dorothy Lamour; dorothy

noun

1 a flower [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *floer*. < Dorothy Lamour, the stage name of American actress Mary Leta Dorothy Slaton (1914–96).

· “Dorothy Lamours” (floo’ers) [...]. Correct usage of the McFarlane demands that only the first word is used, as in to: “lose one’s Berwick and stick one’s St Louis up someone’s Burlington chorus because they gave some Dorothys to your lemon”. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 18th August **2004**

2 a door [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – *h2g2* forum, 29th July **2011**

Dorothy Paul; dorothy

noun

an act of falling [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fall*. < Scottish actress and entertainer Dorothy Paul (b.1937).

· Watch ye dinnae hae a Dorothy on that pavement hen.

– R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

dorothy squire; dorothy

noun

a tyre [UK]

< Dorothy Squires, the stage name of Welsh singer Edna Squires (1915–98).

· [A] flat Dorothy or a set of Dorothys. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

dot and carriage

noun

marriage [UK]

A derivative of DOT AND CARRY.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Dot & Carried*, **2003**

dot and carried

adjective

married [UK]

Probably < Dot and Carrie, two comic strip characters created by English cartoonist Frank Horrabin in 1922

for the *London Star*. Alternatively, the word may be derived from *dot and carry one*, an old slang expression for a person with a wooden leg.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· I wonder if it is more than mere coincidence that has thrown us together at a point when I was thinking about getting dot and carried? – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.118, **1974**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

dot and carry

verb

to marry [UK]

A back-formation from DOT AND CARRIED.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

dot and dash; dot

noun

1 a moustache [US/UK]

A perfect rhyme in American English. In British English, the rhyme is probably on the colloquialism *tash*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 cash; money [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· Though her dad’s a lord, she’s none too well fixed for the dot-and-dash, and somehow it goes against the grain *not* to be seen around with an heiress—if only on account of the slag, who think of nothing else. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.80, **1962**

· I’m daffy ducked unless I get some dot and dash in my lucy locket. – *Bloody Disgusting* forum, 8th April **2008**

· He says he wants dot-and-dash in advance before he’ll do the job. – *UD(.com)*, 24th January **2009**

· One time lookers like Dionne are never happy unless they’re taking piles of dot and dash off some mug. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

3 counterfeit money [UK]

Rhymes on the underground slang *flash*.

· [I]ncluding the traditional Cockney Rhyming Slang, “plates” for “feet”–plates of meat, feet [...] “dot” for “flash” (flash is counterfeit money)–dot and dash, flash. – A. Bester, *The Deceivers*, p.20 [1999], **1981**

Dot Cotton; dot

adjective

rotten; horrible, very bad or unpleasant; worthless [UK/IRELAND]

< Dot Cotton, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, portrayed by English actress June Brown (b.1927).

· That looks absolutely Dot Cotton. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th June **2002**

· [A]h his bird is a bit Dot Cotton in fairness. – *Boards.ie*, 11th October **2006**

· Me dogs are barking something Dot Cotton[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st June **2006**

· I'm feeling a bit dot. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I was sent down the lollipop to buy Uncle Reg for Michael Winner, but the polly parrots were Dot Cotton[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.240, **2008**

· Rocknrolla ain't pirates (Pirates of Penzance – pants), or Dot (Dot Cotton – rotten) – but it's not that Christmas (Christmas pud – good) either. – *The People*, London, 31st August **2008**

· [R]ight im working tonight and tomorrow, had far too many bottles of wine last night in San Carlo,.... so feeling a bit Dot Cotton today... – *UK Babe Channels* forum, 29th June **2010**

· That fart smells Dot Cotton. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

· With them are simple-minded Davey Tuppence (Jack Doolan) and gun-toting Mental Mickey (Ashley “Bashy” Thomas) – who, as his namesake suggests, is completely Dot Cotton in the head. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

· Dot – rotten (rhyming slang, Dot Cotton). – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.190, **2013**

dots and dyes; dots and dies

noun

the eyes [US]

Coined in, or at the very least popularised by, the American film *Mr Lucky* (1943), starring Cary Grant and Laraine Day.

· Well, Barnet Fair is hair, dots and dyes, the I suppose, north and south. – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**

· For instance, eyes are called “dots and dies.” – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 13th August **1972**

double blank

noun

an American [UK]

Rhymes on *Yank*. < *double blank* ‘a domino tile with no pips’.

· – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, **1985**

· Klionfan, your a Yank, Double Blank or an American take your pick... We Brits are made up of English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish men... Yeeeeee Haw!! – *NFL UK* forum, 1st January **2009**

double date

noun

in bingo, the number forty-eight [UK]

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

Double Gloucester

noun

a person travelling on someone else's passport [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *impostor*. A nonce word coined by English writer Tony Saint (b.1968) in his 2003 novel *Refusal Shoes*. < *Double Gloucester* ‘a type of cows'-milk hard cheese made originally in Gloucestershire’.

· [A]lthough the passport is genuine, it may be in the possession of a *Double Gloucester* – an impostor. – T. Saint, *Refusal Shoes*, p.12, **2003**

double richard

noun

in prison, a convict who spends a lot of time brooding over his or her unfortunate situation, thus serving a ‘double’ sentence [UK]

An offshoot of *richard*, a shortening of RICHARD THE THIRD, rhyming on *bird*, itself a shortening of BIRD-LIME. Prison use.

· He advised Archer not to be a “double Richard” – prison slang for someone who, by his own bitterness and resentment, does his sentence twice over. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 21st July **2003**

double-scotch

noun

watch, the act of watching [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Used in the phrase *keep double-scotch*. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.

· And his three brads keeping double-scotch, two at his toots and one behind his uncle. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, **1968**

doublet and hose

noun

the nose [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

double-u double-u dot

noun

a spot, a pimple [IRELAND]

< *double-u double-u dot*, a spoken rendition of *ww.*, itself an ad hoc shortening of *www.*, the familiar abbreviation of *World Wide Web* in the conventional formula for Internet addresses.

· We're talking Jo Brand with orange hair and a face full of double-u double-u dots. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Dirtbody*, p.58, **2003**

Doug Gott

noun

a glass (of beer) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pot*, which in certain parts of Australia refers to a beer glass that holds 285ml. < Australian Rules footballer Doug Gott (b.1950).

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 18th January **2014**

Douglas Hurd; douglas*noun***1** a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *turd*. < English Conservative politician and writer Douglas Richard Hurd, Baron Hurd of Westwell (b.1930), who was Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom from 1989 to 1995.

· When a person goes to perform what for a man is a sit down job on the lavatory they have gone to ‘dump a Douglas’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Yeeughh, I’ve just stood in a douglas. – *b3ta* forum, 10th February **2003**

· One could visit the toilet for a *Douglas Hurd* or even a *John Wool*.[.] – *Fool.co.uk* forum, 15th January **2004**

· He only survived because he was having a Douglas Hurd and the potty absorbed the blast. – *ShanklyGates* forum, 28th February **2013**

2 an obnoxious or unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *turd*.

· If I carry out the threat, I’ll look back on the wedding photos and feel a right Douglas Hurd. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 27th April **1997**

· You enormous Douglas. – *Liverpool Way* forum, 29th January **2015**

3 a third-class university honours degree [UK]

· But now there is a Geoff (as in Hurst) for first, a 2:1 is a Trevor (Nunn) and a third is a Douglas (Hurd). – *Daily Mail*, London, 8th December **2000**

· The third-class degree, affectionately known as a Douglas Hurd after the former Conservative government minister, is on the verge of extinction.[.] – *Times Higher Education*, London, 5th September **2003**

· They call it a ‘douglas’ these days, in honour of the great and manifestly marvellously charismatic and memorable Douglas Hurd. – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· These days, degrees have different names, derived from rhyming slang: [...] a third is a Thora, after the actor Thora Hird, or a Douglas, after the former Tory foreign minister.[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 5th July **2012**

· In my day degrees were named 1st Geoff (as in Hurst) 2.1 Jeffrey (as in Dujon) 2.2 Desmond (as Above) 3rd Douglas (as in Hurd). – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April **2013**

· Graduates who want to boost their earnings potential should avoid ending up with a “Desmond” or a “Douglas” and set their sights on a “Geoff” or an “Attila”. – *The Observer*, London, 15th February **2016**

Doug McClure*noun*

a whore [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hoor*, the Scots form of *whore*. < American actor Doug McClure (1935–95).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· Yur wifes a doug mc clure. – *www.thefanclub.com*, 16th November **2011**

Dover boat*noun*

a coat [UK]

< *Dover boat*, a reference to the Dover–Calais ferry, which plies the narrowest crossing point between Britain and France.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Dover Harbour; dover*noun*

a barber [UK]

< *Dover Harbour*, a reference to the harbour at Dover, a town in the south-east coast of England, at the narrowest crossing point between Britain and France.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I had an appointment with my dover harbour to cut my barnet fair.[.] – *The Straight Dope* forum, 22nd May **2001**

· Men used to go to the ‘Dover’ for a fourpenny all off[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

down and up*noun*

a cup [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

down on your knees*noun*

in bingo, the number forty-three [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· In the parlance familiar to its players, the health of bingo is 28 (in a state), to be a bingo operator is to be 43 (down on your knees) and the game’s prospects are looking rather 44 (droopy drawers). – *www.ft.com*, 20th October **2013**

down the drain*noun*

the brain [UK]

· Even as the horrible thought permeates my down-the-drain I see Hollis handing down his pint to Gunter for a quick guzzle.[.] – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.49, **1976**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – *authonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010**

down the drains*noun*

intelligence [UK/US?]

Rhymes on *brains*. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California

Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.74, 1973
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- I wracked my down the drains (brains) and it suddenly dawned on me: the evidence was Ricki Lake (fake), and I had my reasonable Brussels sprout (doubt). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October 2011
- It won’t win points for down the drains.[.] – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August 2012
- She’s the one with all the down the drains. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

down the hatch

noun

a match [UK]

< *down the hatch!*, a drinking toast.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- A REAL MAN DOESN’T SWEAT IT. HE WATCHES THE DOWN THE HATCH ON THE KY JELLY OR DOWN THE BATTLE CRUISER. – Greeting card by The London Studio, London, 2011

down the Vic

noun


in bingo, the number fifty-six [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *down the Vic*, a reference to The Queen Vic, a pub that serves as a central location in the popular BBC continuing drama *EastEnders*.

- – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May 2003
- – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October 2013

D’Oyly Carte; Doily Carte; Doily Cart; d’oyly; doily

noun

 a fart [UK]

< D’Oyly Carte, an English opera company that specialises in the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. The company is known backstage as ‘The Oily Fart’.

- If you wants a D’Oyly Carte, make sure you goes outside. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1974

· **D’oyly Carte** [...] Generally dropped as a ‘D’Oyly’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

- The pungent scent of a recent D’Oyly Carte hung in the air. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

- Have you done a d’oyly? – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

· The thing is, when you float an audible doily in polite company, you know it will be remembered for ever. – *TERB.ca* forum, 16th December 2007

- I have bad case of the doily carts tonight and I challenge anyone within 15 feet of me to disagree. – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 26th May 2013

· Doily Cart ... Fart. – *Dogging* forum, accessed 25th September 2013

- A Doily Carte - that means a f*rt[.] – *poetry.com*, 6th October 2014

 the heart [UK]

No evidence of use in the short forms.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

D’Oyly Carte; Doily Carte

verb

to fart [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Mr Parker I think you should talk plain / Innuendo is really a pain / You need to say ‘farting’ / Not ‘doily carting’ / ‘Outgassing’ is also inane. – *The Critical Poet* forum, 20th April 2009

· Y’ wouldn’t know proper English if i’ sat on your boat an’ d’oyly carted in it. – *thewake-yp.livejournal.com*, blog, 9th June 2010

do you want some more?

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK/IRELAND]

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
- – *www.butlersbingo.com*, accessed 20th October 2013

dribs and drabs

noun

pubic lice [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- What’s the matter, got the dribs and drabs? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

· Im gonna have to put my stick of rock in mona lisa to kill them dribs n’ drabs. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July 2006

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

drip dry; drip

verb

to cry [UK]

- Come on stop “dripping” and tell me what’s wrong. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

dripping toast; dripping

noun

a host [UK]

< *dripping on toast* (or *toast and dripping*) ‘the fat and jelly that drips from roasting meat (especially beef) allowed to set, then spread on toast’; it was a popular dish during the post-war period of rationing.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.30, **1969**
- [A] publican becomes mine ‘dripping’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

drive me silly

noun

a billy (can) [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of **KNOCK ME SILLY**.

- You take the drive-me-silly and go down to the bubble-and-squeak and get some mother-and-daughter, and I’ll light the Mollie-Maguire and we’ll have some Gypsy Lee.
- E. Hill, *The Territory*, p.446, **1951**

Dromanas3

noun

problems [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *dramas*. < Dromana, a seaside town on Port Phillip Bay, south of Melbourne. Generally in the phrase *no Dromanas*, the direct equivalent of the colloquialism *no dramas* ‘no problem’, and often used as a polite formula for responding to thanks. Synonymous with **DALAI LAMAS**, **VASCO DE GAMAS** and **WES NAIQAMAS**.

- When someone says thanks you say, ‘No Dromanas.’ – C. Deveny, *Free*, p.68, **2009**
- No dromanas for movie fans. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 6th January **2010**
- “No Dromanas” :) Have a good week ahead! – *mornpen-daily.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd August **2011**

droopy drawers

noun

in bingo, the number forty-four [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *all the fours*, another bingo call for this number.

- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**
- – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**
- She was fast, with her low cancerous voice, wrecked from countless cigarettes, calling, “Cup of tea, Debbie McGee; 23, The Lord’s my Shepherd; Droopy Drawers, all the Fours–” – J. Papernick, *Who by Fire*, p.239, **2007**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

drop a derry and tom

verb

to defecate [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *drop a bomb*. Formed on **DERRY AND TOM**.

· Off to the toilet to drop a Derry and Tom, BOMB! – *twitter.com*, 28th August **2012**

drophead coupe; drophead

noun

a toupee [UK]

< *drophead coupé* (often clipped to *drophead*), a British synonym for *convertible* ‘a convertible car’. *Drophead* may also serve here as a weak pun for an item that is ‘dropped’ on a bald head.

- – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

drop kick and punt; dropkick

noun

1 an unpleasant or stupid person; a loser [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < *drop kick and punt*, a conjunction of two types of kick in Australian Rules football. In Australian English, only occasionally used in the full form. In New Zealand usage, only recorded in the short form. The widespread currency of *dropkick* may be due to the rhyme on *prick* and *dick*, which in turn may have contributed to lessening the semantic force of the original rhyme.

- **DROP, KICK AND PUNT**: rhym. *Cunt*. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

- People are going to think you are a total drop kick. – D. Rigby, *Holistic Singing*, p.55, **1998**
- Surprisingly, all had heard of people being referred to as dropkicks. But the meaning has changed. No one I asked realised that dropkick was an abbreviation of dropkick and punt – and thus that phrase’s generally unacceptable rhyming counterpart had been forgotten, or never learned. Instead, a dropkick these days is apparently simply a loser – someone who might once have been known as a Beecham’s Pill. – *The Australian*, 29th September **1998**

· **dropkick** Ineffectual, obnoxious or inept person. A loser. – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

· I don’t talk to the guy anymore, he’s a dropkick[.] – *Toyspeed.org.nz* forum, 1st December **2005**

· If you watched the “Howard flea circus” on Monday’s question time you will note that the Howard “Speaker” made no comment or insistence of an apology from Costello when he called the Labor member (who is a Senior Counsel) a “Dropkick”. – *webdiary.com.au*, 24th May **2006**

· On reflection, Leech’s dilemma is hilariously funny. Brought it upon himself through his prior reputation as a dropkick and punt. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 21st May **2008**

· Stewart is just a drop kick and punt. – *League Unlimited* forum, 4th October **2011**

· – I see drop kicks all the time, usually hanging around taverns late at night. – You should give them their full title viz “Drop kick and punt”. – *Holiday Forum*, 15th June **2012**

· Yup Kiwi, the usual bunch of dropkicks and ne'er do wells. – *www.3news.co.nz*, 7th February **2014**

· Asked about the US presidential contender on the ABC's Q&A program, Josh Frydenberg said: "He's a dropkick." – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 1st October **2016**

2 the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· **Drop Kick** Drop kick and punt (vagina). – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.25, **1983**

3 something of little or no value [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *not give a drop kick and punt* 'to not care at all'.

· The average rugby league fan could not give a drop kick and punt about Essendon and James Hird except that now that the southern circus is over, will the ASADA focus turn to the Cronulla Sharks next? – *www.theroar.com.au*, 28th August **2013**

drop of Scotch

noun

a wristwatch [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.57, **1968**

drown your fears

noun

beers [AUSTRALIA]

With a nod to *drown your sorrows* 'to try to forget your problems by drinking to excess'.

· At five o'clock every day / he got to his plates of meat, / nodded to the dead loss, / settled his tit for tat / on to his loaf of bread, / went down the apples and pears into the field of wheat, / stopped at the rubbity dub for a couple of drown your fears with his china plates[.] – A. Witting, 'Quality of Life', in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**

Druids Heath

noun

the teeth [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

< Druids Heath, an area of south Birmingham.

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August **2010**

drum and bass

noun

▶ see DRUM 'N' BASS

drum and fife; drum

noun

1 a wife [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April **1932**

· – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, **1937**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· His drum and fife was loaded with tomfoolery[.] – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· I've got to go home to my drum and fife. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

2 a knife [UK]

▶ see DRUMMOND AND ROCE

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· A poke in the eye wiv a drum an' fife please. – *Courage Best Bitter* beer mat, **1980**

· Swiftly and silently his drum and fife found its way up under Rocko's ribs. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· [T]he Pot and Pan jumped up and pulled a Drum and Fife from under the Skein-Of-Thread... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

· Watch out, he's got a drum in his pocket. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

drummond and roce

noun

a knife and fork [UK]

< *drummond and roce*, an ad hoc combination of *drummond*, itself a reanalysed version of the noun-conjunction sequence *drum and* in the expression DRUM AND FIFE, and *roce*, a phonetic spelling of the colloquial pronunciation of *roast*, the clipped form of ROAST PORK.

· W'y! they don't even take yer eatin'-irons. I kep' me ole drummond-an'-roce. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.110, **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

drum 'n' bass; drum and bass; drum

noun

1 the face [UK]

< *drum 'n' bass* 'an electronic music genre'.

· Drum and Bass is Cockney slang for Face. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I've got a great big spot brewing on my drum. – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: 19, London, February **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Look me in the Drum. – *College Confidential* forum, 8th November **2005**

· [D]on't get too elephant's trunk, get Uncle Dick or fall on your drum'n'bass, or your trouble might have something to say about it. – *www.thelondontraveler.com*, 15th February **2008**

· John just took a wallop to the drum! – *Tripwire Interactive* forum, 18th February **2010**

2 a place [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. No evidence of use in the short form. Also idiomatically in the phrase *in the Geoff Hurst drum 'n' bass*. ▶ see GEOFF HURST *adjective*

· Great Britain is a drum 'n' bass that jam on the plates the Babe Ruth[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

dry bollocks

noun

hydraulics [UK/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

· And me, thats exactly what it is, give me the old dry bollocks (hydraulics) system anyway, they have more feel

if you ask me[.] – *Astra Owners Club* forum, 4th March **2006**

· In Dry-Bollocks (hydraulics) I only use pressure, flow, velocity, temp etc, and NEVER use e's cos they suck, and my Mummy say's I get too many of them! – *IHS Engineering360* forum, 4th February **2008**

dry land

verb

to understand [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Whenever you see a chap after your judy, the best thing to do is to go up to her and tell her that you don't mean to stand her blooming kid, that you dry land her emag. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

dry martini

noun

the left hand [UK]

Formed on MARTINI. A play on the name of a cocktail made from gin and dry vermouth. ▶ see SWEET MARTINI

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, s.v. *sweet and dry*, **2002**

· – www.larkrisewebsservices.co.uk, 'Polari Dictionary', **2007**

· And Josephine *lelled* them both, Ephraim in his *sweet martini* toward Israel's *dry martini*, and Manasseh in his *dry martini* toward Israel's *sweet martini*, and brought them near unto *her*. – www.polaribible.org, 'The Polari Bible' (7th edn), p.55, 12th June **2014**

dry rot

noun

a girl or young woman; a girlfriend [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *mot*.

· In d cot with the dry rot... Might get a Malahide before a nice bo peep :) [...] Out & about in Charlie Brown... Checking out a few dry rots... Some nice Pairs of top ten hits around. – twitter.com, 13th April and 7th May **2010**

dry rots

noun

1 diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the trots*.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· We get the 'dry rots', not diarrhea. – *AntiOnline* forum, 21st May **2002**

· Or as they so tastefully say in the Australian vernacular – Strine, "Give you the dry rots in your Reg Grundies." – W. Mombassa, *Far East, La!*, p.139, **2008**

· I've had the dry rots. – www.arcsa.org.au, **2013**

2 a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the trots*. Used in the phrases *give someone the dry rots* and *get/have the dry rots*.

· Jings it fair gie's me the dry rots tae think o' youse in Zanzibar or some sich[.] – *Yachting and Boating World* forum, 21st June **2002**

· The smoking bans give me the dry rots, as it's more micromanagement of people's lives. – timblair.net, blog, 21st November **2006**

· This really gives me the dry-rots. What is happening to this bloody country that we have to cack everything up with daft bloody spices and shyte. – *Bluemoment* forum, 2nd April **2008**

dry stane dyke

noun

a hike [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *drystane dyke*, the Scots equivalent of *drystone wall* 'a stone wall built without mortar'; this type of construction is a prominent feature of the Scottish countryside.

· 'am no payin' 100 euros fir that pal, awa' an' tak' a dry stane dyke! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Duane Eddys; Duane Eddies

noun

cash [UK]

Rhymes on *readies*. < American guitarist Duane Eddy (b.1938).

· Duane Eddies is Cockney slang for Readies (cash). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· You get some nasty little Paul Anka who's a bit short of the Duane Eddys[.] – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Dublin fair

noun

the hair [AUSTRALIA]

· Her Dublin fair is sort of brown[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Dublin trick

noun

in the building trade, a brick [UK]

· If he runs short of bricks, he cries out to his "cad" (assistant) for "Dublin tricks," and if he wants water, he makes a demand for "the fisherman's daughter." – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] brick – Dublin trick[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

Duchess of Fife

noun

a wife [UK]

< Duchess of Fife, a title first bestowed on Princess Louise (eldest daughter of Edward VII) in 1889, when her husband, the 6th Earl of Fife, was created Duke of Fife. Probably suggested or informed by the earlier slang *dutch* 'a wife', which is often regarded as its short form. As a term for a wife or a mother, the phrase *my old dutch* is first recorded in J. F. Mitchell's ballad 'Jimmy Johnson's Holiday' (1882).

· The old function of rhyming slang as a thieves' code has lapsed, and it has long become no more than a Cockney form of verbal wit. Duchess of Fife, for wife, or Cain and Abel for table, or uncle Ned for bed, would do little to help the modern smash and grab expert against the flying squad. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July 1932

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, 1984

· [T]he erstwhile minister had asked his Dustbin Lid (kid) and Duchess of Fife (wife) to tell Porky Pies (lies) for him[.] – *The Evening Standard*, London, 24th December 1999

· He then adds, “I can’t be certain... I fink she wants to be me Duchess of Fife.” – *Daily Mirror*, London, 17th March 2001

· “Well, I’ll be blowed! The Duchess of Fife!” [...] “No, the Countess of Weston. I’m Lord Weston’s wife. Gillian, Lady Weston, to be precise.” “That’s what I said. Yer ’is lordship’s trouble and strife.” – K. MacAlister, *Noble Intentions*, p.80 [2014], 2002

· There are many reasons why your Duchess of Fife might walk out the Rory O’More. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 8th November 2006

Duchess of Pork

nickname

Sarah Ferguson (b.1959), Duchess of York, former wife of Prince Andrew

A slang rhyme. Suggested by the Duchess’s physique.

▶ see DUCHESS OF YORK

· Fergie doesn’t seem to mind the fatso stories – but we do hear the Duchess of Pork has gone on a new diet. – *Weekly World News*, Lantana, Florida, 14th February 1989

· The “Duchess of Pork,” the tabloids called her. Fergie was far too flabby, flamboyant and frumpy to make good royalty. – *Star Tribune*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 31st March 1992

· I had recently slimmed down by more than fifty pounds from the 203 pounds that earned me the stinging “Duchess of Pork” label from the British press. – S. Ferguson, *Finding Sarah*, p.201, 2011

Duchess of Teck; duchess

noun

a cheque [UK]

< Duchess of Teck, the title given to Princess Mary Adelaide (1833–97), George V’s mother-in-law, from 1871 until her death; married to Francis, DUKE OF TECK, whose title serves the same purpose in slang. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.17, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – *Mid-Morning Show*: ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May 2014

Duchess of York

noun

1 pork [UK]

< Duchess of York, a courtesy title gained by marriage to the Duke of York. Recorded shortly after Sarah ‘Fergie’ Ferguson (b.1959) became Duchess of York in 1986.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.35, 2011

2 a fork [UK]

· – www.dmiproductions.co.uk, 2009

duck and a flea

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-three [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 2 and a duck, and, less obviously, between the number 3 and a flea. Always with the indefinite article: *a duck and a flea*. ▶ see ONE LITTLE FLEA

· – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffing*, p.120, 2009

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012

duck and dive

noun

1 the act or an instance of shirking [UK]

Rhymes on *skive*. < *duck and dive*, a verb phrase used to denote a personal practice of resourceful evasion.

· I had so many jobs and duck and dives that I get confused trying to think back to the mid-fifties. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.24, 1986

2 in bingo, the number twenty-five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – onlinebingopoint.co.uk, accessed June 2004

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012

3 jive (a kind of dance popular in Britain in the 1950s) [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

duck and its mate; duck and its weight

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-eight [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 2 and a duck. *Duck and its mate* is common in both locations of use. The variant *duck and its weight*, recorded in April 2011, is exclusively British.

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010

· – www.twolittlefleas.co.uk, 11th April 2011

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012

· – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August 2013

duck in heaven*noun*

in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK]

Partly based on the similarity between the number 2 and a duck.

- Bingo – as it used to be called in England. [...] Duck in Heaven - 27. – *www.keypoint.com.au*, accessed 21st October **2013**

duck on a tree*noun*

in bingo, the number twenty-three [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the similarity between the number 2 and a duck. Always with the indefinite article: *a duck on a tree*.

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

duck plucker*noun*

an obnoxious or despicable person [US]

Rhymes on *fucker*.

- – L. Dills, *CB Slangue*, p.30, **1976**
- He dont want to talk to you.....you duck plucker!!!!!! – *Primos Hunting* forum, 5th January **2005**
- Sick bunch of duck pluckers. – *Topix* forum, 13th August **2013**
- Why would you waste your time watching those duck pluckers in the first place? – *americablog.com*, blog, 3rd February **2014**

ducks and drakes*noun*

a fit of trembling caused by illness, anxiety, excessive indulgence in alcohol or withdrawal from dependence on alcohol or drugs [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *the shakes*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXIV, **1967**
- ‘Ya looks worried Taggy, wot’s on yer mind?’ ‘I’m O.K., it ain’t nuttin’,’ he replied edgely. ‘Ya got da bloody ducks an’ drakes. Dere must be somethin’ wrong.’ – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.135, **1968**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- I think I’ll have to get or make some sort of support (after searching CN for suggestions) for the scopes, after getting a bad case of the ducks and drakes (shakes) by the time I started searching Scorpius for interesting objects. – *Cloudy Nights* forum, 17th August **2004**
- He has a hangover, got the ducks and drakes. – K.P. Rowe, *WAI*, **2005** · – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
- – D. McGill, *DNKS*, **2011**
- I’ve got the ducks and drakes today. – *twitter.com*, 13th November **2015**

ducks and geese; ducks and; ducks*noun*

1 the police [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

The full form is common in all three locations of use. *Ducks and* and *ducks* have been recorded in Australian and British usage respectively.

- Ducks and geese ... Police. – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**
- Her pot and pan had smacked it for a blue with the ducks and geese, but was out on ginger ale. ducks and geese..police. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- *Ducks and geese*, police. Shortened to ‘ducks and’. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXIV, **1967**
- – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- Ducks and Geese: The law. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**
- [A]s usual, being a Saturday night, the ducks and geese were out on the prowl and it was obvious that we would be pretty fair game. – K.B. Saunders, *Myall Road*, p.39, **1998**
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**
- – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**
- Within seven years Tilly had many run-ins with the local ducks and geese, amassing over 70 convictions and a two-year stint in the slammer for slicing some poor Billy Hunt with a razor. – *www.tillydevine.com.au*, 20th August **2012**
- I was going down the road in my jam jar when I got a John Bull from the **ducks and geese** because I don’t have any beeswax. [...] I was going down the frog in my jam when I got a John from the ducks because I don’t have any bees. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.4, **2015**
- 2 prison officers [NEW ZEALAND]
- Recorded in the phrase *ducks and geese flying*, used by New Zealand prisoners to warn other inmates that a warder is approaching.
- **ducks and geese flying** ‘Watch out, the screws are coming!’ – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

duck’s arse; DA*noun*

an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASS-HOPPER. < *duck’s arse* (also abbreviated as *DA*), a man’s hairstyle, popular in the 1950s, in which the hair is tapered and curled at the nape like the feathers of a duck’s tail.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

duck’s neck*noun*

a cheque [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I often use “a duck’s neck” when I request homeowners whose home I’ve completed work on to leave “a duck’s neck” under their front doormat so that I can pick it up next day. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 26th July **2011**

Dudley Moore; dudley

noun

1 a sore; hence, any kind of inflammatory skin condition [UK]

< English actor, comedian and musician Dudley Moore (1935–2002).

· Herpes sufferers may break out in ‘Dudley’s’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 twenty pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· Dudley (Dudley Moore). [...] Loan me a Dudley? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· – *h2g2* forum, 30th January **2000**

· The Barney Rubble of a cockle is a score, what is also known as an apple or a Dudley, or the Horn of Plenty. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – R. Tames, *London*, p.190, **2006**

dug’s ears

noun

beers [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *dug’s ears*, the Scots form of *dog’s ears*.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

dug’s haw maws; dug’s haw-maws; dug’s hawmaws

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK: SCOTLAND]

An equivalent of *the dug’s baws* (the Scots form of *the dog’s balls*), itself a variation of *the dug’s bollocks*.

Formed on HAW MAWS.

· You are, what we call in Scotland, the dug’s haw maws. – *LOTROCommunity* forum, 29th March **2007**

· Your usual loser nerd who thinks he’s the dug’s haw maws so he changes his name from Fogell to that because he actually thinks it’s cool. – *splicechuff.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th September **2007**

· [Y]ours looks the dugs hawmaws. – *RWG* forum, 18th March **2011**

· Whisky’s the dug’s haw-maws, though, eh? – *twitter.com*, 18th April **2013**

dug’s hee haws; dug’s heehaws; dog’s hee-haws;

dog’s hee haws; dog’s heehaws

noun

something or someone excellent or outstanding; the best [UK: SCOTLAND]

An equivalent of *the dug’s baws* (the Scots form of *the dog’s balls*), itself a variation of *the dug’s bollocks*.

Formed on HEE-HAWS.

· No doubt about it then, when one of the top 100 UK deck-monkeys says that a club is the dogs hee-haws then

you know something special must be going on. – *Edinburgh Evening News*, 15th November **2001**

· [I]t could do with just a minor tweak to look absolutely the dug’s heehaws. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 3rd April **2008**

· Becks Gold is the dug’s hee haws! – *Hibs.net* forum, 27th March **2012**

· They’re the dog’s heehaws. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 27th November **2012**

· [I]t will be the dug’s hee haws when your finished. – *Large Scale Planes* forum, 15th March **2015**

· Aceform11 thinks Fred Hughes is the dog’s hee haws. – *twitter.com*, 3rd August **2015**

duke

noun

▶ see GEOFF DUKE

duke

verb

to look [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun *duke*, itself a shortening of GEOFF DUKE.

· Next thing I’m led down to a saracen with my two wee twins dakin’ over the balcony shoutin’, ‘Is that the brave knights come to rescue us?’ – M. Jones, *Somewhere Over the Balcony*, p.459 [2001], **1988**

· I’m sure Hubby is near away with it with your carry-on dakin’ at oul fellas. – *Lisburn Exiles* forum, 23rd February **2008**

· On train to Belfast discreetly trying to sup my wine without the glare of shoppers and kids duking at me. – *twitter.com*, 15th February **2014**

Duke ay Montrose

noun

▶ see DUKE OF MONTROSE

Duke O’ Buccleuch

noun

in bingo, the number two [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Duke of Buccleuch, a Scottish title created for the Duke of Monmouth in 1663. The final syllable is correctly pronounced *-loo*.

· Some o youse might ken these yins, they are as auld is tea. Ma grandfather yoused them awe the time. Duke O’ Buccleuch – (the number two) Used in Bingo. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May **2007**

Duke of Argyll

noun

1 a file (tool) [UK]

< Duke of Argyll, a noble title given to a hereditary peerage of Scotland and the United Kingdom.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a boil [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bile*, the Scots form of *boil*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, **1994**

Duke of Argylls; Duke of Argyles; dukies; dukies;**jookies***noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Duke of Argyll, a noble title given to a hereditary peerage of Scotland and the United Kingdom. The word is particularly common in Scotland and Northern Ireland; hence the Scottish variants *Duke i Argylls* and *Duke ae Argylls*. The shortened form *dukies* and its variant *jookies* are also unique to Scottish English.

· You'll get the Duke ae Argylls if ye sit on that cold waw much longer. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· *Duke i Argyll* [...] in pl. = piles[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.156, 1994

· [T]hat day he couldn't wait for the lecture to end as he was suffering greatly from 'the old Duke of Argylls', Belfast rhyming slang for piles. – D. Sharrock and M. Devenport, *Man of War, Man of Peace?*, p.96, 1997

· The Duke of Argylls is rhyming slang for a painful affliction but the Duke of Argyll's ancestral pile is a sight to see. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th June 2001

· Jookies. The "Duke of Argylls". Rhyming slang for the piles. – *www.firstfoot.com*, "Scottish Vernacular Dictionary", 15th January 2002

· She's recovering from a wee bout of the Duke of Argylls. – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, ca 30, February 2002

· **Duke of Argylls Piles**. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· **dukies** *rhym. slang*. Haemorrhoids. From Duke of Argylls ~ piles. – *Viz* comic, March 2003

· You get the duke of argyles when you have problems having a Brad Pit due to constipation. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 19th October 2007

· Jan, 72, has selected from the shelves a balm for the Farmer Giles (reverently termed in Harley Street, the Duke of Argylls). – *Evening News*, Edinburgh, 17th March 2009

· If it's any consolation, "Dukies" is Glasgow rhyming slang for piles. – *UKClimbing* forum 22nd September 2009

· With these Duke of Argyles, I need to sit on a tit willow. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Duke of Cork*noun*

1 talk; a conversation [US]

< Duke of Cork, an ancient, now extinct title of the Irish peerage, created by Henry II for the ennoblement of the Cambro-Norman baron Robert fitzStephen (d.ca 1183).

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

2 a walk [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Duke of Fife*noun*

a knife [UK]

< Duke of Fife, the noble title of a hereditary peerage of the United Kingdom.

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.30, 1973

· – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

· – R. Puxley, *LR*, 1992

Duke of Kent; duke; duker*noun*

1 rent [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Duke of Kent, a historic title of nobility most recently created in 1942 for Prince Edward, grandson of King George V and cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. Recorded in the forms *Duke of Kent* and *duke*. The latter form is exclusively British.

· I have also learned from these coffee stall conversations that 'The Duke of Kent' means rent[.] – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November 1927

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· [T]he poor Duke of Kent cannot be thought of so popular since his name stands for the "rent." – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950

· [M]any was the time over our long association when I'd had a touch and been handy to have around when it came to paying the duke with my beehives down to a bit of archbishop. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.34, 1962

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, 1967

· We're all skint, and I'm a few weeks behind in the Duke of Kent[.] – M. Hobbs, *Born to Struggle*, p.92, 1973

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· The Duke of Kent was needed and she needed to pull at least a half a country cousin of little brown jugs. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, 1983

· The old lady let Albert and Edie have the back bedroom to live in and they gave the old lady harf-a-crown a week for the latty (room) and that went towards the Duke of Kent (rent). – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.162, 1983

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· 'Ave yer come for the Duke? – C. Arnold-Baker, *Englishman*, p.184, 2007

2 a tent [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· See if my china-plate is in the Duke-of-Kent and ask him to get some mother-and-daughter in the knock-me-silly, get an oh-Maria going and make some Jenny Lee! – *The Western Mail*, Perth, 7th August 1941

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.24, 1983

3 a cent [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Duke of Kent* and *duker*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, pp.24/25, 1983

4 road tax [UK]

Rhymes on *rent*. Only recorded in the full form. Second-hand car dealers' slang.

• What expressions do they have for paperwork? Rent (as in Burton on Trent or Duke of Kent) is road tax. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 18th April **1999**

• The motor trade communicates in a rich patois which has its roots in Cockney rhyming slang. Here are a few of the colourful expressions from its wafty world of high finance. [...] You don't speak of road tax, but Ruby Wax or Duke of Kent (rent)[.] – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 13th July **2003**

• Road tax (also known as Duke of Kent (rent)). – *House Price Crash* forum, 29th September **2004**

5 a homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. Recorded in the forms *Duke of Kent* and *duke*.

• Duke of Kent is Cockney slang for Bent. "He's a Duke." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th August **2006**

• Bet you any money e's a duke. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Duke of Kent

adjective

1 dishonest; corrupt [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. < Duke of Kent, a historic title of nobility most recently created in 1942 for Prince Edward, grandson of King George V and cousin of Queen Elizabeth II.

• – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.117, **1985**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. Also used as a noun.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Don't go telling Rik that you're gay!!! he's a bit Duke of Kent himself so he'll be chasing you all over the bbs now. – *www.greenspun.com*, forum, 13th April **2000**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

• Would that make you a bit 'duke of kent' or is it a perfectly heterosexual thing to do? – *Plenty of Fish* forum, 11th August **2006**

3 sharply curved; misshapen [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Duke of Kent

verb

to rent [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

• I am Duke of Kenting a Cat and Mouse with the Old Pot and Pan[.] – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 12th October **2009**

Duke of Montrose; Duke O' Montrose; Duke ay Montrose; Juke of Montrose; duke

noun

1 the nose [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Duke of Montrose, an extant Scottish title created in 1488. Recorded in the forms *Duke of Montrose*, *Duke O' Montrose* and *Duke ay Montrose*.

• – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

• – *Daily Star*, London, 'New Way of Leith Walking; It's Jockey', 26th January **2001**

• Some o youse might ken these yins, they are as auld is tea. Ma grandfaither yoused them awe the time. [...] Duke O' Montrose – Nose. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May **2007**

• But you had to stick your Duke of Montrose into this[.] – *AnthroCivitas* forum, 20th September **2010**

• Edinburgh rhyming slang for nose as in your Duke-ay-Montrose—the language fun continues. – J. Meikle, *Pilton Keelie*, p.31, **2011**

2 a venereal infection [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dose*. Recorded in the forms *Duke of Montrose*, *Juke of Montrose* and *duke*.

• Juke of Montrose A Dose. – *www.glesga.ndo.co.uk*, 1st October **2002**

• See that minging wee bint ah shagged, ah goat a Duke fae hur. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 4th June **2007**

• – [H]uv you gave Johnny a Juke of Montrose? – No I do believe I have NOT ya bass!! – *Ripped Glutes* forum, 30th June **2009**

• **Duke of Montrose**. A dose[.] – A. Lillo, *Nae Barr's Irn-Bru*, p.82, **2012**

Duke of Spain; duke

noun

rain [UK]

Cricketers' slang.

• Duke of Spain – rain: as in "I think the Duke is about". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2009**

• Duke or Duke of Spain = It's raining. – *thearmchairselector.com*, 13th October **2012**

• Serious Duke at Chester-le-Street. No chance of play tomorrow. I'm off to Wetherspoons for a skin-full. – *www.alloutcricket.com*, blog, 27th February **2013**

Duke of Teck; duke

noun

1 the neck [UK]

< Duke of Teck (1837–1900), George V's father-in-law. Only recorded in the full form.

• Always poured his takings down his Duke of Teck, regular. – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.119, **1943**

2 a cheque [UK]

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• A 'dodgy duke' is a rubber one. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Duke of York; duke

noun

1 an act of walking, especially for exercise or pleasure; an outing on foot [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *walk*. < Duke of York, a noble title usually given to the second son of the reigning British monarch. Only recorded in the full form.

· I can't stand this Duke of York to my Russian-Turk[.] – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [S]o I put me dustbin lids to Uncle Ted – sent me kids off up to bed, / & took a Duke of York down the frog & toad – went for a walk, straight down the road /for a tidly wink down the rub-a-dub – a little drink down the local pub... – www.petersfieldwriteangle.co.uk, accessed 14th April **2014**

2 a fork [UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, s.v. *Duke of Fife*, **1931**

· I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] ‘Duke of York,’ Fork. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· Perhaps because his name implies something exalted and dignified, the “Duke of York” represents a fork[.] – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· *Duke*–fork (Duke of York). – M. Fyodrov, *Death My Generation*, p.176, **1945**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.30, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Eating utensils for the Cockney are an *on my life/knife, Duke of York/fork* and *harvest moon/spoon* – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.74, **1973**

· Much rhyming slang comes from the name of people, usually of a bygone age. Thus *Duke of York* (table fork)[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Keep your fingers out of your grub, man. Use a duke. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 talk; a conversation [US]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

4 a cork [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Common examples of this include “Duke of York” for “cork,” “Johnny Horner” for corner[.] – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 7th June **1930**

· “I’ll get the comical farce,” said Mr. Harker, “if you’ll take the Duke of York out of Aristotle.” – *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 30th August **1939**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

5 chalk [UK]

· – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· Burman’s hand went to his trouser pocket, and he drew out a piece of chalk. “Always keep the grand old Duke of York in my skyrocket, never without it.” – F. Quarles, ‘Duke of York’, short story, in *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 15th August **1953**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· All I got for my birthday is a bit of duke. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – B. Hawkins, *The Complete ‘Minder’*, p.105, **2014**

· This soil is full of Duke of York! – S. Finch, *LBOCRS*, **2015**

6 the hand; hence, as a plural, the fingers, the hands [UK]

Extended from sense 2 or formed in the plural as rhyming slang on *forks*, an earlier slang term for fingers. Possibly a folk-etymological elaboration of *duke* ‘the hand; the fist’ (as used in the phrase *put up your dukes*), which is often regarded as its short form. The word *duke* is likely to derive from or to have been influenced by the slang *dookin* ‘fortune-telling’ (presumably by palmistry; from the Romany verb *dukker* ‘to tell fortunes; to bewitch’).

Duke of York is commonly believed to be the origin of *duke* ‘the hand; the fist’, but this is no more than a conjecture. Whilst *duke* (also spelt *dook*) is first recorded in American English in the late 1850s, the earliest known use of *Duke of York* is in the 1874 edition of Hotten’s dictionary, where it is noted as the immediate source of *dukes*: ‘Dukes, or dooks, the hands, originally modification of the rhyming slang, “Duke of Yorks,” forks = fingers, hands—a long way round, but quite true. The word is in very common use among low folk. “Put up your dooks” is a kind of invitation to fight’. However, Hotten’s etymology is not in harmony with the available evidence. Compounded to the chronological argument is the fact that *Duke of York* has never been used in America, which curiously contrasts with the long and well-recorded history of *duke* in that variety of English.

· Duke-of-York: Fork; hand (Cockney rhyming slang). [...] And yet, you know, she can make that pianner talk, once she gets ‘er Duke-o’-Yorks on it... Can’t you, now, old gel? – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, pp.viii/128, **1958**

7 pork [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.30, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· “Only a pound!” – pronounced ‘Pand,’ in a broad cockney accent – calls one butcher to a wide-eyed cus-

tomter who asked the price of a head of mutton. Others use rhyming slang such as “Duke of York” for pork[.] – *Edmonton Journal*, Edmonton, Alberta, 19th December 2007

Duke of York

verb

1 to walk; to take a walk [UK/US]

< Duke of York, a noble title usually given to the second son of the reigning British monarch.

• – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

• – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, 1891

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• [T]he deep in debt was Andy Capp in the handicap and left me so coals and coke I had to Duke of York to the gates of Rome. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.276, 2008

2 to talk [UK]

• – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874

• – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, 1891

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

dukey; dukie

noun

► see GEOFF DUKE

dull and dowdy

adjective

cloudy [UK]

Applied both to the weather and to poorly conditioned beer.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• Another dull and dowdy day, but not cold, so that's a plus I suppose. – *Forces Reunited* forum, 11th November 2011

dumb and dumber

noun

summer [UK]

< *Dumb and Dumber* (1994), an American comedy film and its sequel, *Dumb and Dumber To* (2014), both directed by the Farrelly brothers and starring Jim Carey and Jeff Daniels.

• Just when I thought dumb & dumber was here down comes more Frankie. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 13th May 2014

Dumbledore

noun

1 in bingo, the number eighty-four [UK]

< Dumbledore (or, in full, Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore), Headmaster of Hogwarts School, a character created by J. K. Rowling for the *Harry Potter* heptology of books and octology of films. He first appeared in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (1997), the initial book in the series. He was portrayed by Richard Harris in the first two films, and by Michael Gambon in the rest of the series.

• – www.northamptonchron.co.uk, 6th May 2003

• – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June 2004

• – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October 2013

2 a promiscuous woman [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *whore*. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

• The dirty little Dumbledore. – www.youtube.com; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December 2013

Dumfries

noun

a jam sandwich or a slice of bread spread with jam [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish colloquialism *piece* ‘a sandwich; a slice of bread spread with jam, butter, etc.’. < Dumfries, a town in the south of Scotland.

• Maw, go and make us a Dumfries, will ye? You make it the best way. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

dumper truck; dumper

noun

something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Influenced by the slang *dumper* ‘a toilet’. Used in the phrase *not give a dumper truck* (or *not give a dumper*) ‘to not care at all’.

• The unconcerned just couldn't give a dumper. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Duncan Hall

noun

a wall [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Duncan Hall (1925–2011).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

duncey deedle

noun

a needle [UK]

< ‘Duncey, duncey deedle, can't threadle a needle’, an old children's taunt for an uneducated child.

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Dundrum

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bum*. < Dundrum, a suburb of Dublin.

• Sit on your Dundrum with your legs open and close your eyes. – *Dublin*, spoken, female, 21, August 2001

• Went for a cycle on my new hitch hike. I've a dundrum like a Japanese flag... In tatters! – twitter.com, 30th June 2010

Dunkirk

noun

work [UK]

< Dunkirk, a seaport in northern France near the Belgian border, the site of the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force and other Allied troops in late May and early June 1940, during World War II.

· I'll see you later, I'm off to Dunkirk. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· For the rest though, while I have little lemon and lime for this rookery as a serious piece of Dunkirk, yet as after-Lilley&Skinner entertainment – turtle dove it! – *www.thegoodbookstall.org.uk*, 20th June **2001**

· So, I ball-and-chalked dahn the ol' frog-and-toad and I saw the potter at Dunkirk at 'is wheel. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.15, **2002**

· “Where's Trevor?” “He's off to Dunkirk he is.” – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd June **2013**

Dunlop tyre; dunlop

noun

1 a liar [UK/US?]

< Dunlop, a brand of tyres originally produced by the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company, founded in 1889. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· Dunlop Tyre (Dunlop) also Holy Friar ... Liar. – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Shut yer North, yer a Dunlop. [...] Shut yer North 'n' South – yer a Dunlop tyre. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.10/13, **1969**

· With one exception, everyone seems to believe the lad's story. He's a Dunlop tyre. – *Visordown* forum, 18th March **2005**

2 a domestic fire [UK]

· Dunlop (tyre) – fire. “Come over 'ere and warm your Germans by the Dunlop”. – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August **2003**

Dunlop tyres; dunlops

noun

prior convictions [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the legal term *priors*. < Dunlop, a British brand of tyres originally produced by the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company, founded in 1889. Legal professionals' slang.

· – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, ‘Solicitors: A Language All Their Own’, 29th May **1994**

dunny; dunney

noun

money [JAMAICA]

A slang rhyme. Formed on the same root as *duns*, *dunza*, *dunsa*, *dunzai* (Slone 2003) and *dunsie* (Francis-Jackson 1995: 17). Probably < *dun*, a phonetic spelling of *done* in the sense ‘finished’ (perhaps a reference to how fast money goes), or *dun* ‘to demand payment’.

· A pocket full of dunny, dunny, dunny[.] – *Money Money Dunny Dunny*, lyric, Al Wayne and Roddy Moodie, **1979**

· Don't forget to take your *dunny* (money) with you. – D. Porter, *Guide to the Caribbean*, p.372, **1986**

· dunny; dunney; dunza money. – V. Pollard, *Dread Talk*, p.49, **2000**

· *dunny* ‘money’. – P. Trudgill and J. Hannah, *International English*, p.113, **2002**

Dunny Door

noun

a Holden Commodore car [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Dunny is the Australian and New Zealand equivalent of *toilet*.

· Dunny Door – All Fuel-ups. – *www.fuelly.com*, **2001**

· – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 10th August **2003**

· – *BeginnerTriathlete.com* forum, 4th October **2005**

· I had a 5 speed manual '90 something Dunny Door 3.8 litre, which would get around 650km on its 70 litre tank. – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 25th September **2007**

· A good bit of Rhyming Slang and a wonderfully expressive put down. (Dunny Door – Commodore). – *i30 Owners Club* forum, 17th July **2008**

· [L]ooking forward to picking up a new SS Dunny Door over here for around 35K in 12–18mths time. – *smh.drive.com.au*, 11th April **2011**

· Or the Nissan equivalent, not quite as good but both would be better than a dunnydoor. – *NZ Primera & Pulsar Car Club* forum, 24th October **2011**

· Commode is an acceptable rego for a Commodore/dunny door/common whore. – *Perth Street Bike* forum, 22nd May **2012**

Durham

noun

nonsense [US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *bull* ‘nonsense’ and *Bull*. < Durham Bulls, a minor league baseball team based in Durham, North Carolina.

· – T. Dalzell, *Flappers 2 Rappers*, p.29, **1996**

dustbin lid; dustbin

noun

1 a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· ‘Well, you couldn't refuse your own dustbin, could you?’ ‘Dustbin?’ ‘Dustbin lid, kid.’ – *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th October **1976**

· Only the duchess bashing the dustbin lids[.] – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

· And I had the small joy of smiling when the queer cove made the mountain split open for those little Godfers and they skipped on in. Because those little Dustbins went to *hell*, and they hadn't even died[.] – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.165 [1999], **1998**

· All she does is feed the dustbin lid[.] – *The Sun*, London, 4th February **2004**

· So, she'll undoubtedly be looking forward to sharing a pinky and perky with her old hairy bum and the dustbin lids this festive season. – *The Sun*, London, 9th December **2011**

· She may have fucked him about, but at the end of the day, she's still the mother of his dustbins, an' that ain't gonna change. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.443, **2014**

2 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.23, **1979**

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, **1992**

· Ill bet you are either a dusbin lid, or a grocer's shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or a spotty dog, or a widow's wink, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July **1996**

· He never trusted a Dustbin. – *UD(.com)*, 3rd August **2010**

3 one pound sterling [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *quid*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – P. Wright, *Lanky Twang*, p.18, **1991**

· – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

4 a handicapped person; specifically a thalidomide victim [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *flid*, whose spelling reflects a colloquial pronunciation of *thalid*, a shortening of *thalidomide*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – C. Lewis, *DPS*, **2003**

5 a supporter of Tottenham Hotspur, a London football team [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*, a popular term for a fan of this club (► see DUSTBIN LIDS).

· [C]all themselves Dustbins (cockney rhyming slang Dustbin Lids=Yids). – *answers.yahoo.com*, 6th March **2007**

· Must be a dustbin! – *angryofislington.com*, blog, 31st July **2012**

· Seriously, what has football become when you can't even call a spurs fan a DUSTBIN LID. – *le-grove.co.uk*, blog, 12th September **2013**

· Well all this seems to be just provoking the dustbin lids. Lots of Yiddo Yiddo chants at VP today. – *Non League Matters* forum, 20th October **2013**

· [W]hinging dustbin lids as usual. – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th August **2015**

Dustbin Lids; Dustbins

nickname

Tottenham Hotspur FC, a London football team

Rhymes on *Yids*, a popular nickname for this club, a reminder of its popularity among Jewish immigrants

from the East End in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other nicknames for this team are FRONT WHEEL SKIDS and TEAPOT LIDS.

· Derby matches throughout the country - who do you favour? – Arsenal/Spurs - Dustbin lids[.] – *CPFC BBS* forum, 31st October **2002**

· I'm gonna predict a stonking win over the dustbin lids this weekend! – *The Anglers Forum*, 24th September **2010**

· Good game but still hope that the 'Dustbins' go out. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 11th April **2013**

· But the worse stick i ever saw a Chelsea player get was when we had Mark Falco on loan from the dustbin lids. – *The Shed End* forum, 15th October **2014**

· If the dustbins had won they wouldn't of been whinging like Wenger about the pitch. – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 4th March **2016**

Dustin Hoffmans; dustins

noun

Rothmans branded cigarettes [UK]

Relies on the Cockney and popular London pronunciation of *Rothmans* as *Roffmans*. < American actor Dustin Hoffman (b.1937).

· [T]obacconists report young men asking for 'twenty Dustins'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

dustpan and broom

noun

a bridegroom [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

dustpan and brush; dustpan

noun

genital thrush [UK]

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

· To have a touch of 'dustpan' is to have a fungal infection of the genitals, forcing female sufferers into futile bouts of snatch-scratching. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Dusty Bin

noun

1 the chin [UK]

< Dusty Bin, the booby prize in the British TV game show 3–2–1, broadcast from 1978–88.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th April **2012**

2 gin [UK]

· – What's wrong with the Dusty Bin? – Dusty bin? Eh? Say what? – Dusty bin...Gin, i thought you liked gin and supersonic. – *twitter.com*, 27th November **2012**

Dutch peg

noun

the leg [AUSTRALIA]

· The expression "plates of meat" is not a simile—it is simply rhyming slang like "Chivy chase" for "face," or "Dutch pegs" for "legs"[.] – *The Daily News*, Perth, 26th November **1908**

- Legs–Dutch pegs or ham and eggs. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, 16th February **1924**
- Parts of the human body also had their rhyming synonym: [...] LEGS: Dutch pegs. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 14th September **1935**
- [T]hey're now out there strappin' their mum and dads on their Dutch pegs – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**
- And I can come home now after a hard days yakka, change into clean duds, shove my Dutch pegs under the Cain an' Abel[,] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- **Dutch peg(s)**: leg(s). – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

Dutch plate; dutch*noun*

a friend [UK]

- Rhymes on *mate*. Sometimes presumed to mean 'a wife' due to a confusion with the slang *dutch* or the rhyming slang DUCHESS OF FIFE.
- With all due respect to Albert Chevalier, he was talking cock. "Old Dutch" is "Dutch plate": mate. I can vouch for it (mate) among Cockneys in the 1920s and 30s. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984, s.v. *old dutch or Dutch*: L. Atkinson, letter, **1974**
 - – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**
 - – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 - [T]here's no-one like me old dutch. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

- Listen me old Dutch, I'm off down the Frog to the J Arthur to Sausage a Goose[,] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 12th October **2007**
- Finally, customers are given the message: 'Tom Hanks (thanks) me old Dutch plate (mate).' – *Daily Mail*, London, 19th November **2011**

Dwight Yorke*noun*

pork [UK]

- < Trinidad and Tobago-born footballer Dwight Yorke (b.1971).
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th February **2002**
- But surely there's a hint of malice about *Rodney Marsh* ('harsh'), *Brian Clough* ('rough'), *Dwight Yorke* ('pork') and *Don Revie* ('bevvy'). – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**
- – *RTG Sunderland forum*, 12th October **2014**

dynamite; dyna*noun*

a fight [UK]

- Both forms are first recorded in 1992.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.60, **2011**

dynamite*exclamation*

- used as an expression of anger, frustration or disgust [UK: NEWCASTLE]
- Rhymes on *shite*.
- – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

E

each way bet

noun

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *set*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

eagle and hind

adjective

(of a person) blind [UK]

< *Eagle and Hind*, the name given to a number of English pubs. Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of 'Disability Rhyming Slang', published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was 'compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older'.

· – *messybeast.com*, 1st February 2001

eanlay and atfay

noun

a hat [US]

A pig Latin version of LEAN AND FAT.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Earl Haig; earl

noun

a Roman Catholic; hence, in the Scottish context, a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team with a mainly Catholic following [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Taig*, a derogatory slang term for a Catholic. < Scottish Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig (1861–1928), who commanded the British Expeditionary Forces in World War I. Synonymous with IRON HAIG.

· Telling someone to fucking rot!!!!.....Im shocked! What would your priest say about that? PS: You Earl Haigs are funny. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 6th September 2008

· Prods versus Prods what is the point, we have enough earl haigs in oor wee country to be getting on with. – *www.youtube.com*, 2009

· The problem facing bears is that you have far too many names for the taigs. Whether it be fenians, bheasts (pretty much any word where 'h' is the second letter), mhanks, bhead rattlers, 'earl haigs', etc. the Tims have one word to describe the Rangers support with the highly offensive 'H' word. – *leggoland2.blogspot.com*, blog 24th September 2010

· Oh aye, and it was riddled with Earl Haigs as per fckin usual. – *RangersMedia* forum, 25th January 2011

· Then there's the sleekit rhyming-slang insults. Green Grape, Shettleston, Earl etc. – *twitter.com*, 25th March 2015

Earl Haig

adjective

vague [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig (1861–1928), who commanded the British Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

· He's a strange Archie MacPherson. Always very Earl Haig and I never know if he's telling the truth or Lewis Grassic Gibbon. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Earl Haigs

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

Rhymes on *the Taigs*, a sectarian insult commonly used by supporters of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic's traditional rivals. < Scottish Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig (1861–1928), who commanded the British Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

· Still a win over the earl haigs and the sheep in successive weeks can only be a good thing. – *Big Football Forum*, 17th March 2007

· Looks like Mr Brown has done the dirty deed (quite literally) and signed for the earl haigs. – *Kerrydale Street forum*, 15th May 2007

· There I was, we had just defeated the Earl Haigs 2–1, when I was ready to board the bus heading east at Buchanan Street bus station. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 7th October 2009

Earl of Cork

noun

1 a talk [UK]

· – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, 1946

2 a walk [UK]

· – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, 1946

Earls Court

noun

salt [UK]

A perfect or nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where final and pre-consonantal *l* (as in *salt*) is commonly vocalised.

< Earls Court, an area of west London.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

early bird; early

noun

a word [UK]

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca 1937

· She starts a few *earlyies* but I don't want no *bull* [...] She starts a few *early birds* but I don't want no *bull & cow*[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.16/18, 1969

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

early door

noun

a whore [UK]

< *early doors*, originally (from around the 1870s until the early 1920s), ‘a period of admission to a theatre some time before the start of a performance, which was more expensive but gave you a much better choice of seats in unreserved areas’.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, 1984
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

early doors; earlies

noun

women’s underpants [UK]

Rhymes on the dated but familiar *drawers*. < *early doors*, originally (from around the 1870s until the early 1920s), ‘a period of admission to a theatre some time before the start of a performance, which was more expensive but gave you a much better choice of seats in unreserved areas’. The short form is recorded by Thorne (2005) and Nicholson (2009).

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, 1973
- I need a new pair of early doors, for my present ones are full of holes, and I am in a continual George Raft. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976
- She then took off her *fly-be’s* / And dropped her *early doors*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.22, 1979
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, s.v. *early door*, 1984
- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005
- – E. Nicholson, *On Tenterhooks*, p.28, 2009

early hour

noun

a flower [UK]

Usually plural.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- People are like grass. They last no longer than a typical wild early hour. Grass and early hours grow for a while, but they soon disappear when God sends the wind to blow over ‘em. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.12, 2002
- What beautiful early hours. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009
- I got the driver to stop so that i could get some *Early Hours* for my *Trouble and Strife*. – www.suffolklearning.co.uk, 26th February 2014

early morn; early

noun

an erect penis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the horn*. The short form is given by Kendall (1969) and Hughes (1998).

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, 1969
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997
- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, 1998
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

ear of corn

noun

an erection (of the penis) [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*.

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

Eartha Kitt; Eartha Kit; Ertha Kitt; Ertha Kit; eartha;

ertha

noun

1 faeces; an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA] Rhymes on *shit*. < American singer Eartha Kitt (1927–2008).

- *The Faeces* Pony and Trap, Arabian Night, Eartha Kitt. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.44, 1972
- I told her to pull the chain once for a hit-and-miss, and twice for an Eartha Kitt. – *The Guardian*, London, 27th April 1990
- Must go for an eartha now. – *Ikarus* forum, 20th March 2001
- im off for an ertha.....! – *Old Skool Anthems* forum, 20th August 2004
- [I]f I wasn’t so bursting for an Eartha Kitt. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.166, 2005
- [T]he vocalist sounds like he’s straining to take an ertha kitt, but yeah good overall man. – *Ultimate Metal* forum, 2nd December 2008
- *Eartha Kitt – shit*[.] – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- I think it is time for an Ertha Kit. – *Digital Spy* forum, 7th June 2014
- If he says “I’m off for an Eartha Kit” I’d give it a minute if I were you. – *twitter.com*, 26th April 2016
- 2 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK] Rhymes on *shit*.
- What a load of Eartha Kitt. – *Perspectives* forum, 6th September 2006
- What a load of ‘Eartha’!!! – *VisaJourney* forum, 4th July 2007
- You are talking Eartha Kitt as usual. – www.accountingweb.co.uk, 4th March 2009
- Anyhow, apologies to Rowbo for talking ertha kitt on his thread about silly fords. – *Civinfo* forum, 26th November 2011
- Glad to read I’m not the only one who doesn’t give an Eartha about this Lucy death plotline. – *twitter.com*, 27th July 2015
- If this is common amongst us mayhemists then it will occasionally feel like no one gives an ‘Ertha kit’ about what you are doing[.] – *Model Boat Mayhem* forum, 13th January 2016

3 a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Only recorded in the form *Eartha Kitt*.
· YOU'RE A REAL BRAD PITT. YOU'RE AN EARTHA KITT. YOU ARE SUCH A TOM TIT. – www.facebook.com, 18th January **2013**

Eartha Kitts; Eartha Kits; Ertha Kitts; Ertha Kits; earthas; erthas*noun***1** a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. < American singer Eartha Kitt (1927–2008). Also used idiomatically in the phrases *get on someone's Eartha Kitts* 'to irritate someone intensely', *go Eartha Kitts up* 'to go to ruin; to fail completely' and *off one's Eartha Kitts* 'intoxicated by alcohol or drugs'.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – *The Adventure of English*, UK TV: ITV, 20th November **2003**

· Nope, just lots of really intelligent women who trade on their brains rather than their Earthas and wouldn't be seen dead in a beauty contest. – *Digital Spy* forum, 14th October **2005**

· If there 2 things that get on my Eartha's, its photos and cars. – pillsincanonmills.blogspot.com, blog, 15th May **2007**

· Get yer Earthas out for the boys. – *Black and White Army* forum, 26th December **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Nice pair of Earthas. – *The Fall Online* forum, 29th May **2010**

· So they also know that good time Allan goes gaga over any blonde bimbo who flutters her eyelashes and flashes her Ertha Kitts at him in some Glasgow nightclub. – *Genesis* forum, 27th March **2011**

· – What do you call them – Bristols Knockers Mitchell twins bazookas Eartha kits[.] – SkullandBonesSkateboards.com forum, 4th August **2011**

· Rangers are no different from any other form of business that goes Ertha Kits up because of wrong decisions made by it's owners[.] – *Hibs.net* forum, 26th April **2012**

· Nigella 'Chas Baps' Lawson cooking whilst totally 'off her Ertha's!' – *QPRdot.org* forum, 28th November **2013**

· Gotcha. Although didn't know ya had a pair of Eartha's ahaha. – *SingSnap* forum, 22nd February **2014**

2 diarrhoea [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Also used in the phrase *give someone the Eartha Kitts* (sometimes shortened to *give someone the earthas*) 'to make someone angry or annoyed'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· [I]n my experience you're as likely to get the Erthas from a pint of real ale as anything else. – *h2g2* forum, 10th October **2000**

· [S]he is starting to give me the Eartha Kitts big time[.] – ufcrobins.com.au, **2007**

· Next day i didnt feel too good – Dad said I had the Eartha Kitts – not sure what that is but it made my bum squirry!! – tinksey.blogspot.com, blog, 5th August **2010**

· As an ex defender, having MZ besides me would give me the Eartha Kitts! – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 3rd December **2011**

· Murph went down with a dose of the Earthas on the 23rd, only stopped on Sunday, but in doing so, passed it on to Charlie, so my Christmas has been, literally, a load of sh*t!! – *PistonHeads* forum, 1st January **2014**

· Thankfully the eartha kits held off till we were home[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 5th November **2015**

· I suffer from IBS, and thus am prone to a good bout of the Ertha Kitts mate, its worse when I am tired and run down. – *Bluemoon* forum, 20th November **2015**

· I couldnt be farther away than fifteen feet from a toilet with a bout of the Ertha Kits[.] – www.celticquickness.co.uk, 25th April **2016**

earwig*verb*

to understand or realise something [UK]

Rhymes on *twig*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Then you make it more difficult by leaving out the two words that rhyme. Earwig? – P.A. Coggin, *Vile Guns*, p.124, **2004**

· Trevor is *now and never*. At school, all the teachers were impressed with how quick he was to *earwig*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**

east and south*noun*

the mouth [UK/US]

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] mouth (east and south); eyes (mince pies); boots (daisy roots). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· The cows and kisses put her German band over her east and south and looked down at her plates of meat. [...] This is an example of Cockney rhyming slang, which, centuries ago, was the secret language of the thieves in that area. – D.T. Moore and M. Waller, *Cloak and Cipher*, p.181, **1962**

east and west; east-west; east*noun***1** a person's chest [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

Only recorded in the form *east and west*.

· As she walked along the street / With her little 'plates of meat,' / And the summer sunshine falling / On her golden 'Barnet Fair,' / Bright as angels from the skies / Were her dark blue 'mutton pies.' / In my 'East and West' Dan Cupid / Shot a shaft and left it there. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tot-tie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a waistcoat [US]

Rhymes on *vest*. Only recorded in the form *east and west*.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Vest. East and West. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: [...] east and west—vest. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January **1931**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· If that happens the young collegiate will don his fiddle and flute, his lean and fat tipped at a rakish angle, a dinky dirt undone at the neck, discarding any east and west[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmic Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.97, **1968**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

3 an undershirt [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *vest*. Only recorded in the form *east and west*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [N]ow sitting all morning at the Aunt Mable on my Pipe and Drum drinking Rosie Lee from my Steam Tug and eating some Holy Ghost with just my Kippers, East and West and Lional Blairs on[.] – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 12th October **2009**

4 the best [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the form *east-west*.

· He is the east-west. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.57, **1968**

5 a woman's breast [US/UK]

In American English, only recorded in the form *east and west*.

· EAST 'N WEST: BREAST. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· East West ... Breast ... 'ave a look at her easts. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· It's just a shame that one east west is so much bigger than the other. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· **east and wests** breasts. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· Holy fishcakes Batman, look at that pair of East and Wests! – *www.reddit.com/r/WTF*, 29th September **2014**

east by south

noun

the mouth [NEW ZEALAND]

· Our features once we spoke of as our faces, / Our food we used to put into our mouth, / The modern term for one a "Chevy Chase" is, / The other, "East by South." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

Easter bunny; easter

noun

money [UK]

· The ball-churning dream machine, which has made 'If I win the lottery' a national catchphrase, provides us with the multi-million to one chance of having enough 'Easter Bunny' to never have to waste it on necessities again. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Easter (bunny) = money. – *curlykale.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd January **2012**

Easter bunny

adjective

1 funny [UK]

· You think you're so bloody Easter Bunny. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th April **2002**

· [W]hy do you think that was so Easter bunny? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· You can't get mad over our occasional Flight Lieutenant Biggles. Besides, even you would have to admit it was quite Easter Bunny. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January **2009**

2 sunny [UK]

· It turned out a beautiful Johnny Ray, very Easter bunny, but not too 'peas in the pot.' – *justindequack.com*, blog, 19th April **2014**

Easter egg

noun

the action or activity of begging for money [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *beg*. Used in the phrase *on the Easter egg*, a direct equivalent of *on the beg*.

· Never mind comin roon here on the Easter egg, ya aul moocher, ye. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Eastern foam

noun

home; a home [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, 1981

East Fife

noun

a wife [UK: SCOTLAND]

< East Fife, a football club based in Methil, Fife, on the east coast of Scotland.

· – *swap.nesc.gla.ac.uk*, 24th December 2011

East India Docks; east india's

noun

1 socks [UK]

< East India Docks, one of the former docks of east London. Only evidenced in the full form.

· In Salford the term [*Salford docks* for 'socks'] is rare; and the London docker himself is more likely to say for it *East India docks*, *Tilb'ry docks* or *Katharine* (rhyming with *fine*) *docks*. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.96, 1981

2 a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

east o' Sydneys

noun

the kidneys [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

east-west

noun

► see EAST AND WEST

easy blag

noun

a promiscuous woman; promiscuous women [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*. A nonce coinage suggested by the slang adjective *easy* 'promiscuous'. < *easy blag* 'something easily achieved in a cunning or dishonest way'.

· [T]he 'easy blag' at the cricket club Friday-night disco. [...] Easy blag *fun-loving girl*. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, pp.56/201, 1983

Easy Lay

nickname

English actor and singer Darren Day (b.1968)

A reference to Day's reputation as a serial womaniser.

► DARREN DAY

· Clearly, Day – who once revelled in the nickname "easy lay" – has reverted to his former unreliable self. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 9th February 2010

· Spencer is an odious c@@k blocker. He needs to understand he's coming across as Darren Day (the man they

christened Easy Lay in *rhyming slang). – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th April 2012

Easy Rider; easy

noun

cider [UK]

< *Easy Rider*, a 1969 American film directed by Dennis Hopper.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· Give us a pinta Easy mate. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 20th December 2000

· Pint of Easy Rider please. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.42, 2005

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005

· [E]nded up on the Easy riders. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

eat dim sum

verb

to take the receptive role in anal intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *take it up the bum*. Also based on a sex-as-food metaphor. < *dim sum* 'a Cantonese-style dish of savoury snacks, especially steamed or fried dumplings with various fillings'.

· Every time we go to bed she wants to eat dim sum. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

eat 'em alive

numeral

five [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

eau de Cologne; eau de; eau; odie

noun

1 a woman or girl [UK]

Rhymes on the Polari word *polone*. Recorded in the forms *eau de Cologne* and *eau de*. Used by itinerant entertainers.

· Polone, *Eau-de-Cologne*. [...] Dekko, there's a bona eau-de over the frog; let's go and have a chin. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.10/13, ca 1937

2 a telephone [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Hence MOBILE EAU-DE-COLOGNE. The shortened form *eau de*, pronounced *odour*, is recorded by Franklyn (1961) and James (1997). Both *eau de* and *odie* are exclusively British.

· [A] phone can be either "trombone" or "Eau de Cologne"[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], 1959

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, 1970

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

· Pick up the eau de Cologne[.] – *It's a Knockout*, UK TV: BBC1, 1st June 1979

· Moonie instructs me to call a handful of hookers on the eau de cologne. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.174, 1981

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.27, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- The eau de Cologne goes again. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.50, **1986**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- Tried to give you a coo-ee, but I had a Captain Cook and there was no Eau de Cologne so had to cop it sweet. – *Houston Chronicle*, Houston, TX, 4th March **1988**
- Later in the evening, I was told by one of the drinking company that I was wanted on the odie[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 13th July **1991**
- I'll have somebody call me during the meeting on me eau-de to get me out of it. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**
- Odie (Cologne) ... Phone. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**
- I was talkin' to 'im on the eau de Cologne earlier. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 22nd January **2013**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 in prison, a toilet bowl used as a communication system between nearby cells. Once the bowl empties of water, the sewer pipes serve to convey the sound waves [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *phone*, a common prison metaphor for this communication system. Perhaps also an ironic reference to the odour of a toilet bowl. Only recorded in the full form.

- [F]ew people could decipher jargon like “a beanstalk on the eau de Cologne” (talking on the phone, in this case emptying the cell toilet and speaking through the pipes to an adjoining cell)[.] – *The Sun Herald*, Sydney, 3rd September **1989**
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

eau de Cologne

adjective

- alone [AUSTRALIA]
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Ed Balls; Eds

noun

1 nonsense [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *balls* and *Balls*. < English Labour politician Edward Michael ‘Ed’ Balls (b.1967).

- The present Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) – he of the queer title – is renowned as the ‘Master of Spin’ and this report, at first sight, looks just that – spin, or in the vernacular, a load of ‘eds’. – *witteringsfromwitney.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st March **2009**
- Complete and utter Ed Balls. – *twitter.com*, 30th November **2011**
- I suspect that a lot of you reading this will think it’s a load of Ed Balls. – *mooseallain.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th July **2013**

2 courage; nerve [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *balls* and *Balls*.

- [H]e hasn’t got the Ed Balls to do anything like that... – *twitter.com*, 9th November **2009**
- Yet again I’m caught out by not having enough Ed Balls to stand by my conviction. – *www.iii.co.uk*, 10th July **2013**
- Has Cameron got the Eds to say “Sod the” EU and pull out now? – *twitter.com*, 24th October **2014**
- No one has the Ed Balls to make a difference, excuse my grammar. – *www.potteye.co.uk*, 12th May **2015**

3 the testicles [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *balls* and *Balls*.

- Ouch, right in the Ed Balls! – *twitter.com*, 27th April **2013**
- I can take a visit and twist his ed balls off, and hang them from a lamp-post! – *www.edp24.co.uk*, 7th November **2013**
- Yeah but what do you know, you’re a Head...you probably wouldn’t know a successful lesson if it kicked you in the Ed Balls[.] – *theprimaryhead.com*, blog, 14th January **2014**
- Better than being kicked in the Eds! – *twitter.com*, 27th January **2017**

Eddie Grundys; Eddie Grundies; Ed Grundies; eddies

noun

underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *undies*. < Eddie Grundy, a character in the BBC radio soap opera *The Archers* (1951–), played by English actor Trevor Harrison. ▶ see GRUNDIES

- Eddie Grundies is Cockney slang for Undies. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- **Eddie Grundies** undies. – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- I can see her Eddie Grundies. – *Belmsford* forum, 19th March **2004**
- Ed Grundies – undies. – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 29th July **2005**

· I’m always Mork and Mindy, my Eddie Grundies are a disaster and having a horse and cart every two minutes plays havoc with my Samuel Smiles. – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.39, **2007**

- – Diana Vickers!!!! – Cockney Rhyming Slang? – same as Eddies – Eddie Grundys. – *Allotments 4 All* forum, 19th November **2008**

· Expect Gattuso to keep a rabbit’s foot in his Eddie Grundys this time. – *The Guardian*, London, 5th June **2010**

· Mrs Parklife looks insatiable in her ed grundies. – *www.uk-exhibitionist.com*, 7th March **2012**

- I just got out the shower, love. I’m still in my Eddie Grundies. – *www.wattpad.com*, 13th January **2013**

eddie rocket; eddie

noun

a pocket [IRELAND]

< American diner-style restaurant chain Eddie Rocket’s.

· I decide to keep it in the old Eddie Rocket until I come up with, like, a strategy here. [...] So I stick my hand in the old Eddie and I whip out the letter. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, pp.299/313, **2008**

Eddie Vedder; eddie

noun

Cheddar [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American musician Eddie Vedder (b.1964), best known as the frontman of rock band Pearl Jam.

· cheddar=eddie vedder. – *n3ta* forum, 30th June **2005**
 · [I]f you’re in a restaurant, you may want to order some Eddie on your burger (Eddie Vedder = cheddar)[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

Eddy Grant

noun

in snooker, a shot in which the cue ball strikes an intermediate which then causes a third, adjacent ball to be intentionally moved [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *plant*. < Guyanese-born reggae-pop singer Eddy Grant (b.1948).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**
 · I think there’s an Eddie Grant on (while playing snooker). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th March **2014**

Edgar Allan

noun

a chamber pot [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang playing on *po* ‘chamber pot’ and *Poe* < American writer Edgar Allan Poe (1809–49).

· ‘It’s no good, goes all the way down to the floor.’ ‘Oh, most modern beds do, sir.’ ‘Well, where do you put the Edgar Allan then?’ – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 11th September **1974**

Edgar Allan Poe; edgar allan; edgar

noun

1 money [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dough*. < American writer Edgar Allan Poe (1809–49).

· [T]he American writer (1809 – 49) whose stories have made a wealth of ‘Edgar Allan’ for filmmakers[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 · Right, a list of what I use regularly. [...] Edgar = Money. – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

2 a tow [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Edgar Allan Poe* and *edgar*.
 · Someone’s car breaks down, so you give them “an Edgar” or an “Edgar Allan Poe” ie a tow. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th July **2012**

Edgar Allan Poes; Edgar Allen Poes; edgars

noun

< American writer Edgar Allan Poe (1809–49). Also used in the phrase *have it away on one’s edgars* ‘to escape, to run away’, the direct equivalent of *have it away on one’s toes*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2012**

· [H]ad it away on me edgars. – *Up All Night*, UK radio: BBC Radio 5 Live, 5th August **2013**

· Kick your shoes off and get your Edgar Allen Poes moving. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.38, **2016**

Edgar Britt; edgar

noun

1 excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Australian jockey Edgar Britt (1913–2017).

· Then he raced out to the john for an Edgar Britt. – A. Buzo, *The Front Room Boys*, sc. i, p.22, **1970**

· Strewth! I must have slipped in an Edgar Britt like the leg off a billiard table. – *Barry McKenzie Holds His Own*, Australian film, script by Barry Humphries, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Edgar Britt. Excrement. [...] Sometimes just Edgar. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· One goes for an Edgar. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· When one GOES FOR AN EDGAR one is going for A SHIT[.] – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.137, **1999**

· One noticed jockey Keating was pulling on a glove before shaking hands with Fritz the Spy, who as we already know was disguised as a pile of Edgar Britt (rhyming slang named after another famous jockey)[.] – *The Coffs Coast Advocate*, 4th August **2009**

· Has anyone heard from Jim Pike lately??? Could be having an Edgar Britt. – *Racehorse Talk* forum, 11th October **2011**

2 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· So when you say something should happen, I’ll take it that you couldnt give an Edgar Britt whether its implemented or not. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 29th December **2005**

· I’m old enough to not give an “Edgar Britt” about what they say... – *Wildgoose Chase Moto Guzzi* forum, 18th July **2011**

· He reckons they’ll run the quinella, and he’s not a man who’s full of Edgar Britt. – *archiebutterfly.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th November **2013**

3 a contemptible person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· [T]o call someone “an Edgar Britt” was neither complementary nor a reflection of Edgar’s real character. – *www.dailytelegraph.com.au*, 21st October **2013**

Edgar Britts; edgars

noun

diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < Australian jockey Edgar Britt (1913–2017). Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the Edgar Britts* (sometimes shortened to *give someone the edgars*) ‘to make someone angry or annoyed’.

· ‘Jeez,’ said Wooffer. ‘You give me the Edgar Britts, sometimes’. – B. Dawe, *Over Here, Harv!*, p.101, **1983**

- You know what gives me the Edgar Britts? When you're listening to the footy and they do a score update with Simone or whoever is in the studio. – *ABC Online* forum, 21st April **2003**
- The media really gives me the Edgars at times. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 14th March **2005**
- Good luck and try not to get the Edgar Britts. – *www.justgiving.com*, 3rd August **2007**
- Holds a straight line under hard braking (hands off wheel). Thought it was a loose mudflap, removed it and rattle's still there. Really starting to give me the Edgars... – *OldHolden.com* forum, 19th October **2008**
- To have the **Edgar Britts** is to be in a bad mood or to have diarrhoea. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- City politicians and media give me the Edgars when they comment on rural matters[.] – *twitter.com*, 6th August **2012**

Edgar Mayne*noun*

rain [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Edgar Mayne (1882–1961).

- If it begins to rain the small boy will chirp, "Hullo! Here comes the Edgar Mayne"[.] – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

edge*noun*

▶ see HEDGE AND DITCH

Edge*noun*

a garden hedge [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

A popney slang rhyme. < Edge (or The Edge), the stage name of English musician David Evans (b.1961), best known as the guitarist of the Irish rock band U2.

- So, if we were to tell you to cut The Edge before you plop yourself in front of the telly with a few Britneys, you'd think we'd gone Jarvis, wouldn't you? – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

edinburgh*noun*

hassle [UK: SCOTLAND]

A shortening of *Edinburgh Castle*, the word *castle* being a perfect rhyme for *hassle* in Scottish English. < Edinburgh Castle, one of Scotland's most famous landmarks.

- Sorry about the Edinburgh, mate, Victor said. – Bet ye wir fuckin well zorba'd at that, eh? – I. Welsh, *Reheated Cabbage*, p.190, **2009**

Edinburgh fringe; edinburgh*noun*

1 a woman's pubic hair; the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *minge*. < *Edinburgh Fringe*, a common shortening of *Edinburgh Festival Fringe*, the name of the arts festival that takes place in Scotland's capital every August. Perhaps also suggested by a fringe of hair.

- – *The Asylum* forum, 25th August **2000**
- Her Edinburgh fringe is so overgrown that she has to tuck her trousers into her socks. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**
- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**
- – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th September **2009**
- She had a nice Edinburgh. – *BSA C10 C11 C12* forum, 21st July **2012**
- 2 women regarded as sexual objects [UK]
 - Rhymes on *minge*. Only recorded in the full form.
 - [T]here'll be plenty of edinburgh fringe about, I can tell you. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Ed Joyce*noun*

the human voice [IRELAND]

< Irish cricketer Ed Joyce (b.1978).

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Edmundo Ros; edmundo*noun*

a boss [UK]

< Trinidadian band-leader Edmundo Ros (1910–2011).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- 'Edmundo' shares a podium with 'Joe Loss' (qv) in the gaffer stakes. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Edmund Rouse; edmund*noun*

a house [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian media magnate Edmund Rouse (1926–2002).

- – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

Edna Best; edna*noun*

a film screen test [UK]

< English actress Edna Best (1900–74).

- A screen test, for instance, is an Edna Best. To disguise it still further, they omit the rhyme and call it an Edna. – *Saturday Review*, US magazine, 6th March **1954**

Edna Brit*noun*

excrement; an act of defecation [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *shit*. Prison use.

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Edna Everage; Edna Everidge; edna*noun*

a drink [UK]

Rhymes on *beverage*. < Edna Everage, a character created in 1956 by Australian comedian Barry Humphries (b.1934). Originally conceived as a satire of the 'average' Australian housewife, the character was elevated to damehood in 1974 – hence the variation DAME EDNA EVERAGE.

- – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

- Would you like an Edna? – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**
- Me old **cheerful giver** is giving me a bit of **Barney Rubble**, so no alcoholic **Edna Everidge's** for me! – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February **2005**
- [I]t's time to put your brass bands in the old sky rockets dig out your bread and honey and by the old Ethan hunt an Edna everage or a pigs ear! – *www.boad.org.uk*, blog, 22nd January **2012**

Edna May; edna*noun*

1 one's way or course [UK]

< Edna May, the stage name of American actress and singer Edna May Pettie (1878–1948). Only used in idiomatic expressions, originally in the phrase *be on one's Edna May* 'to be off, to be leaving' and later as an imperative in the sense of 'go away'. In criminal slang the imperative form *edna* has also come to be used to mean 'be careful' and 'be quiet'. The earliest quotation for the rhyming slang term is from a passage in Act I, scene iii of *Me and My Girl* (1937), probably improvised by the performer Lupino Lane, as reproduced by Julian Franklyn in 1960; this particular passage does not appear in the acting edition of the musical published by Samuel French in 1954 and based on the expanded 1952 libretto.

· Nah gis me tifa and me turtle doves an' I'll be on me Edna May. – *Me and My Girl*, musical play, in J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, p.173, **1960**

· Edna (May)! On your way! (command to 'clear off'). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.182, **1977**

· **Edna!** Watch out, keep quiet, get out! – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· **Edna May – On your way!** – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.45, **2011**

2 a characteristic way or personal direction [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded by Seal (2009) as an equivalent of *way*, 'usually as in to lose one's way'.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Ed the Duck*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Edd the Duck, a children's television puppet that was popular in Britain in the late-1980s and early-1990s.

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Edward Heath; Edward Heaths; Ted Heath; Ted Heaths; edwards; teds*noun*

1 a thief [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. < English Conservative politician Edward Heath (1916–2005), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1970 to 1974. In this sense, recorded only in the form *Ted Heath*.

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

2 the teeth [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian slang, recorded only in the forms *Ted Heath* and *edwards*.

· Teeth *Edward Heath* Edwards. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.84, **1973**

· Baines rests his arm on the window and flashes his Edwards at me. It is not the most sincere smile I have ever received. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.92, **1974**

· Conchita turns over fast – almost too fast – and her perfect white Teds smile up at me. – T. Lea, *Plumber's Mate*, p.94, **1975**

· 'That reminds me, I need my teds seeing to.' 'Teds?' 'Ted? Ted Heath? Teeth?' – *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th October **1976**

· **teeth Ted Heath**. – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· He got smacked in the Edwards. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Don't need to put my Edward Heaths in a mug yet thankfully. – *ActiveBass* forum, 14th October **2005**

· I use rhyming slang all the time, and not so much the cockney stuff, but local stuff. Some of my favourites include: Tijuana = arse (Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass). Bracens = breasts (brace 'n bits). Tyrone = Show-er. Edwards = Teeth (Edward Heath). – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

· **Ted Heath – teeth**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· My ted heath are perfect right now[.] – *CertForums.co.uk* forum, 27th July **2009**

· Aaron where did you get them Edward Heaths? I need some for the next tour... – *UB40 (The Official Site)* forum, 14th October **2009**

· Your grandmother might have got new *Teds* or *Ted Heaths* (false teeth). – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

Edward Jenner; edward*noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < English physician Edward Jenner (1749–1823), the pioneer of smallpox vaccination.

· [L]end me an Edward[.] – *alt.fan.british-accent*, *Google Groups*, 29th April **1994**

· Events came to a head at Knutsford Service Station on the M6 when it is alleged Pebblehead told his colleague that he couldn't lend him an Edward (Jenner) as he was Rachel Heyhoe (Flint). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st February **2009**

Edward the Third; king edward*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *turd*. < Edward III (1312–77), who was king of England from 1327 until his death.

· Im just going to the Apple fritter for an Edward the third... – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 23rd November **2004**

· Turd (shit). Richard the Third. [...] Andrew notes that sometimes Edward the Third is also used. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I had a friend who used to have different definitions for different types and consistencies of, y'know, poop: –Lang-bara-chung (long, firm and thin) –Tuki (soft and squishy) –King Edward (Edward the Third, cockney rhyming slang)[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 3rd August 2012

Edwin Drood; edwin

noun

food [UK]

< Edwin Drood, the title character of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (1870), Charles Dickens's last, unfinished novel.

· [A] starving actor in need of some 'Edwin'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

eels and liquor; eels

noun

a pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *nicker*. < *eels and liquor* 'a traditional dish of London's East End; the liquor served with the eels is a kind of thin gravy'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

egg and chips

noun

in cricket, a psychological affliction that prevents a bowler from releasing the ball as and when desired [UK]

Rhymes on *the yips*. < *egg and chips* 'a popular dish consisting of deep-fried chipped potatoes and fried egg(s)'.

· If the opening bowler can bowl with "good heat" he can pick up some "early poles". If he doesn't and gets the "egg and chips" there will be "budgies" everywhere! – *thearmchairselector.com*, 13th October 2012

· Poor old Mitchell couldn't hit three sets of stumps if they were lined up next to each other. He's got a bad case of the egg and chips. – *www.alloutcricket.com*, blog, 27th February 2013

egg and spoon; egg'un; egg

noun

1 a man who lives off a prostitute's earnings, a pimp [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*. Recorded in the forms *egg and spoon* and *egg*.

· An' you call yerself a crim. Pigs! The right name is egg-and-spoon, ain't it, Shirk? Yer a terry-toon, a blue-moon – anything' that rhymes with weak-bludger-hoon! – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.33 [1987], 1973

· [T]he knock-about quickly turned most of the phrases into shortened versions – Gregory (short for Gregory Peck; neck); the Rory (short for Rory O'More; the door); comics (short for comic cuts; guts or belly); egg (short for egg and spoon; hoon, or prostitute's pimp); onka (short for Onkaparinga; finger). – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April 1975

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· **Hoon (or Egg and spoon):** A pimp or procurer; an unprincipled, thieving bastard, especially one who battens

on to, or thieves from, his fellows; one who lives off the earnings of prostitutes whom he beats up for thrills. – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, pp.23–24 1984

2 a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *goon*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

3 a black person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *coon*. In British usage, recorded in the forms *egg and spoon* and *egg'un*. In Australian English, only recorded in the full form. Unconnected with *good egg* 'a good, trustworthy person'.

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· 'Linda Lusardi's got great thrup'nys.' 'Give us a butcher's.' 'Phwoooar, she must be minging. S'pose she's shafted by an egg'un?' 'Nah, their whoopers'd fall out.' 'Yeah, but they've always got the biggest Hamptons.' – S. Hughes, *Hard Yakka*, p.152 [1998], 1997

· See Sharon's new bloke, another bloody egg and spoon.

– *UD(.com)*, 7th November 2003

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

egg flip

noun

in horse racing, a tip [AUSTRALIA]

< *egg flip* 'a cocktail made from beaten eggs, milk and sugar mixed with rum, brandy or wine'.

· Today I get an egg flip for a tomato sauce at Morphettville. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July 1952

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· As a horse was led close to them, the Wrecker, eager for information, addressed the trainer: 'Ah Doc, how about givin' a bloke d'egg flip?' – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.84, 1968

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 25th January 1999

egg flipper

noun

in horse racing, a tipster [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tipper*. A derivative of EGG FLIP.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1955

egg flips

noun

in cricket, the fielding positions just behind the batsman on the off side; the fielders positioned in this area [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the technical term *slips*. The Australian counterpart of the British FISH AND CHIPS and STAFFORD CRIPPS. < *egg flip* 'a cocktail made from beaten eggs, milk and sugar mixed with rum, brandy or wine'.

· He's come good again, and the next town hall nicks off the Curly McBride of his this and that and goes straight to Morris who's fielding in the egg flips. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

Eggs*nickname*

Irish-born British painter Francis Bacon (1909–92).

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Bacon* and *bacon*. < *bacon and eggs*, a reference to two of the key components of a traditional English breakfast.

· Nearby, in a late-night gay bar called the Toucan, several of the members raised their glasses dramatically and toasted “Eggs,” a nickname occasionally used for Bacon[.] – D. Farson, *Gilded Gutter Life*, p.5, **1993**

· My personal nickname for Francis was “Eggs.” No one else called him that. In the East End of London, where I’m from, we call very special people “diamonds.” Eggs was a diamond. – D. Sylvester et al., *Francis Bacon*, p.7, **1998**

· Still, the details of the story matched the style and spirit of his paintings, disfigured bodies the color of raw ham in a nod to the origins of his name. (The rentboys of Soho called him “Eggs.”) – Z. Zinik, *Mind the Doors*, p.7, **2001**

· Edwards would come round to Reece Mews where Bacon, who prided himself on his culinary skills, cooked them a fry-up (a devotee of cockney rhyming slang, his nickname for Bacon was “Eggs”). – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 9th March **2003**

· The book’s cover has several cuboid diagrams like the ones Bacon painted, and I begin to think about rooms, cubes, boxes and ‘Eggs’. – *Art Monthly Australia*, Canberra, March **2010**

eggs and kippers*noun*

slippers [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· **Eggs and Kippers** = slippers, “who nicked my egg and kippers?” – *www.londonolympicguide.net*, **2008**

· East end teenagers today talk about *skets* not eggs and kippers (slippers)[.] – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

egg yolk; egg*noun*

a joke [UK]

· **Egg**: a joke (short for “egg yolk”)[.] – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Unfortunately no definite definitions, however, egg yolk is Cockney rhyming slang for joke, so ‘no egg’ is likely to mean no joke. – *www.kgbanswers.co.uk*, 3rd February **2012**

Eglington Toll; eglinton*noun*

the anus; the buttocks [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. < Eglington Toll, an area of Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Are you gauny get aff yer Eglington an buy me a hauf and hauf? – *The Times*, London, 10th December **2004**

Egon Ronay; egon*noun*

1 an act of defecating [UK]

Compounded imperfect rhyming slang on *pony*, the short version of PONY AND TRAP. < Hungarian-born British food critic Egon Ronay (1915–2010).

· [T]o ‘go for an Egon’ is to defecate. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Compounded imperfect rhyming slang on *pony*, an elliptical form of PONY AND TRAP.

· So there we have it, an interesting blog entry or just a load of old egon? – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th September **2011**

Egyptian fae Cairo*noun*

a social security cheque [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *giro*. *Fae* is the Scots form of *from*. Synonymous with MAN FROM CAIRO.

· Brassick, ah instinctively goes, although ah’m flush right now wi Cahill’s pey-oaf fir special services rendered and the auld ‘Egyptian fae Cairo’ hittin the mat yisterday. – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.338, **2007**

Egyptian Hall*noun*

a ball [UK]

< Egyptian Hall, a private museum of curiosities in Piccadilly, London, built in 1812 and demolished in 1905. Hotten (1859) defines the term as ‘a ball’, without further clarification, and this is interpreted by Franklyn (1960) and several subsequent authors as a reference to a social gathering for dancing. However, evidence for this usage is lacking. In the 1950 quotation, the word is used to mean ‘a ball as used for games and sports’.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham’s willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe.” “No.” “An Egyptian Hall? Two turtle doves?” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

eiderdown*noun*

in snooker, the brown ball [UK]

< *eiderdown* ‘a quilted bedcover’.

· There’s an eiderdown and a superglue, / Then you got the kitchen sink. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

Eiffel Tower; Eifel Tower; eiffel; eifel*noun*

1 a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

< *Eiffel Tower*, the most recognisable landmark in Paris. The short form (spelt *eiffel* or occasionally *eifel*) has been recorded in British and Australian usage.

· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

- A peeping Tom's delight, an eyeful in the Eifel. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November 2001
- im off to have an eifel tower[.] – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May 2005
- I'm going for an Eiffel Tower. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006
- [M]y God you stink! Go take an Eiffel Tower! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008
- – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009
- Been to wash me barnet in the eiffel. – *Charlton Life*, 12th January 2012
- “an Eiffel Tower” ... for a shower [...] “an Edgar, Jenolan and Eiffel”. – *www.theherald.com.au*, 10th May 2013
- I'm going to take a quick Eiffel. – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, 2014
- 2 a shower of rain [AUSTRALIA]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

eight-day clock; eight day; 8-day clock; 8 day
noun

the penis [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *cock*. The short form has been recorded in Australian usage.
- – G. Newbold, *Social Organization*, 1978
- It seemed like no time at all that her Onkarparingas had slipped a Dunlop overcoat on his eight-day-clock and the contract had been fulfilled. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, 1983
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990
- **eight day clock** (eight day) – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997
- Mort Stock, or 8 day = C*ck. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November 2004
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

eighteen carat
noun

- 1 claret wine [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- 2 blood [UK]
- Rhymes on the slang *claret*.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

eighteen pence; eighteenpence; 18 pence; eighteen
noun

- 1 common sense [UK]
- No evidence of use in the short form.
- – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.118, 1930
- ‘Well, Ken,’ she said. ‘Still in the valuing business?’ ‘Yes,’ he answered without lifting his eyes. That was a fast one. Valuing. He did not know Maisie had all that eighteenpence. [...] Use your nut, Scaley mate. Ain't you got no eighteenpence at all? – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, pp.52/145 [1947], 1936
- Ain't you got no eighteen pence, you sloppy old cheese-cake, you? – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.117, 1943
- They've got more bees than eighteenpence. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

- [H]aven't you got no eighteenpence? – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.30, 1980

2 a fence (enclosing an area) [AUSTRALIA]

- The short form *eighteen* is recorded by Delbridge (1984) and Gregory (2004: 19); however, it is not clear if this is used to mean ‘a fence (enclosing an area)’ or ‘a receiver of stolen goods’.
- Places were expressed as follows: STREET: Field of wheat. FENCE: Eighteen pence. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 14th September 1935
- The Ragged Earl reflected: ‘Well, we've come a long way. Besides, it's such a glorious day, I'd like to see the races.’ The Wrecker got a flash. ‘I've got it. We'll jump d'eighteen pence.’ ‘Ya might rip yer strides on it,’ warned Ruffy. [...] ‘How about slippin' under d'eighteen pence?’ persisted the Wrecker. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.83, 1968
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

3 meaning, coherence, intelligent understanding [UK]

- Rhymes on *sense*. Used in the phrases *make eighteen pence* and *make eighteen pence of*. No evidence of use in the short form.
- When better slang is built, the British, of course, will build it, and if you don't use your loaf in reading this item I'll bet half an Oxford it won't make 18 pence. – *Lebanon Daily News*, Lebanon, PA, 24th May 1957
- You just sit here quiet here and try and make a bit of eighteen pence of it all. – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.173, 2000
- Makes Eighteen Pence to me! – *ApriliaForum*, 6th September 2003
- 4 a receiver of stolen goods [AUSTRALIA/UK]
- Rhymes on the colloquialism *fence*. The clipping *eighteen* is recorded in Australian English (Delbridge 1984; Gregory 2004: 19), but it is not clear if this is used to mean ‘a receiver of stolen goods’ or ‘a fence (enclosing an area)’. In British usage the term is only recorded in the full form.
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1955
- – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.206, 1976
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

eightsome reel

noun

a feel [SCOTLAND]

- < *eightsome reel* ‘a Scottish country dance for eight people’.
- His Frankie Vaughans were aw' ower me. Gieing me a right guid eightsome reel. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

eight stone four

noun

a door [UK]

- With regard to rhyming slang (such as “trouble and strife” for “wife”), a reader recalls a few instances popular among old soldiers:– [...] *Rory o' More, Eight stone four–Door*. – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth, 4th December 1929

Eisenhower; eisen*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK]

< Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890–1969), the 34th President of the United States. The short form is recorded in 2003.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

eithkay and octerpray*noun*

a doctor [US]

- A pig Latin version of KEITH AND PROCTOR.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

elastic bands; elastics*noun*

the hands [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The earliest known use, quoted below, is a misheard transcription of SINKING SANDS in Peter Cook and Dudley Moore's 1970 sketch *The Scriptwriter*.

- I wouldn't mind getting my elastics round them faintings. – *The Listener*, London, **1970**
- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.44, **1972**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.55, **1973**
- – *My PC Clinic* forum, 3rd January **2004**
- – *firesidelearning.ning.com*, forum, 60-year-old man from Penguin, Tasmania, 6th December **2010**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th September **2011**
- But my favourite would be for fingers, which is 'Bell Ringers', or hands 'Elastic bands'. – *Queenzone* forum, 8th July **2013**

electric light*adjective*

unwilling to spend money [UK]

- Rhymes on *tight*.
- He's so electric light, if he found an eye-patch he'd put a bit of dirt in his eye. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

elephant*noun*

heroin [UK]

- Possibly a nonce word formed as a shortening of *elephant's trunk* (rhyming on *junk*), *elephant's ear* (rhyming on *gear*) or *elephant howdah* (rhyming on *powder*).
- Sure enough, there he was, turtles on the melodies, sky-rockets full of charlie, elephant all over his oedipus[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

Elephant and Castle; elephant*noun*

1 hell [UK]

Perhaps an allusive use of a place name, but said to be rhyming slang relying on a distorted pronunciation of *Castle* as *Cars-ell*, with the stress on the second syllable. < Elephant and Castle, an area of south London. Only recorded in the full form.

- How the Elephant and Castle! – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

2 a parcel [UK]

• “Elephant” equals “Elephant and Castle” (pronounced “Carsel”) which means a parcel. – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

• Wot you got 'ere then, a bleedin' elephant. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

• It cost me a bleedin' fortune to post that elephant and castle! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 the anus [UK]

Pronounced to rhyme with *arsehole* in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where the *h* in *arsehole* is not aspirated and the final *l* in *castle* and *arsehole* is vocalised.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• **A Few Indelicacies** [...] **Elephant & Castle** Elephant. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.63–64, **1969**

• I always think it best to let gingers know exactly where you stand – which in my case is with my back to the bulk-head and my Elephant and Castle tighter than the knot in a piece of cotton. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.49, **1976**

• She settles her warm, soft lips onto mine and presses her hand into my crutch like she has plans to shove my hampton up my elephant. – T. Lea, *Ice Cream Man*, pp.56–57, **1977**

• Elephant (& Castle) Anus. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.182, **1977**

• – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

• **ELEPHANT**; (RS) anus. From elephant and castle = arsehole. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

• – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.14, **1999**

• You Swiss Cottagers don't fool us, you're always into back down moves, taking it up the Elephant and Castle and all available tunnels! Should be ashamed of yourselves abusing our hospitality and toilets. – *www.mrs-trellis.co.uk*, **2003**

• – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

4 a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Pronounced to rhyme with *arsehole* in Cockney and popular London speech.

• When I comes out I 'ave a quick butchers, an' there they are, getting' grief off a right Elephant and Castle. – *Toy-town Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

• He's a bit of an elephant. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th July **2006**

• You're being a right elephant and castle. – *www.answerbag.com*, 31st January **2008**

• We couldn't Adam and Eve that surfers from London were less James Dean than surfers by the coast, and perhaps living right by a break makes some of those Elephants and Castles more Patrick Swayze than the cockneys that they have the beef with. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

5 a small packet of drugs [UK]

Rhymes on *parcel*. A narrowing of sense 2.

• Me tart came up yesterday and brought me a pukka **elephant** [...] An **elephant** is a parcel of drugs that can be

concealed on the person [...] Got me Richard on a v this avvy with a pukka elephant, I'll be off me tits by six bells bang-up! – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.310/320, **2015**

elephant's ears; elephants

noun

beers [UK]

· Elephant's Ears. Beers. Get the Elephants in, mate! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· – h2g2 forum, 23rd July **1999**

· [M]e and the trouble might get on our daisy's and take a ball down to the rub for a few elephants over a rabbit with our saucepan. – *The Naked Scientists Forum*, 18th November **2009**

elephant's herd

noun

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

elephant's tool

noun

a stool (to sit on) [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

elephant's trunk

noun

1 a drunk [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

· Elephant's trunk is a drunk. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· A decent sort of a elephant's trunk We got a joker in da city wot'd be a good drinkin' mate fer him. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.94, **1968**

· I'm the blackmail man, / A paraffin lamp, an elephant's trunk. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Elephant's Trunk–A drunk. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

2 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

· I reckoned I could throw some elephants trunk up her if I could get her Bertie Mees apart. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

elephant's trunk; elephant trunk; elephant's; elephants

adjective

drunk [UK/NEW ZEALAND/US/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Elephant's trunk is common in all five locations of use.

The variant *elephant trunk*, first recorded by Sharpe (1928), is American and British. The short forms *elephant's* and *elephants* have been recorded in Britain, New Zealand, Australian and Ireland, but not in the United States. ► see EPHALENTS and JUMBO'S TRUNK

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Elephants, elevated, drunk. – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 26th February **1898**

· Oh, he's elephants[.] – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· If a man has had an extra dose of whisky, / His condition you'll describe as somewhat drunk; / You're wrong, it's due to too much "Gay and frisky," / He's "Elephant's trunk." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· For instance, any gentleman who drank not wisely but too well would be said to be "elephants"[.] – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April **1915**

· – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 5th April **1924**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· When pore old Jim got the "Tin tack" / 'E went aht and got "Elephant's trunk"[.] – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· He came home and he found the artful dodger elephant trunk in the bread and butter (He found the lodger drunk in the gutter). – *OED2*, 1989: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· [D]on't ever get biargerred, I mean *Elephant's* (drunk). – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.15, **ca 1937**

· But the bushel of coke said, "Go away; / Why, the half of it's done a bunk. / If I lend you on this, the boss will say / That I must be elephant's trunk." – J.B. Booth, *Sporting Times*, p.88, **1938**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Once again you've come home elephant's trunk and mozart, and you've spent all the money I gave you. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· ELEPHANT'S Drunk. – G.Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.248, **1982**

· He got totally elephants by the end of the evening and she informed him that she didn't like drunks and wouldn't ever go out with him again. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, p.18, **1991**

· [Y]ou can tell by the way he walks all zigzag-like that he's bloody elephant's. – C.S. Challinor, *Christmas is Murder*, p.97, **2008**

· [T]hey may think we are elephant's trunk! – *Boards.ie* forum, 26th October **2008**

· Sometimes our reluctance to say the plain, unvarnished word "drunk" sends us off into rhyming slang territory: he's Brahms and Liszt we might say, or he's "elephants" (elephant's trunk = drunk). – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 18th September **2010**

elephant's tusk

noun

■ on the elephant's tusk engaged in any form of street entertainment [UK]

Rhymes on *busk*, used in the phrase *on the busk*.

· [T]here is still, and always will be, a warm-hearted public for the seaside mummers and all who work "on the elephant's tusk," which is our rhyming slang for on the busk. [...] But apart from the mummers, who represent

the theatrical element at the seaside, there are hundreds of others “on the elephant’s tusk.” – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘Seaside Bands: Entertainment Boom. English Revolution’, 14th September **1935**

Elgin City

adjective

awful, contemptible [UK]

Rhymes on *shitty*. < Elgin City, a Scottish football club. · That is Allan Border – what an Elgin City thing to do. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

El Golea; elga

noun

1 a beer [AUSTRALIA]

< El Golea, an Australian racehorse that became a racetrack sensation in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

· Once I stood in the bar of a decent sort of a pub in Melbourne – either the Fawcner Club or the Australian; or the Richmond end of twenty past tosspot – and heard a newspaperman roar an order for “Two elgas and a huckleberry-’n-super, thanks, luv.” – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· He took the orders, fought his way to the bar and ordered, loudly, “An elga and three huckleberries and super.” [...] I asked for an El Golea, who was a famous racehorse, and three Huckleberry Finns and supersonic. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, **1989**

2 the ear [AUSTRALIA]

· – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, **1989**

El Hadj Duif

noun

a male homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *poof*.

< Senegalese footballer El Hadji Diouf (b.1981), who played for a number of leading teams in the north of England between 2002 and 2014; in 2011 he was loaned to Rangers FC.

· – Is he a tin roof? – A slate aff the roof? An el hadj duif. – *TalkCeltic forum*, 24th February **2013**

Eli Wallach; eli

noun

■ **drop an Eli Wallach; drop an eli** to make a mistake [UK]

Rhymes on *bollock*, used in the phrase *drop a bollock*.

< American actor Eli Wallach (1915–2014).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Eli Wallachs

noun

1 ■ **make an Eli Wallachs of (something)** to spoil or make a mess of (something) [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*, used in the phrase *make a bollocks of (something)*. < American actor Eli Wallach (1915–2014).

· [A] movie version of *Preacher* is currently being considered by Rachel Talalay, the director who made a

complete Eli Wallachs of the adaptation of *Tank Girl* a couple of years ago. – *gleesonO.demon.co.uk*, 18th October **1998**

· Together with his chief (Ghislain Ghesquière) they proceed to make a complete Eli Wallachs of the investigation. – *gleesonO.demon.co.uk*, 5th November **1999**

2 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· Do not ask to borrow a cup of sugar because a kick in the Eli Wallachs often offends. – *twitter.com*, 9th August **2015**

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· What a load of Eli Wallachs. – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 8th November **2013**

Eliot Ness; Elliot Ness

noun

a mess [UK]

< American FBI agent Eliot Ness (1903–57), best remembered as a fictionalised character, played by Robert Stack in *The Untouchables* TV series (1959–63) and by Kevin Costner in *The Untouchables* film (1987).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Mind you, she still did make an eliot ness of it at some points[.] – *HeadShaveProducts* forum, 5th August **2008**

· It rhymes but I mad a right Elliot Ness. – *Down At The Mac* forum, 12th November **2012**

Eliot Press

nickname

American FBI agent Eliot Ness (1903–57), head of the ‘Untouchables’, the team who pursued Al Capone and a number of other gangsters during the Prohibition era (1920–33)

A slang rhyme suggested by Eliot Ness’s reputation as a publicity hound.

· [“]For instance, how you liked seeing your name in print, especially when it was in headlines. ‘Eliot Press,’ we used to call you.” – M.A. Collins, *The Dark City*, p.53 [2011], **1987**

· A major problem for Ness was that he was so keen on personal publicity from the media that mobsters often referred to him as “Eliot Press”. – R.D. Humble, *Frank Nitti*, p.107, **2007**

eliza

noun

a clue [IRELAND]

Possibly a shortening of *Eliza Dushku*. < American film actress Eliza Dushku (b.1980).

· The two of them look at me, not a fucking Eliza what I’m talking about. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.96, **2008**

Elizabeth Fringe*noun*

a woman's pubic hair; the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *minge*.· – M. Hunt, *The Joy of Swearing*, p.134, **2006****Elizabeth Regina; elizabeth***noun*

the vagina [UK]

< Elizabeth Regina, the Latin title of Queens Elizabeth I and II.

· She has a bushy Elizabeth. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st March **2002**· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**· – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**· Elizabeth Regina – Muff. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**· [S]he can have a “orange peel” with your “davina macalls” while your stroking her “elizabeth regina”. – *Sheffield Forum*, 25th September **2008**· *Tampon-makers can't mention the V-word. Period.* Here is where cockney rhyming slang would come in useful. They could have referred to the Elizabeth (Elizabeth Regina) or the Arthur (Arthur Fowler) or the Sigourney (Sigourney Weaver) and no-one in the USA would have a clue what it refers to and thus their moral sensitivity would not have been provoked. – *www.theguardian.com*, 18th March **2010**· – Richard the Third buried again eh, the only monarch to be immortalised in rhyming slang I would venture. – Queen Vic...sick Ann Boleyn...gin Elizabeth Regina... – *twitter.com*, 26th March **2015****elk's tooth***noun*

a telephone booth [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, **1968****Elky Clark; Elkie Clark; L. K. Clark; elky; L.K.***noun*

1 a place of beginning [UK]

Rhymes on *mark*. < Scottish flyweight boxer Elky Clark (1898–1956), who was active from 1921 to 1927. Criminal use.· [A] crowd starts to come around and I got off my Elky Clark. I'm finished with that hall. – K. Mackenzie, *Living Rough*, p.189, **1936**· **L. K. Clark** [...] ‘We get off the L. K. at nine...’ Mr Brice gives it as ‘Elkie Clark’, and has heard it used in the same sense in Glasgow. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**· [B]e on the L.K. at seven. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a victim of a swindle or confidence trick [UK]

Rhymes on *mark*. Criminal use.

· If you are told to ‘Get aff yer Elky’, it is not as rude as it sounds. There was a great wee Glasgow boxer called Elky Clark, who lost an eye in a title fight in New York with Fidel la Barba and who later became a newspaper colleague of mine. His name was used as rhyming slang

for ‘mark’, so ‘Get aff yer Elky!’ meant ‘Get aff yer mark!’ As a ‘mark’ in crooks’ language might mean an intended victim or a time fixed for an illegal operation, ‘Elky’ has been used in these senses also. – A. Mackie, *Talking Glasgow*, p.25, **1978****Ella May Morse***noun*

a horse [AUSTRALIA]

< American pop-jazz singer Ella Mae Morse (1924–99).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Ellen Terry***noun*

a chamber pot [UK]

Rhymes on *jerry*. < Shakespearean actress Ellen Terry (1847–1928).· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998****Elmer Fudd; elmer; elma***noun*

1 a stupid or ineffectual person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *dud*. < Elmer Fudd (originally named Egghead), an animated cartoon character created by Tex Avery (1908–80) in 1937. Children's slang.· John is such an elma. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a potato [UK]

Rhymes on *spud*. Recorded in the forms *Elmer Fudd* and *elmer*.· Elmer Fudd is Cockney slang for Spud. “Pass the Elmers, please darling.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th October **2009**· Minor issue was Tredwells didn't have extra Elmers, but did try to rectify it by offering up some mash. – *therolls blog.wordpress.com*, blog, 5th July **2015****Elmer Fudge***noun*

a judge [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Elmer Fudd (originally named Egghead), an animated cartoon character created by Tex Avery (1908–80) in 1937. In later use, informed by ELMER FUDD.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.27, **1983**· Being up before the Barnaby Rudge (I thought we'd employ some traditional rhyming slang, oft used in the shady villainous underworld) ought to be intimidating, with the bewigged Elmer Fudge (i.e. judge – do keep up) sitting up on high, in his special Inky Smudge chair, enjoying the real perk of the Vanilla Fudge's job: getting to bang his gavel. – R.O. Smith, *As Thick as Thieves*, p.176, **2013****Elsie***noun*

a sixpence [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *tanner*, a slang word for a sixpence, and *Tanner*. < Elsie Tanner, a character portrayed by English actress Patri-

cia Frederica ‘Pat’ Phoenix (1923–86) from 1960 to 1984 in the long-running TV soap opera *Coronation Street*. Hence also the punning synonym *Elsie sixpence*, recorded by Macafee (1994: 66) in Glasgow speech.

- – A. Lillo, *Cut-down Puns*, p.41, **2006**
- – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th May **2007**
- If I had a shilling, I’d call it “Bob” but my sixpence I’d call “Elsie”. – *twitter.com*, 21st February **2016**

Elsie Tanner; elsie

noun

1 one coat of paint [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wanner*, the Scots form of English *oner*. < Elsie Tanner, a character in the long-running TV soap opera *Coronation Street*, played by English actress Pat Phoenix (1923–86). Painter-decorators’ slang.

- ‘Whit d’ye hink? Anither coat a emulsion on the ceilin or lee it wi an Elsie Tanner? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- ‘Well, if you ever get a painter in for an estimate and he says tae his mate, “This is an elsie”, run a mile – means they’re just gonnae put wan coat of paint on it. Elsie Tanner – wanner – get it? [...] You’d put wan coat on a wall and it’d be near four o’clock and he’d come in and say, “That’ll dae boys, that’s an elsie, finish up.” See, it can look OK wi wan coat but when you look close there’s streaks and everythin in it – it’s no right. And you’d say, “Naw, it’s no an elsie,” but he was the boss. – A. Donovan, *Buddha Da*, pp.56/57, **2003**

· Elsie Tanner = Wanner (one’r as in one coat for all you non jocks). – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 7th November **2013**

2 a spanner or wrench [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Can I borrow your elsie. – *www.freelang.net*, 1st February **2001**
- – Whats an Elsie? – I always thought it was rhyming slang for a spanner - Elsie Tanner = spanner. – *answers.yahoo.com*, **2008**

· These days I work in a *mrs mopp*. Hardware. I specialize in *elsies*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, **2011**

· We had a labourer in Rolls Royce who always tried to copy (verbally) what the tradesmen were saying. Some of our favourites were “pass me the 1/2” Elsie” (Elsie Tanner = spanner), or “have a butchers” (butchers hook = look). – *MBClub UK* forum, 10th November **2014**

· Pass me the Elsie Tanner. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 a single instance of something; a single action [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *wanner*. Used in the phrase *in an Elsie Tanner* ‘in one go’.

· Nae probs man, a’ll doon that pint in an Elsie Tanner. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

4 a stupid person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *spanner*. Only recorded in the full form.

· In Australia a “spanner” is what you call someone who’s stupid. Aka Elsie Tanner. – *ClubRoadster.net* forum, 8th September **2007**

Elsie Whitty

noun

a woman’s breast [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *titty*.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Elton

noun

a lavatory [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *john* ‘a toilet’ and *John*. < English rock singer and pianist Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight, 1947).

- – C. Lewis, *DPS*, **2003**
- – L. van Amerongen, *The A–Z of Teen Talk*, **2007**
- In 1978 we had a giant, polystyrene head and shoulders of Elton John in the Gents’ toilets. I deliberately placed it there so that we could have the mischievous pleasure of ‘going to the Elton’. We were always ‘going to the Elton’.
- *Spoken reminiscence*, T. Victor, 5th February **2013**
- I’m just popping to the Elton. – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, **2014**

Elton John; elton

noun

a deception; a confidence trick [UK]

Rhymes on *con*. < English rock singer and pianist Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight, 1947).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- [I]ts an elton ... john ... con. – *Digital Spy* forum, 5th September **2005**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Elton John; elton

verb

to trick or deceive [UK]

Rhymes on *con*. < English rock singer and pianist Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight, 1947).

- [I]f you stand for the ‘three-card trick’, you’ve been ‘el-toned’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- I’ve been Elton Johnned – that lemon squeezer’s taken me for a right Toby jug[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Emily Blunt

noun

1 a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English actress Emily Blunt (b.1983).

- graham norton is a right emily blunt. – *twitter.com*, 18th June **2012**
- When I met you a few years back you seemed a thoroughly decent chap. But this sort of post makes you look like a right Emily Blunt. – *ShrimperZone* forum, 1st September **2016**

2 the female genitals [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· I’d love to eat her Emily Blunt. – *twitter.com*, 25th April **2015**

3 a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make an Emily Blunt (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’.

· [J]ust glad that I never made an Emily Blunt of it after all!! [...] sour grapes cause you made an Emily Blunt of it. – *twitter.com*, 30th September and 19th October **2016**

Emily Post

noun

a person to whom one owes money [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *ghost*. < American etiquette expert Emily Post (ca 1872–1960).

- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.27, **1983**

emlyn's

noun

shoes [UK]

A shortening of *Emlyn Hughes*. < English footballer Emlyn Hughes (1947–2004).

- Can anyone lend me an “Ayrton”? Because I need to buy a new pair of “Emlyn’s” ... – *CPFC BBS forum*, 28th March **2001**

Emma Freud; emma

noun

a haemorrhoid [UK]

< English radio and television broadcaster Emma Freud (b.1962), daughter of Clement Freud and great-granddaughter of Sigmund Freud, whose names are also used as rhyming slang for the same condition. ► see CLEMENT FREUD and SIGMUND FREUD

- Bloody Nora! Me Emma Freuds! – *Viz comic*, February/March **1990**
- doctor> What can I do for you today? patient> I've got the Emmas... – *rec.arts.tv.uk*, *Google Groups*, 3rd February **1995**
- Congratulations, Mr Piles! Your Emma Freuds are almost completely gone. – *Viz comic*, August/September **1998**
- And of course your Khyber might hurt from the Emmas[...] – *h2g2 forum*, 27th July **1999**
- Have to say that my ‘Emmas’ are giving me a bit of jip this morning! – *CPFC BBS forum*, 28th March **2001**
- BUY IF: You're in bed with Sara Cox (chicken pox), Chris Moyles (boils) or Emma Freuds (haemorrhoids) or just fancy 'aving a laugh. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th February **2003**
- – “Trouble and Strife” Wife. – “Emma” short for Emma Freud. – *UKClimbing forum*, 16th December **2007**
- Whether you choose to term your pain in the Aris Emmas (Emma Freuds, haemorrhoids) or Chalfonts (Chalfont St Giles, piles) is up to you[...] – *The Independent*, London, 4th September **2010**
- “How’s your Emmas, Dad?” “What? Me Clements?” – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

Emmerdale Farm; emmerdale

noun

the arm [UK]

< *Emmerdale Farm*, a British television soap opera, broadcast since 1972; retitled *Emmerdale* in 1989.

- All right if you're twisting my Emmerdale I'll have a double. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**
- [T]he drummer in Def Leppard has only one “Emmerdale”. – *twitter.com*, 19th July **2013**

Emmerdale Farm

adjective

calm [UK]

< *Emmerdale Farm*, a British television soap opera, broadcast since 1972; retitled *Emmerdale* in 1989.

- Then they started making fun of our accents and we kept pretty Emmerdale Farm about it at first[.] – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November **2005**

Emperor Ming; emperor

noun

money [UK]

Rhymes on *ka-ching*, used to represent the sound of a cash register opening. < Emperor Ming, aka ‘Ming the Merciless’, a character in the *Flash Gordon* comic strips, television series and films; created by American cartoonist Alex Raymond (1909–56) in 1934.

- Emperor Ming. Money in general [...] Wik has heard the expression “Emperor” being using to mean a certain sum of money. – *A(.com)*, accessed 22nd August **2006**
- – *www.blencowesaccountants.co.uk*, **2013**

Empire State; empire

noun

a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *mate*. < *Empire State*, a common ellipsis of *Empire State Building*, a major New York landmark.

- Alright my old Empire! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st December **2006**
- We were gonna go to a club, my two empires were totally boracic though, on the floor, not so much as a penny in their sky rockets, not a pot to piss in. – *Alt-country.org forum*, 14th February **2012**

Empty Pockets

nickname

Eddie Rocket's, an Irish restaurant chain with a 1950s US diner theme

A slang rhyme.

- This Eddie Rockets, or Empty Pockets as some people like to call it, does exactly what it says on the tin – like it should do! – *www.yelp.ie*, 27th July **2009**
- ‘Empty fucking Pockets! That’s were me and actual Sorcha first got together. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.58, **2011**
- “Over Priced, Poor Value, and Very Disappointing – Welcome to Empty Pockets!” – *www.tripadvisor.ie*, 23rd November **2011**
- Scottish friends like ot refer to this chain as “Empty Pockets”! – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, 27th December **2011**
- You're on Dame street, you want a burger and you plump for Empty Pockets over Rick's Burgers?? – *Boards.ie forum*, 26th March **2012**

Engelbert Humperdinck; engelbert*noun*

a drink [UK]

< Engelbert Humperdinck, the stage name of English pop singer Arnold George ‘Gerry’ Dorsey (b.1936); ultimately from the German opera composer Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· I think I’ll need a few Engelberts down my Gregory to calm my West Ham Reserves[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.274, 2008

· “Care for an Engelbert Humperdinck?” Jasper asked, walking over to the drinks cabinet in the corner. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.101, 2012

Engelbert Humperdinck; engelbert; humperdinck*verb*

to stink [UK]

< Engelbert Humperdinck, the stage name of English pop singer Arnold George ‘Gerry’ Dorsey (b.1936); ultimately from the German opera composer Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921).

· Engelbert Humperdinck has actually been Cockney rhyming slang for years – Humperdinck = stink. Usage: “Cor, it don’t half Engelbert in here”. – *apolla.dream-width.org*, blog, 23rd February 2004

· That shit Humperdincks. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May 2005

Engelberts; Engleburts*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the squirts*. < *Engelberts*, taken from Engelbert Humperdinck, the stage name of English pop singer Arnold George ‘Gerry’ Dorsey (b.1936); ultimately from the German opera composer Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921).

· **Engleburts** *rhym. slang*. The squirts. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1998

· [A] bad case of the Engelberts. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May 2005

engineers and stokers; engineers*noun*

brokers (dealers in goods, or their agents) [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.31, 1979

· Fred’s had the engineers round and they took back his Marie Corelli. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

engineer’s spanner*noun*

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, 1973

Engleburts*noun*

▶ see ENGELBURTS

English Channel; english*noun*

1 the panel (a list of doctors registered as accepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act of 1911) [UK]

< English Channel, a narrow arm of the Atlantic Ocean between southern England and northern France. Also used in the phrase *on the English Channel* (or *on the english*) ‘off work because of sickness’, the direct equivalent of *on the panel*. Synonymous with SOAP AND FLANNEL.

The panel system was abandoned in 1946, when it was replaced by the National Health Service, but the term *panel* remained in the language for some decades after that; hence the earliest known use of *English Channel* in the early 1970s.

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Fred’s on the English again. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 flannel [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

English goalie*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *toley*.

· Toley. A jobby, a keech. Heh guess whit, wee Shuggy did a big toley in his keks at school the day. The hale class wis mingin so it wis. Optional rhyming slang is English Goalie. – *www.firstfoot.com*, accessed 2nd March 2006

English Lit*noun*

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < *English Lit*, a clipping of *English Literature* (as an academic subject).

· I’m off for an English Lit. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th February 2007

· Other Cockney Rhyming Slang words for an Eartha Kitt include a William Pitt, a Tom Tit, a Brad Pitt, a **Two-Bob Bit**, a Bottomless Pit, English Lit, and the slightly less used, although by no means any less filthy example used here[.] – *www.thespoof.com*, 26th December 2008

English wicket-keeper*adjective*

(of weather) hot [AUSTRALIA]

A punning variation of ALAN KNOTT.

· [I]ts english wicket keeper weather out there. – *Big-Footy AFL Forum*, 12th January 2004

enniskillen*noun*

a homosexual man [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

A shortening of *Enniskillen Fusilier*, rhyming on *queer*. < Enniskillen Fusilier, a reference to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers regiment of the British Army; the regiment was raised in Enniskillen (County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland) in 1881 and was amalgamated into the Royal Irish Rangers in 1968.

· Enniskillen (as in fusilier) – queer or Lake windemere. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

Enoch Arden*noun*

a garden [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Enoch Arden’, an 1864 narrative poem by Tennyson, turned into a silent short film in 1911. Recorded in use among Australian prisoners of war in the Far East during World War II.

· When a man was sick he was *beeokee*, but when well he might use the hoe in the *enoch arden*, garden. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.162, 1953: *The Sun*, Sydney, 22nd September **1945**

Enoch Powell; enoch*noun*

1 a towel [UK]

< English scholar and politician Enoch Powell (1912–98).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [R]emember your enoch for the fatboy slim. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

2 in the building trade, a trowel [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Pass the Enoch. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**

Enoch Powells; enochs; j. enochs*noun*

the bowels [UK]

< English scholar and politician John Enoch Powell (1912–98).

· Pain in the Enochs. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.56, **1973**

· He says that there must have been some misunderstanding even though they are very old horses – very old horses with virtually no control over their Enochs. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.136, **1976**

· Have you ever suffered from problems with the old J.Enochs? – *excoboard.com/sarahsboard*, forum, 14th May **2010**

enryhar hetar hirdtar*noun*

a contemptible person [AUSTRALIA]

A pig Latin-like alteration of HENRY THE THIRD. Formed by moving the initial consonant letters of *henry*, *the* and *third* to the end (*enryh*, *het*, *hirdt*) and adding *-ar*. Criminal slang.

· A shop detective, or some other adversary, would be an ‘enryhar hetar hirdtar’, derived from the rhyming slang for *a turd* being a *Henry the Third*. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, pp.58–59, **2010**

Entwistle Heights*noun*

tights [UK: LIVERPOOL]

< Entwistle Heights, a long-gone high-rise public housing block in Upper Parliament Street, Liverpool.

· – D. Briscoe, *Wicked Scouse English*, p.21, **2003**

Eoin Hand*noun*

1 sand [IRELAND]

< Irish football player and manager Eoin Hand (b.1946).

· The Andy Lee is Abe Lincoln tonight. Some Peggy Dell off it...walked near the Eoin Hand in Sandymount & nearly fell over d Peggy was so bad. – *twitter.com*, 24th May **2010**

2 a structure at a sports ground where spectators can sit or stand [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the stand*.

· Sitting in the Eoin Hand (Stand) and surrounded by mulchy farmer types from Meath... Come on the Nuclear Subs (Dubs). – *twitter.com*, 27th June **2010**

ephalents*adjective*

drunk [UK]

A transposition (or a purposefully drunken slurring) of *elephants*, the short form of ELEPHANT’S TRUNK.

· Ah wiz ephalents[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 29th April **2002**

Epsom races*noun*

1 trouser braces (suspenders) [UK]

< *Epsom races*, a reference to the famous races at Epsom Downs in Surrey, in the south-east of England.

· – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: J. Duncombe, *NIFDCW*, ca **1850**

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, ‘English As She Is Spoken. The Eurodite Dialects of London’, 4th March **1909**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

2 faces [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

Epsom Salts*noun*

Maltese gangsters, specifically the Maltese mafia who controlled a significant part of the vice trade in London for several decades in the 20th century [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *Malts*.

· In the thirties, a small group of Maltese – the ‘Epsom Salts’, as London villains knew them in rhyming slang

– ran the vice rackets in Soho and the West End. – *The Guardian*, London, 31st August **1998**

· Prostitution in Soho was rife and controlled by pimps who were often Maltese, known as Malts, or, to use the rhyming slang, “Epsom Salts”. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 27th July **2003**

· One said the message to British gangsters was, ‘Watch out for the “Epsom Salts” (Malts), they will retaliate.’ – *kilburnandwillesdenhistory.blogspot.com*, 13th June **2015**

Eric and Ern

noun

■ **on the Eric and Ern** (of food) becoming stale [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *turn*, used in the phrase *on the turn*. A nonce usage occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Eric and Ern, a reference to English comedians Eric Morecambe (born John Eric Bartholomew; 1926–84) and Ernie Wise (born Ernest Wiseman; 1925–99), known as the double act Morecambe and Wise (or Eric and Ernie).

· Ar’ve ‘ad ‘em stored in me lock-ap daahn the Kilburn High Road fer nearly two weeks an’ they’re all on the Eric an’ Ern. – *Viz* comic, August **2016**

Eric Baume

noun

a home [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born journalist Eric Baume (1900–67).

· I have never met Barry Crocker (Shocker) or Eric Baume (home), but I have been to Kembla Grange (change). – *www.sail-world.com*, 13th April **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Eric Liddell; Eric Liddle

noun

1 a cheat or swindle [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *diddle*. Used in the phrase *on the Eric Liddle* (recorded with this spelling), a direct equivalent of *on the diddle* ‘engaged in swindling’. < British Olympic athlete and missionary Eric Liddell (1902–45), whose story is told in the 1981 Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

· Whit ye playin’ at? I hope yer no’ on the Eric Liddle again. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

2 an act of urination; urine [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *piddle*. Recorded with the spelling *Eric Liddell*.

· While having an Eric Liddell, I let out a Richard Gough[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Eric Sykes; erics

noun

bagpipes [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English comedian and scriptwriter Eric Sykes (1923–2012).

· [A] chap who lives by me plays them and his mate says “Listen, he’s playing the Erics again” Eric Sykes – Bagpipes! – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th February **2001**

erky dirk

noun

▶ see DICKY DIRT

Ernie and Bert; ernie

noun

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

< Ernie and Bert, two puppet characters created by Don Sahlin (1928–78) for the American children’s television programme *Sesame Street*, first broadcast in 1969.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· I kind of want to walk into a dry-cleaner and ask how much it would be to get the Pup stains out of my Ernie. – *misterevilbreakfast.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th December **2012**

Ernie Bevan; ernie

noun

in dominoes, the number seven [UK]

< English trades union leader and Labour politician Ernest ‘Ernie’ Bevin (1881–1951).

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 7. Ernie (Bevan)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Ernie Marsh

noun

1 grass [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Possibly < English boxer Ernie Marsh, who enjoyed some popularity in Britain in the early 20th century.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.31, **1979**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· I skidded on the Ernie Marsh and fell off my clever Mike. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 marijuana [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *grass*.

· I haven’t bought any Jack Flash or Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, Mickey Duff or slippery slope since me boy was born (I always preferred Ernie Marsh anyway). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

Eros and Cupid

adjective

stupid [UK]

< *Eros and Cupid*, a tandem combination of the Greek and Roman gods of love.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

errol

verb

to throw something away [UK]

Formed on *errol*, an elliptical form of ERROL FLYNN.

· [T]o dispose of something is to ‘Errol it’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Errol Flynn; errol*noun*

- 1 the chin [UK/AUSTRALIA]
 < Australian-born American actor Errol Flynn (1909–59). Also used in the phrase *take it on the Errol Flynn* (or *take it on the errol*). The short form is exclusively British.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
 - – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.56, 1973
 - – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, 1981
 - – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990
 - [T]o ‘take it on the Errol’ or take it like a man[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - Land one on his Errol. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th July 2002
 - Go on, Sid. Give ‘im one on the Errol. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
 - – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008
 - – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 2 a waste bin [UK]
 Hence the verb **ERROL**.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Errol Flynn; errors*noun*

- 1 binoculars [UK]
 Rhymes on the slang *bins*. < Australian-born American actor Errol Flynn (1909–59).
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - Originally a racecourse term for binoculars, ‘errols’ later became spectacles. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008
- 2 a pair of glasses [UK]
 Rhymes on the slang *bins*.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008
 - – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.121, 2011

errol flynt*adjective*

- penniless [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Rhymes on *skint*. < Australian-born American actor Errol Flynn (1909–59).
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994

errychay iperay*noun*

- a pipe (for smoking tobacco or other substances) [US]
 A pig Latin version of **CHERRY RIPE**.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Erskine Ferry*nickname*

- used as a substitute for the name *Mary* [UK: SCOTLAND]
 A perfect rhyme in Glasgow English. < Erskine Ferry, a now defunct ferry service that operated across the river Clyde between Erskine (Renfrewshire) and Old Kilpatrick (West Dunbartonshire).
- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Ertha Kitt; Ertha Kit; ertha*noun*

- ▶ see **EARTHA KITT**

Ertha Kitts; Ertha Kits; erthas*noun*

- ▶ see **EARTHA KITTs**

Eskimo Nell; eskimo*noun*

- **give someone an Eskimo Nell; give someone an eskimo** to telephone someone [UK]
 Rhymes on *bell*, used in the phrase *give someone a bell*.
 < Eskimo Nell, the heroine of a famous bawdy ballad.
- Even though telephones don’t ring any more, people are still inclined to give each other an ‘Eskimo’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Esso Blue*nickname*

- used as a substitute for the name *Hugh* [UK: SCOTLAND]
 < Esso Blue, a defunct brand of paraffin oil.
- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Esther Rantzen*verb*

dancing [IRELAND]

- A perfect rhyme in some varieties of Irish English. < English TV presenter Esther Rantzen (b.1940). Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.
- Going Esther Rantzen tonight? – *Dublin*, spoken, male, ca 35, September 2002
 - – *www.independent.ie*, 27th August 2005

Eternal City*noun*

a home [UK]

- A covert pun on the rhyme *Rome – home*. < *Eternal City*, a sobriquet for Rome.
- “Pot and pan” is the old man; there is an unpleasant vulgarity for sister, and the home itself has with a fullness of richly relished irony passed through Rome to “Eternal City”. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, 1922

Ethan Hunt; ethan*noun*

- 1 an unpleasant or despicable person [UK]
 Rhymes on *cunt*. < Ethan Hunt, the hero of the *Mission: Impossible* films, played by Tom Cruise (b.1962).
- You’re a bloody Ethan. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th March 2003
 - [W]hat an ethan he is. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006
 - What a right pack of Ethan Hunts. – *South Island Wargaming* forum, 6th April 2007
 - – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, 2009
 - Freya are a miserable bunch of Ethans. – *reglarwiglar.com*, accessed 29th December 2012
- 2 ■ **old Ethan Hunt** used as a friendly or sympathetic form of address for a man [UK]
 Rhymes on *cunt*, used in the phrase *old cunt*.

· [I]t's time to put your brass bands in the old sky rockets dig out your bread and honey and by the old Ethan hunt an Edna everage or a pigs ear! – *www.boad.org.uk*, blog, 22nd January **2012**

3 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make an Ethan Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin or spoil'. Only recorded in the full form.

· Made a right Ethan hunt of a few jobs though. – *twitter.com*, 21st May **2013**

· I made an Ethan Hunt of it and burst wan tho. – *twitter.com*, 18th June **2015**

Ethel Merman; ethel

noun

a German [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< Ethel Merman, the stage name of American singer and actress Ethel Zimmermann (1908–84). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· Out with the Ethel Mermans, You're going out with the Germans. – *RedCafe.net* forum, 30th October **2002**

· First the Spanish, then the Italians, and now the Ethels are on their way home. – *Piano World* forum, 23rd June **2004**

· [W]hen a German comes up to me in the street and says "Was ist deine Lieblingsmannschaft?" i will say "deutschseland,Wo gibt es Karten?" come on the ethel mermans!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! – *www.bebo.com*, male from Portadown, 23rd November **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· When I rang to put a deposit on the bike, there were some Germans in buying up nearly every bike in the shop, new and used alike. Infact as the sold ticket was being placed on my bike, the Ethel Mermans were trying to buy my bike... bloody cheek. – *Harley-Davidson Riders Club of Great Britain* forum, 18th April **2009**

· **The Ethel Mermans** Doesn't the German position rely strongly on the PIGS reimbursing the German bondholders. – *Politics.ie* forum, 30th November **2010**

· [T]hey all seem very reasonable footie fans who would want another German team to win if they were not in the fianl themselves. Strange these Ethel Mermans. – *Arsenal World* forum, 19th May **2012**

· In the current spiral of debt and shame, the currency has depreciated nicely; this is good news for exporting countries and of course who's the big exporter? It's our old friends the Ethel Mermans. And who is the so-called PIGS biggest creditor? The self-same Ethels[.] – *therustywireservice.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st December **2012**

· In other news, the "Bubbles" have threatened to seize assets of the "Ethels"* in retaliation for Germany's failure to pay reparations for Nazi Germany's actions in Greece during World War II. – *macro-man.blogspot.com*, blog, 11th March **2015**

Eton Mess

noun

a dress [IRELAND]

< *Eton Mess* 'a traditional English dessert made from a mixture of strawberries, meringue and cream'.

· All I want to know, of course, is why she's flogging the Eton Mess. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.149, **2010**

Euan Blair; Euan

nickname

Leicester Square, a square in the West End of London

< Euan Blair (b.1984), the son of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Based on an incident in July 2000, when 16-year-old Euan was found 'drunk and incapable' in Leicester Square after a night out to celebrate the end of his GCSE exams.

· I'll meet you by Euan at 8.30. – *The Guardian*, London, 24th August **2000**

· A ribbon and curl and her Telly Tubby were at a Cain and Abel having a Henley Regatta over a few Britney Spears in Euan Blair. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· [W]ill anyone know of a Euan Blair (meaning Leicester Square)? – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· There's a little feature in there about new Cockney rhyming slang that made me laugh. Patrick Swayze for lazy, I'd heard that one. And Euan Blair for Leicester Square. – *The Observer*, London, 28th May **2006**

· If you have watched your event then you could go to Euan Blair (*Leicester Square*) and pop in the Nuclear Sub (*Pub*) for a Shaun Ryder (*Cider*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Euston Road

noun

in darts, a double four [UK]

A covert pun based on, and synonymous with, TWO WHORES. < Euston Road, a street in London where prostitution was once rife. ► see JERMYN STREET

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.51, **2011**

Eva Bartok

noun

a clock [AUSTRALIA]

< Eva Bartok, the stage name of Hungarian actress Éva Ivanova Szöke (1927–98).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Evander Sno

noun

a television show [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Dutch footballer Evander Sno (b.1987).

· [T]urn on the Gerard Kelly, and gawp at one of those karaoke Evander Snos featuring the usual Dick Advocaats. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Evelyn Laye; evelyn

noun

play [UK]

< English actress Evelyn Laye (1900–96).

· All smile and no Evelyn makes Jack a dull boy. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, s.v. *Smile and smirk*, **2008**

evening breeze

noun

▶ see SWEET EVENING BREEZE

Evening Echo

noun

a gecko [IRELAND]

< *Evening Echo*, a local Cork newspaper. Only recorded in Cork, in south-west Ireland.

· At night we can't escape from the wild life either, our room is invaded every night by geckos (aka 'Evening Echo' in Cork rhyming slang) which let out a horrible noise. – *www.travelblog.org*, blog, 28th August **2006**

evening news

noun

1 shoes [AUSTRALIA]

· In the course of dressing, he dons his "almond rocks," "dicky-dirt," "bag of fruit," "evening news," among other items of clothing, then clamps his "barrel of fat" firmly on his "Uncle Fred" and sets out for work. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

2 a bruise; often specifically a love bite [UK]

< *Evening News*, a London evening newspaper that was published from 1881 to 1980.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

evening star; evening

noun

a bar [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< *evening star*, a common designation for Venus or, less frequently, Mercury when seen in the sky at twilight. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· If the "twist and twirl" (Cockney for girl) in the evening star (bar) is asked for a long glass of "on the sly" she pulls the customer a long beer (sometimes called "pig's ear"). – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, WA, 17th March **1912**

· Well, me old also, shall we Sampson to the nearest evening and have a skating? I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn't be home till gypsies. [...] Evening Star, Bar. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), 'The Secret Language', 15th August **1918**

Everton toffee; everton

noun

coffee [UK]

< *Everton toffee* 'a brittle variation of toffee originally made in the Everton district of Liverpool, in the north-west of England'.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, **1973**

· Let's have an Everton. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th June **2000**

· [S]o sleepy I need myself a cup of Everton Toffee. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· Kilroy in your Everton? – *twitter.com*, 19th June **2013**

· [A] cuppa Everton Toffee and a oily rag on a sunny Day's Dawnin'. – *twitter.com*, 18th July **2015**

Ewan McGregor; ewan

noun

a beggar [UK]

< Scottish actor Ewan McGregor (b.1971). Both forms are first recorded in 2006.

· – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 17th August **2006**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *E-Liquid and Electric Cigarettes - Liberty Flights* forum, 20th November **2011**

Exchange and Mart; exchange

noun

1 a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *tart*. < *Exchange & Mart*, a British classified ads magazine. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a fart [UK]

· [O]ver the last few weeks I have been collecting modern developments in new rhyming slang, and I list hereunder some of the fresher phrases I have come across. [...] *Exchange fart*. (Exchange & Mart)[.] – *The Independent*, London, 21st July **1999**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· An *Exchange & Mart* that sounds like Donald Duck throwing up, and probably presages a swift trip to Primark to buy some clean *underchecks*. – *Viz* comic, March **2006**

Exeter in Devon; exeter

numeral

seven [UK]

< Exeter, a city in the county of Devon, in the south-west of England.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

eyelash; eye

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· This French lager's murder on the bladder [...] I'm desperate for an eyelash. – *Lock, Stock... & Two Sips*, UK TV: Channel 4, 27th June **2000**

· I'm going for an eyelash, don't be here when I come back. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· My current favs are eyelash (slash) & cheese roll (pole). – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 18th November **2008**

· I went first for an Eye Lash and then my old china plate, because we had so much beer. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

· Or, in my part of the world, it's an eye – eyelash. – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In

with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

· I'm off for an eyelash. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.296, **2015**

eye me float

noun

▶ see I'M AFLOAT

eyes front

noun

a contemptible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < *eyes front!*, a military command to look straight ahead.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· I must have looked a right eyes front with my full drape, roll collar, black barathea whistle. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.14, **1986**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th February **2007**

· – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 14th December **2012**

eyes of blue

adjective

true [UK]

Often in the phrase TWO EYES OF BLUE.

· 100% eyes of blue, stand on me. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Wot I'm tellin' you is a hundred per cent eyes of blue. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

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Fabian Yantorno

noun

a pornographic film [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *porno*. < Uruguayan footballer Fabián Yantorno (b.1982), who played for Gretna and Hibernian in the late 2000s.

· Honestly couldn't say the last time I've had 5 mins to myself to watch some asier del horno's on my iPhone lolol everyone loves a good Fabian Yantorno eh? – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2013**

· – [H]e goes to sleep at 10 and I have to go downstairs and watch tv!! – haha ur just wanting to watch some Fabian yantornos dinny give me it. – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2013**

fag packet; fag

noun

1 a jacket [UK]

· Entry into the best places is forbidden without a 'fag' on. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a sports racket [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a dishonest way of obtaining money [UK]

Rhymes on *racket*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· [T]he prices they charge for the traditional strawberries is a right 'fag packet'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a loud noise [UK]

Rhymes on *racket*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Fail

nickname

Port Vale FC, a football team based in Stoke-on-Trent, in the north-west of England

A slang rhyme on *the Vale*, a popular name for this club. Sometimes called more fully PORT FAIL. Used by fans of local rivals Stoke City.

· – *www.footballfanscensus.com*, 'The Football Fans Census', 15th December **2003**

· Unsurprisingly, Stoke fans often call the Valiants 'the fail' as a play on the words 'the Vale.' – *www.onevalefan.co.uk*, 10th October **2011**

· Just a pity we didn't draw the Fail so our reserves could have stuck 5 up them. – *www.stokesentinel.co.uk*, 12th December **2013**

fainting fit

noun

a stupid or ineffectual person [UK]

Rhymes on *tit*.

· Thom was a good sport and agreed to make a fainting fit of himself in playing the Lorna Doone game against the chosen one. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October **1998**

fainting fits; faintings

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*.

· DUDLEY: But bristols don't have the impact of tits. PETER: You could use other rhyming slang, like sans or fainting. DUDLEY: Sans or fainting? What are you talking about? PETER: San Moritz. Fainting fits. DUDLEY: That'll get 'em going when this big bird goes by and the fella says, 'I wouldn't mind getting my sinkings round them faintings.' – W. Cook, *Goodbye Again*, pp.132–133 [2005], 2004: Peter Cook and Dudley Moore's sketch *The Scriptwriter*, BBC2, 4th March **1970**

· I bet you'd like to get your Germans on her faintings! – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.16, **1973**

· Wouldn't mind getting me germans on her faintings. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Finally, how about 'Tits', which I would always call 'Bristols' (Bristol Cities = Titties), or sometimes Thr'penny bits. But, I've heard people use [...] Fainting Fits. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· I would just love to get my mitts on her faintings. – *jail-houselawyersblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th June **2009**

· I get down close to Dionne's fainting fits and give them a captain cook[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

Fairy Bower

noun

1 a shower [AUSTRALIA]

< Fairy Bower, a beach, popular with surfers, in the Manly area of Sydney.

· If the squatter's daughter's cast iron pot, I'll have a fairy bower[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· The boys over in Sharjah would have needed a Fairy Bower as they would have been a bit whiffy under the Warwick Farms. – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

· I'm going to have a fairy bower[.] – *Inthemix* forum, 17th April **2006**

· Gonna have a Fairy Bower and a Dad n' Dave. – *twitter.com*, 3rd March **2012**

2 an hour [AUSTRALIA]

· She had been posted on the possie for over a fairy bower and had not cracked it. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

3 a flower [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, **1983**

4 a tower [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, **1983**

fairy dart

noun

a fart [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

fairy floss

noun

a toss of a coin [AUSTRALIA]

< *fairy floss*, the Australian name for what the British call *candyfloss* and Americans refer to as *cotton candy*.

· The two captains have just swaied the Aunt Jenny, and our blokes have won the fairy floss. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

fairy snuff

exclamation

used as an expression of agreement or acceptance [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *fair enough*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

· Ok, fairy snuff. I apologise for calling you ignorant. – *Boards.ie* forum, 13th November **2007**

· Fairy snuff, just yell out if you need me to do owt. – L. Connolly, *Close Encounters*, p.174, **2008**

· ‘You got a glass?’ ‘No, but the bottle will do.’ ‘Fairy snuff,’ Logan said. ‘Fairy snuff?’ ‘Fairy snuff, pixie tobacco, goblin cigar, sprite pipe? Fair enough?’ ‘Oh, fair enough, you really need to start talking correct English; you lose me so easily with your euphemisms.’ – P.D. Ingledeu, *The Birth*, p.14, **2013**

fairy story; fairy

noun

a member or supporter of the Conservative Party, one of the major political parties in Britain [UK]

Rhymes on *Tory*.

· Vote fairy[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

faith and grace

noun

a bass guitar [UK]

Musicians’ slang.

· He [Ian Dury] used to announce me as the man with the face, from outer space on his faith & grace – faith and grace being rhyming slang for the bass. – *getready-torock.me.uk*, blog, June **2013**

faith and hope; faith

noun

soap [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Where’s the faith and hope, I wanna wash me ’ands. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Pass the faith and hope. – *Fibrotalk* forum, 23rd June **2008**

Fakey Ned

noun

a bed [UK]

· Going up those apples and pears to Fakey Ned, I mean. – M. Chittenden, *Shadow of a Doubt*, p.71, **1993**

· [O]nce I’ve finished my Jellied Eels I’m off up the Apple and Pearsto Fakey Ned[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**

· Think I,m tired. Off to my fakey ned boys. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, forum, 9th September **2010**

fal-de-ral

noun

1 a friend [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pal*.

· Go on, tell our new ‘fal-de-ral’ all about it, so that he may never be kidded to touch pigeon shooting. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

2 a girl [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gal*.

· “Oh, that’s the heap of coke I met down the frog and toad. Ever seen his Scotch blister?” “No.” “Lovely fal-de-ral.” – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

false alarm; false

noun

1 the arm [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA]

According to the available evidence, the short form is exclusively British.

· For stomach once the proper term was belly, / And Brachia the science term for arm, / Would you recognise the one as “Darby Kelly,” / The other “False Alarm”? – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· [T]he hand is *bag*, from *bag of sand*; the arm the *false*, from *false alarm*. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

· Do you get the twist and twirl (the girl) going down the other Peggy Pryde (the other side) of the frog and toad (the road) with a God forbid (a kid) on a false alarm (her arm). – *New Zealand Truth*, ‘Some Slum Slang. From Wellington’s Submerged Tenth’, 31st January **1914**

· A man’s arm is his “false alarm”; his nose, “I suppose”; his eye, “mince pie”; his hand, “German band”[.] – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, **1917**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.248, **1982**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

2 an armful [AUSTRALIA]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the full form.

· “Yes,” we agreed, “we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, ‘Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I’ll get a false alarm of rickety-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.’[”] – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**

false start

noun

a fart [UK]

· I sat down for a Forrest but it was a false start. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 · Christ, that was a smelly false start. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

false start

verb

to fart [UK]

· Mate, I just False Started. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th May **2007**

False Teeth

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Keith* [UK]

An alternative nickname is ROAST.

· On my table there is a Joe, Dave and Keith. I call them Puff and Blow, Rant and Rave and False Teeth. – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 23rd September **2009**

Falun Gong

adjective

WRONG [UK/IRELAND]

< Falun Gong, a quasi-religious sect of Chinese origin; it was outlawed in China in 1999 as a threat to political stability in the country.

· It seems to have all gone a bit falun gong. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [I]t’s all gone Falun Gong and I’ve no remote access to investigate. – *twitter.com*, 23rd October **2013**

fancy sash

noun

a heavy blow [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bash* and *smash*.

· [G]ave him a fancy sash on his I suppose. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

fancy sash

verb

to hit hard and violently [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bash* and *smash*.

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**
 · – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Fanny

nickname

Scottish television and radio presenter Shereen Nanjiani (b.1961)

A jocular reversal of SHEREEN NANJIANI.

· As someone who has spent a lifetime answering to Sharon, Shaheen, Noreen, and of course, Fanny, among others, I know the pitfalls of having an unusual name. – *The Sun*, London, Shereen Nanjiani, ‘Child’s Name & Shame’, 14th May **2012**

Fanny Blair

noun

1 the hair [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the pubic hair [UK]

A slang rhyme on *fanny hair*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Fanny Brown

noun

a town [UK]

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:–Round the Fanny Brown (round the town), going down the Fanny Brown (getting nothing out of it)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· [S]he could be comin’ ter a Fanny brown awer niagara falls near you very soon!! – *WetCanvas* forum, 11th May **2009**

Fanny Cradock; Fanny Craddock

noun

1 a haddock [UK]

< English television cook Fanny Cradock (1909–94).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’d try catching some Fanny Craddock (haddock) but i was suffering some slight discomfort with me Farmer Giles (piles) playing up i decided to give up fishing[.] – *SKY.fm* forum, 4th April **2006**

2 a paddock [UK]

· Written in a uniquely demotic style with a liberal sprinkling of rhyming slang – ‘Fanny Craddock’ = paddock; ‘Rod Laver’ = saver; ‘Wilson Pickett’ = ticket; ‘eau de cologne’ = phone, etc. – the column pinpointed the value-for-money bet at the five-day stage of ante-post races[.] – J. Lambie, *Story*, p.546, **2010**

Fanny Frail

noun

ale [UK]

· To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: [...] Ale–Ela, ale-wer, Fanny

Frail. Wine–Eniw, ine-wi, good and fine. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

fan of Ravi Shanker

noun

an objectionable or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A variation of RAVI SHANKAR.

· I think u might be saying he is a bit of a Ricky... as in Ricky and Bianca... bit of a Kuwaiti Tanker... a fan of Ravi Shanker... a bloke from Casa Blanca... theres no getting away from it... he is a bit of a Merchant Banker... – *www.jezblog.com*, blog, 2nd March **2010**

far and near

noun

1 beer [UK/US]

· He stuck to the I’m so to drown his cares, / While I went for the far and near[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Yer comin’ dahn the rub-a-dub for a far an’ near an’ a ding dong? – Courage Best Bitter beer mat, **1980**

· Beer can also be called *Crimea*, *far an’ near*, *Oh, my dear!*, *never fear*, *red steer*, etc. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

2 the ear [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

faraway place

noun

a case; a suitcase [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Far East

noun

a priest [UK/IRELAND]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· The mass was beautiful and it was a lovely touch when the ‘Far East’ (priest) suggested a pint of Harp should be on the altar. – *www.dundalkdemocrat.ie*, 12th November **2013**

· He recalled stories of times they travelled together and told how the DJ referred to him as the ‘Far East’ – rhyming slang for ‘priest’. – *Irish Daily Mail*, Dublin, 17th March **2015**

Farmer Giles; Farmer Jiles; farmers

noun

haemorrhoids [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. The short form is exclusively British.

▶ see ARNOLD PALMERS, HUNTLEY AND PALMERS, JUDITH CHALMERS and PATSY PALMERS

· And maybe while you’re there some of that ointment for the Farmer Giles–I’m a martyr to them things–then I won’t have to trouble you till Wednesday next. – M. Durack, *My Country*, p.14 [1983], **1955**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.30, **1969**

· Ten years old and I already had a touch of the Farmer Giles. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March **1972**

· Farmer Giles *Piles* The Farmer’s. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.47, **1973**

· I’ve got bumps all over the head, a tongue that is numb, earache, the farmers, backache, neckache & I will never risk this sort of thing ever again. – R. Davies, *Kenneth Williams*, p.571, 1993, diary entry of 20th December **1978**

· Yes, she knows what his problem is. It’s the farmers. Yes, what he needs is Preparation Ouch. [...] Yes, send your farmers packing with Preparation Ouch. – *There’s a Lot of It About*, UK TV: BBC2, 20th September **1982**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Christ all fucking mighty! Me farmers! – *Viz* comic, February/March **1990**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

· [J]ust think of the poor sods that have a bad case of the farmer jiles. – *Yamaha Diversion* forum, 11th April **2007**

· Believe me, Farmer Giles are no laughing matter[.] – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.294, **2014**

· Think I might have farmer jiles. – *twitter.com*, 15th January **2014**

farmer’s daughter; farmer’s

noun

1 water [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I ’as to stagger up the Jack and Jill with the farmer’s daughter for the boss when he wants his Rosie Lee. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

2 among interest rate traders, a quarter of an agreed unit or specific sum [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· [A] price might be quoted “Seven Henries to Three Farmers – seven-eighths (Henry VIIIs) to three-quarters (farmers’ daughters). – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 29th March **1993**

3 a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

▶ see DAUGHTER

· – N. Jones, *Spliffs*, p.251, **2003**

· [L]ooks like nice weed id say probably a farmers daughter + a henry when its dry[.] – *Rollitup* forum, 20th November **2009**

· I didn’t know any of the lingo, what a key was or a Henry the Eighth or a farmer’s daughter or any of that caper. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.99, **2013**

· A Bairns pram is a gram / A farmers daughter a quarter[.] – *poetryzoo.com*, 23rd December **2013**

farmer’s truck

noun

something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a farmer's truck* 'to not care at all'.

· I couldn't giva a Farmer's Truck guv. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th May **2006**

· Not much for drowning, or surrounding / myself with those superficial friends who laugh at all my jokes, "Yuk, yuk, yuk," but never / give a farmer's truck for what the underlining meaning of my humor is... if one exists at all. – *www.poetry.com*, July **2012**

farmer's truck; farmers truck

exclamation

used as an expression of annoyance, disdain or impatience, or to add force to what is being said [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· [F]eelin alright, farmers truck im stoned, ow abaaahh you? – *Cannabis.com* forum, 27th August **2006**

fart

noun

1 art (as part of an educational curriculum) [UK]

A schoolchildren's slang rhyme. ▶ see APPLE TART and TREACLE TART

· – I. Opie and P. Opie, *Lore and Language*, p.173, **1959**

2 the heart [US]

A slang rhyme recorded in prison use.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

fartoo

numeral

eight [UK]

Probably a conflation of *far too*, the first two elements of *far too late*, rhyming on *eight*.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

Farts

nickname

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

A slang rhyme on *Hearts*, the traditional nickname for this club. Mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC. They also refer to them derogatorily as *the Scum*, *the Scumbos*, the JAM FARTS, the SMELLY FARTS, the WET FARTS and the WATERY FARTS. ▶ see JAM TARTS

· The farts have relied on a few late dodgy penalties in tight away matches this year... on this occasion they got nowt. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 7th April **2006**

· Outwith the Old Firm this season the Farts and United have been by far the best. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 1st December **2011**

· Every true Rangers man attending tomorrows match should take a frozen hedgehog and launch it towards the Farts fans on whatever minute they fecckin fancy. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 9th August **2014**

fat and lean

adjective

clean [UK]

· [I]f the beds ain't all made, the rooms swept, and the windows open, and everything fat and lean in the kitchen, they open their mizzards and slam, I can tell you—say they'll report the shanty. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.47, **1893**

fat and tubby

noun

a husband [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *hubby*.

· The missus might refer to her hubby. "Here it goes again, three times a day I have to feed the fat and tubby." – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**

fat and wide

noun

a bride [UK]

< 'Here comes the bride, / big [or, all] fat and wide', a playground variation on the opening lines of the wedding song 'Here Comes the Bride'. ▶ see SKINNY AS A BROOM

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The lovely fat and wide and skinny as a broom. – Wedding greetings card, **2008**

Fatboy Slim; fatboy

noun

a gym [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Fatboy Slim, the stage name of English musician and DJ Norman Cook (b.1963).

· Nothing like a few Britneys after a hard Fatboy workout. – *New Zealand Truth*, Auckland, 15th December **2000**

· Pop-loving fitness fans no longer cycle to the gym - they George Michael down the Fatboy Slim. – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· I've got to do something about these love handles. I'm off down the Fatboy. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

· I left my Claire Rayners [trainers] down the Fatboy Slim [gym] so I was late for the Basil Fawltly [balti]. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th November **2006**

· I was at the Fatboy Slim with my trouble and strife. – *Evening Standard*, London, 10th October **2012**

fat guts

noun

nuts (the fruit) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Father Divine

noun

wine [AUSTRALIA]

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.115, **1984**

Father O'Flynn; Father O'Flinn

noun

1 the chin [UK]

< ‘Father O’Flynn’, a song penned in 1875 by Irish writer Alfred Percival Graves and set to the tune of a Kerry version of ‘Top o’ Cork Road’. Recorded in the form *Father O’Flynn*.

• Then there flit across the scene those mysterious Irishmen, “Rory O’Moore,” the door, “Father O’Flynn,” the chin, and tragic “Pat Malone,” symbol of “alone.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

2 gin [UK]

First recorded by Franklyn (1960) in the form *Father O’Flynn*. *Father O’Flynn* is given by Puxley (1992).

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Father Ted

noun

1 ■ **get Father Ted** to be fellated [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *head*, used in the phrase *get head*. < *Father Ted*, a Channel 4 sitcom originally broadcast from 1995 to 1998 and its eponymous character, played by Irish actor Dermot Morgan (1952–98).

• i love gettin father ted. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

2 the head [UK: LIVERPOOL/IRELAND]

Also used idiomatically in the phrases *off one’s Father Ted* ‘crazy’ and *get one’s Father Ted down* ‘to have some sleep’.

• I’m off my Father Ted. – *twitter.com*, 6th April **2012**

• [D]id you get ya father ted down. – *twitter.com*, 19th September **2012**

• I’ve a pain in me father ted. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 18th September **2013**

3 a bed [UK: PRESTON]

• [G]et ya self to father ted. – *twitter.com*, 11th June **2013**

Father Ted

adjective

dead [UK]

< *Father Ted*, a Channel 4 sitcom and its eponymous character, played by Irish actor Dermot Morgan (1952–98).

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• I tell you he’ll be Father Ted by the time I finish with him! – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

fat lady with a flea

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-three [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 8 and a fat lady, and, less obviously, between the number 3 and a flea. ► *see ONE LITTLE FLEA*

• – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

• – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

• – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Fawlty Tower

noun

a shower [UK]

< *Fawlty Towers*, a BBC sitcom originally broadcast from 1975–79.

• I’ll just have a Fawlty Tower. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th March **2002**

• OK Sarah, ’av a nice Fawlty Tower in a Cock Linnet[.] – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 18th August **2005**

Feargal Sharkey; Fergal Sharkey; Fergal Sharkie;

feargal; fergal; ferg

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *darkie*. < Northern Irish singer Feargal Sharkey (b.1958).

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• fuck-you...@kiss-my-big-black-ass.com – are you a fergal sharkie – *24hoursupport.helpdesk*, *Google Groups*, 3rd March **2006**

• This Gaff is full of Fergals. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th April **2006**
• But this wasn’t without various misunderstandings, the most memorable being hearing a colleague referred to as The Ferg and assuming this was simply a nickname. – *The Spectator*, London, 6th February **2008**

• Asked by Cantors’ head of human resources to name the person who had used the expression “Feargal Sharkey” – and faced with the suggestion that she made up the anecdotes – she wrote: “I stopped short of asking her if she had also wanted the names of people who had said ‘wiki-wiki’ or ‘jungle bunny’ over the past year.” – *Evening Standard*, London, 7th March **2008**

• pc gone mad. you cant even call a fergal sharkey a silvery moon these days! – *PistonHeads* forum, 4th August **2011**

• No one seems to get banned for mocking the handicapped and disabled on here but one mention of Feargals or Hamiltons and it’s goodnight Vienna. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 11th September **2011**

• [M]y best one ever is ‘feargals’ for black people. – *b3ta* forum, 10th June **2015**

Feargal Sharkeys; Fergal Sharkeys; fergals

noun

car keys [UK]

< Northern Irish singer Feargal Sharkey (b.1958).

• Fergal Sharkeys is Cockney slang for Car Keys. “Can’t find my Fergals anywhere!” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th October **2006**

• Joyful, you got the Feargal Sharkeys? – *Taking the Flak*, UK TV: BBC2, 15th July **2009**

• Where’s my Feargal Sharkeys? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, blog, 2nd May **2011**

• – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

fear sneachta

noun

a braggart or boastful talker [IRELAND]

A covert pun on the adjective *snow-white* or the name *Snow White* (the Brothers Grimm and Disney film character), rhyming on *shite* ‘nonsense; rubbish’. < *fear sneachta*, the Irish equivalent of *snowman*. Only recorded in Cork.

· [F]olks round my area have an uncanny turn of phrase, eg: “finally got some blades last night, so i got lolled out of it on lou and kilmers cos the effing fear sneachta had no gorman”. – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th December **2007**

feather and flip; feather

noun

a sleep, the act of sleeping; a bed [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *kip*.

· You can talk about patriotism / When you're safe in your “feather and flip”; / When you're dahn at Southend or at Margate / 'Aving ice creams and whelks on a trip[.] – *The Hastings and St. Leonards Observer*, 23rd June **1917**

· “[...]If you come unstuck anywhere you can always get a night's feather by slogging a bit of it.” “Speakin' about feather,” interrupted Cross-Eyed Charlie, “wot about it? I'm tired.” – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.188, **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Not much denaro; stayed over in --, gammy letty, clem doner and clem mujarai. Feather was tome[.] – P. Logan, *Fair Day*, p.138, **1986**

· There's no time for a feather whilst reading it. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.62, **2001**

· He eats lots of fish, drinks water by the gallon and has plenty of *feather* to keep his brain lively. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**

· Ah slump back against the wall. Ah feel like gaun straight back tae the feather n flip. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.253, **2012**

feather plucker; feather

noun

1 an obnoxious or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*. The short form is recorded in 2005.

· The defendant said to him: “Oh, you are one of those feather pluckers.” Counsel gathered that that was Cockney rhyming slang for “You are one of those –”. – *The Times*, London, 18th October **1960**

· – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.59, **2005**

· This bunch of feather-pluckers seemingly took no notice of the ‘laughter’ knob that grows just over the right hip. – *Flyer* forum, 8th October **2010**

2 a sharp practitioner [UK]

Rhymes on *clever fucker*; based on the pronunciation of *feather* as *fevver*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Bunch of feather pluckers; or so they thought, but they wasn't so clever after all. – J.P. Jones, *Feather Pluckers*, p.126, **1964**

feel fine; feel

noun

nine pounds [UK]

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.194, **1989**

· ‘Give me a feel’ is a request for £9. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

feeling dandy

noun

brandy [US]

Coined to match FEELING FINE.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, **1968**

feeling fine

noun

wine [US]

Coined to match FEELING DANDY.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, **1968**

feet and yards; feet

noun

playing cards [UK]

· [A] hand of ‘feet’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Fella

nickname

English darts player Keith Deller (b.1959)

A slang rhyme.

· Sixth seed Part, who won the Embassy World Championship in 1994, was too hot on the doubles for ‘The Fella’. – *Coventry Evening Telegraph*, 1st August **2001**

· Fourteen people are to be selected to have the opportunity to play against legend Eric Bristow and the man who once famously beat him, Keith “the Fella” Deller. – *Hull Daily Mail*, 25th January **2011**

fellow feeling

noun

a ceiling [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.173, **2002**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

feng shui

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-three [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang, its imperfection depending on the pronunciation of *feng shui* to rhyme on *cooee*, not on *way*. < *feng shui* ‘a Chinese practice of arranging space to achieve balance, harmony and well-being’.

· Bingo calls are getting a 21st century revamp using modern rhyming slang like “J-Lo’s bum” for 71 and “Garreth Gates” as eight. [...] Old favourites like legs eleven (11), clickety click (66) and two fat ladies (88) remain. But they are joined by stroppy teen (15) and feng shui (53). – *The Sun*, London, 5th May **2003**

· – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June **2004**

· I think it must have been the thrill of having a microphone in my hand, but I just couldn't resist the urge to turn into a bingo caller. So “J-Lo’s Bum, 71”, won the meal for two at Atlantic and “Feng Shui, 53” got the farm shop hamper. – *Gallery* magazine, Jersey, July **2006**

Fergal Sharkey; Fergal Sharkie; fergal; ferg*noun*

▶ see FEARGAL SHARKEY

Fergal Sharkeys; fergals*noun*

▶ see FEARGAL SHARKEYS

ferret*noun*

a beret [UK]

An eye rhyme. Naval slang.

· – R. Jolly, *Jackspeak*, 2011**ferret and stoat; ferret***noun*

1 a coat [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 30th September 2003

2 the throat [UK]

· Ooh me sore Ferret! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st August 2009· Anthony Wilson, 78, was resting after major bowel surgery when the Iranian man lunged and grabbed him round his ‘ferret and stoat’ (*throat*). – *percyweller.wordpress.com*, blog, 29th June 2013**fiddle and fife***noun*

life [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, 1968**fiddle and flute; fiddle***noun*

1 a suit (of clothes) [US/UK]

· It’s the rhyming slang – Fiddle and flute, that’s a suit[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August 1919· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928· Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: [...] fiddle and flute—a suit of clothes[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January 1931· There are a number of language forms shared by the underworld and more innocuous groups, such as the rhyming slang most popular in England, where a suit is “a fiddle and flute,” and tea is “Rosie Lee”[.] – *Auckland Star*, ‘Gang Jargon. The American Coinage’, 27th May 1933· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· If that happens the young collegiate will don his fiddle and flute, his lean and fat tipped at a rakish angle[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmic Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June 1936· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca 1937· SUIT; OUTFIT. Bib and tucker, fiddle, fiddle and flute (*rhyming sl.*)[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942· Do you mind if we stop off at the tailor’s so I get him to sew my fiddle? – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, 1943· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962· After the three S’s—the shit, the shave, and the shower—I would put on a clean fiddle and an erky-dirk. Those are some of the old words. A fiddle and flute—that’s a suit. – R. Byrne, *McGoorty*, p.150 [2004], 1972· Some examples of rounder’s slang: [...] Fiddle and Flute—A suit. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, 2000

2 a coat [US]

From sense 1. Only recorded in the short form.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949**fiddle and jig***noun*

a wig [IRELAND]

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006**fiddle-de-dee; fiddley; fiddly***noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.· **Fiddle De Dee Pee/Wee** Always slashed to a ‘fiddley’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· Normally slashed to a ‘fiddly’[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**fiddlers three; fiddlers***noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *fiddlers three*, taken from the English nursery rhyme ‘Old King Cole’: ‘He called for his pipe, and he called for his bowl, /And he called for his fiddlers three’.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**fiddles and flutes***noun*

boots [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984**fiddlesticks; fiddle stick; fiddle***numeral*

six [UK]

The earliest recorded form is the imperfect rhyming slang *fiddle stick*, cited on www.philbrodieband.com (2006).· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January 2010· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November 2010· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, 2012

fiddley-did; fiddly-did; fiddledy-did; fiddley-di; fiddley; fiddly; fiddlie; fid*noun*

in pre-decimal currency, one pound or a one-pound note; hence, after the introduction of decimal currency in 1966, two dollars or a two-dollar note; by further extension, as a plural, dollars, money [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *quid*. Used today only as a plural.

· **FIDDLEY**: A £1 note. – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

· A pound is called a ‘fiddlie’ and five pounds is a ‘spin’[.] – *The Troppo Tribune*, Mataranka, 29th May 1944

· Only two of Detective Doyle’s examples seem to be home-grown. One is “Moreton Bay figs,” for cigarettes or “cigs.” The other is somewhat disguised. It is “fiddley,” meaning £1, derived from “fiddley-did,” a rhyme on the word “quid.” – *The Sunday Herald*, Sydney, 18th June 1950

· It’s the only hope to make a few extra fiddly didds. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July 1952

· But I wanted to tell you, he sent me that hundred and fifty fiddleys, all choked into a big brown envelope just addressed to me—Clarry Dick, Andamooka. – D’A. Niland, *Call Me*, p.198, 1957

· *Trey, deener, zac, fid, fiddley* (abbreviation for *fiddley-di* or *fiddley-did*, rhyme slang for *quid*)[.] – R.D. Eagleson, *Naming a Currency*, p.269, 1963

· Paid a hundred thousand fiddleydids for a billiard table. – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.94 [1992], 1965

· In addition to the usual abbreviations in common use you will find that a pound is a *fiddly* (rhyming slang – fiddly did)[.] – J. Winton, *The Forgotten Fleet*, p.100, 1969

· It is of interest that imposed on many rhyming groups we have the Australian love of the truncated term, so that *Jack McNab*, ‘scab’, becomes *Jacky*; *rubbedy dub*, ‘pub’, *the rubbedy*; a *fiddley did*, ‘quid’, a *fid* or *fiddley*[.] – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, 1970

· Och, man ... if I could only lay me hands on two hundred and fifty fiddleys that aisey, I know’t I’d be doin’ roight now. – X. Herbert, *Poor Fellow*, p.102, 1975

· **FIDDLEY**: One pound or \$2 note. **FIDDLEY-DID**: rhym. See **QUID**. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· That fancy car must have cost a few fiddly-dids! – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· There’s something irresponsible about posing as an expert in a particular field when all you want is to make a few fiddleys[.] – M. Halligan, *Out of the Picture*, p.57, 1996

· fiddledy did *quid* (pound sterling). – N. Funge, *ADNA*, p.xii, 2000

· No way, I said, I seen you coming out of the billygoat with a fist full of fiddleys. – *Sked*, newsletter of the Kettering Yacht Club, June 2008

· Mate I am not going to whinge about a few fiddley didds ending up in my bank A/C but geez how irresponsible are KRudd and Swan for doing it. – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 15th October 2008

Fidel Castro*noun*

a form of football played on an AstroTurf pitch [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *astro*, a familiar shortening of *AstroTurf football*. < Cuban revolutionary Fidel Castro (1926–2016), who served as prime minister of Cuba from 1959 to 1976, and then as president from 1976 to 2008.

· [Y]a coming for a game of fidel castro. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006

field of wheat; field o’ wheat; fields of wheat; fields o’ wheat; field; fields*noun*

a street [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

An ironic coinage. *Fields of wheat* is used as singular and plural. The short form *field* is recorded as an Internet usage, from which no geographic location is deduced. The variant *fields*, given by Wentworth and Flexner (1960), is equally mysterious. These authors include it in a section entitled ‘Rhyming slang (Cockney and Australian)’, but some of the words in that section are known to be, or to have been, used in American English, and at least a few have not been recorded elsewhere.

· **Field of wheat**, a street. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874

· Lets go up the field of wheat, turn the jerry horner, and get out of the crazy jane. – *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March 1894

· Half a mo while I pop over the field o’ wheat and buy a happy half-hour to put in my I’m afloat. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, 1898

· Me mother’s away, as I was swiftly-flowing up the field of wheat in the bread-and-jam, a heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January 1902

· When these people go out in the rain they have an “Isabeller” (umbrella) to protect them in the “field of wheat,” (street,) and the man will light his “cherry ripe” (pipe) to warm his “I suppose,” (nose.) – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915

· During the war, also, the commingling of social classes brought to the surface a rich variety of words belonging to the speech of submerged classes in Great Britain [...] Words of this class which have been recently cited are: *daisy roots*, ‘boots’; *almond rocks*, ‘socks’; *artful dodger*, ‘lodger’; *isabeller*, ‘umbrella’; *field of wheat*, ‘street’[.] – G.H. McKnight, *English Words*, p.54, 1923

· **Fields o’ wheat**, they’re the street. – D. Ryan, *Angel’s Flight*, p.20, 1927

· *Fields of wheat*–street. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928

· **Street**–fields of wheat. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934

- **Fields of wheat**, a street. – J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- STREET. Artery, the bricks, the curb, drag, field of wheat[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- Struth, a bag of coke comes into th' Sydney Harbour for a dig in th' grave, and finds th' pitch and toss has gone down th' field of wheat. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945: *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October 1942
- FIELD OF WHEAT. A street. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944
- Be that as it may, it is certain that such expressions as “roses red” (bed), “fields of wheat” (street), “trouble and strife” (wife), “ball and bat” (hat)—all of which are legal tender in the verbal currency of Surry Hills and Fitzroy (Vic.)—if not definitely Cockney in origin are the result of the strong influence of the Cockney culture. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 23rd March 1946
- FIELD OF WHEAT (N) The principal street of a town. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949
- **field of wheat** Street. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- fields of wheat, fields – street. – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, 1960
- Piper hizek, the bottles and stoppers walking down the fields of wheat on the right chalk. – H. King, *Boxman*, p.55, 1972
- Street *Field of wheat*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.84, 1973
- You're only a few field of wheats away from work. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, 1976
- FIELDS OF WHEAT: STREET. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978
- At five o'clock every day / he got to his plates of meat, / nodded to the dead loss, / settled his tit for tat / on to his loaf of bread, / went down the apples and pears into the field of wheat[.] – A. Witting, ‘Quality of Life’, in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, 1991
- **Fields & Wheat** – [**Prison: Aryan Brotherhood**] Streets. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- **FIELDS of WHEAT**.....(Aryan Brotherhood of Texas)..... Streets/outside. – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004
- He out standing in the field, waiting for a bus. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December 2006
- Fields of Wheat: The street. – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August 2008

fife and drum; fife*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bum*. The short form, given by Legman (1953), Hughes (1998) and Puxley (2003), is exclusively British.

- His muse was the bum of a bird / And his Lesbian wife / Would finger his fife[.] – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: G. Legman, *Limerick*, p.56, 1953; limerick collected in *That Immoral Garland* (manuscript), 1942
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.46, 1969

- – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

- ‘He’ll be wearing a tattoo. A red dragon.’ ‘Where?’ I say. [...] ‘I meant where on his body?’ I say. ‘On his flowers and frolics? His fife and drum? His Marquis of Lorne?’ – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.93, 1975
- They are looked after by another of the stewards so I don’t have anything to do with them until he gets a conan on his fife and goes Uncle Dick. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.84, 1976
- A naughty child may be threatened with having its fife and drum smacked. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, 1998
- – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.28, 1999
- Naughty kids often got a smack on the ‘fife’ before it became possible to sue the smacker for assault. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- Are all Barnet fans a bit “King Lear”? Do you like it up the “Fife and Drum”? – *Blue and Amber* forum, 27th April 2004
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- “A petticoat lane–*pain*–in his... bottle of rum? What’s that?” “You know! His kingdom come. His fife and drum. His queen mum.” – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

fife and drummer*noun*

an unpleasant, annoying or frustrating experience [UK]
Rhymes on the slang *bummer*. A derivative of FIFE AND DRUM.

- [I]f anyone has a bit too much, an it plays havock with the old **Derby kelly**, just don’t go **raspberry tarting** all over the place will ya... co’s that’d be a right **fife and drummer**... – *MyMedia-Forum.com*, 20th September 2006

fifteen and nine*noun*

bedtime [us]

Imperfect rhyming slang or a lost numerical code.

- – A.J. Pollock, *AS*, 1935

fifteen and seven*adjective*

perfect [us]

Rhymes on *heaven*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *AS*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

fifteen and two; fifteen-two*noun*

a Jew [us/uk]

In British English, only recorded in the form *fifteen-two*.

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my ben-

efit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Jew, Fifteen Two. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· **Fifteen and two**, a Jew. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· FIFTEEN AND TWO. A Jew. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· **fifteen and two** Jew. Current on the Pacific Coast of America [...] and heard occasionally in England since the second war, but here it is condensed to FIFTEEN-TWO. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

fifth gear

noun

the ear [UK]

· Now she breathing round my fifth gear and licking up my neck, little tongue flicking round all over. – J. Cameron, *Brown Bread*, p.62 [2000], **1999**

· Then what do I feel? Only Alia’s hooter pressed hard against the top of my bonce. Her hot breath tickling round my fifth gear. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.33, **2002**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

50 cent; fifty cent

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. < 50 Cent, the stage name of American rapper Curtis James Jackson III (b.1976).

· No he don’t fancy you, he’s 50 Cent! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th January **2004**

· – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

· Your mate is fifty cent. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st January **2014**

fig and post

noun

toast (toasted bread) [UK]

According to Franklyn (1960), the term was current in the army during World War II.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

fighting cocks

noun

socks [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word.

· PULL UP YOUR FIGHTING COCKS. – Legend on a badge designed by Edge Design Ltd, London, **2011**

fighting fifth

noun

a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

A perfect rhyme on *syph* (a clipped form of *syphilis*) when pronounced in Cockney as *fighting fiff*. < *The Fighting Fifth*, a nickname for the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, a British Army infantry regiment active from 1674 to 1968.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

filbert gin

noun

the chin [UK]

Possibly an alteration of GILBEY’S GIN, with *Gilbey’s* being punningly linked to *Gilbert’s*, and this, in turn, to *Filbert* via the name *Gilbert the Filbert*, a music-hall character portrayed by Basil Hallam (1889–1916).

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.23, **1989**

fillet of veal

noun

▶ see FILLET OF VEAL

Filious Fog; filious

noun

an unattractive woman or man [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dog*. < Phileas Fogg, the main character in Jules Verne’s novel *Around the World in Eighty Days* (1873).

· Filious Fog = Dog ... “shes a bit of a Filious”. – *Back To The Oldskool* forum, 21st November **2008**

fillet of cod; fillet

noun

an unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sod*.

· Cheeky little *fillet of cod*. What she needed was a good smack on the *Kingdom come*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.43, **1979**

· Come here you little fillet. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· That John’s a lucky fillet. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.236, **2008**

fillet of plaice; fillet

noun

1 the face [UK]

· In the morning he would have a “lemon squash” and a “dig in the grave” round his “fillet of plaice”[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Wash yer fillet wiv some band of ’ope. – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a bass guitar [UK]

Musicians’ slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· I ’ad a great gig at the Red Cow with Steve on fillet o’ plaice, & Pete on jellied-eel, but we had a bit o’ trouble with the gunner. – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 10th September **2007**

fillet of veal; file of veal

noun

1 a prison [UK]

Rhymes on *the steel*, an old slang term for a ‘house of correction’. Recorded with the spelling *fillet of veal*.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] farthing (Covent Garden); prison (fillet of veal)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a prison treadmill [UK/US]

Recorded with the spellings *fillet of veal* (Hotten 1860) and *filet of veal* (Pollock 1935).

• – J.C. Hotten, *SD2*, **1860**

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

3 a wheel [US]

Recorded with the spelling *filet of veal*.

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

filter tips; filter; filters

noun

1 the lips [UK]

Sometimes shortened to *filter*.

• Not a dickie has past my filter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd August **2002**

• Filter Tips Lips[.] – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**

2 fish and chips [UK]

A compounded, partly assonant slang rhyme. Sometimes shortened to *filters*.

• Filters = filter tips = fish'n'chips. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 1st October **2003**

fine and dandy; fine

noun

1 brandy [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

• Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Brandy, Fine and Dandy. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

• Give me the old fine and dandy, will you? A double brandy. – *Floggit's*, UK radio: BBC Light Programme, 24th August **1956**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• I used to mix an Aristotle of fine and dandy with me dad and mum. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.96, **1968**

• – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, **1969**

• – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

• She orders an Aristotle of pig's ear (bottle of beer), a fine and dandy (brandy), a mother's ruin (gin), a Tom Thumb (rum)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

• A small drop of fine would suit me. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

• "I wouldn't mind a drop of fine," he says, his head disappearing into the minibar. – C. Ahern, *Thanks*, p.215 [2010], **2008**

2 sweets or confectionery; a sweet [US]

Rhymes on *candy*. Only recorded in the full form.

• – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

Fingal's Cave; Fingals Cave

noun

1 a shave [UK]

< Fingal's Cave, a cave on the island of Staffa in the Inner Hebrides; familiar as the popular name of Mendelssohn's overture *The Hebrides* (1830).

• My brother in law usewd to get and have a Bob Squash and a Fingals cave. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th March **2001**

2 a grave [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

finger and thumb; finger-thumb; finger

noun

1 rum [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

In this sense, probably influenced by the use of *finger* as an approximate measure of alcoholic drinks. *Finger-thumb* and *finger* are recorded in Anglicus (1857) and Emerson (1893). All other sources give the form *finger and thumb*. Thus the expression *quartern o' finger* 'a quarter-pint of rum', recorded by Ware (1909).

• Splodger, will you have a Jack-surpass of finger-and-thumb, and blow your yard of tripe of nosey me knacker, and have a touch of the broads with me and the other heaps of coke at my drum. – *The Morning Chronicle*, London, 'Labour and the Poor', unsigned article by Henry Mayhew, 31st January **1850**

• FINGER-THUMB, *n.* Rum. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

• – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

• I always indulge in a little drop of brian or finger in my bohee. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.48, **1893**

• To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: [...] Rum–Mur, umra, finger and thumb. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

• – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

• Here he orders a 'lord's worth' of 'finger and thumb'[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

• – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

• – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

• – A.J. Pollock, *AS*, **1935**

• These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago: – [...] rum (finger and thumb); hand (frying pan)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

• Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! – *The West Australian*, Perth, WA, 20th May **1950**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.31, **1979**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a road [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *drum*. Recorded in the forms *finger and thumb* and *finger*.

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1891

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· [T]ramps who would ‘hit the finger’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *chum*. Recorded in the forms *finger and thumb* and *finger*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

· I reckon I ought to put you in about this finger before I go any further, because he is really one of the most far out geezers I have ever come across in my life. – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.83, 1962

4 a drum [UK]

Recorded only in the form *finger and thumb*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

5 a mother [UK]

Rhymes on *mum*. Recorded in the forms *finger and thumb* and *finger*. Hence FINGER-AND-THUMB-IN-LAW.

· My old finger’s getting on a bit[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [Y]ou’re Tom Cruised and you’ve got a Hobson’s Choice like me china plate’s Mutt and Jeff finger and thumb. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March 2001

· You wouldn’t call your mum me old finger, would you? – *Mid-Morning Show*: ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May 2014

6 the buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. Recorded only in the form *finger and thumb*.

· [P]eople still say they’ve a Randolph (Scott = spot) on their finger and thumb[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002

finger and thumb

adjective

quiet, silent [UK]

Rhymes on *mum*, used in the colloquial phrases *keep mum* and *mum’s the word*.

· **finger and thumb** [...] keep quiet (**mum**)[.] – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

finger-and-thumb-in-law

noun

a mother-in-law [UK]

Formed on FINGER AND THUMB.

· Simon’s finger-and-thumb-in-law was Tom-and-Dick in Uncle Ned with a fever[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.66, 2001

Finlay Quaye; Finlay Quaye; finlay

adjective

homosexual; relating to or used by homosexuals [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Scottish musician Finlay Quaye (b.1974).

· Finlay Quaye. Gay (homosexual). That boozier is Finlay ub. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

finnie boos

noun

shoes [UK: SCOTLAND]

Macafee (1994) notes that the word may be based on a nickname for a local girl.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994

Finnieston Ferry

noun

1 sherry [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Finnieston Ferry, a now defunct ferry service that operated on the river Clyde in Glasgow.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994

2 a slovenly or promiscuous young woman [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *wee hairy*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994

Finnieston Ferry

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Mary* [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Glasgow English. < Finnieston Ferry, a now defunct ferry service that operated on the river Clyde in Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Finbury Park; finsbury

noun

among stage lighting technicians, an arc light; hence, any stage light [UK]

< Finbury Park, an area of north London. Usually abbreviated. According to Franklyn (1960), the term has been used by film lighting technicians since the mid-1940s.

· Cut the Finsburys! – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· Cut the Finsburys! – Ian Dury, concert at Queen Mary College in Mile End, London, 10th December 1977

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

fire alarms

noun

1 arms (weaponry) [UK]

A pun on *firearms*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, 1930

· The following examples are given as favourites among the soldiers in the Great War, with the caution that most of them existed long before. *Buckle my shoe*, a Jew; *bush-el and peck*, neck; *cherry ripe*, a pipe; *Dicky dirt*, a shirt; *fire alarms*, arms[.] – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.34, 1933

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 the arms [UK]

· How lovely were her Fire Alarms, / How fair her German Bands! – W.H. Auden and C. Isherwood, *The Dog Beneath the Skin*, III.i, p.121, 1935

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 heraldic arms [UK]

· [O]ur member is the man to go to if a Pearly King is egged on by his bother-and-strife and gawd-ferbids to look into his family crime-and-mystery and discover whether he is entitled to fire-alarms and pants-and-vest.

– J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, p.200, 1961: *The Heraldry Gazette*, Guildford, April 1960

fireman's braces; fireman's

noun

horse races [AUSTRALIA]

The short form is given by Wallish (1989). ▶ see BRACES

· – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, 1989

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

fireman's hose; fireman's

noun

the nose [UK]

· Two doors up a young gent came out wearing a tweed jacket and a brown trilby hat resting on his fireman's.
– T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.120 [1977], 1976

· Don't pick your fireman's you'll go bandy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· He then breathed into the fireman's hose of this geezer[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.12, 2001

· You get up my fireman's 'ose! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.18, 2009

fires and flues

noun

shoes [UK]

· – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, 'Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney's Rhyming Slang', 28th November 1955

first aid

noun

1 a blade used as a weapon [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.80, 2011

2 a razor blade [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

first aid kits; first aids

noun

the female breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. The form *first aids* is recorded by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Wow, what a pair of first aid kits, a wonderful selection; / me skin's gone all clammy, I'm 'aving a general

election!" – *The Sonnet Board* forum, 19th February 2012

first base

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA]

Influenced by an adolescent scale of sexual contact that measures kissing as first base.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

first of May; first

noun

1 an opportunity to express one's opinion [UK]

Rhymes on *say*. < *first of May* 'a traditional festival and holiday now familiar as May Day and, in Britain since 1978, celebrated as a bank holiday on the first Monday in May'; in this context the term is probably a nod to the political activities of Labour Day or International Workers' Day, which shares the holiday. Only recorded in the full form.

· 'So she went round there, and didn't 'arf 'ave 'er first o' May!' 'I'll 'ave my first o' May when I get in front o' the beak'. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· If you're quite finished I'll have my first of May. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*.

· Gay (homosexual). First of May. He's a right first. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

first of May

verb

to say [UK]

< *first of May* 'a traditional festival and holiday now familiar as May Day and, in Britain since 1978, celebrated as a bank holiday on the first Monday in May'. Recorded in the phrase *too much first of May* 'too much to say'.

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] too much to say (too much first of May); rum (finger and thumb)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January 1939

first of October; first

adjective

sober, not drunk [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Looks as if he hadn't been first of October for a bubble and squeak. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

· A certain bibulous and quarrelsome peer was told by a cabman that he hadn't been "first for a bubble." – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November 1913

first place

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

fish and chip; fish*noun***1** the lip [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *fish and chips* 'a dish of fish fillets (usually cod, haddock or plaice) coated in batter and deep-fried, served with deep-fried chipped potatoes'. The plural of the shortened form is *fishes* (Puxley 2003).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Put it to your fish and chips (lips). Throw it down your Gregory Peck (neck) and get elephant's trunk (drunk). – *New York Post*, 'Aussie Slang Bang: Avoiding a Noah's Ark', 17th September 2000

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 impudent talk [UK]

Rhymes on *lip*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 a gratuity [UK]

Rhymes on *tip*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

4 in horse and dog racing, a tip [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

fish and chips; fishes*noun***1** in cricket, the fielders positioned behind the batsman on the off side; the area where these fielders are placed [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *slips*. < *fish and chips* 'a dish of fish fillets (usually cod, haddock or plaice) coated in batter and deep-fried, served with deep-fried chipped potatoes'. Synonymous with STAFFORD CRIPPS.

· Fish'n chips – slips: as in "The fishes are a long way back". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April 2003

2 the hips [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Move those Fish and Chips darling. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th September 2009

· I'm thinking of abdicating due to dodgy fish and chips. – *Birds of a Feather*, UK TV: ITV, 15th January 2015

fish and shrimp; fish*noun*

a pimp [US/UK/CANADA]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – A.J. Pollock, *AS*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.97, 1968

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.69, 1969

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.496, 1984

· You never see a known pimp ('fish-and-shrimp') in the House [the Penthouse Club in Vancouver, BC], just straight policy. – K. McKellar, *Neon Eulogy*, p.31, 2001

fish and tank*noun*

a bank [UK]

· – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.245, 1959

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

fisherman's daughter; fisherman's*noun*

water [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· If he runs short of bricks, he cries out to his "cad" (assistant) for "Dublin tricks," and if he wants water, he makes a demand for "the fisherman's daughter." – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, 1880

· Dad was a good sort when 'e wasn't tin-'atted, but 'e' 'ad a weakness for 'oppin the twig round to the boozier, an' when 'e wus up the pole, even mother couldn't do nothin' with 'im. Mother she never touched nothin' stronger than fisherman's daughter. – J. Forbes, *The Chorus Lady*, p.104, 1908

· Fisherman's daughter = water. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 19th April 1924

· A Burgess Hill builder and contractor sends me the following examples: Fisherman's daughter (water); bark and howl (trowel)[.] – *Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 30th November 1927

· When a bloke's got 'is "greengages" "fisherman's" aint no "Robin Hood," nor 'e don't want no "bull and cow" wiv 'is "gooseberry"[.] – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· D'yer want any fisherman's wiv yer pimple? – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.10, 1969

· Mum, Dad and the dustbin lids Can now have fun On both sides of the fisherman's daughter, Come to Tower Bridge. You'll love it. – J. Harrison, *Head Teacher's Ideas Book*, p.120, 1985

· The next in line jump on their comrades, and more and more – the Fisherman's is seething. I can't bear it, I can hear the screams, every one a blade in my gut, my boys and girls giving up the ghost in the water, fighting to keep their Crusts over the waves[.] – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.161 [1999], 1998

· A little stream of fisherman's flowed in Eden and it watered the garden. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.12, 2001

· [F]or her it's just a cow and calf (half) of fisherman's daughter (water) with Vincent Price (ice). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August 2001

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

fisherman's net*adjective*

wet [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] wet – fisherman's net[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

fisherman's trout*noun*

a very small person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish word *smowt* ‘a small child or undersized adult’, originally meaning ‘a young salmon or sea trout’.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

fish hook; fish

noun

a book [UK]

· TAKE A BUTCHER’S AT THE FISH – J. Hayward, *Wod-dee*, p.15, **1973**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Before i went out i got my Binoculars to read a fish-hook for a while. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

· He’s got his nose in a fish hook again. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

fishing rod

noun

a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *PC Plod*. An example of the circularity of some rhyming slang, PC PLOD itself being slang for a fishing rod.

· Watch out theres a Fishin’ Rod over there. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th October **2004**

fish ’n’ tater

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Rhymes on *see you later*.

· Fish ’n’ Tater – see ya later. – *PistonHeads* forum 21st January **2010**

fish ’n’ taters

adverb

later [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *laters*. Used in the phrase *see you fish ’n’ taters*.

· See’s you fish ’n’ taters mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August **2001**

· – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

fish tank; fish

noun

a bank [UK]

A variation of the earlier FISH AND TANK.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February **2002**

· All me moneys in the fish right now[.] – *Total Football Forums*, 7th October **2005**

· Customers will now head down to the fish tank, enter their Huckleberry Finn and take out their bangers and mash in Ayrton Sennas. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 30th August **2009**

· I often annoy my colleagues by wandering off to the ‘fish-tank’ without telling them[.] – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 7th August **2011**

· Cockney rhyming slang(s) for bank are: J. Arthur Rank and Tommy Tank (which have dual meaning these days) Tin Tank Iron Tank Fish Tank Pedal & Crank. – *If Music Could Talk* forum, 17th December **2012**

Fish Tank

nickname

the Bank station of the London Underground

· This morning Roy wouldn’t talk on the hotel hotline just arranged a meet in a primitive code – *one click north of the fish tank*, ASAP – the next station north from Bank station as soon as possible – then rang off. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.115, **2011**

fish tank account

noun

a bank account [UK]

Formed on FISH TANK.

· – [W]ere you perchance partaking of some Boutrous Boutrous Gali when you wrote that? – Innit Just? Nope mate. I haven’t seen Charles in a few years. ’e didn’t ’alf bugger up me ’ooter, not ta mention the fish tank account. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

fit and spasm

noun

1 an orgasm [UK]

An appropriate combination of rhyme and imagery.

· I asked my girlfriend why I can never tell when she has a fit and spasm. She said it’s because I’m never home when it happens. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a state of intense excitement or interest [UK]

Rhymes on *orgasm*.

· In 1998 some research was published suggesting a link between MMR and autism. It became a public media storm when the newspapers went into a fit and spasm over it. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, pp.209–210, **2012**

five-acre farm

noun

the arm [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· In this curious language did they defy each other, speaking of the jaw as a “jackdaw,” calling an arm a “five-acre farm,” and terming a nose an “I suppose,” and in fact never making use of the word they intended, but employing in its stead some expression which rhymed with it. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

five by two; five b' two*noun*

a Jew [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< *five by two* 'a length of finished wood that nominally measures five inches by two inches in cross section'. The variant *five b' two* is recorded by Seal (2009).

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- While he was away she never stopped reminding us at the top of her voice that she wasn't a five by two. – J. Archer, *As the Crow Flies*, p.17, 1991
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

five card trick*noun*

a foolish or contemptible person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. < *five-card trick* 'in the game of pontoon (also known as *blackjack*, *twenty-one* or *vingt-et-un*), a hand of five cards that scores 21 or less'.

- Reading his ramblings – he's a 'five card trick'. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 4th July 2012
- Ronnie diela is a five card trick(prick) but can't be worse than neil lennon. – *twitter.com*, 12th August 2014
- [N]aw he's a five card trick. – *twitter.com*, 13th January 2016
- Just in from work and seen Jason Cummings interview, what a five card trick of a laddie!!!! – *twitter.com*, 16th April 2016

five-eight*noun*

1 a friend [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mate*. < *five-eight* 'a position in rugby union'.

- If he's yer five-eight ya got nuttin' ta be noivous about. Wish he wuz a mate a mine; no one would be game ta get over me. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.136, 1968
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a plate [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

five furlong flutter*noun*

a gutter; the gutter [AUSTRALIA]

- Places were expressed as follows: STREET: Field of wheat. FENCE: Eighteen pence. GUTTER: Five furlong flutter. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 14th September 1935

five to four*noun*

1 a whore [UK]

< *five to four*, an expression from horse-race betting.

- – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, 1946

2 in betting, a sure thing, a certainty [UK]

An ironic usage. The odds of 5/4 represent a decidedly unsure thing.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May 2014

five to four*adjective*

sure [UK]

< *five to four*, an expression from horse-race betting; the odds of 5/4 represent a decidedly unsure thing.

- You want £1000 for this car? Are you Five to Four mate? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May 2014

five to two; 5 to 2; five-ter; five; fiver*noun*

1 a Jew [UK/AUSTRALIA/US?/SOUTH AFRICA]

< *five to two*, an expression from the language of betting. In British usage, sometimes clipped to *five*, though it also occurs as *fiver* in a 2001 quotation. The Australian counterpart is *five-ter*, recorded by Meredith (1984). In South African English, only evidenced in the full form. The only record of *five to two* 'a Jew' and *five-to-two*'s 'shoes' in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain and Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- The 'gooseberry's' gone to the '5 to 2' for some 'bees and honey' 'cos the 'Gawd forbids' ain't got no 'Tommy Tucker'. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· Barker, looking at him for the first time, said: "Look—a Five." A Five is a Five-to-Two, or Jew. – G. Kersh, *They Die with Their Boots Clean*, p.40, 1941

· FIFTEEN AND TWO. A Jew. [...] The English is *five to two*, from the betting odds against horses. – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, 1946

- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950

· The mouth used to be known as the tater trap; today it is the norf-and-souf, and in the last twenty years Jews have been disrespectfully called five-to-twos, kangaroos and front-wheel skids; street women are six to fours, and greyhounds are cherry hogs. – M. Savill, *Tide of London*, p.140, 1951

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969

- – J. Meredith 1984

· If you're a fiver then today's your Sabbath. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

- Waugh wrote to Diana Cooper about the death of 'a very dull chap' who had resigned from the ad hoc correspondents' association in Addis in protest at Waugh's flippant reaction 'when a French journalist who is a 5 to 2 [Cockney rhyming slang for Jew] complained he was called a cochon francais by a nigger.['] – S. Robinson, *Remarkable Lives* [2013], 2008

· Admittedly, talking to Herman [Chalupsky] is an acquired taste and requires special skills. [...] So if you don't know that *one's 'n two's* are “shoes,” *gun 'n trigger* is “figure,” or *five-to-two* is “Jew,” then as far as comprehension goes you're up the creek without a *tube of glue*—or “clue.” — J. Glickman, *Fearless*, p.12, **2012**

2 a shoe [UK/US?]

In American English, only recorded in the plural (*five-to-two's*).

· — L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· — F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· — R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

3 in South Africa, a newly arrived, unassimilated immigrant Jew, especially one from Eastern Europe [SOUTH AFRICA]

A narrowing of sense 1. Only recorded in the full form.

· I have not heard the word “five-to-two” here. In my youth it was used in Johannesburg to describe a “greener.” — *The Canadian Jewish Chronicle*, Montreal, 4th June **1965**

4 a clue [UK]

Possibly a nonce usage.

· I thought nobody would have a five-to-two who we were. — B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.260, **2014**

fizzy drink

noun

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· — *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th May **2006**

flag unfurled; flag

noun

1 a man of the world [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· — J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· A cove who fancies himself a flag unfurled is very now or never we don't think. — J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! — *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· For instance, why a man should ask for “German flutes” when he means a pair of boots, or talk of “a flag unfurled” when he is thinking of a man of the world, is likely to be to the Jews a stumbling-block and to the Greeks foolishness. — *The Round Table* magazine, New York, 7th March **1868**

2 the world [UK]

· — R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· — I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [N]ow our planet is aptly known as ‘the flag’. — R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Flanagan and Allen; flanagan

noun

a gallon (of motor fuel) [UK]

< Flanagan and Allen, an English comedy double act made up of Bud Flanagan (1896–1968) and Chesney Allen (1894–1982), both of whom were also part of the Crazy Gang.

· — R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

flash of light

noun

a person who dresses outlandishly and gaudily [UK]

Rhymes on a *sight*. An ironic coinage or possibly a non-rhyming slang metaphor.

· **Flash o' light** (*New Cut*, *S. London*). Complimentary description of a woman dressed upon the model of the rainbow. — J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Cool! Look at 'er! Reg'lar flash o' light—ain't she! —

J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· — L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

flats and houses

noun

trousers [UK]

· — L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, **1968**

flat tyre

noun

a liar [IRELAND]

· The article opened with the statement “It might be libellous to call James Gogarty a flat tyre, the rhyming slang for liar.” — *The Sunday Business Post*, Dublin, 1st January **1999**

flea and louse

noun

a house, especially one that is run-down; hence, a

house of ill repute; hence, a brothel [UK/US]

In American usage, recorded only in the narrow sense ‘a brothel’.

· FLEA AND LOUSE, a bad house. — J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· FLEA-AND-LOUSE, *subs.* (rhyming slang). A house. — J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1893**

· The arbitrary system on which rhyming slang is made may be shown by the rivalry of “cat and mouse” and “flea and louse” for the honour of representing house. — *The Academy and Literature*, London, 15th November **1902**

· — A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· — D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· — F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [S]o too a ‘house’, euphemistic for brothel, was split and rhymed to emerge as ‘flea and louse’. A time came when the men who made use of them began to speak of ‘catching fleas with’ Sue or Molly[.] — B. Lehane, *Flea*, p.23, **1969**

· In the nineteenth century the cockney slang for a brothel was a ‘flea and louse’ being also a rhyme with disorderly house, and a sailor might well talk of a night ‘catching fleas’ with ladies of easy virtue. — M. Andrews, *Life*, p.113, **1976**

· — G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

flea in heaven*noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-seven [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 3 and a flea. Always with the indefinite article: *a flea in heaven*. ▶ see ONE LITTLE FLEA

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

· A flea in heaven. Bingo call meaning number 37. – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

fleas and ants*noun*

1 trousers [US/CANADA/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pants*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· The word ‘pants’ was extended by those unused to these garments being clean to ‘fleas and ants’[.] – B. Lehane, *The Compleat Flea*, p.23, 1969

· – M.M. Orkin, *Speaking Canadian English*, p.222, 1971

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 men’s or women’s underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *pants*.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.67, 1973

· No, those are my pants. I would recognise that shade of beige anywhere. But it is not my fleas and ants that grab my attention[.] – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.95, 1974

· How many men do you know who blow their noses on birds’ fleas and ants? – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.82, 1975

fleas and itches; fleas and itchers*noun*

1 the cinema [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *pictures*, colloquially pronounced *pitchers*.

The form *fleas and itchers* has been recorded in Australian usage.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950

· Can’t, Charlie, I promised the cheese and kisses I’d take the saucepan lids to the fleas and itches. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June 1952

· She’s gone to the fleas and itches with her skin and blister. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· I have little to add to what was written in my earlier book on children’s jargon, but the following deserve a place: *bangotcher*, a Wild West film (from “Bang! Got you,” an allusion to the gun-play in these epics); [...] *fleas and itchers*, pictures (rhyming slang)[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.108, 1953

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

· What Mr Jerdan and others were doing was presenting a *picture show*, as they were then universally called. Ockerised they became ‘the pitchers’, or ‘the fleas and

itches’. That latter term was not without justification after the tents and the tin sheds, with seating, were introduced. – K.G. Hall, *Directed by Ken G. Hall*, p.17, 1977

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, 1983

· Sunday afternoon at the fleas ’n’ itches. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 13th November 1995

· I’m off to the Fleas and Itches. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th September 2009

2 paintings [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pictures*, colloquially pronounced *pitchers*.

Only recorded in the form *fleas and itches*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, 1983

fleas and lice; fleas*noun*

ice (for drinks) [UK]

· It is interesting to see a barmaid’s reaction when asked if she has any ‘fleas’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Fleet Street*noun*

an ATM slip showing one’s bank balance and transaction details [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

Rhymes on *sheet* (of paper). A nonce word. < Fleet Street, a synonym for British journalism; a street in central London where many national newspapers once had their headquarters.

· SOME MOOLAH FOR YA SKY ROCKET? YA RATTLE & TANK BALANCE? BALANCE ON CHARLIE SHEEN. BALANCE ON FLEET STREET. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August 2009

Fleetwood Mac; fleetwood*noun*

1 heroin [UK]

Rhymes on *smack*. < English-American rock band Fleetwood Mac.

· ‘So ya loik a bit o’ de ole Fleetwood Mac, do ya?’ he asked. I nodded but I still didn’t know what the hell he was on about. He carefully unwrapped the envelope. Then, using the corner of a credit card, he skilfully scooped out a large pinch of white stuff and held it up to my nose. – M. Wall, *Paranoid*, p.50, 1999

· Now it is true that I’ve had problems with the ol’ Fleetwood Mac, but it takes more than that to stop our Ben. – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August 2002

· Exeter Crown Court heard that members of the gang were taped talking about “magic dragon”, “bullion” and “Fleetwood”. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 18th July 2005

2 dismissal from employment [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *the sack*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd March 2001

3 the back; a person’s back; the back part of a building [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd June 2001

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007

· [Y]ou'll always find the tradesman's entrance round the 'fleetwood'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

· – Some filth cunt walloped me. Couldn't go to the hizzie, they was just lifting every fucker. It was farking crazy eh? – Aye, no half. Cunts smashed up the Fleetwood Mac. Strugglin oan the dance flair. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.32, 2012

4 cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *gak*.

· charlie, the common UK name for Jazz talc. Personally I prefer "Fleetwood" as in Fleetwood Mac = Gak (another slang term). – *The Straight Dope* forum, 27th September 2001

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March 2009

5 the gap between the buttocks; hence the anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *crack*. Used in the phrase *talk out of one's Fleetwood Mac* (or *talk out of one's fleetwood*) 'to talk rubbish'.

· Fleetwood: (From Fleetwood Mac) As in: She's talking out of her... – *Queenzone* forum, 16th February 2008

Flemington races

noun

trouser braces (suspenders) [AUSTRALIA]

< *Flemington races*, a reference to the famous races at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

flick pass; flick

noun

a rejection or dismissal [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. < *flick pass* 'a type of short pass made in Australian Rules football'. Used in the phrases *give (someone) the flick (pass)* 'to reject, to dismiss' and *get the flick* 'to be rejected', the euphemistic equivalents of the Australian slang *give (someone) the arse* and *get the arse*.

· What about Aussie? You're gunna give him the flick pass? – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.109 [1993], 1987

· When I told him that Shelley Phillips had got the flick as chair of the CPC it brought a gentle smile to his lips. – P. Edgar, *Bloodbath*, p.189, 2006

flies and dead horse

noun

meat pies with tomato sauce (a popular Australian dish) [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme appositely attached to a piece of rhyming slang. This dish is also known in rhyming slang as *dog's eye and dead horse*. ▶ see DOG'S EYE and DEAD HORSE

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Flight Lieutenant Biggles; flight lieutenants

noun

giggles [UK]

< *Flight Lieutenant Biggles*, a made-up or wrongly remembered rank for James Bigglesworth, popularly known as Biggles, a fictional flying ace created in 1932 by English writer W. E. Jones. Biggles, the hero, went through several ranks, including Squadron Leader; thus SQUADRON LEADER BIGGLES.

· Ah started laughing uncontrollably. Ah had the Flight Lieutenant Biggles in a big way. [...] Something in Claire's face made me laugh. Ah took a chronic attack of the Flight Lieutenants. – I. Welsh, *Ecstasy*, pp.193/201 [1997], 1996

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· Reeking of ale, with a major case of the flight lieutenant biggles, still really bladdered & with the shakes worse than Muhammed Ali. – *Circus* forum, 26th August 2005

· They roll up with Flight Lieutenant Biggles. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· You can't get mad over our occasional Flight Lieutenant Biggles. Besides, even you would have to admit it was quite Easter Bunny. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January 2009

flight of stairs

noun

pears [UK]

· [A]ny British child can tell you that a *door-step* is merely a thick slice of bread and a *flight of stairs* is either "pears" (in Cockney rhyming slang) or, more likely, a stack of slices of bread (visualize an uneven stack). – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.241, 1968

Flingel Bunt; Flingel Blunt; flingel

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

< 'The Rise and Fall of Flingel Bunt', a 1964 instrumental by the British guitar band The Shadows; in some record covers the name *Flingel* is spelt *Flinge*.

· **flingel** *rhym. slang* Cunt. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, 1998

· Gor blimey guvnah, you're a Flingel Bunt and no mistake... – *rec.arts.sf.starwars.misc*, *Google Groups*, 26th November 1998

· In Cockney rhyming slang, 'John Hunt', 'James Hunt', 'Billy Hunt', 'Joe Hunt' (abbreviated to 'Joey'), 'Flingel Blunt' (abbreviated to 'flingel'), 'back to front' (abbreviated to 'backter'), 'Bargain Hunt' (abbreviated to 'bargain'), and 'Charlie Hunt' (abbreviated to 'Charlie') are all euphemisms for 'cunt'. – *www.matthewhunt.com*, 12th August 2003

· **flingel** (*Flingel Blunt*) [...] I can't stand that flingel. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

flirty Gertie

noun

in bingo, the number thirty [UK]

A variation of DIRTY GERTIE.

· – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004

flirty Gertie*numeral*

thirty [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006**flirty wives***noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-five [UK/IRELAND]

A doubled slang rhyme with an imperfect coupling in the second element.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**float***noun*

a coat [US/SOUTH AFRICA]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of one of several terms rhyming *float* with *coat*, like ALL AFLOAT, HAIRY FLOAT, IVORY FLOAT and OYSTER FLOAT.· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949· A coat is a *float*. – J.M.Z Huthwaite, *The Problem of the "Ducktail"*, p.78, 1961· Jolling on the corner with my razor and chain; / Down came the ore, one took my name, / He grabbed me by the collar of my charcoal float, / Then out came my razor as I slit his throat[.] – Lyric, quoted in L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.105, 1963· [T]he voice of the kewpie urged him to put off his wheels and float for a couple of harriers of jupe'. [...] 'Sell his shoes and coat for two bottles of wine. – D. Muller, *Whitey*, pp.11–12, 1977**floats***noun*

shoes [SOUTH AFRICA]

A slang rhyme on *boats*, itself a slang term for shoes. Prison use.· **Clothes terms:** [...] *boats, floats, ones and twos* = (also *wheels* – which signify feet too). – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.13, 1974**floor liner***noun*

the vagina [UK]

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003**Florence and Dougal; florence***noun*

the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *bugle*. < Florence and Dougal, two characters in the children's TV series *The Magic Roundabout*, created in France by Serge Danot in 1964 (under the title *Le manège enchanté*; the French originals were Margote and Pollux) and broadcast in Britain between 1965 and 1977 (with a further series broadcast in 1992 and a film in 2005).· [A] bunged-up 'Florence' needs blowing. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003Another interesting thing is that rhyming slang for 'nose' is 'Florence'[.] – *Stafford Forum*, 10th March 2010**Florence Young***noun*

the tongue [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born missionary Florence Young (1856–1940). Used in the phrase *on the tip of one's Florence Young*.· "It's on the tip of my Florence Young," remarks Phil Smith in *The Cinema Star*. – *The Sunday Times*, Sydney, 4th February 1917**florries***noun*

chords [UK]

A shortening of *Florrie Fordes*. < Florrie Forde, the stage name of Australian music-hall artiste Flora Flanagan (1876–1940). Musicians' slang. Synonymous with NORFOLKS and NORWEGIANS.· Musicians have used "Florries" and "Norwegians" to refer to chords ... – *International Skeptics Forum*, 7th September 2003· He was very clued up musically, and had a kind of muso rhyming slang that he used – so he'd always talk about "florries" rather than "chords". – *The Mudcat Café forum*, 30th September 2009**Flo's line***noun*

nine pounds sterling [UK]

· – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.202, 2011**flounder and dab; flounder***noun*

a horse-drawn cab; a taxicab [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

The short form has been recorded in British and Australian usage.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859· [C]all a flounder and dab with a tidy Charing-cross, and we'll go for a Bushy Part along the frog and toad into the live eels. – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], 'Thieves' Slang', 8th February 1883· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1893· "Let's have a 'flounder and dab,'" said my guide. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May 1896· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Flounder (flounder and dab), cab. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July 1900· "So I took a flounder to the pope, laid my lump on the weeping, and did a plough." That is quite a normal remark in any public bar. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November 1913· A cab is a flounder and dab; abbreviated, a flounder. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.9, ca 1937
- – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.330, 1938
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944
- Flounder-and-dab Taxi-cab. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, 1953
- [M]any came to the party in a ‘flounder and dab’ along the ‘frog and toad’, and maybe called in at the ‘rub-a-dub’ for a half-pint of ‘pigs’ en route. – W. Macqueen-Pope, *Queen of the Music Halls*, p.62, 1957
- **Flounder** cab (rhyming slang flounder dab). – B. Munro, *London Taxis*, p.187, 2005
- Quick, we’re late, get in the flounder! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

flour mixer

noun

- 1 a non-Jewish girl or woman [UK]
Rhymes on *shiksa* (also spelt *shikse*), a derogatory epithet of Yiddish origin. Used by Jewish Cockneys.
· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
· – J.T. Shipley, *In Praise of English*, p.150, 1977
· – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.136, 1998
· – *twitter.com*, 12th June 2014
- 2 a maid or female shop-worker [UK]
Extended from sense 1.
· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.184, 1977
- 3 an unremarkable man, especially one who works as a clerk [UK]
Extended from the previous senses.
· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.184, 1977

flowerpot

noun

- 1 ■ **cop a flowerpot; copper flowerpot** to be severely reprimanded; to get into serious trouble [UK]
Rhymes on the adjective *hot*, used in the slang phrase *cop it hot*.
· He [Mussolini] will cop a flower-pot if he goes on like this. – E. Partridge, *DSUE1, 1937: The New Statesman and Nation*, London, 28th September 1935
· **cop a flower pot** *Cop it hot* (get into serious trouble)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
· Copper Flowerpot. Cop it hot (receive a severe prison sentence). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.25, 1973
· To ‘cop a flower pot’ is to ‘cop it hot’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- 2 a cot (a baby’s bed) [UK]
· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

flowers and frolics

noun

- the testicles [IRELAND/UK]
Rhymes perfectly on the Irish slang *bollix* and imperfectly on the common English slang *bollocks*. Noted as occurring in Irish usage by Franklyn (1960). ► see DOG’S FLOWERS AND FROLICS
· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

- ‘He’ll be wearing a tattoo. A red dragon.’ ‘Where?’ I say. [...] ‘I meant where on his body?’ I say. ‘On his flowers and frolics? His fife and drum? His Marquis of Lorne?’ – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.93, 1975
- Suddenly my flowers and frolics went icy cold[.] – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.151, 1979
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, 1984

- The blonde offers Jackie Danny an’ the next ’alf hour is goin’ at it like nuns an’ habits while these two sorts bite tit willow. Me flowers an’ frolics are achin’ when I finally get me Harry Monk out... – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005
- Mention had been made about a new fence, and the clue did say it was ten feet high. So having impaled my “flowers and frolics” on barbed wire and having scaled about twenty feet up an old oak tree I wasn’t impressed when *er indoors*TM found our prey knee height along the footpath. – *mankybadger.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th March 2014

flowers in May

noun

- pay, wages [UK]
Recorded in use among soldiers during World War I.
· When a soldier has plenty of “splosh” (money) he has either “tickled at home” (had a remittance from home), or has “touched” his “flowers in May” (drawn his pay). – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 16th October 1916

flowery dell; flowery; dell

noun

- a cell in a prison or police station [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]
Perhaps a rhyming elaboration of the 19th-century peddlers’ slang *flowery* ‘lodging’. The short forms *flowery* and *dell* are exclusively British; the former is by far the more common and is also used idiomatically in the phrase *in flowery* ‘locked up in a cell’.
· [T]he fact that the modern criminal terms the cell in which he is incarcerated, when he happens to fall into the meshes of the law, the “flowery dell” is evidence of his sense of humour. – *Buckingham Advertiser and North Bucks Free Press*, 27th February 1915
· I talked to him of his ‘flowery’ (‘flowery dell’ rhymes with ‘cell’, hence ‘flowery’). – E. Jervis, *Twenty-Five Years*, p.16, 1925
· Flowery Dell ... a prison cell. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.118, 1930
· Cell ... Flowery Dell. – P.P., *RS*, 1932
· We met the Squad on the drag, got wiped up, and finished in flowery. – D. Hume, *Gaol Gates*, p.8 [1937], 1935
· Blimey, it was as snug as a flowery where they had locked you up for the night. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.157 [2008], 1938
· So I’m coming back to my flowery after the pussy or something, and there’s the swine, waiting. Waiting at my flowery door he is. – J. Phelan, *Big House*, p.41, 1943

- [T]hey take my dabs and chuck me into a flowery-dell. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**
- As you're such chums you can help P.O. Ferris get a Condemned Flowery Dell ready for him. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.106, **1956**
- "Aven't they got no floweries 'ere?" he asked, looking round at the row of beds. 'This is like a bleedin' lodgin' 'ouse – or like the bleedin' snotty orphans. – B. Behan, *Borstal Boy*, p.150 [1990], **1958**
- Here I am ensconced in my old flowery-dell [...] Evans came and cleaned out the flowery during association time [...] We were both referring to the programme which, a moment before, had been echoing round the old dell. – D. Clement and I. La Frenais, *The Complete Porridge*, pp.11/74/170, **1990**
- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**
- [T]he Barnaby Rudge (judge) sent Mr Aitken to his flowery dell (cell)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 24th December **1999**
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**
- – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- I'm feeling tom and need to get in my flowery but there's a gang of kangas giving me a **spin**. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.133, **2015**

flue*noun*

a prison warder [UK]

A slang rhyme on *screw*.

- – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

fluffy bunny*noun*

money [UK]

- Look at all that Fluffy Bunny. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th June **2003**
- Well I would have thought the answer would be bread and honey (or is it fluffy bunny?)
- *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 7th November **2005**
- [C]an't go out this weekend mate, no fluffy bunny. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

fluffy duck*noun*

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- "Twenty Oxford Scholars is a lot of cabbage for one fluffy duck," he said as he mentally calculated how many pig's ears he could buy with that amount of pelf. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

2 something of no value [AUSTRALIA/UK/US]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- I have a thingy that tells me who unfollowed me but, frankly, I don't give a fluffy duck, really. – *twitter.com*, 11th December **2010**

- [C]ouldn't give a fluffy duck. – *twitter.com*, 4th September **2012**

· I don't give a fluffy duck what anyone says.... – *twitter.com*, 11th August **2013**

- He told them he was a top-shelf AFL guy from Australia, but they said they couldn't give a Fluffy Duck. – *BigFooty AFL forum*, 9th November **2014**

flunkey and lackey; flunkey*noun*

a Pakistani [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

flute*noun*

a suit (of clothes) [UK]

A slang rhyme, an elliptical version of WHISTLE AND FLUTE (in Scottish and Northern Irish usage, also TIN FLUTE) or a pun on the word *whistle* (itself a shortening of WHISTLE AND FLUTE).

- It was a fair bet that my new Italian style shoes would never be the same again. Even so, it was no time to start worrying about the whistle. [...] Only the dry cleaners could tackle the flute. It looked just like I had rolled in it. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, pp.160/161, **1970**
- flute, tin flute: suit (*rhyming slang*). – B. Findlay, *Scottish People's Theatre*, p.342, **2008**

fly a kite*noun*

light (illumination) [UK]

▶ see FLY MY KITE

- Switch on the fly a kite. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.58, **1968**

fly a kite*verb*

to defecate [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Used in the phrase *go fly a kite*.

- I need to go fly a kite. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th May **2006**
- "tom" (< Tom Kite) and "jimmie" (< Jimmie White) standing for "shite," the latter of which, when used in cursing or denoting an activity, can be "fly a kite," "shine a light" or "Turkish delight." – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

fly and whip*noun*

LSD (acid) [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *trip*.

- – *Network54 forum*, 'Dublin Slang', 16th October **2002**

Fly by Night*nickname*

Pontisbright, an old name for Chappel, a village in Essex, England [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English crime writer Margery Allingham (1904–66) in her 1933 novel *Sweet Danger*.

· I am off to Fly by Night to-night. – M. Allingham, *Sweet Danger*, p.36, **1933**

fly-by-night

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *tight*. According to Franklyn (1961), the term was used in the army during World War I.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

fly-by-nights; fly-be-nights; fly-be's

noun

tights [UK]

· **Tights** Fly-be-nights [...] She then took off her *fly-be's* / And dropped her *early doors*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, pp.19/22, **1979**

· She was wearing multi-coloured fly-by-nights. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· **Fly by Nights Tights**[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

fly flat

noun

a gun [US]

Rhymes on the slang *gat*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

flying Bombay duck; flying bombay

noun

▶ see BOMBAY DUCK

flying duck

noun

1 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/US/CANADA]

A slang rhyme on *flying fuck*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· How the flying duck do you leave a 5 pin at caboolture? – *TotalBowling* forum, 30th May **2003**

· PLEASE remind us again who the flying duck you think you are? – *www.sport24.co.za*, 14th July **2009**

· What the Flying Duck is this all about? – *Team Shelby* forum, 10th April **2010**

· What the flying duck? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 6th June **2010**

· J and exchanged exasperated comments, and a chuckle, and decided to get the flying-duck out of there. – *kgb-travels.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th April **2011**

· KAYSEA WAKE THE FLYING DUCK UP OR I SWEAR ILL FEED YOU TO THE LLAMAS!! – *quotetv.com*, 15th January **2012**

· Shut the flying duck up! – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January **2015**

2 something worthless [AUSTRALIA/US/UK/NEW ZEALAND/CANADA/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *flying fuck*. Usually in the phrases *not give* (or *not care*) a *flying duck* 'to not care at all' and *not worth a flying duck* 'worthless'.

· And anyway, who gives a flying duck? – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 27th December **1994**

· Who gives a flying duck if you're bored? – P. Delgado, *Drivers' Ed is Dead*, p.72, **1996**

· I couldn't care a flying duck about fashion. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 19th December **2001**

· [R]eally i couldnt give a flying duck ****er about it... – *Gameplanet.co.nz* forum, 1st April **2003**

· I don't give a flying duck about the elevator. – *Diabolo.ca* forum, 3rd November **2009**

· [Y]ou know they couldn't give a flying duck. – *Wedding-sOnline.ie* forum, 17th August **2010**

· Do I give a flyin' duck if I'm applyin' love to my rhymin' plus alignin' us? / Alabama's climbin' up, wait, no, I don't give a flyin' duck[.] – *1 Train*, lyric by A\$AP Rocky, from a verse written and performed by Yelawolf, **2013**

· This just proves that a human life isnt worth a flying duck. – *Ontario Fishing Community* forum, 19th December **2014**

flying ducked

adjective

wretched; in serious difficulty [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· [J]ust means i have to buy one. But im glad im not starting again cos i'd literally be flying ducked (f**k*d) if i couldnt transport any stations... – *Egosoft* forum, 24th December **2005**

flying ducker

noun

a person; a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*.

· Those cheeky Flying Duckers host their very own unofficial Celtic Connections after-party, playing host to a handselected batch of live folk musos. – *www.theskimmy.co.uk*, 10th December **2014**

flying firetruck

noun

something of no value [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a flying firetruck* 'to not care at all'.

· I couldn't give a flying firetruck about your reputation. – *Redcap*, UK TV: BBC1, 7th January **2003**

· If I was hitting Delta Goodrem I wouldn't give a flying firetruck about the tennis. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 6th February **2004**

· Don't give a flying firetruck about Diablo III, but finding Tears by Health on iTunes just made my morning. – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2012**

· Who gives a flying firetruck about that[.] – *www.thejournal.ie*, 12th July **2014**

flying fox

noun

syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < *flying fox* ‘any of several large fruit-eating bats, especially of the genus *Pteropus*, with a fox-like face’.

- – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.117, **1984**
- – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

flying Peking duck

noun

▶ see PEKING DUCK

flying sixty-six; flying 66

noun

an act of oral sex [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *French tricks*. Perhaps suggested by *sixty-nine*.

- If, though, she should be afraid of **getting clucky** and **falling to pieces**, she may be satisfied with **French kissing**, **French tricks** or a **flying 66** (rhyming slang on *French tricks*)[.] – T. Healey, *A New Erotic Vocabulary*, p.197, **1980**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.131, **2011**

flying trapeze

noun

cheese [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

fly my kite; fly me

noun

a light (for a cigarette, etc.) [UK/US]

The short form, given by Puxley (1998), is exclusively British. ▶ see FLY A KITE

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1893**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- Got a fly me? – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

fly tipper; fly

noun

a child [UK]

Rhymes on *nipper*. < *fly tipper* ‘someone who illegally dumps rubbish’.

- How’s the flies? – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

fly your kite; fly yer kite

adjective

white [UK]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.59, **1968**

foater

noun

▶ see PHOTO FINISH

fog and mist

adjective

drunk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pissed*. Perhaps a folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *foggy* ‘tipsy’, which is sometimes regarded as its short form.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I haven’t been fog and mist this Christmas. – *UKGA* forum, 26th December **2006**
- It’s called “Rhyming slang”... the poms are real good at it, but us ozzies aren’t too bad either... Go for a snakes hiss = piss. Need to have a Rodney (as in Rodney Hogg... a cricketer in the 70’s or so) = have a bog in the dunny. Fog and Mist = Pissed. – *Patrol 4x4* forum, 22nd July **2010**

fog rocket

noun

a small pocket [UK]

Criminal use.

- – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.23, **1989**

football kits; footballs

noun

a woman’s breasts, especially large ones [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

forbidden fruit

noun

a loot [UK]

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, **1973**

forby; forbie

noun

▶ see FOUR-BY-TWO

Ford Capri

noun

in bingo, the number three [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < Capri, a popular range of car models manufactured by Ford in Britain between 1969 and 1986.

- Some pikey bingo calls, coming to a hall near you: Ford Capri = 3[.] – C-A. Brackstone and L. Bushell, *Oi, Pikey!*, p.65, **2005**

fore and aft

adjective

silly or stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *daft*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- So don’t be *fore and aft* – take a *butcher’s* at this little *Captain Cook*. – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, back cover, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

foreign language

noun

a sandwich [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Forest Gump; forest

noun

▶ see FORREST GUMP

Forfar bridies; forfars*noun*

sideburns [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *sidies*. < *Forfar bridie* ‘a kind of meat pasty originally made in Forfar, in the north-east of Scotland’.

· Mind whit yer daen wi yon clippers, I dinna want tae lose ma Forfars. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

forgive and forget*noun*

a cigarette [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· What I wouldn’t give for a forgive and forget. – *Tear-drops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March 2006

fork and knife; fork*noun*

1 one’s wife [UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· It might look a bit allurin’ upon ‘ere and there a one, / With neat ankles and small tootsies to display; / But on ‘Liza, my old ‘fork and knife,’ who scales some sixteen ‘stun,’ / Well, there’d be some “ubble bubble” ‘Ackney way. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010; D. Chiderdoss, ‘Disaster Averted’, *Sporting Times*, London, 23rd May 1908

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca 1937

· – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, 1941

· [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef* – Chief; *Bit-an-Brace* – Face; *Mince Pies* – Eyes; *Two-by-four* – Door; *Plates of Meat* – Feet; *Fork and Knife* – Wife[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, 1974

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.150, 1999

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· he’s talkin about his da then he’s on about his fork an knife and wee lad – O. McCafferty, *Shoot the Crow*, p.32, 2003

· In London, ladies can be anything from “sweetheart” to “babe” and “fork”. – *The Sun*, London, 18th June 2008

2 life [UK]

· All the delights of married fork an’ knife an’ none of the responsibilities. – A. Hyder, *Black-Girl*, p.306, 1934

· [N]ever in your fork and knife. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· But, you can’t eat any meat that ‘as still got any blood in it, because, me ol’ china, the fork is in the blood. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.21, 2001

· When I was just a kid, starting out on the long road of fork, I felt a calling to be a *bag of yeast*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.152, 2011

· I’d never felt more terrified in my fork and knife (life). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October 2011

fork and spoon*noun*

a lout or hooligan [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*. Prison slang.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

forres mechanic*noun*

a state of panic [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Forres Mechanics, a football team from Forres, Moray, in the north-east of Scotland.

· A goat ma sel’ intae a richt Forres Mechanic when ma tyre blew oot in the snaw jist afore Soutra Hill. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Forrest Gump; Forest Gump; forrest; forest*noun*

1 an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *dump*. < Robert Zemeckis’s 1994 film *Forrest Gump*, based on the 1966 novel of the same name by Winston Groom.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· [W]e get a Neil McNabb home, have a quick Forrest Gump in the bathroom before retiring to bed[.] – *The Independent*, London, 24th November 1998

· – J. Holder, *Grim Up North*, p.103, 2005

· Forest Gump = dump as in.. “hey where you been for the last 20 mins?” “ahh ive just been for a forest innit”. – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April 2005

· I press play again and Oisinn slips out of the room, roysh, saying he’s going for a Forrest, though I know he’s really gone to ring either Fionn or JP. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.308, 2008

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang just back home from Charlie Brown... off to the train tracks for a Forrest Gump and Paddy Power then the Maggie Thatcher for me... – *twitter.com*, 13th April 2010

2 an unpleasant place [UK]

Rhymes on *dump*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

3 a bad mood, a fit of sulks [UK]

Rhymes on *hump*. Used in the phrase *have/get the Forrest Gump* ‘to be or become annoyed or sulky’.

· [T]hat result has given me the right forest gump. – *twitter.com*, 19th January 2013

Forsythe Saga; Forsythe Saga; Forsythe’s Saga; forsyte; forsythe*noun*

lager [UK]

< *The Forsythe Saga*, the title of two British TV adaptations (1967, 2002) of John Galsworthy’s trilogies *The Forsythe Saga* (1906–22) and *A Modern Comedy* (1924–28). ▶ see GALSWORTHY

· I’ll have to go and pour him a large *Forsythe Saga* to keep him quiet. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.39, 1979

· In this land ruled by the sun and craving the world of the Forsythe Saga! – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.22, 1985

· A down-in-the mouth person may be asked: ‘What’s up? You look like you’ve lost a whisky and found a Forsyte.’ – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· It's amazing all the chitty chitty you think of after a few britney's or forsythe's. – *The Pogues* forum, 13th April **2004**

· With thanks to our friend and neighbour Tony Shephard, here are a few uncommon examples of Cockney rhyming slang: [...] Forsyte Saga = lager; jam tart = heart. – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, **2005**

· Anyway, I said to the lemon, don't keep kicking me up the jam roll just because I fancy a quick Forsythe with me old china on a Monday[.] – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.46, **2006**

· Pete, you're from Poor Man's Gruel, and we've all had enough Forsythe's Saga for tonight. – *Pojo Wrestling Alliance* forum, 21st April **2008**

· I put on my tifter to hide my Barnet and went down the apples to fetch a Ruby and a Vera Lynn for my old trouble which cost me an Ayrton while my skin and blister opted for a Forsyte Saga from the old rub-a-dub which was another Lady Godiva gone west. – *Parish News*, St Peter & St Paul, Uplyme, England, October **2010**

· Fancy a Forsythe Saga (Lager)? – *twitter.com*, 14th February **2011**

· Aw-right geezers, sit your Khyber Pass (ass) down, order a Forsyte Saga (lager) and feast your mince pies (eyes) on this[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 29th February **2012**

Fortnum and Mason

noun

a basin [UK]

< Fortnum & Mason, a department store in central London.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

fortnum cut

noun

a short back and sides haircut that looks as if it has been produced by putting a pudding basin over a person's head and trimming around the edge of it [UK]

Based on *fortnum*, a shortening of FORTNUM AND MASON. Thus formed as an equivalent of *basin cut* or *pudding-basin cut*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

fortune and fame; fortune

noun

■ **on the fortune and fame; on the fortune** working as a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *game*, used in the expression *on the game*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

forty-four

noun

a whore [US/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· 'How was your forty-four?' 'She wasn't too bad, but I feel a bit Pat and Mick now'. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

forty-four

adjective

door-to-door (said, for example, of a salesman) [UK]

· On the other hand, *mozzle and brocha*, Yiddish words, are rhyming slang for *on the knocker*, said of a *forty-four* ('door-to-door') salesman. – J.T. Shipley, *In Praise of English*, p.150, **1977**

forty-four swinging door; 44 swinging door

noun

a whore [UK]

· Forty-Four Swinging Door is Cockney slang for Whore (prostitute). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May **2005**

· AND SHE HAS ****HOUSE DRESS SENSE ASWELL... shes looks like a 44 swinging door. – *Clubvibes* forum, 12th March **2006**

· Reminds me ov my farfer. Left me muvver fer a forty-four swinging door wiv dysen'ery. – *Principia Discordia* forum, 1st January **2008**

forward pass

noun

a drinking glass [AUSTRALIA]

< *forward pass* 'a type of pass in rugby league and union'.

· – G. Seal, *The Hidden Culture*, p.42, **1989**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

found a nail

noun

that area of a sheep or its fleece that surround its tail [NEW ZEALAND]

A slang rhyme on *round the tail*. Used by sheep-shearers.

· But they also use rhyming slang sometimes among themselves; say, **found a nail** for **round the tail**, **hutch** for **crutch**, and so on. – L.G.D. Acland, 'A Sheep-Station Glossary', in *The Press*, Christchurch, 25th November **1933**

four-by-four

noun

a whore [UK]

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· She's a bit of a four by four. – *A(.com)*, accessed 17th June **2009**

four-by-two; four b' two; four-be-two; four-bee-two; forby-two; 4 by 2; 4x2; 4B2; four-by; fourbe; fourbee; forby; forbie; four

noun

1 a Jew [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< *four-by-two* 'a small piece of flannel (measuring four by two inches) attached to a pull-through for the purpose of cleaning the barrels of rifles', but commonly

interpreted as deriving from *four-by-two* 'a length of finished wood that nominally measures four inches by two inches in cross section'. Possibly influenced by French *fourbe* 'deceitful, sly'. In Irish English, only recorded in the form *four by two*. The shortening *four* is exclusively British. Thus FOUR-BY-TWOISH. ▶ see also PULL-THROUGH and WARB

· *Four-by-Two*. [...] Used also to express a 'Jew'. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Notes & Queries* 12, Ser. IX, 1921

· Among Cockneys *Four-by-Two* also = a Jew. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· I'm a four-be-two, you see. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.56 [1947], 1936

· Four by Two (also Five to Two) ... Jew. – Anon., *DRSL*, 1941

· Harry was a Jew. In his own phrase: a 'tin-lid.' Otherwise, a 'four-by-two,' a 'kangaroo,' or a 'five-to-two'. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.11, 1943

· I often wonder where the four-by-twos go—that's the Jews. – C. Tully, *Passed to You*, p.48, 1958

· Sarah Soo, Four-by-two or Kangar (Kangaroo) means a Jew. – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], 1959

· But it was like the rhyming slang 'four-by-twos' for 'Jews', used commonly, thoughtlessly, undeliberately, but perhaps with an undertone of lurking contempt, since four-by-twos are generally wooden planks, and bubble-and-squeak is a fried-up hotchpotch, and neither of them are people. – L. Berg, *Risinghill*, pp.106–107, 1968

· Four by Two Jew Four-be. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.47, 1973

· Excuse the lack of etiquette, but what's your name? Mort? Mort Lazarus (To himself) A four-by-two. I never knew there was gold around One Tree Hill. – J. Hibberd, *Stretch*, p.9, 1973

· *Four by two* – a Jew. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· FOUR BY TWO: rhym. Jew. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· **four by two**: a Jew. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· **four by** (usu. merely **b'**) **two**. [...] A Jew[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

· **four-be/four-be-two four-by/four-by-two** [...] Jew. – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· I knew there would be difficulty in getting some four by two to authenticate the painting. – *The Independent*, London, 15th December 1990

· As for tea pot lid for yid, this is inadmissible in the best company; it should be front wheel skid (or simply 4x2, four-b'-two). – *The Guardian*, London, 7th June 1996

· **four by two** (fourby) Usually spoken about Jewish people not to them. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· He's not from around here – he's a four. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· A bit later a fourby came along, went over to the geezer, got him on his plates and took him to his own house. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March 2002

· That's rhyming slang innit? [...] Like bubble and squeak for Greek (they usually only say 'bubble') and indeed four by two for Jew (they say 'fourbee'). – *The Motley Fool* forum, 13th June 2005

· Can't find any other reference to this apart from your post, me ole four-bee-two. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 19th May 2006

· Forbies (four b' twos) = jews. – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 9th May 2008

· Firstly how can the BNP change their policies concerning Yids, jews, four-b-twos? – *Israel Forum*, 10th January 2009

· Sadly Mr Howard didn't also promise to stand lock-step with the seppos, to-and-froms and forby-twos in the war on terror, but he went ahead and did it anyway. – *www.thepunch.com.au*, 9th June 2009

· Online comments in response to a story about a deceased property developer described him as a "Forbie", derogatory rhyming slang. – *www.presscouncil.org.au*, *Australian Press Council News*, August 2010

· I always thought Bob was a bit of a forby. – *Rods 'n' Sods* forum, 18th February 2011

· He certainly looks like a 4 by 2 and he is greedy enough – thats enough evidence for me already. – *Stormfront* forum, 10th November 2011

· Fuck me; it's not as if the Fourbees even celebrate Christmas! – *chrisspivey.org*, 1st January 2014

· 'Fourbe' and 'penny' are also used as rhyming slang for 'Jew'. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.134, 2015

2 a shoe [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the form *four by two*.

· Pull on the almond rocks and four by twos, don the jumpers' flat and you bolt for the grand slam. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· – G'day Mick, think mate, only us aussies know what a 4 by 2 is, up there it is a piece of lumber this wide by this wide. – Welcome back Doc. They probably think I'm using rhyming slang: four by two = shoe! – *Genes Reunited* forum, 4th June 2008

3 a prison warder [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *screw*. According to the available evidence, the variants are geographically distributed thus: *four-by-two/4 x 2* (New Zealand, Australia), *four b' two* (Australia), *four-be-two/4B2* (UK, Australia), *four-by* (Australia, New Zealand), *fourbe* (UK), *fourbee* (Australia).

· We'd managed to get hold of an (illegal) electric jug from somewhere, and while somebody kept a lookout for four-by-twos, we'd boil up water or milk we'd nicked from the fridge and have a drink of coffee or Milo (which we also used to get hold of) before lockup. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.218, 1982

· **fourbies (4 x 2)** Screw (warder), Jew. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, 1983

· Four by two. A prisoner officer. [...] Sometimes just four-bees. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

· Some words have distinct meanings within the jail context. Some words I can remember hearing for the

first time in jail, or hearing in a way I knew as different from what I had previously understood. [...] **4B2:** rhyming slang for screw, also referring to how thick they were perceived to be. – B. Hampton, *Prisons and Women*, pp.37/38, **1993**

· **four be two** prison officer[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· The crims had a language all of their own and after listening to them for a while, you soon cottoned on to it. When they were in a good mood they called us ‘screws’, ‘four-by-twos’ or ‘boss’[.] – W. Dodson, *The Sharp End*, p.11, **2001**

· **four-by-two** (also **fourby**) *n.* a prison officer. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· **four b’ two (2) – screw**[.] – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· ‘Screw’ remains the slang template for prison officers, but endless variations have evolved over the years, most of them revolving around rhyming slang popular at the time. [...] Other variations are ‘fourbe’ (four-by-two, a carpenter’s measure of wood), ‘penny’ (penny chew) and the ubiquitous ‘kanga’ (kangaroo), which is very much in vogue at the moment. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.134, **2015**

four-by-twoish

adjective

Jewish [UK]

A derivative of **FOUR-BY-TWO**.

· And a rich four-by-twoish merchant, who witnessed the deed, put his hand into his sky rocket and took out a Lady Godiva[.] – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· Cat Stevens wasn’t four by twoish. – *www.samizdata.net*, blog, 6th October **2005**

· I wonder if Gene Simmons overheard kids calling each other ‘Jews’ whilst at CH? Can’t imagine he’d have been very impressed, being of four-by-twoish descent himself. – *Unofficial Christ’s Hospital Forum*, 15th June **2006**

· I remember Steve Champion from my youth, but don’t remember him being of the four by twoish persuasion. – *ShrimperZone* forum, 3rd November **2009**

· Four by twoish or not, we don’t need a p.m. doing any form of negotiating for us who looks like he had his dinner money stolen every day. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 13th April **2014**

· I on the other hand do a rather excellent gefilte fish and salt-beef amongst other four-by-twoish delicacies[.] – *coldwatch.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th January **2016**

four by two’s; fours

noun

the police [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *screws*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

four-minute miles; four minutes

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < *four-minute miles* ‘a benchmark for competitive distance runners’. The four-minute mile

record was first broken by Roger Bannister (hence **ROGER BANNISTERS**).

· – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: The Magna Farta*, **2007**

· My Four Minutes are killing me. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th March **2007**

· – See a Dr. This could be serious. – Sounds like a case of the four minute miles. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 12th January **2008**

· Still, at least our troops aren’t crippled by four-minute miles. – *thebilgebucket.wordpress.com*, blog, 9th January **2013**

· What me four minute miles? They’re a proper Michael Caine. Me Khyber’s in a right two and eight. [...] Belindas, four minutes, Sieg Heils. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, pp.76/77, **2015**

four seasons

noun

reasons [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I only ever gave the John West, and you ain’t even given me yer four seasons. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

· You may have valid four seasons to Botany Bay[.] – *hubpages.com*, 19th February **2014**

fourth of July; 4th of July

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

< *4th of July*, the date of American Independence Day.

· Rhyming slang has a large vocabulary of its own, and so a necktie is a “4th of July,” gloves are “turtles,” short for “turtle doves,” hand is “St. Martin’s,” otherwise “St. Martin’s-le-Grand;” boots are “daisies,” short for “Daisy roots,” and so on indefinitely. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 3rd January **1914**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

four to one winner

noun

a dinner [UK: NEWCASTLE]

· Fower tih one winner = Four to one winner = Dinner. – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

four-wheel

adjective

Jewish [UK]

Formed on **FOUR WHEEL SKID**.

· ‘Here. I know what you are. A four-wheel Sherman.’ An explanation was effortfully supplied. Four-wheel = four-wheel skid = yid. Sherman = Sherman tank = yank. – M. Amis, *London Fields*, p.81 [2003], **1989**

four wheel skid; four-wheeler

noun

a Jew [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *Yid*. A variation of FRONT WHEEL SKID.

· **front/four wheel skid** – Modern Rhyming Slang for ‘Yid’ (Jew). – *www.london slang.com*, 27th July 2001

· In Johannesburg some years ago, a guy came up to me and some friends and said: ‘Are you guys four-wheelers?’ I thought, ‘what does he mean, four-wheelers?’ Then I associated: ‘four-wheel skid’. A motorcar has got a four-wheel skid. Skid rhymes with Yid. So it’s like asking someone, ‘are you Jewish? Are you a four-wheeler?’ – W. Kentridge, *Thinking Aloud*, p.88, 2006

fowl roost

verb

to assist a pickpocket by diverting the victim’s attention [us]

Rhymes on the slang *boost*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

fox and badger

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tadger*.

· – J. Green, *CDS*, 1998

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.31, 2002

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.107, 2011

fox and hound; fox

noun

a round of drinks [UK]

The short form is recorded in 2008.

· Whose fox and hound is it? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

foxes den; foxes

numeral

ten [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January 2010

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November 2010

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, 2012

foxing and ducking

noun

an act of copulation [UK]

Rhymes on *fucking*.

· If it turns out she’s on the “jack and jill” – I can’t see any reason why you dont give her a good “foxing and ducking”. – *Sheffield Forum*, 25th September 2008

fox terrier pup

noun

a cup [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

France and Spain; franny

noun

rain [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The shortening *franny*, recorded in British usage, has been formed as a rhyme on *parny*, an old (originally Anglo-Indian) slang word for rain.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· – J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· Rain is sometimes referred to by journeyman drivers, therefore, as “Mush’s Lotion.” Otherwise, it is simply “Franny” (France and Spain). – H. Hodge, *Cab, Sir?*, p.222, 1939

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – *Lebanon Daily News*, Lebanon, PA, 24th May 1957

· – S. Joel, *Ace of Diamonds*, p.197, 1958

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· ‘Had any France and Spain?’ he asked. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, England, 15th April 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

France and Spain; france

verb

to rain [UK]

· I was wearing a leaky I’m afloat, / And it started to France and Spain[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892

· On his *Chalk* is a *Cousin Ella*. ‘In case it starts to France’, ‘e sez. [...] On ‘is *Chalk Farm* is a *Cousin Ella*. ‘In case it starts to *France an’ Spain*,’ ‘e sez. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, 1969

Francie and Josie

adjective

mentally slow; stupid [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *dozy*. < Francie and Josie, a Scottish comedy double act consisting of Jack Milroy (1915–2001) and Rikki Fulton (1924–2004).

· For God’s sake man, listen to whit am sayin’. Yer no hauf Francie and Josie the night. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Francis Drake; francis

noun

1 a brake [UK]

< English admiral and navigator Sir Francis Drake (ca 1540–96). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 a fake [UK]

· [W]e have a dialect all of our own that although common all over England now was very specific to the east end of London, it is of course Cockney Rhyming slang. Here are just a few common ones... [...] Francis Drake (fake).. ‘That watch ain’t real mate, its a francis’. – *Oak Island Treasure* forum, 13th October 2006

3 a steak [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

- I'll bring a couple of sir francis drakes for the BBQ. – *Anglers' Net* forum, 3rd April **2007**

Francis Pym

noun

a gym [UK]

< Welsh Conservative politician Francis Pym (1922–2008), who served as Foreign Secretary in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet during the Falklands conflict (1982).

- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 29th September **2006**

Frank

noun

a TV remote control [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *zapper* and *Zappa*. < American rock musician Frank Zappa (1940–93).

- The BBC Radio Four program “Afternoon Shift” recently researched this subject in detail. Listeners contributed hundreds of family names for the TV remote control. [...] I also liked (for non-rhotics like most English) the “Frank”. – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 3rd June **1997**
- There was the Flat Controller, the Frank (Zapper), the Yentob (the BBC controller). – *New Statesman*, London, 18th December **1998**
- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**
- According to web forums, “clicker” is extremely common, as is “flipper”, “changer” and the rather charming “the buttons”. “Zapper” is often used, while “Frank” (geddit?) is a by no means isolated derivative. – *The Guardian*, London, 17th June **2008**
- Pass the Frank. – *The Verb*, UK radio: BBC Radio 3, 23rd April **2010**
- When you ask your lass to pass over the remote say to her, ‘ere pet pass the Frank owa’. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 11th February **2014**

Frank and Hank

noun

▶ see HANK AND FRANK

Frank and Luke

noun

a short, swinging blow [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hook*.

- i just start swinging frank and lukes at them. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Frank and Pat

noun

a friendly, informal conversation; idle small talk [UK]

Rhymes on *chat*. < Frank and Pat Butcher, two characters in the BBC TV soap *EastEnders*. Frank Butcher was played by Mike Reid (1940–2007) from 1987 to 2005; Pam St Clement (b.1942) appeared as Pat Butcher from 1986 to 2012.

- Do you ever stop your Frank and Pat! – *www.london-slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

· It was nice having this Frank and Pat. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th April **2002**

· [B]een on the dog and bone having a frank and pat. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2011**

· We can 'ave a nice Frank and Pat down there without you givin' me the jeremy, right? – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

Frank and Pat

verb

to talk or converse in a light, informal manner [UK]

Rhymes on *chat*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Quit sounding like mouldies and you can Frank 'n' Pat like a nang ledge. – *The People*, London, 13th January **2008**

Frank Bough; frank

noun

1 the act of leaving a place [UK]

Rhymes on *off*. < English TV presenter Frank Bough (b.1933). Usually in the phrase *do the Frank Bough* or *do the frank* (also with the indefinite article), a direct equivalent of *do the off* ‘to leave’.

- [H]e might eventually start believing the sex god nonsense, rediscover the wild youth he never had and do a “Frank Bough” on them. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 19th November **2001**

· I've got a pair of TDL's wall mounted through a Musical Fidelity amp thingumabob that my missus brother was kind enough to buy (Steal?) and leave here when he did the Frank Bough. – *Sound On Sound* forum, 30th August **2005**

· **do the Frank**[.] – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.261, **2007**

- Any other news from the waiter? Like when is he finally doing the Frank Bough? – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 30th July **2009**

· Go on, go on out the ronald, take a glen, 'cos you're gonna get brussel from me if you do a frank. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

2 food [UK]

Rhymes on *scoff*.

· We always got told at lunch time to: “Rift some Frank (Bough) down our Gregory (Peck) into yer Liza (Minelli) if yer hank (Marvin)”. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 5th January **2004**

· What's the bobby on the frank[?] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 29th September **2006**

· Frank Bough – scoff. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 21st March **2013**

3 in the navy, a Chief Officer [UK]

Rhymes on *Choff*, a slang shortening of *Chief Officer*.

- Frank Bough – CHOFF (Chief Officer). [...] Hey mate, as we are in Members I asked the Chicken about going ashore to get a slice and he said ask the Frank. – *Bikers Oracle* forum, 24th November **2004**

Frank Bough; Franky Bough; franky*adjective*

(of food and drink) off, decaying, sour [UK]

< English TV presenter Frank Bough (b.1933).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· Frank Bough or franky Boff = OFF – as in, COR this milk is a bit Franky. – *Purestorm* forum, 22nd December 2010**Frank Bough; Frankie Bough; frankie***adverb*

off, away from a place [UK]

< English TV presenter Frank Bough (b.1933).

· I'm Frank Bough[.] – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February 1998· It's Christian Slater than I thought so I'm Frank Bough now[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March 2006· I'm Frank Bough. Make to leave the office and sure enough me name gets called by one of the secretaries. – M. White, *The Styx*, p.145, 2009· 'We're frankie.' 'Fr... frankie?' 'Frankie Bough, off!' – *Taking the Flak*, UK TV: BBC2, 15th July 2009· I'm Frank Bough[.] – *www.thefootballnetwork.net*, forum, 14th July 2010**frank boughie; frank boffee; frank; frankie***noun*

1 an off-licence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *offy*. < English TV presenter Frank Bough (b.1933). Bough was once known to be a habitué of vice dens, which may have suggested this usage. In this sense, only evidenced in the form *frank boughie*.· [A]nd il have kylie to mind me rods and go up the frank boughie! – *The Anglers Forum*, 31st October 2001· [M]ore importantly, im off down the 'frank boughie'. – *The Anglers Forum*, 3rd August 2002

2 a coffee [UK]

Recorded in the forms *frank boffee*, *frank* and *frankie*.· Foxy was in the process of preparing his favourite hang-over brekkie. It consisted of, Norwegian smoked salmon, free-range scrambled quail's eggs, a steaming mug of 'Frank Boffee', and a glass of Simpson. In the Frank, 'a wee drop of the old warming something.' [...] "Any of that brandy to go in the Frankie, geeze? You know, just to take the edge off things. – *authonomy.com*, '18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley' by Ben Stafford, 8th February 2012· – coffee this week?x – bloody love a frank boffee with you ian x. – *twitter.com*, 9th January 2013**Frank Buck***noun*

a truck [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < American animal collector, actor and writer Frank Buck (1884–1950).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Frank Butchers; Frank Butcher's; Frank***noun*

a look [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *butchers*, the short version of BUTCHER'S HOOK. The word illustrates the recursive nature of rhyming slang: *butcher's hook* > *butchers* > *Frank Butchers* > *Frank*. < Frank Butcher, a character in the BBC soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Mike Reid (1940–2007). Synonymous with PAT BUTCHERS.· Take a Frank Butchers at: http://www.dtg.org.uk/reference/mheg...rofile1_05.pdf[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 21st January 2003· i'll open that up and i'll have a frank butcher's at it[.] – *PlayStation Universe* forum, 21th October 2007· Have a frank butchers at the above link[.] – *GTAForums*, 21st January 2009· Click on the link below and have a frank at the video featuring the 'soaring' vocals of Tim. – *watusayin.wordpress.com*, blog, 23rd May 2011**Frank Gotch***noun*

a wristwatch [US]

< American wrestler Frank Gotch (1877–1917).

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.59, 1968**Frank Hyde***noun*

in cricket, a ball that is judged by the umpire to be beyond the reach of the batsman and counts as one run to the batting side [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the technical term *wide*. < Australian rugby league player, coach and commentator Frank Hyde (1916–2007).· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997· – M. Gwynn, *When People Become Words*, p.2, 2005· – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006**Frankie Dettori; frankie***noun*

a story; the facts about a particular situation; the state of affairs [UK/IRELAND]

< Italian jockey Frankie Dettori (b.1970). Also used in the greeting *what's the Frankie Dettori?* 'what's happening?, how are you?'· What's the Frankie Dettori on Feelin' Carter? – A. Holmes, *Sleb*, p.83, 2002· What's the Frankie? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th December 2004· [W]hat's the Frankie Dettori? – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006· "What's the Frankie Dettori, Lazlo?" [...] "The story, guv, is about the impending winter outbreaks of gastroenteritis in hospitals." – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.177, 2012**Frankie Fraser; Frankie Frazer; frankie***noun*

a cut-throat razor used as a weapon [UK]

< English gangster 'Mad' Frankie Fraser (1923–2014), who worked as an enforcer for the Richardson gang, chief rivals to the Kray twins.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- “Pete Miller was a real player in his day.” By which he meant Miller kicked higher than anyone else on the pitch. Football? No, but see him go to work with a cosh, or his Frankie, now that’s when he was a player ... – G. Bushell, *The Face*, pp.32–33, 2001
- To cut the face with a Frankie or a chiv. – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.XVII, 2004
- You’ll be lucky if I can give you a monkey on Friday now shat your norf & sarf, and do one, fore i put a Frankie Frazer over your boat race my son. – *The Consumer Forums*, 23rd October 2014

Frankie Howerd; Frankie Howard*noun*

a coward [UK]

< English comedian and comic actor Frankie Howerd (1917–92).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- Anytime there’s a Barney, he Scapas like a Frankie Howard. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st May 2014
- I’m no Frankie Howard (Coward) The Robot barked in his thick Cockney accent. – *runningmasters.blogspot.com*, 24th March 2015
- It’s time for people to stop being Frankie Howerds and open their mince pies. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 16th July 2016

Frankie Laine; Frankie Lane; frankie*noun*

1 the brain [AUSTRALIA]

< American singer Frankie Laine (1913–2007).

- Condon to Moon: How are you feeling, old man? Moon: No good. My Frankie won’t Bondi. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August 1978
- If you didn’t understand the Jack Lang your mates thought your Frankie Laine wouldn’t Bondi Junction properly. [...] It was invariably shortened to your Frankie wouldn’t Bondi. – *billcasey.tastedomain.com*, accessed 9th February 2010
- What’s wrong with your Frankie Lane? Doesn’t it Bondi Junction? – *Ozgold.net* forum, 29th July 2011

2 a drain [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

- They had hit and missed £50,000 down the Frankie Laine. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.161, 1986

3 a toilet chain; hence any toilet flush control [UK]

- Even though this apparatus has become a rarity in modern toilets people still ‘pull the Frankie’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

4 rain [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- The Ancient Crovis is still a bit ‘how’s yer father’ after the consistent Frankie Laine so I had to tippy toe around

the re-forming tadpoles. [...] Just when I thought dumb & dumber was here down comes more Frankie. – *justin-dequack.com*, blog, 30th April and 13th May 2014

5 a train [AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

- Spectators might travel by Chuck Berry or Frankie Lane[.] – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November 1997
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

6 a crane (for moving large or heavy loads) [UK: NEW-CASTLE]

No evidence of use in the short form. Scaffolders’ slang.

- First job is vertical shore to the Allie McCoists (Joists), from then the Frankie Lane (Crane) is coming after Sharon Tait (Bait) to put on the Horses hoof (Roof). – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

Frankie Vaughan; Frankie Vaughn; Frankie Vaughn; Frankie Vorn; Franky Vaughan; frankie*noun*

1 pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porn*. < Frankie Vaughan, the stage name of English singer Frank Abelson (1928–99). Recorded in the forms *Frankie Vaughan*, *Frankie Vaughn*, *Frankie Vorn* and *frankie*.

- She could have been watching Frankie Vaughan on the telly and giving herself a scratch. – *This Is What We Find*, lyric, Ian Dury, 1979
- **Frankie (Vaughan)** *rhym. slang* Porn; scud material. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1998
- Is there any Frankie on the telly tonight? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
- I am convinced Frankie (Vaughan = porn) would not be happy with his reference. – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002
- Don’t you lot know your cockney rhyming then? Vaughan, you muppets.... Frankie Vaughan [...] Don’t you mean Frankie Vorn?? – *SportBikeWorld* forum, 11th July 2005
- [H]ow do i load a dvd onto it? or some Frankie Vorn lol. – *ClioSport.net*, 3rd January 2006
- Who says you have to just sit there. Some girls like frankie too. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 27th July 2007
- Do guys still buy frankie vaughan mags when there is so much free frankie vaughan on the internet? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 4th December 2008
- O! You watching a load of Frankie Vaughan?! – *Talk-Punk* forum, 9th June 2009
- We all like a little Frankie Vaughn now and again, don’t we? – *www.bitterwallet.com*, blog, 15th January 2010
- But the lotto, gambling and frankie vorn are a no no. – *www.iii.co.uk*, 14th May 2011
- Frankie – Frankie vorn, my dad’s name for porn. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 23rd April 2012
- Danny, I suspect, would have much the same idea but instead of the Himalayas it would be Deptford High

Street, and instead of hallucinogens it would be half a ton of Frankie Vaughan[.] – *www.publicgriefjunkie.com*, blog, 8th February **2013**

· I sometimes thought I should go and buy some Frankie Vaughn and leave it in the park for the next generation to giggle over with their mates[.] – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 5th March **2015**

2 a prawn [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Frankie Vaughan* and *frankie*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]hey are no longer ‘frankies’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, s.v. *Goldie Hawn*, **2008**

3 a pornographic film [UK]

Extended from sense 1. Recorded in the forms *Frankie Vaughan*, *Franky Vaughan* and *frankie*.

· Always going on about the plot and that, supporting roles and all that carry-on. Even with the Frankies. – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, p.227 [2002], **2001**

· Truth be known, I do more on the Frankies than I do on the gear. Telling you man, the Frankie Vaughan and the Viagra is worth more to me these days than a few keys of smack. – K. Sampson, *Clubland*, p.76 [2003], **2002**

· Watching a Franky Vaughan tonight? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th October **2004**

· My pet peeve is when ever you watch a frankie vaughan you see fit as fuck lasses everywhere doing unspeakable things to blokes and yet in real life when you pull a fit bird you never get porn star style sex. – *Nucastle.co.uk* forum, 14th March **2006**

4 a 21-foot scaffold pole [UK: SCOTLAND]

A near enough perfect rhyme on *long* (a scaffolders’ slang word) in Aberdeen English. Recorded with the spelling *Frankie Vaughan*. In use among Aberdonian scaffolders.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

Frankie Vaughan; Frankie Vorn

adjective

pornographic [UK]

Rhymes on *porn*. < Frankie Vaughan, the stage name of English singer Frank Abelson (1928–99).

· I took a shower and emerged wearing one of the cotton robes provided; they were as white and immaculate as Gary Lineker’s soul. Which is more than can be said for Ian, who shouted that he had found the Frankie Vaughan channel. – *The Observer*, London, 18th August **1996**

· Been on the Frankie Vaughan sites again? – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 28th February **2005**

· Best free frankie vorn site?? – *FMTTM* forum, 12th October **2007**

Frankie Vaughan mag; Frankie Vorn mag

noun

a pornographic magazine [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *porn mag*. Formed on FRANKIE VAUGHAN.

· And besides, you can always find a nicer tart in a good quality frankie vorn mag. – *Talk Stuff* forum, 22nd October **2002**

· After all, how many nutty bars and frankie vaughan mags can you buy at the naafi? – *Military Forums*, 7th May **2003**

· lol, another ‘Frankie Vaughan’ mag! – *Midlands Heritage* forum, 29th March **2011**

Frankie Vaughans; Frankie Vaughns; frankies

noun

the hands [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hauns*, the Scots equivalent of *hands*.

< Frankie Vaughan, the stage name of English singer Frank Abelson (1928–99).

· *Frankie Vaughan-s* = hauns, hands[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

· Did you wash your Frankie Vaughans? – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, 42, May **1998**

· Git yer Frankies aff ma burd[.] – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 4th June **2007**

· frankie vaughns = hawns. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August **2008**

· How come ye’ve lost yer frankie vaughns and a peeper? – *Steelmen Online* forum, 5th November **2010**

· Hey if yous are all swithering over that Guitar and really not to sure?? i’ll take that off his Frankie Vaughans, no problem[.] – *UK Les Paul Forum*, 10th January **2011**

· Get yer Frankie Vaughn’s intae the sink and wash the dishes. – I. Gray, *Glesca Banter*, **2012**

· [Y]ou can get your Frankie’s on a ticket by phoning the Stand Box Office[.] – *blog.jocaulfield.com*, blog, 1st July **2012**

frankie vauhno; frankie vorno

noun

pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porno*. Formed on FRANKIE VAUGHAN.

· Always reminds myself of that fucking Milo when the lads start going on about the Frankie Vaughno. – K. Sampson, *Clubland*, p.104 [2003], **2002**

· – videos not bad like the bints r top notch. – get yaself in the babes section theres a link to her frankie vorno. – *UltimateBuzz.net* forum, 14th July **2008**

Frank McAvennie

noun

a Rennie tablet [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rennie is a well-known brand of antacid tablets.

< Scottish footballer Frank McAvennie (b.1959).

· This heartburn’s killing me, I’ll have to get a packet of Frank McAvennies. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June **2007**

Frank Skinner; frank

noun

a dinner [UK/IRELAND]

< Frank Skinner, the stage name of English comedian Christopher Collins (b.1957).

- – *www.int13h.com*, 22nd September **2000**
- What did you have for yer Frank Skinner? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd February **2002**
- All i wanted was some Army and Navy on me Frank Skinner. – *Ultimate-Guitar.com* forum, 11th January **2006**
- I'm off for my frank... – *Classic Motorworks* forum, 2nd October **2008**
- **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Need a gypsies kiss before the frank skinner... – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2010**
- Mind you, you don't want to be spoiling your Brixton Riot (*Diet*) so watch what you have for your Frank Skinner (*Dinner*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Frank Swift*noun*

a lift (in a building) [UK]

< English footballer Frank Swift (1913–58).

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Frank Thring; frank*noun*

a ring (for the finger) [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian actor Frank Thring (1926–94).

- When one gets around to plighting one's troth to a charlie, one claps a frank on her onka – a Frank Thring on her Onkaparinga – a ring on her – aaar, work it out for yourself. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**
- Engagements are formalised by placing the Frank Thring (ring) on the Onkaparinga. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, p.99, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, **1999**

Frank Zappa; frank*noun*

1 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *crapper*. < American rock musician Frank Zappa (1940–93).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
- I bet you call your bog the Frank[.] – *Liverpool Way* forum, 29th January **2015**
- 2 the head [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on *napper*. Only recorded in the full form.
- – *twitter.com*, 7th June **2012**
- If your English then you'll at some point end up with a Glasgow kiss being planted on your napper ... Glasgow word for head ... Frank Zappa ... napper. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 1st September **2012**

Frank Zappas; franks*noun*

tapas [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Peter Kerr in his 2004 travel book *Viva Mallorca!*. < American rock musician Frank Zappa (1940–93).
- Ye've never tasted Franks like the ones in this wee place along here. – P. Kerr, *Viva Mallorca!*, p.245, **2004**

- I'd murder for a few Franks. [...] Jock was on a mission, and as soon as he'd scoffed enough Frank Zappas to replenish his depleted energy tanks, we were off again. – P. Kerr, *Snowflakes*, p.33, **2005**

Franny Lee*noun*

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. < English footballer Franny Lee (b.1944). Probably influenced by *fanny*.

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**
- Mary Harney – fat oul bastard, imagine the wack from her Franny Lee. – *LSL* forum, 5th July **2007**

Franz Klammer; franz*noun*

1 a hammer [UK]

< Austrian skier Franz Klammer (b.1953).

- Pass me the Franz Klammer. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th May **2007**
- We've got a few in work[:] a hammer is a Franz (Klammer)[.] – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 22nd June **2012**
- Hit it wi yer Franz Klammer. – *DAFC.net* forum, 12th March **2014**
- 2 prison [UK]
- Rhymes on *the slammer*. Only recorded in the full form.
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Franz Klammer down*verb*

to rain or snow heavily [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]

A verbal offshoot of FRANZ KLAMMER. Formed as a rhyming equivalent of *hammer down*.

- It is still Franz Klammer-ing down, for those of you that don't know thats Surrey rhyming slang[.] – *VW T4 Forum*, 2nd February **2009**

Frasier Crane; frasier*noun*

pain; a pain [UK]

< Frasier Crane, a character in the American TV sitcoms *Cheers* (1982–93) and *Frasier* (1993–2004); he was portrayed by Kelsey Grammer (b.1955). The full form is recorded in 2002.

- He's a right Frasier. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th March **2002**
- Fair play to these particular Sri Lankas though, for realizing just how shit they really are and splitting up, saving us all from any more Frasier. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th October **2008**

Fray Bentos*adjective*

deaf [UK: SCOTLAND]

A covert pun on the adjective CORNED BEEF. < Fray Bentos, an established British brand of canned meat products.

- Answer the phone will ya, are you totally Fray Bentos or what? – *Sploofus* forum, 8th November **2006**

Frazer Nash; Fraser Nash; Frasier Nash; frazer*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < Frazer Nash, a long-gone British sports car manufacturer.

- One has (or goes for) a Frazer-Nash/**pie and mash**. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

- Hampton wick, berkshire hunt, Fraser Nash, pony and trap / Plate of ham, Friar Tucking well, raspberry tart[.] – J. Dury, *'Hallo Sausages'*, p.111, 2012: Ian Dury's original manuscript of 'Blackmail Man', **1977**

- I'm the blackmail man, / Frazer and Nash, / pony and trap, / Blackmail man. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

- **Pat Cash** – Modern Rhyming Slang for 'slash' (to urinate). A modern version of 'Jack/Frasier Nash'. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

- Frazer = Frazer Nash = slash[.] – *bullshitunlimited.com*, 28th October **2006**

Fred and Maxie; Fred and Maxy*noun*

a taxi [AUSTRALIA]

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

- We had plenty of taxis drive up next to us and beep, looking for our patronage, even when the car in front was another 'Fred & Maxy' (rhyming slang) that had just done the exact same thing. – *seeingmooreoftheworld.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st May **2007**

Freda Payne*noun*

rain [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< American soul singer Freda Payne (b.1945).

- – *Personal correspondence*, 25th February **2009**

Fred Astaire; fred; fredda*noun*

1 a flashy show-off [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lair*. < American actor and dancer Fred Astaire (born Frederick Austerlitz; 1899–1987). Only recorded in the full form.

- – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

- 'Ya must be full of turps ta talk like dat. Da folks up here ain't used ta slang. Yer a nice bloody lair, Wrecker! 'I ain't no Fred Astaire. It ain't my fault if dey don't knows da King's English up here, is it?' – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.96, **1968**

- – B. Wannan, *Australian Folklore*, p.445, **1970**

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, **1983**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a chair [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Sometimes shortened to *fred*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**

- On his return a couple of blow ins had moved onto his table. They were well ensconced on the two Fred Astaires. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.11, **1983**

- Pull up a Cain and Fred and let's have a pickled[.] – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.22, 1987: *The Sunday Telegraph*, Sydney, **1984**

- Chuck us over a Fred Astaire. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

- – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

- [W]e both walked into the Cabin Cruiser, got a Cane and Abel and a couple of Fred Astaires and settled down for a night of rabbiting. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

- Please sit down... here on this fred. – *The Secret World*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 2nd October **2012**

3 hair; the hair [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Commonly shortened to *fred* in both Australian and British usage. The short form *fredda* is exclusively Australian.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, **1983**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- You wouldn't find a 'Barnet' in your dinner or on your partner's collar but a 'Fred'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- [A]fter a day in the sun, you might go home and step into a cold Tyrone Power before drying your Fred Astaire with a fluffy Baden Powell. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**

- – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

- You had your Fred done? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th March **2005**

- [L]ook at the fredda under the warwicks. – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Freddie Krogar*noun*

sugar [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Freddy Krueger, the main character in the *A Nightmare in Elm Street* film series, played by American actors Robert Englund (b.1947) and Jackie Earle Haley (b.1961).

- – J. Holland, *Lost in Care*, p.xiv, **2005**

Freddie Sears*noun*

beers [UK]

< English footballer Freddie Sears (b.1989).

- – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 2nd September **2008**

- In the holiday inn gawtick having a few Freddie sears before flying to Mexico tomorrow. – *twitter.com*, 3rd February **2013**

Freddie Stocker*noun*

a locker [US]

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Freddo frog; freddo*noun*

a person of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ethnicity [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *wog*. < Freddo, a frog-shaped chocolate currently manufactured by Cadbury. Formed on the analogy of CHOCOLATE FROG.

- – A. McAndrew, *Hosties*, pp.174–175, **1992**
- – Isn't it funny how we have to put with muzzas and freddos bringing their shit here but if we went to where they're from we'd have to abide by every bloody law and show some respect! – Dafuqs a freddo?? – Freddo frog is a wog... And a muzzza well kind of the same thing... – Haha freddo frog is just rhyming slang. – *www.facebook.com*, 22nd January **2013**

Fred Macaulay; Fred McAuley*noun*

an umbrella [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *broolly*. < Scottish comedian Fred MacAulay (b.1956).

- If ye think a'm gon' oot in that wi'oot a Fred MacAuley ye've got anither thing comin. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**
- It looks like rain, so why not take your Fred Macaulay? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May **2007**
- Fred Macaulay – broolly – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

Fred MacMurray; Fred McMurray; fred*noun*

a curry [UK]

< American actor Fred MacMurray (1908–1991). The variant *Fred McMurray* is recorded in 2007.

- Ruby Murray (Letters, June 18)? Round here some of us still go out for a Fred (MacMurray). – *www.theguardian.com*, contributor from Oldham, Manchester, 19th June **2003**
- Going for a Fred. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th May **2007**
- Fred MacMurray is Cockney rhyming slang for curry. – M. Feldman, *Whatd'Ya Know?* p.62, **2009**

Fred Perry*noun*

1 a chamber pot [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *jerry*. < English tennis champion Fred Perry (1909–95).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 2 a ferry [UK]
- – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July **2012**

Fred Strutt*noun*

the stomach [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gut*. < Australian rugby league footballer Fred Strutt.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Fred West*noun*

1 an annoying person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *pest*. < English mass murderer Fred West (1941–95).

- Here comes that Fred West again. – *A(.com)*, 20th December **2006**
- Darryl is a proper fred west. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2013**

2 an undershirt [UK]

Rhymes on *vest*.

- Oi Treacle!! Pass us me Fred West! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th August **2009**
- Nothing better than getting out the shower and putting a Fred west on. – *twitter.com*, 11th April **2013**

freepenny bit*noun*

▶ see THREEPENNY BIT

French fries*noun*

the thighs [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Kevin Sampson in his novel *Clubland* (2002).

- I has to bend her down that little bit so's I can thrust downwards, which is that bit easier on the old French fries. – K. Sampson, *Clubland*, p.133 [2003], **2002**

French kiss*noun*

an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

French letter; french*adjective*

better [AUSTRALIA]

- Well, by smoko, I felt a bit French 'n went for a surf. [...] 'French letter' (better)[.] – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February **2010**

French line*noun*

time [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Probably < French Line, the familiar English name of the now defunct Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, whose first ship to carry mail and passengers between Le Havre and New York made its maiden voyage in 1864.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.60, **1968**

French loaf*noun*

four pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *rofe*, also spelt *ruof*, a backslang form of *four*.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

French loaf*numeral*

four [UK]

Rhymes on *rofe*, also spelt *ruof*, a backslang form of *four*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

French plait*noun*

a flat (an apartment) [UK]

· Do you fancy coming back to my French Plait for a bevi?
– *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th May 2004

French plait*adjective*

(of a surface) flat [UK]

Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· They put people in boom and mizzen for possession of Persian rugs when they are the worst tealeaves in the whole French plait Brad and Janet. – *www.liveleak.com*, video posted on 16th July 2016

freshent the luck*verb*

had sex [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *fuck*. A nonce euphemism coined by American writer Russell Hoban (1925–2011) in his 1980 novel *Riddley Walker*.

· She sung that in my ear then we freshent the Luck up there on top of the gate house. – R. Hoban, *Riddley Walker*, p.5 [1998], 1980

Friar Tuck; friar's tuck; friar; friars*noun*

1 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Friar Tuck, a character in the stories of Robin Hood. Only recorded in the form *Friar Tuck*. Hence the spoonerism *try a fuck*. Often used in the phrases *what the Friar Tuck?*, *who the Friar Tuck?* and, as an interposed intensifier, in expressions such as *shut the Friar Tuck up* and *get the Friar Tuck out*.

· While Golly-Eyes drove for his life, College Harry on the back seat, cursing like Friar Tuck on a wet Wednesday, was wrestling with the wax lady, trying to undress her. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.38, 1956

· What the Friar Tuck in Hell... – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· What the Friar Tuck...? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Well Melbourne is Aussie Rules country so get the friar tuck out of our backyard. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 6th September 2009

· Hey Troupe, chill the Friar Tuck out, smoke some weed my friend[.] – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 14th January 2011

· What the Friar Tuck is going on in this country? – *www.facebook.com*, 26th March 2013

· What ... the ... Friar Tuck? What was he thinking? – *Australian Protectionist Party* forum, 12th January 2014

· I'll shut the friar-tuck up, then. – *British Blades* forum, 12th February 2014

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Only recorded in the form *Friar Tuck*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· Then there are *Friar Tuck*, and *trolley and truck*, where the last word of the rhymers means copulation. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.87, 1973

· I could see you were after a Friar Tuck the minute you took a gander at me. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, 1974

· Prostitutes plying their trade around the old East End would proposition possible clients with 'D'you want a Friar Tuck?' – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· This Don Deut is very fussy who she has a Friar Tuck with and who she shows her thrupenny bits. – *Loving Links* forum, 9th March 2006

3 something of no value [UK/AUSTRALIA/CANADA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Friar Tuck* (also *not give a friar's fuck*, *not give a friar* or *not give a friars*) 'to not care at all'. According to the available evidence, the different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *Friar Tuck* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *friar's tuck* (UK, Canada, Ireland), *friar* (UK), *friars* (UK). The last form has yielded a number of variations, such as *friar's fuck* and *friar's toss*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· I don't give a Friar what people think about the sort of music I like. – *jazzpro.nationaljazzarchive.org.uk*, accessed 22nd March 2015: Kenny Graham, 'The Expert', 1968

· I don't give a Friar Tuck. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· I don't give a Friar Tuck for anything they do in here. – P. Fitzgerald, *The Gate of Angels*, p.95 [1998], 1990

· [N]ot to give a friars[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Those who don't care 'couldn't give a Friar'[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· I really couldn't give a friars what these Dull City (and others) have to say... – *BBC 606* forum, 26th January 2009

· Do I worry, naw, a couldn't give a Friar's Tuck, it's only a bita banter. – *Delphi Forums*, 16th December 2009

· The poor? We don't give a Friar Tuck. – *www.abc.net.au*, 27th July 2011

· In other words, I don't give a friar's tuck. – *How-to-learn-any-language* forum, 26th November 2012

· Not that you give a 'friar's tuck' either way. – *Fowl.ie* forum, 29th December 2012

· Call it narcissistic arrogance, call it snobbery. I couldn't give a friar tuck. – *Boards.ie* forum, 23rd April 2013

· I couldn't give a Friar Tuck, as this dame was nothing but sex on wonky donkey legs. – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.17, 2014

· I find it appalling how many don't give a Friar what they discard and the harm it an do as well as the eyesore it creates. – *www.streetlife.com*, 19th February 2016

4 luck [UK]

- Only recorded in the form *Friar Tuck*.
 · – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**
 · But then there are few people who are having much Friar Tuck – luck – in Walford. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 17th March **2001**
 · [W]ishing you friar tuck my old china plate, hope you're celebrating in the battle cruiser later on with a few pigs ears. – *twitter.com*, 15th August **2012**

Friar Tuck*verb*

- 1** to have sex (with someone) [UK]
 Rhymes on *fuck*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.
 · **Friar Tuck**. To coit[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**
 · Thread: Hottest Robin Hood. Which of these Robin Hoods would you most like to Friar Tuck? 1 Kevin Kostner (Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves) 2 Jonas Armstrong (Robin Hood – BBC Series)[.] – *JustUsBoys* forum, 19th July **2008**
2 to damage irreparably, to ruin; to injure [UK]
 Rhymes on *fuck*.
 · Our last bus driver (Dalat to Mui Ne) found this out to his detriment when after taking a similar attitude/ignorance to potholes he Friar-tucked the gearbox[.] – *www.offexploring.com*, blog, 14th April **2011**
 · After 10 minutes Rankin went doon when he friar tuckd his ankle, he wiz lucky likes coz McMaster hud just turned up and wiz sent straight on tae replace him. – *www.pitchero.com*, March **2014**

Friar Tuck*exclamation*

- used as an expression of anger or frustration [UK]
 Rhymes on *fuck*. From the noun FRIAR TUCK.
 · The call was re-directed to voicemail. “Friar Tuck!” Jasper cursed. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.56, **2012**
 · When demographics are distorted by such a preponderance of males, the results are grim: warfare and crime. Oh, Friar Tuck! What have we done? – *Military History Online* forum, 7th January **2016**

Friar Tuck all*noun*

- nothing at all [UK]
 A rhyming equivalent of *fuck all*. Formed on the noun FRIAR TUCK.
 · – What Did You Get For Fathers Day (If Your A Father) – [...] i got friar tuck all. – *ReefFace.co.uk* forum, 19th June **2011**
 · So in otherwords he's done Friar Tuck all in the way of volunteering. – *www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk*, 29th March **2012**

friar tuckd; friared; friar'd*adjective*

- 1** totally exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival offshoot of the verb FRIAR TUCK. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- **Friar Tucked** Thwarted. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**
 · [I]f you thought she had a big gob before the show, boys oh boys are we now friar tuckd. – *Foot.ie* forum, 7th February **2004**
 · At this rate their god forbids health will be friar'd before they even get out of their teens and if they do get out they're going to end up raspberries. – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**
 · After running up three flights of stairs I was Friar Tucked. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.148, **2007**
 · How much damage would there be if your wallet was lost/stolen? I'd be friar tuckd – ATM cards for about 4 different accounts[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 1st June **2007**
 · Electorally they are Friar Tucked, and even the hardest unionist must cringe when the likes of Winkie appears on UTV to tell us the 'craic'. – *Politics.ie* forum, 3rd September **2012**
 · Extended my route around Greenham Common to include an extra kilometre resulting in a personal best (longest ride) of 8.5km. Of course, now I'm friar-tuckd (cockney rhyming slang). – *Unicyclist Community* forum, 9th March **2014**
2 intoxicated by drugs or drink [UK]
 Rhymes on *fucked*.
 · By this time I was friar tuckd off my Chevy chase and was highland flinging along with everyone else. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October **1998**
 · I was totally Friared after that boozep. – CRS(*co.uk*), 16th December **2003**
 · [H]ahaha look at him, he's friar tuckd! – *UD(.com)*, 23rd January **2009**
3 ruined, destroyed; seriously injured [UK/IRELAND]
 Rhymes on *fucked*.
 · If anyone's got a spare rear caliper for sale, I'm in the market for one. The one off the bike is totally friar-tuckd. – *Kawasaki ZRX Owners Club* forum, 11th July **2006**
 · Me old mate has a friar tuckd back, but even when he is in pain the bike gives him relief. – *Visordown* forum, 16th September **2009**
 · Oh bollocks, my car is friar tuckd! – *UD(.com)*, 23rd January **2009**
 · My Wheels Are Friar Tucked. – *ScoobyIreland.com* forum, 19th February **2009**
 · Someone claims politicians “have totally Friar Tucked the economy”. – *twitter.com*, 23rd March **2012**

friar tucker*noun*

- an obnoxious or despicable person [UK]
 Rhymes on *fucker*. A derivative of the verb FRIAR TUCK.
 · As for the Friar Tuckers who not only bring switched-on phones in; but actually answer them....! – *WhatsOnStage* forum, 20th August **2007**

· [T]here are little bastids that would nick your valve caps and break into a car for a box of faggs, i don't know what cros Garr is like for it but Belfast is a hole and full of the little friar tuckers. – *Performance Nova Group* forum, 30th January **2008**

· Hope we don't get the same Friar Tuckers in the kop shouting out false scores, ala last year. – *Footymad* forum, 23rd April **2014**

friar tucking

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fucking*. Formed on the verb FRIAR TUCK.

· She was always so elusive / with her swaying and her ducking / but late one night this man in tights / gave her a good ol' friar tucking. – *UB40 (The Official Site)* forum, 8th January **2001**

friar tucking

adjective/adverb

used for intensifying expressions of anger, exasperation, etc., or for emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fucking*. Formed on the verb FRIAR TUCK.

· Hampton wick, berkshire hunt, Fraser Nash, pony and trap / Plate of ham, Friar Tucking well, raspberry tart[.] – J. Dury, *'Hallo Sausages'*, p.111, 2012: Ian Dury's original manuscript of 'Blackmail Man', **1977**

· WHERE'S MY FRIAR TUCKING MEMBERSHIP CARD!!! – *Transitions.org.au* forum, 6th January **2005**

· Fridge, that's one fudging crud piece of ship. Friar Tucking terrible. – *The Student Room* forum, 31st August **2007**

· [T]he mans a friar tucking genius. – *epan36.blogspot.com*, blog, January **2008**

· "Found anything?" Lazlo asked. "Not a Friar Tucking thing." – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.236, **2012**

· And Sending the money to someone in Italy!!! NO FRIAR TUCKING WAY. – *Transmission 1* forum, 18th December **2012**

· [T]hat Mussel is friar tucking HUGE! – *Midland Carpers* forum, 19th October **2014**

Friar Tuck off; friar off

verb

to go away [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuck off*. Formed on the verb FRIAR TUCK.

· [T]hey can get right into their rusty Sigmas and Friar tUCK off. – *Ford XR6 Turbo* forum, 21st May **2004**

· You wont find it on here "Old Bloke" so get of your fat Kyber and Friar off! – *Lewes.co.uk* forum, 19th October **2014**

· Crikey if everyone started a thread and friar tucked off after being a prick* on here then there'd be nobody left! – *boardhost.com/everton-forum*, forum, 3rd December **2014**

fridge freezer; fridge and freezer; fridge

noun

a man [UK]

Rhymes on *geezer*. Thorne (1997) lists the form *fridge*, which he notes to date back to the 1970s. ▶ see CHEESE AND CHUTNEY

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Who's the dodgiest fridge we've heard of? – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], **2003**

· I have it on fairly shaky authority that that is actually a fridge freezer (rhyming slang for geezer, for our cousins, not that my cousins are wannabe irish every March 17th) with a set of implants to change his 'daddaries into mammaries' your honour! – *labusas.oRg* forum, 15th July **2005**

· Blimey, she looks like a Fridge to me. – *Pattaya-Live* forum, 30th April **2008**

· The BBC news presenter **Emily Maitlis** always uses the same trick for getting rid of bores at a party [...]. Michael Caine tackles the same problem by muttering to his wife Shakira 'lose the fridge' (Cockney rhyming slang: 'fridge freezer' – 'geezer'). This is her cue to claim that they have to be moving on. – C. Croker, *I Didn't Get Where I Am...*, **2012**

· – Whats your favourite Cockney rhyming slang[?] – Would you Adam and Eve it, some Fridge and Freezer posted this thread in Ahs! – *Boards.ie* forum, 7th April **2012**

fried bread

adjective

dead [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

fried eggs

noun

the legs [AUSTRALIA/US?/UK]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Australia or Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: A.A. Martin, letter, **1937**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Iscapa'ed back to my Cain and Abel as fast as my fried eggs could carry me. – *Penthouse* magazine, London, **1965**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· ["B]oatrace" for "face" becomes "nice boat, shame about the fried eggs". – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 1st April **2012**

fried potato

noun

a waiter [US]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*. Hence FRIED SPUD.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

fried rice

noun

1 a price [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 dice [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

fried spud

noun

a waiter [US]

A punning variation of FRIED POTATO.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

frightful sight; frightful

noun

light, illumination [UK]

A nonce word.

- *frightful sight/light* [...] Our steamship's gotta 'ave lambs, maiden's, and frightful! – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.117/126, 1973

frilled gizzard

noun

an idle man who spends his time hanging around fashionable bars, restaurants, etc., often in the hope of seducing a wealthy woman [US]

Rhymes on *lounge lizard*.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

Frisby

noun

a lesbian, especially a masculine one [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *dyke* and *Dyke*. < Frisby Dyke, a long-gone draper's and outfitter's shop in Lord Street, Liverpool; also a Scouse character in the BBC radio comedy *It's That Man Again* (better known as *ITMA*, 1939–49), played by Liverpoolian actor Deryck Guyler (1914–99).

- – F. Spiegl, *LYS4*, 1989

frisk and frolic

noun

carbolic acid [UK]

- Nobody in Little Lons. needs a hype: they do however use “frisk and frolic” for carbolic[.] – *The Tablet* magazine, London, 12th March 1960

frisky

noun

whisky [UK]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of one of several terms rhyming *frisky* with *whisky*, like BRIGHT AND FRISKY, GAY AND FRISKY AND I'M SO FRISKY.

- “Frisky or Crimea?” asked Mr. Gordon Harker[.] – *Evening Dispatch*, Birmingham, 30th August 1939

Fritz

nickname

among London taxi drivers, the Ritz hotel in Piccadilly; by extension, also applied to Piccadilly itself and the taxi rank in Arlington street

A slang rhyme or a blend of *fucking* and *Ritz*.

- – G. Gates, *LTDS*, 2011

frock and frill; frock

noun

a cold [UK]

Rhymes on *chill*. ▶ see LORD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

- – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- Fred's gone down with a frock. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- Then he got the *hangars* and a *frock* and felt completely *cream-crackered*, so he thought it was *inky blue*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, 2011

frock and frill

adjective

ill [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· He was feeling ‘Frock & Frill’ (ill) as he had a ‘Conan’ (Conan Doyle–boil) on his ‘fife & drum’ (bum). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.ix, 1973

- So the next time you're feeling a bit Tom, Harry, and Dick or get frock and frill with a bout of three-penny bits or a dose of the horse and trap, and you think you're going to crack-a-cry, go to see the King's Proctor[.] – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August 2002

· Victorians weren't very well when they were ‘frock & frill’ – ill. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

frog a log

noun

a dog [US]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

frog and feather

noun

a wallet [US]

Rhymes on the slang *leather*.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

frog and stoat; frog

noun

a boat [UK]

- Bleedin' Frog (2) nearly hit the Salford Docks (3). [...] Frog and Stoat = boat. – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

frog and toad; froggn toad; froggen toad; froggin toad; frog'n; froggn; froggan; froggen; frog; frogger

noun

1 a road [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Also used in the phrase *hit the frog and toad* (in its different variant forms) 'to leave a place; to begin a journey', the direct equivalent of *hit the road*. The different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *frog and toad* (UK, Australia, US, New Zealand), *froggn toad*, *froggen toad*, *froggin toad*, *frog'n*, *froggn*, *froggan*, *froggen*, *frogger* (Australia), *frog* (UK, Australia, Ireland). Thus KERMIT THE FROG.

· FROG AND TOAD, the main road. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· [C]all a flounder and dab with a tidy Charing-cross, and we'll go for a Bushy Part along the frog and toad into the live eels. – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], 'Thieves' Slang', 8th February 1883

· When I meets the cheese and kisses and pratted off down the frog and toad, I tell you I was a bit orl right. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *Truth*, Sydney, 7th January 1900

· Frog and Toad, that's road. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.38, 1993: *New York Evening Journal*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 7th May 1920

· Tham was standing in Castlereach street with a bunch of the boys one day when it began raining, and one of the Sydneysiders said: "Here's the King of Spain (the rain) we'd better get off the frog and toad (the road) and under the goosey gander (veranda). – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May 1929

· **Frog and toad**, the main road[.] – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· Jim vardered a polone on the other side of the frog. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, ca 1937

· The frog and toad led straight from there to Cardiff. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.105 [2008], 1938

· Frog and toad Road. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, 1938

· FROG AND TOAD. A road. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· My wife he always called the trouble and strife, my mate was my tin plate, the road was the frog and toad and he never went up the hill. – F.W.G. Miller, *Gold in the River*, p.37 [1969], 1946

· *Frog and toad*; road. (Usually abbreviated to *Frog*.) – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.205, 1950

· I'm taking a ball-of-chalk down the frog-and-toad[.] – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, 1953

· So I padded the hoof along the frog and toad, still feeling butchers hook. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; ante 1965

· Now mind that frog and toad. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.163, 1976

· FROG AND TOAD: rhym. orig. Eng. Road. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· Hit the frog. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, s.v. *Frog and toad*, 1984

· There are many examples of rhyming slang in use at Paparua: [...] **frog and toad** for a road[.] – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, 1999

· We are hitting the frogger (i.e. Aussie for moving on) tomorrow morning for the north. – *vagabonding.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th August 2003

· Thread: Get a dog up ya! [True blue aussie phrases]. oh and 'hit the froggin toad'. – *Inthemix* forum, 8th November 2005

· **Frog Road**. – M. ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, 2006

· Well, what are we waiting for? Let's hit the froggen. – *www.billbottomley.com.au*, February 2006

· "Hit the froggen toad" (Hit the road). – *i-do.com.au* forum, 15th September 2006

· Time to hit the Froggn Toad for a few hours, then back to the cell block. – *Ozmazda.com* forum, 20th September 2007

· Well, we'll let you hit the frog and toad. – *Sunrise*, Australian TV: Channel 7, 12th June 2009

· Back on the froggin' toad... – *getoutthemapto.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th April 2010

· I got a list A4 long to get it all sorted, before we hit the froggn. – *WestOzWind* forum, 28th August 2010

· I wanted to have a scout around an old haunt before I picked up Glendi from Hillcrest and we hit the frog'n for Hobart. – *grumpyneighbour.blog.com*, blog, 5th November 2011

· I suspect there are not many, two fat-bike households here in Melbourne, but we are a lucky one, so after an overnight "dump" in the hills it was time to hit the froggan for some much needed cycle based shenanigans. – *fat-bike.com*, 29th August 2013

· [T]he day we can load the bus and hit the frogger will be my happiest[.] – *The Grey Nomads.com.au* forum, 4th February 2012

· I should really study road rules and stuff. I can't hit the frogger until I do. – *www.deviantart.com*, accessed 9th March 2014

2 in the building trade, a variable yet substantial amount of materials [UK: LEEDS]

Rhymes on *load*. Only recorded in the form *frog and toad*.

· In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: "I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] 'Frog and toad,' Load. – *The Yorkshire Post*, 20th July 1932

frog in the throat

noun

a boat [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931
- – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, 1953
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

frog spawn; frog on

noun

an erection (of the penis) [UK]

- Rhymes on *the horn*. The variant *frog on* (used with the indefinite article) is a blend of *frog spawn* and *hard-on*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

front and back

noun

the scrotum [UK]

- Rhymes on *sack*.
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

front wheel skid; front wheel; front-wheeler; fronter

noun

1 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*.

- **front wheel skid** *Yid*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- Front-wheel (skid) or front wheeler Jew (yid). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.184, 1977
- On this particular tour Moonie has a special bodyguard, a gigantic American front wheeler who is an ex-cop and built like a nuclear bomb-proof shithouse. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.169, 1981
- Up on a platform, there was a geezer giving a speech and he was yelling his head awf and saying all sorts about the front wheel skids and wot we should do wiv them. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.143, 1983
- Front wheel A Jew. – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.232, 1989
- **front-wheel skid, front-wheeler, fronter** *n* *British* a Jew. – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, 1990
- We’ll have to stop saying front wheel skid and Yid, as well as a four be two, once old Isaiah becomes a part of the firm. – M. Cole, *Goodnight Lady*, p.499 [2005], 1994
- One of my best pals Dave is a front wheel skid, but like the flame-grilled whopper, he ain’t what you call kosher. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.8 [2012], 2004
- ‘Effing nonce! ... Come out of there you effing Izzy! You effing front wheeler! ... You effing, effing nonce!’ they bawled. – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.79, 2005
- 2 a supporter of Tottenham Hotspur, a London football team [UK]
- Rhymes on *Yid*, a popular term for a fan of this club (► see FRONT WHEEL SKIDS). Recorded in the forms *front wheel skid*, *front wheel* and *front-wheeler*. Also used in the phrase *Front Wheel Skid Army*, the rhyming equivalent of *Yid Army*, a collective term the club’s fans use to identify themselves.
- Replay? Only on Soccer AM, ya front-wheelers! – *RunningCommentary.net* forum, 10th May 2006
- I’m taking my flag that says “Front Wheel Skid Army”. – *Spurs Community* forum, 24th August 2009

- Re: Arsenal vs Yids: How do you rate it? [...] I had a fight with 5 front wheelers up upper street me and my mate done them all they had it on there toes it was so funny. – *Goonersworld* forum, 25th September 2009
- The front wheelers have got it right when they sing “When the spurs go marching in” slow down for F sake. – *We Are the Rangersboys.com* forum, 15th March 2010
- I have a couple of Spurs mates you always refer to themselves as Yids, so it is a difficult one. For my part I always refer to the pair of them as “front wheels”. – *The Y-Word* forum, 14th April 2011
- Is it true you lot, Sunderland, Aberdeen and the front wheelers are gonna team up against us? – *FMTTM* forum, 16th March 2012

Front Wheel Skids; Front Wheels; Front-Wheelers

nickname

Tottenham Hotspur FC, a London football team

- Rhymes on *Yids*, a popular nickname for this club, a reminder of its popularity among Jewish immigrants from the East End in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other nicknames for this team are DUSTBIN LIDS and TEAPOT LIDS.
- Has Huddle signed for the Front Wheel Skids yet? – *CPFC BBS* forum, 29th March 2001
- [I]t really isn’t anti-Jewish, just an opportunity to take a pop at their local rivals Tottenham who are known as a Jewish club and are often referred to as The Yids (or Front Wheel Skids in Cockney rhyming slang). – *Twin Peaks Gazette* forum, 5th June 2006
- The front wheel skids wont be challenging for nothing this year. – *soccerlens.com*, 17th August 2008
- We will beat the Front Wheels. – *The Football Forum*, 6th December 2008
- According to some on this forum, he’ll be supporting the front wheels with a Chelsea top on. – *The AFC Forum*, 28th September 2011
- Is it true you lot, Sunderland, Aberdeen and the front wheelers are gonna team up against us? – *FMTTM* forum, 16th March 2012
- I reckon the front wheelers should go for barry fry or someone of similar ability! – *Talk Angling UK* forum, 14th June 2012
- frosty and clear**
- noun
- the ear [UK]
- The eyes are “mince pies;” the ear and the nose are, oddly enough, the “frosty and clear” and the “I suppose.” – *The Times*, London, 29th July 1894
- froth and bubble; froth and; froth**
- noun
- 1 trouble [AUSTRALIA/UK]
- Recorded in the forms *froth and bubble* (Australia, UK), *froth and* (Australia) and *froth* (UK).
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1955

- Froth, from “froth and bubble”: trouble. – *Decatur Daily Review*, Decatur, IL, ‘Basic Cockney in One Lesson’, 12th June **1963**
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxiv, **1967**
- I saw you pick up that Richard the Third and remove it from the pavement, and that was a kindly act. Take this Lady Godiva for your froth and bubble. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.28, **1983**
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**
- [G]ot myself in a bit of froth and. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**
- This thread might get us into a bit of froth and bubble. – *Silvertails* forum, 12th May **2011**
- 2** in horse-race betting, the double [AUSTRALIA]
Recorded in the forms *froth and bubble* and *froth*; the latter is given by Wallish (1989).
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- It’s my hook. I got the froth and bubble. – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker’s Bible*, **1983**
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

fruit*noun*

stairs [UK]

- A punning variation of APPLES AND PEARS. ► *see* ORANGES AND LEMONS
- My nan took it one stage further, and referred to the stairs as “fruit”. – *CycleChat* forum, 17th September **2012**

Fruit*nickname*

notorious London gangster Reginald Kray (1933–2000), aka Reg or Reggie Kray, who terrorised the East End of London with his twin Ronnie in the 1950s and 1960s

- A shortening of *Fruit and Veg*, rhyming on *Reg*. Perhaps influenced or reinforced by the slang *fruit* ‘a male homosexual’, a reference to Reggie Kray’s alleged closet homosexuality.
- Johnny Bryan is called Sawn-off, because he’s so short, only 5 foot tall, but he has all the bounce of a 6-foot muscleman and his voice should belong to Arnold Schwarzenegger. He might be short but he’s got all the answers. He named Reg ‘Fruit’ (Fruit and Veg – Reg). – D. Woolard, *We Dared*, p.192, **2003**

fruit and barley*noun*

cocaine [UK]

- Rhymes on *charlie*. ► *see* BARLEY
- coke = charlie, fruit ‘n barley, john luca vialli (a football player). – *Bluelight* forum, 15th June **2001**
- [A] line of fruit and barley. – *twitter.com*, 13th July **2013**

Fruit and Barley*nickname*

used as a substitute for the pet name *Charlie* [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Happy birthday wee fruit and barley[.] – *twitter.com*, 27th February **2016**

fruit and nut*noun*

an incision [UK]

Rhymes on *cut*.

- [A] knife will inflict a nasty ‘fruit & nut’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

fruit and nut; fruit*verb*

to cut (to inflict a wound) [UK]

- After a clash of heads, a boxer may complain that, ‘He fruit me with his nut.’ – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

fruit flans*noun*

the hands [AUSTRALIA]

A not quite perfect rhyme.

- – Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gatwart, *Other Side*, p.50, **1996**

fruits and nuts*noun*

guts; the guts [UK]

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

frupenny bit; frupenny; frups; frupps*noun*► *see* THREPENNY BIT**frying pan; old frying pan; old frying***noun***1** the hand [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *hand* as *han’*. Only evidenced in the form *frying pan*.

- – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] hand (frying pan); motor-car (jam jar); steak Joe Blake); window (Jenny Linder); hat (lean and fat); baker (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· Git yeh fryin’ pans aht o’ yeh pockets! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**

2 a fan (an admirer) [UK]

Only evidenced in the form *frying pan*.

- I’ve been a frying pan of yours for years. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 one’s husband or male partner [UK]

Rhymes on *old man*. Recorded in the forms *frying pan*, *old frying pan* and *old frying*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- My frying pan's been banged up in a flowery dell. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015
- 4 one's father [UK]
 - Rhymes on *old man*. Recorded in the forms *frying pan*, *old frying pan* and *old frying*.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

fuck shop*noun*

a school canteen [AUSTRALIA]

- Aslang rhyme on *tuckshop*, the word *tuck* being slang for food, especially snacks and sweets. Children's slang.
- – J. Factor, *KidSpeak*, 2000
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

fudge*noun*

a judge [US]

- A slang rhyme.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

full-blown Stallone*noun*

an erection of the penis [UK/US]

- Rhymes on the slang *bone*. < American actor Sylvester Stallone (b.1946), known for his hard, muscular parts.
- Hello Doctor I'm having difficulty maintaining a full blown Stallone. – www.mybtbdb.com, August 2001
- I'm also left wondering how many innocent fruits and vegetables had to suffer before Katie Holmes could bring herself to let creepy scientologist Tom Cruise's 'full blown Stallone' get anywhere near her love harbour. – www.sleazediary.blogspot.com, blog, 10th April 2006
- Slang for erection – Full Blown Stallone. – *FoxesTalk* forum, 20th November 2008
- Regardless, even if that little monologue didn't prime your pump I've got a campaign check coming your way with enough zeroes to give you a full-blown Stallone. – www.reddit.com/r/explainlikeImA, 14th July 2013
- Characters use sexual slang like "titties," "morning wood," "knobber," and "full-blown Stallone," in addition to words like "douche" and "bitch." – www.com-monsensemedia.org, accessed 22nd August 2013

full lobster*noun*

a friend, a mate [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *cobber*.
- Here is the way one of these gentry told his "full lobster" of the untruthfulness of his wife[.] – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

Fu Manchu*noun*

a clue [UK]

- < Fu Manchu, a character created in 1912 by English novelist Arthur Ward (1883–1959), better known by the nom de plume Sax Rohmer.
- I haven't got a fu manchou what to get. – www.flickr.com, 2010
- [A]part from that I haven't got a Fu Manchu what's going on. – twitter.com, 18th May 2013

fun and frolics*noun*

the testicles [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *bollix*, a spelling that reflects the Irish vernacular pronunciation of *bollocks*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- ['Y]ou'd not sound like you were kicked in the fun and frolics!!! – C.G. McDermott, *Double Entendre*, p.22, 2010

funny face*noun*

a shoe- or boot-lace [US/UK]

- In American usage, the term is recorded by Pollock (1935) in the plural form *funny faces*, which he defines specifically as 'shoelaces'.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- Mind you don't trip over your funny face. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

funny feeling*noun*

a ceiling [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

fur rugs; furs*noun*

drugs [UK]

- You got any fur rugs? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October 2003
- Maybe been hitting the old fur rugs? – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 18th August 2005
- I just don't get monged no more. Nothing against most Persians, furs, kisses an' hugs or spark plugs, but I ain't got the time nor money. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November 2005

furry muff*exclamation*

used as an expression of agreement or acceptance [UK/IRELAND]

- A nearly perfect slang rhyme on *fair enough*. < *furry muff*, a slang depiction of hirsute female genitalia or, less likely, an innocent description of a hand-warming item of wear.
- PARENT'S GUIDE TO ANOTHER WORLD OF LANGUAGE Scoobie Doo – clue. Furry muff – fair enough. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 8th December 2000
- Furry 'muff, it's just impossible for us lowly plebs to understand why then. – *Boards.ie* forum, 23rd July 2008
- Furry muff! If they fire, I'll take 'em, if they don't then the debt still stands. – M. Stanley, *The Gamblers*, p.141, 2010

· OK ... furry muff – I'll just go back to sleep then. – *Electriciansboards.co.uk* forum, 5th October **2013**

furry rugs

noun

drugs [UK]


· Drugs are powerful things, and I suppose I had a natural aptitude for the furry rugs [drugs]. – S. Winlow, *Badfellas*, p.129, 1999: interview conducted by the author in **1995**

· [H]e needs pie an mash, to feed his saucepan lids, and buy his furry rugs. – *PistonHeads* forum, 17th April **2008**

· Stop the furry rugs in case they test your piss. – *Blue-light* forum, 24th September **2008**

fusilier

noun

 beer [UK]


First recorded in 1936, but probably older, as evidenced indirectly by the punning **BROKEN SQUARE**,

whose earliest recorded use is from 1929. The 1981 quotation below is from an account of life in the British army before World War I.

· Beer was “pig’s ear” or “Crimea” or “Fusilier,” but if a Welshman went into a pub where a Highland soldier was, of the regiment whose square was once broken by the Mahdi’s dervishes in the Sudan, he would sometimes ask for a “pint of broken-square.” – F. Richards, *Sahib*, p.48 [2003], **1936**

· If a soldier left the God-forbids at home and took the joy of his life to the rub-a-dub and set out a couple of pig’s ears (or fusiliers) on the Cain and Abel, he had left the children at home, taken his wife to the pub, and put two pints of beer on the table. – B. Farwell, *Mr. Kipling’s Army*, p.126, **1981**

· [A] pint of fusilier. – *Skincell* forum, 17th July **2004**

 the ear [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

G

Gabs and McNabs

noun

1 public lice [us]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.61, 1968

2 crabs (crustaceans) [us]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.61, 1968

Gail Porter; gail

noun

a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

< Scottish television presenter Gail Porter (b.1971).

· Farmers Daughter – Quarter 1/4. Yeah I've been saying Glass of water and Gail Porter. Ah the beauty of simple vernacular construction! – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 13th September 2006

· Gail (Porter), Henry (the Eighth), Louis (the Sixteenth). – *Linguaphiles LiveJournal* forum, 13th September 2008

· [C]an you grab us a Gail of mmg please. – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December 2012

galbally

noun

▶ see JOHN GALBALLY

gallant hussar

noun

a cigar [UK]

· This rhyming slang is a sort of double-talk in the argot of the underworld, convenient for use in concealing the meaning of private conversations held in public. A few typical examples follow: [...] A gallant hussar A cigar. – S. Joel, *Ace of Diamonds*, p.197, 1958

galloping lancers

noun

cancer [UK: SCOTLAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Note, however, that *lancer* and *cancer* form a perfect rhyme in Scottish English.

· 'I've got that thing.' I said, what thing? He said, 'you know, the galloping lancers.' It took me ages to work out it was some kind of rhyming slang. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 25th March 2002

Galsworthy

noun

lager [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun. < English writer John Galsworthy (1867–1933), author of *The Forsyte Saga*, hence the hidden rhyme with *lager*. ▶ see FORSYTE SAGA

· This man says that when Scotts Hotel was still standing in Collins Street, the barmaid always knew what he wanted when he asked for a Galsworthy. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August 1978

game of nap

noun

1 a cap [UK]

< *nap* (a shortening of *napoleon*) 'a card game similar to whist'.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969

· You'd better take your game of nap and Aunt Ella. – *The Sweeney*, p.9, 1976

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

· Sorry I'm late, I was having a game of nap. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

games and sports; games

noun

warts [UK]

· I went to the clinic the other day and it looks like I've got a bad dose of games. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

gamma ray; gamma

noun

a stray [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· That Mary's a bit of a gamma. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

gammon rasher; gammon

noun

an excellent or very attractive person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *smasher*.

· "Ennit a gammon rasher!" is used in appreciation of almost anything. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974

· That Judy's a right gammon. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

G and G

noun

▶ see GORDON AND GOTCH

gang and mob; gang

noun

the mouth [UK]

Rhymes on *gob*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· He's got a big gang. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Now I know I just spat out a few precious paragraphs from my Gang and Mob (gob/mouth)[.] – *www.wattpad.com*, August 2016

garden

numeral

eight [UK]

From the noun *garden*, itself a shortening of GARDEN GATE.

· Hold on a trifle there fella, you know that my handicap's down to a 'magician's wife' and you're off at least 'garden'. So tell you what. I'll bet you double or quits that I can beat you over 18 holes. – *authonomy.com*, '18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley' by Ben Stafford, 8th February 2012

garden

exclamation

used as a request to someone to repeat something they have just said [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A slang rhyme on *pardon*. A nonce word.

· The Professor looked less nervous than worried. He peered at Harry over the spot where the upper rim of his spectacles would have been, and asked, with a somewhat frigid politeness: "I beg your pardon?" "We 'aven't got no garden," said Harry, with blithe insouciance. "Garden?" The Professor's heavy eyebrows moved upwards to meet his scrubby poll. "One 'n' 'leven-pence three-farden." – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.10, 1943

garden fence

noun

a stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial adjective *dense*.

· He is such a garden fence. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st January 2003

garden fence

adjective

(of a person) stupid [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *dense*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

garden gate; garden

noun

1 a magistrate [UK/US]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· [G]oing up before the garden. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Fred's up before the gardens again. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· Even the garden gate (magistrate) at his last trial had labeled him a classic Bobby Dylan (villain). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October 2011

· [Y]our going to the bucket and pail to face the garden gate. – *AboveTopSecret.com* forum, 1st July 2012

2 in horse-race betting, odds of eight to one [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.68, 1973

3 on the garden gate on credit [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *on the slate*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Of course, you can always have a drink on the garden gate. – *Rhyming Slang*, lyric, Robin Hunter, *The Good Old Days*, UK TV: BBC1, 18th March 1976

4 in darts, a score of eighty-eight [UK]

Also in the plural form GARDEN GATES. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Los Angeles Times*, 11th April 1987

5 eight pounds sterling [UK]

Only recorded in the short form.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.194, 1989

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, p.12, 1992

6 in bingo, the number eight [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, 2004

· The calls used for the number eight represent the range of types of calls found in the game. All of these calls are still in common usage and include: *One Fat Lady, Garden Gate, Harry Tate, Gareth Gates*. – C. Downs, *Two Fat Ladies*, p.18, 2007

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – *www.back2schoolbingo.co.uk*, accessed 25th July 2013

· [N]o time for small talk, except at Bingo when she calls: 'it's a garden gate with a doctor bevan, a garden vine and legs eleven, a life-saver...' – F. Moorhead, *Still Murder*, pp.271–272 [2002], 1991

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

7 a first officer in the merchant navy [UK]

Rhymes on *mate*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

8 a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *mate*.

· [H]ad a good ol' chat with me ol' garden gates. – *Away with Words*, UK TV: Anglia Television, 29th September 1998

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Aye me old Garden Gate, had a great time with the 'Trouble' n strife'. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

· The man was English, Cockney at that by the sound of him. [...] "The best of Donald, me old garden. Oo's next then?" – P. Taylor, *Fingal O'Reilly*, p.174, 2013

9 an eighth of a drug, especially cocaine [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· Have you got that Garden Gate you promised? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th August 2007

· – *www.facebook.com*, 19th June 2010

10 in dominoes, the number eight [UK]

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 8. Garden (Gate). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September 2009

garden gate*adjective*

late [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· ‘Arry ap an’ finish that cow off wankah, or we’ll be garden gate! – *Viz* comic, April/May 1998

garden gate*verb*

to perform oral sex (on someone) [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *plate*, the shortened form of PLATE OF HAM or, less likely, a direct rhyme on *fellate*.

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: August 2002

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

garden gates*noun*

1 a local tax paid by residential property owners based on the value of their property (its ‘rateable value’) [UK]

Rhymes on *rates*, the usual name for this tax (sometimes called, more fully, *domestic property rates*). It was in force until 1989 in Scotland and 1990 in England and Wales, when it was replaced by the controversial (and short-lived) community charge or ‘poll tax’.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 in darts, a score of eighty-eight [UK]

Also used in the singular form GARDEN GATE.

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011

3 in darts, a double eight [UK]

Rhymes on *two eights*.

· – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.20, 1980

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011

garden gnome; garden*noun*

a comb [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Hair is ‘grass’, scissors are ‘shears’ and a comb is a ‘rake’ as well as a ‘garden’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

garden hop*verb*

to inform on (someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *shop*.

· “That I can’t tell you,” said Nippy, “meaning no offence. My motto is: ‘Thou shalt not garden-hop.’” – E. Wallace, *The Missing Million*, p.159 [1924], 1923

garden hose*noun*

1 the nose [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August 2001

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December 2006

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, 2007

· The Prick Punched Me Straight In The Garden Hose! – *Street Commodores* forum, 5th March 2007

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May 2008

2 the toes [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May 2008

garden hut*noun*

a promiscuous woman [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *slut*.

· She’s a right Garden Hut. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August 2010

garden plant; garden*noun*

an aunt [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I’m going round my garden’s for a cup of tea. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009

garden shears*noun*

beers [UK]

· Shall we go for a few Garden Shears? – *twitter.com*, 3rd May 2015

· Ray Mears = beers! Also, garden shears, Britney Spears. – *www.reddit.com/user/rowdycunt*, 19th August 2015

garden shed; garden*noun*

a red ball in the game of pool [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

garden shed*adjective*

dead [AUSTRALIA]

Noted by Seal (2009) as current in Western Australia in 2007.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

garden tool*noun*

a fool [UK]

· All my life people have taken me for a Garden Tool. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th August 2002

· [U]se your brain, don’t be such a garden tool! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008

· But he fumbled his d!cky Birds and ended up looking like a proper Garden Tool... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October 2008

· I reached the door before I remembered that it would be locked and I’d have to go back down again and arsk

for the key, and then I would feel like a garden tool. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.184, **2016**

Gardner Speirs; Gardner Spiers; gardeners

noun

beers [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

< Scottish football player and manager Gardner Speirs (b.1963).

· You could always leave your sofa for some Gardner Spiers from the Kingston Bridge[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

· – *York*, spoken, male, ca 25, **2008**

· OK, but get the gardeners in first. – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, 42, February **2009**

· I had quite a few gardner Spiers last night[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 13th March **2010**

Gareth Bale; gareth

noun

ale [UK]

< Welsh footballer Gareth Bale (b.1989).

· – *Shacknet* forum, 29th January **2007**

· I've drunk far too many Gareth Bales[.] – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

· Grabbing a few Gareth's with @phelpsyp (Gareth Bale – ale, for you non cockneys). – *twitter.com*, 31st May **2014**

Gareth Bale; gareth

adjective

stale [IRELAND/UK]

< Welsh footballer Gareth Bale (b.1989). In Irish usage, only recorded in the full form.

· [T]he food we got was gareth bale. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

· I feel Le Dal Cuz Page has become a little bit Gareth.. Thats Gareth Bale- STALE. – *www.instagram.com*, 27th October **2015**

Gareth Gates

noun

1 friends [UK]

Rhymes on *mates*.

< English pop singer Gareth Gates (b.1984) who came to fame on Pop Idol, a TV talent show, in 2002.

· I'm 'eddin out with me Gareth Gates tonight. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th December **2002**

· Don't be Patrick Swayze (*Lazy*), get out with your Gareth Gates (*Mates*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

2 in bingo, the number eight [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· Bingo calls are getting a 21st century revamp using modern rhyming slang like “J-Lo's bum” for 71 and “Gareth Gates” as eight. – *The Sun*, London, 5th May **2003**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· “The garden gate, number eight” will become the imperfectly rhyming “Gareth Gates”. – *The Guardian*, London, 8th May **2003**

· The calls used for the number eight represent the range of types of calls found in the game. All of these calls are still in common usage and include: *One Fat Lady*, *Garden Gate*, *Harry Tate*, *Gareth Gates*. – C. Downs, *Two Fat Ladies*, p.18, **2007**

Gareth Gates

verb

masturbates [UK]

< English pop singer Gareth Gates (b.1984). A synonym of *masturbate* in the third person singular of the present tense.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Gareth Hunt; gareth

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Gareth Hunt, the stage name of English actor Alan Leonard Hunt (1942–2007).

· – [H]ow many rhyming slang things are based on TV personalities? [...] – The best is, of course, “Gareth Hunt”... – *rec.arts.tv.uk*, *Google Groups*, 6th February **1995**

· [T]o describe something that's patently absurd one would say “that's a load of cobblers” or “he's a gareth” to describe someone who is stupid. – *rec.arts.books*, *Google Groups*, 16th October **1996**

· If you weren't such a Gareth I'd marry you. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [Y]ou don't half make a Gareth Hunt of yourself with the following... – *Black and White Army* forum, 24th October **2005**

· My mate down London knew him, and said he was a right Gareth Hunt. – *www.theguardian.com*, 26th February **2007**

· Celebrity Income Tax evaders are a bunch of Gareths. – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Gareth Hunt of (something)* (also shortened to *make a gareth of (something)*) ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’.

· You made a right Gareth of that, didn't you? – *www.halfbakery.com*, 30th April **2003**

· The reason why Naka went forward with the ball was to make sure that it was as far away from Telfer as humanly possible, so he wouldn't make a Gareth Hunt of it. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 1st May **2007**

· I haven't posted the link because last time I tried I made a gareth of it. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 22nd August **2008**

· After the Gareth Hunt of a week I've had knocking a full stand of wine over in Morrisons was always likely to happen!! – *twitter.com*, 11th March **2011**

· ...and it's for that very reason, of Fife Council's incompetence, that I chose to have a permanent plaque for my brother elsewhere so that they couldn't make a Gareth

Hunt of it. – www.archive.dunfermlinepress.com, 30th September 2013

garibaldi biscuit; garibaldi

verb

to risk it [UK]

< *garibaldi biscuit* (often shortened to *garibaldi*) ‘a kind of biscuit with a layer of currants’. The shortening *garibaldi* is used on its own or in the form *garibaldi it*. Informed by the catchphrase ‘risk it for a biscuit’. Synonymous with CHOCOLATE BISCUIT.

· On noticing his lorry was well overloaded, a driver was heard to remark: ‘It’s only got to go a couple of miles so I’ll garibaldi it.’ – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· The Garibaldi biscuit is made with currants sandwiched between two thin layers of pastry. It doesn’t take much imagination to see the currants as dead flies (Interestingly, Garibaldi is Cockney rhyming slang for “risk it”). – *The Herald*, Plymouth, England, 27th July 2011

garlic and glue

noun

stew (a dish of meat or fish and vegetables) [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Garngad

adjective

bad [UK; SCOTLAND]

< *Garngad*, the old name for the Royston district of north Glasgow (also known in rhyming slang as ‘the GOOD AND THE BAD’). Usually in the phrase of understatement *no too Craigavad/not too Garngad*.

· We’ve no done too Garngad the day. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· “He’s no too Garngad, the wee man” means “The male child is OK”[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 8th September 1997

Gazs band of the week...The bees. Not too garngad. – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 8th July 2005

Garry Jack; Gary Jack

noun

a person’s back [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Garry Jack (b.1961).

· She laid on her Garry Jack and said I was the best Ronny Coote he had in Gary Spears. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September 2004

· A couple I have heard used... Terry Wheeler = Sheila Gary Jack (NRL) = Back. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October 2009

· For example Mitch Starc tweeted this week that after sitting on a plane for too long he had a “sore Garry Jack”. – www.facebook.com, 11th May 2012

· – *Rugby HQ*, Australian TV: Fox Sports 1, 8th May 2014

Gary Ablett; gary

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Derived from two different sources: in British and Irish English, < English footballer Gary Ablett (1965–2012); in Australian English, < Australian Rules footballer Gary Ablett, Sr (b.1961), whose involvement with drugs led him to a humiliating downfall in 2000.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

· – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February 1998

· These Gary Abletts are very weak. You have to do several of them just to get you going. – *London*, spoken, male, 22, October 1999

· gary abletts – tablets. – *Inthemix* forum, 16th April 2002

· [T]oday’s ‘Gary Ablett’ (if I may use a most appropriate piece of Cockney rhyming slang) can be any combination of MDMA, ketamine, methamphetamine, caffeine, psuedoephedrine, assorted ‘research chemicals’ and neutral binders[.] – blogs.smh.com.au, blog, 13th July 2006

· Alright mate, got any Gary’s? – *UD(.com)*, 2nd August 2006

· [G]onna go clubbing and drop some Gary abletts. – *Got-Games* forum, 7th January 2007

· The ‘gateway’ element of cannabis can be negated as they won’t be offered a ‘bit of billy’ or a ‘couple of garys’ if they want to smoke a joint. – *Est1892* forum, 13th February 2009

· ‘Gary Ablett’ was very popular in nightclubs in the North West in the mid to late 90’s... – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 10th August 2010

· Household items. Barry Cable (table), dog and bone (phone), Gary Ablett (tablet), Johnny Raper (paper). – www.donteverlookback.com, blog, 20th October 2010

· Me brother got caught with Gary Abletts and received a fine. – *Boards.ie* forum, 11th July 2011

· Ecstasyisalsoknownas:[...]GaryAbletts,littlefellas,dids and yokes. – *EireRepublic* forum, 3rd November 2011

· The document reveals that, on June 25, 2012, a hidden listening device in Clarke’s car recorded him talking to Mr Tinker about “supplying Garys”. – *Liverpool Echo*, 19th December 2013

· [Y]ou been popping garys again lad? – twitter.com, 26th October 2016

Gary Barlow

nickname

Monte Carlo [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < English pop singer Gary Barlow (b.1971).

· Holidaymakers could fly to Gary Barlow (Monte Carlo)[.] – *The Sun*, London, 10th January 2001

· So much so, one of his colleagues was just off to Gary Barlow (Monte Carlo) for a break. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 11th January 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Gary Busey*noun*

women as sex objects [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pussy*. < American actor Gary Busey (b.1944).

- Fae the wine bars tae the bingo halls, cradle-snatchin (turn ay phrase, legal limits, like) tae ambulance-chasin, fat, thin, posh, destitute; everywhere thaire's fuckin Gary Busey, you'll see me purrin up kerbside in this fast black, ready tae run it right up thair fuckin erses! – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, pp.30–31, **2015**

Gary Flower*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

< lawyer and former Australian Rugby Union chief executive Gary Michael Flowers (b.ca 1954).

- – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

gary glit-hole*noun*

an unpleasant place [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A rhyming equivalent of *shithole*, formed by blending this word with *gary glit*, itself a back-formation from GARY GLITTER.

- Best away ground visited [where applicable]? only went to boro away...and its a Gary Glit-hole. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 15th May **2008**

Gary Glitter; gary*noun*

1 bitter (beer) [UK]

< Gary Glitter, the stage name of English pop singer Paul Gadd (b.1944).

- [A] pint of 'Gary'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I'm off down the rub-a-dub for a pint of Gary Glitter. – *Me Three* magazine, New York, March **2005**
- I'm just having a nice glass of Gary Glitter. – *twitter.com*, 1st July **2012**

2 the anus [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*. More prevalent in the late 1990s, when Glitter was convicted in Britain of possessing child pornography on his computer. Reinforced in 2006, when Glitter was convicted in Vietnam of sexual offences against two underage girls. Thus PAUL GADD.

- Just because we like to take it up the Gary Glitter, darling[.] – S. Fry, *The Hippopotamus*, p.116, **1994**
- My own personal favourite for unpleasantness is "Giving her one up the Gary". – *rec.arts.tv.uk*, *Google Groups*, 1st February **1995**
- [E]very Saturday night my boyfriend takes me up the Gary Glitter[.] – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 29th December **1996**
- So, how's your old Gary Glitter? Have you been *cablaying* or *crop spraying*? – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, s.v. *crop spraying*, **1997**
- You can do it up the Gary if you want. – A. Giles, *Birth-day Girls*, p.341, **2001**

- Last year interview recordings caused two gardai, including star Kilkenny hurler Eddie Brennan, to be fined after they told a suspect he might be raped by "a big black fellah", and used rhyming slang to ask him, "do you take it up the Gary Glitter?". – *Sunday Independent*, Dublin, 13th June **2004**

- – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

- He'd come round every Sunday and we'd spoon. Then he'd do me up the Gary Glitter. – *Viz* comic, November **2005**

- Two hours later, I'm doing her up the Gary. – J. Niven, *Kill Your Friends*, p.65 [2009], **2008**

3 a toilet [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

- "Wheres Charles?", Elizabeth pondered out loud, "He's in the Gary Glitter taking Camilla up the Gary Glitter" replied Philip. – *UD(.com)*, 19th September **2006**

- There are a number of ways to euphemistically describe a call of nature or to excuse oneself to pop off to the **Gary Glitter** (shitter, ie toilet). – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.65, **2007**

- Gary = Toilet. – *Personal correspondence*, 10th March **2008**

- I wouldn't go in the Gary just yet; there's a toxic cloud hovering above the seat. – *Mellophant* forum, 14th March **2009**

- Off to the Gary glitter for a brad pitt. – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April **2013**

- Been on the Gary for 3 days since getting back from Morocco. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 20th August **2015**

4 Twitter, a microblogging service that allows users to send and read messages of up to 140 characters [UK]

- 'Is so & so on Gary?' or 'Do you follow me on Gary Glitter?' – *twitter.com*, 20th January **2012**

- Not use 2 this gary glitter (twitter) at all, jus learnt how to tweet! – *twitter.com*, 22nd April **2012**

- I'm just going on gary. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

- It's Friday night and I'm on gary glitter. – *twitter.com*, 5th April **2013**

Gary Glitter hole; gary hole*noun*

the anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

A rhyming equivalent of *shitter hole*, formed by blending this term with GARY GLITTER. *Gary Hole* is a play on the slang *glory hole*.

- [D]id u post a post ages ago about taking birds up the "gary hole" and them squelling? – *Drum&Bass Arena* forum, 12th July **2006**

- Gary Glitter – shitter (Cockney rhyming slang). The arsehole. Gary Hole, the – see Gary Glitter. – *www.oddtodd.com*, blog, 21st February **2011**

- He's also got exclusive access to Fat Sally's Gary Glitter hole every tuesday and thursday. – *Black and White Army* forum, 28th October **2014**

Gary Glitters; garys*noun*

diarrhoea [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *the squitters* and *the shitters*.
 < Gary Glitter, the stage name of English rock singer Paul Gadd (b.1944).

- – CRS(*co.uk*), 19th October **2000**
- Love Caffrey's but it gives me the Gary Glitters so I can't take it in any quantity... – *Vectra C - Signum Owners Club* forum, 16th March **2006**
- Funnily enough, I had the Gary Glitters on Monday, but that's another story. – *Golf Magic* forum, 27th November **2008**
- I already have a dose of the garys from the night before. Orange juice isn't going to help the situation! – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th July **2009**

gary hole*noun*

▶ see GARY GLITTER HOLE

Gary Jack*noun*

▶ see GARRY JACK

Gary Kelly*noun*

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK: MANCHESTER]
 < Irish footballer Gary Kelly (b.1974).

- He's got a bit of a Gary Kelly. – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

Gary Lineker; gary*noun*

vinegar [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English football and television personality Gary Lineker. Walkers Crisps, fronted in TV adverts by Lineker since 1995, introduced a 'Salt and Lineker' flavour in 1996. ▶ see GARY SALT AND VINEGAR

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

Gary Neville; Gary Nevel; G nev; gary*noun*

1 a spirit level [IRELAND/UK]

< English footballer Gary 'G-Nev' Neville (b.1975). In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *Gary Neville*.

- [H]and me that gary neville and i see if this is straight. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**
- Pass me the: Gary Neville #level. – *twitter.com*, 2nd November **2012**
- gary nevel – level. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**
- I am a brickie and I use a Gary to make sure my walls are plumb (Gary Neville = level). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**
- – S. Dent, *Dent's Modern Tribes*, p.170, **2016**
- – Anyone else call this a Gary Neville? – It's the G nev. – *www.instagram.com*, 5th May **2016**

• Tell @bbcradiomanc the names you give to inanimate objects...! We've had Harry the Hammer and Gary Neville (level). – *twitter.com*, 18th September **2016**

2 ■ on the Gary Neville; on the gary honest, sincere [UK]
 Rhymes on *level*, used in the informal phrase *on the level*.

- [H]e's on the gary he is! – *Back To The Oldskool* forum, 21st November **2008**
- That's no excuse – you wanna saddle up your George Michael and that's on the Gary Neville! – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

Gary Neville*adjective*

equal in a competition or contest [UK]

Rhymes on *level*. < English footballer Gary Neville (b.1975).

- The scores are Gary Neville. – CRS(*co.uk*), 9th May **2006**

Gary Pert*noun*

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Gary Pert (b.1965).

- When pressed, he'd iron his own Gary Pert. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.58, **1995**
- When I go out I like to wear a nice Gary Pert and a good pair of Rhythm and Blues. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

Gary Player; gary*noun*

1 an all-day drinking session [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*. < South African golfer Gary Player (b.1935).

- – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April, **2000**
- Let's make it a Gary Player. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**
- The Andy McNab [cab] cost me an Ayrton Senna [tenner] but it didn't stop me getting the Britney Spears [beers] in. Next thing you know it turned into a Gary Player [all-dayer] and I was off my Chevy Chase [face]. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th November **2006**
- Yes lets make it a Gary! – *dominoyesmaybe.blogspot.com*, blog, 'ILUG 08 a guide to Irish Idiom for our non-irish guests Part 4', 2nd March **2008**
- Anyway, turns out my mate had split with his girl the night before and wanted some company while he went on a gary player to drown his sorrows. – *Idlewild* forum, 16th September **2008**
- 2 an all-day shift at work; a full day at work; a full day spent doing the same activity [UK]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*.

- It's very likely we'll get a full day's play. I couldn't do a "Gary Player" today as I had stuff to sort out but I might do tomorrow. – *Est1892* forum, 7th August **2006**
- Why have I been awake for an hour? Its going to be a long old day ... doing a Gary Player. – *twitter.com*, 26th March **2011**

Gary Salt and Vinegar; Gary Vinegar*nickname*

English footballer Gary Lineker (b.1960)

Two imperfect slang rhymes. < Salt and Lineker, a brand of salt and vinegar crisps introduced by Walkers in 1996. Lineker has been the face of Walkers Crisps in their TV adverts since 1995. ► see GARY LINEKER

· Could me and my friend Gary Salt and Vinegar win? – *footballexplained.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th June **2006**

· – [H]e became known as Gary vinegar and he was in the ads for years. [...] – He has been doing the ads for so long now, I had forgotten about him being known as gary vinegar. – *City-Data* forum, 19th December **2008**

· Just seen Gary Salt and Vinegar. He wishes he worked for Sky. – *twitter.com*, 23rd June **2010**

· Gotta say I prefer ITV's coverage. Better pundits and no Gary Vinegar. – *Doublefinish.com* forum, 23rd June **2012**

· Gary Vinegar is just a fud and will never, ever learn to get his arse off twitter and do something constructive with his time. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 30th August **2013**

Gary Spears*noun*

years [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Gary Spears (b.1957).

· She laid on her Garry Jack and said I was the best Ronny Coote she had in Gary Spears. – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

Gary Sprake*noun*

a steak [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Welsh footballer Gary Sprake (1945–2016).

· You don,t hear it much today but in my youth Manchester had its own form of cockney rhyming slang. [...] Steak was Gary Sprake. – *Knowhere Guide/Gorton* forum, 29th April **2012**

Gary Vinegar*nickname*

► see GARY SALT AND VINEGAR

gas*noun*

prostitutes collectively [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *gas cookers*, itself a plural form of GAS COOKER.

· Former Labor MP Craig Thomson is accused of spending \$6,000 on what is known in industry terms as the gas. Gas is slang for hookers – gas cookers, hookers. Now the fact he is alleged to be a frequent companion of the gas is not the problem. It is who paid for the gas that is of some concern to him and his former employer the Health Services Union. – *www.3aw.com.au*, blog, 8th May **2012**

gas cooker*noun*

[] a prostitute [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *hooker*. Hence GAS.

· [S]od it lets go to Belarus, just bacn from going to see the Scotland game over there. Beer = 30p, bottle of vodka = £1, gas cookers/bobby moores = \$30 (i will leave the rhyming slang for others to work out). – *EVE Online* forum, 28th June **2005**

· Jolly ol' England is living out the 21st centuries modern Jack the Ripper story at the moment. The 'Gas Cookers' are taking a hammering over in Ipswich[,] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th December **2006**

· [A]h we have all had a punt on the gas cookers... – *AFC Chat* forum, 19th September **2008**

· 'She's a gas-cooker? ...' This confused Jonjo – what was Kindred doing living with a whore? – W. Boyd, *Ordinary Thunderstorms*, p.240, **2009**

· Unless you go to the gas cookers you will come home with about £150 of that I reckon. – *RangersMedia* forum, 4th September **2009**

· £20,000 A Week On Gas Cookers. – *Tartan Army* forum, 13th September **2011**

· Does Craig Thomson like gas cookers? – *Seabreeze.com.au* forum, 26th May **2012**

· [I]t's now being alleged that the 'ladies' in his room were of the 'payment only' kind, affectionately known as 'TJ Hookers' or 'Gas Cookers' or ... – *Scotclans* forum, 31st August **2012**

· Julia Roberts in #prettywoman could be, possibly, the closest thing to perfection...apart from the fact she's a gas cooker. – *twitter.com*, 28th November **2012**

[] snooker [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND]

· [C]oming for a game of gas cooker. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December **2006**

· Bob: Game of Darts Dave? Dave: No thats a game for girlies, lets have some gas cooker. – *UD(.com)*, 21st October **2008**

· [T]here is more people on my couch watching the gas cooker at the mo than there is supporters in croke park!!!! – *Boards.ie* forum, 26th April **2009**

· [W]en im nt playing football i hav a game of gas cooker (snooker) wif ma m8s. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Belfast, **2010**

· I may do another but be warned i will be watching the Gas Cooker (snooker). – *Sheffield Forum*, 16th January **2010**

· Perfect timing for a thread like this – just finished watching the gas cooker and decided that John Virgo is a fcukin pr!ck...!!! – *Singletrack World* forum, 26th February **2010**

· [T]onight – going for a game of gas cooker (snooker! not the dirty type). – *JA606* forum, 2nd March **2012**

· Can't beat a good game of Gas Cooker on BBC from The Crucible. – *twitter.com*, 29th April **2012**

· Watching the gas-cooker on BBC2. – *twitter.com*, 4th May **2014**

gas-cooked*adjective*

thwarted or trapped in a difficult situation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *snookered*.· If that last nut'll no shift we'll be gas-cooked. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988· What are you if you are 'gas-cooked'? d. Snookered. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.29, 2002· If the Law of Diminishing returns means anything, then Gorgon was Gas Cooked the moment he left the Treasury and he could no longer cook the books. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 30th Nov 2007· I know there is a lot of wishful thinking on this thread about how gas-cooked they are – but it does seem like they are well and truly feeling the squeeze. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 16th August 2009**gasket jint; gasket***noun*

a pint, especially of beer [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *gasket jint*, the Scots form of English *gasket joint*.· Moan we'll nick oot fur a couple of gaskets. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988· – A. Lillo, *A Wee Keek*, p.103, 2004**Gas Meter***nickname*1 used as a substitute for the name *Peter* [UK]· Gas meter = Peter. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August 2010· Worked with an old bloke years ago known as “the king”, every sentence had rhyming slang in it. He would call the architect on the job “gas meter” and he ended up ringing the office to complain. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February 2013

2 English footballer Peter Latchford (b.1952), best known for his time with Celtic (1975–87)

· Time and again Rangers threw balls into the box with ‘Gas Meter’ defying the Rangers forwards. – *celticunderground.net*, 25th September 2011· I actually thought big gas meter was a good goalie. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 3rd February 2014

3 Scottish footballer Peter Weir (b.1958), best remembered for his time with Aberdeen (1981–88)

· “Gas Meter” (Doric Rhyming Slang) was one of my favs. Number11 running down the wing. – *twitter.com*, 1st February 2016**gasp and grunt***noun*

1 heterosexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. ▶ see GROWL AND GRUNT· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, s.v. *grumble and grunt*, 1972

2 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, s.v. *grumble and grunt*, 1972

3 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, 1973· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, 1984· *Gasp and grunt, grumble and grunt, sharp and blunt*: rhyme with *cunt* – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.146, 1999**Gatehouse of Fleet***noun*

sleet [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Gatehouse of Fleet, a small town in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. Often spelt *Gatehoose o' Fleet* to represent its local pronunciation.· It's no' quite snaw yet, still jist Gatehoose o' fleet. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006**gates of Rome***noun*

a home [UK]

Hence *old folks' gate of Rome* ‘an old folks’ home, a nursing home’.· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941· As it began to Andy Cain and I had no Quaker oat, I took the baa lamb to the Gates of Rome. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April 1952· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.31, 1979· [T]he deep in debt was Andy Capp in the handicap and left me so coals and coke I had to Duke of York to the gates of Rome. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.276, 2008· He's locked up in an old folks' gates of Rome and the council's gonna knock it to the penny-a-pound. – *www.iflicks.net*, 23rd August 2012**gateway to heaven***noun*

in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK/IRELAND]

· – *onlinebingopoint.co.uk*, accessed June 2004· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· It was a case of lucky 27 – “Gateway to Heaven” – for Mark Lunn as he earned himself the coveted title of Midland bingo caller of the year. – *Birmingham Mail*, Birmingham, England, 26th September 2007· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**gavel and wig; gavel***noun*

scratching in order to relieve anal itching or irritation

[UK]

Rhymes on the slang *twig*.

· To ‘have a bit of dirt in your eye’ or ‘an eyelash twisted’ in public can be an intolerable situation. The relieving of this irritation is called twigging or ‘having a good old gavel’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

gavin hasting

noun

a thrashing or heavy defeat in a game or sports competition [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pasting*. < Scottish rugby union player Gavin Hastings (b.1962).

· You could always switch to the football, but your team may have had a fair few Gavin Hastings recently, and watching that could be a pain in the Robert Fleck. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Gavin Mc

noun

a can of drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *can* and *Cann*, the second part of the surname *McCann*. < English footballer Gavin McCann (b.1978).

· It’s not strictly rhyming slang, but I will often drink a Gavin Mc or a Neil Mc of juice. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 10th August **2010**

Gavin Raes

noun

clothes [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *claes*. < Scottish footballer Gavin Rae (b.1977).

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 21st March **2013**

Gaw-damn; Gah-damn

noun

▶ see GOR-DAMN

Gawd forbid; gawdfer

noun

▶ see GOD FORBID

Gawd’s in ‘eaven

noun

▶ see GOD’S IN HEAVEN

Gawler Place

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA]

< Gawler Place, a thoroughfare in Adelaide, South Australia. Noted as current in Adelaide by Lambert (2004) and Miller (2009).

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· [A] ‘dig in the grave at Gawler Place’ means to shave one’s face. – *www.slider.com*, accessed 30th June **2012**

gay and frisky; gay and friskey; gay

noun

whisky [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/UK]

The spelling variant *gay and friskey* is given by Phillips (1931). *Gay* has been recorded in Australian and British

usage. In Australia this form is also used in the expressions *gay and ten* ‘whisky and water’ and *GAY MOTHER*.

▶ see TEN FURLONGS

· Then we’ll have a drop o’ gay and frisky and some son and daughter. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

· If a man has had an extra dose of whisky, / His condition you’ll describe as somewhat drunk; / You’re wrong, it’s due to too much “Gay and frisky,” / He’s “Elephant’s trunk.” *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· It’s the rhyming slang [...] Gay an’ frisky, that’s a whiskey[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. “Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· What am I drinkin’? Gay and frisky, thanks. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Whiskey, Gay and Frisky. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· “Give old Danny a bottle of Gay and Frisky,” he ordered Charley. – J. Dixon, *Black Adventure*, p.118, **1933**

· “Most entertaining of them all,” he told me, “is the rhyming slang of the Barbary Coast, San Francisco. [...] The gay and frisky—meaning whiskey.[.]” – *The Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, 9th September **1933**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don’t seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Gay and Frisky—whisky. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· It was there I heard about a gay-and-ten, which is cockney rhyming slang for whisky-and-water. – *The Australian Women’s Weekly*, 18th October **1967**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· A nose like a grated carrot suggested that he fancied a drop of gay and frisky. – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.143, **1979**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· I’ll have a gay and I’m off. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

gay and hearty; gay

noun

a party [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- The short form is exclusively Australian.
- Let's Have a Gay and Hearty, Let's Have a Ding-Dong – Song selection recorded by Trinidadian pianist Winifred Atwell; released as a single in Australia, **1955**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
 - The mere mention of .. gay, booze-up, turn, rort, do, will have his ears pricked like fish-hooks. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, May **1965**
 - – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
 - – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
 - – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 - Some of them have been handed down in the same way as the traditional songs of the countryman – they are only heard at Cockney 'gay and hearties'. – W.B. Springle, *The Vanishing Cockney*, pp.22–23, **1990**
 - – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**
 - He once confounded all when he blithely said he was going to "take a magic to a gay at the Werries". – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 29th June **2009**
 - My grandfather used to say Gay and hearty for party. – *BabyBump* forum, 27th August **2011**
 - [G]rouse bloody gay and hearty (great party!). – *www.firstlighttravel.com*, blog, 1st April **2012**

gay gordon

- noun*
a traffic warden [UK]
Probably < Gay Gordons, a traditional Scottish dance.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - For example, doing time (in prison) has become bird-lime and traffic warden has become Gay Gordon. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 24th November **1996**
 - – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 - – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

gay mother

- noun*
whisky and water [AUSTRALIA]
A compound of *gay*, a shortening of GAY AND FRISKY, and *mother*, the first element of MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.
- If you had a gay mother, you would probably need John Galbally[.] – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August **1978**

gee whiz

- noun*
a gin fizz (a cocktail) [US]
< *gee whiz*, a mild expression of surprise, enthusiasm, regret, etc.; chiefly American.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Gemma Hussey; gemma

- noun*
the vagina [IRELAND]
Relies on the local Dublin pronunciation of *Hussey* to rhyme with *pussy*. < Irish politician Gemma Hussey (b.1938).

- **5 genital slang words/islands** [...] *gemma hussey/okinawa*[.] – *Ultimate Metal* forum, 21st September **2004**
- – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**
- Can I put my hand on your Gemma? – *KhonKaen.com* forum, 2nd April **2007**
- This was one ugly bird and if she had a Gemma Hussey under both armpits I wouldn't have bar fined her. – *Udonmap* forum, 7th November **2008**

Gene Hunt

- noun*
1 a contemptible fool [UK]
Rhymes on *cunt*. < Gene Hunt, a character in the British television series *Life on Mars* and *Ashes to Ashes*, broadcast from 2006 to 2007 and from 2008 to 2010 respectively; portrayed by English actor Philip Glenister (b.1963).
- – They truly are scumbags. – What a bunch of Gene Hunts. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 17th February **2007**
 - I've heard that "Gene Hunt" has now replaced "Sir Anthony Blunt" in popularity in unofficial Cockney Rhyming Slang vocabulary. – *BritMovie* forum, 5th May **2009**
 - In many ways, he's a bit of a Gene Hunt – if you'll pardon the Cockney rhyming slang. – *www.thesun.co.uk*, 18th November **2011**
- 2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]
Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Gene Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.
- Players coming up like Caldwell, Riordan and Zurawski who you could put hardly any faith in hit perfect penalties, yet Naka makes a gene hunt of his. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 6th June **2010**

Gene Kelly

- noun*
the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [AUSTRALIA]
< American dancer and actor Eugene Curran 'Gene' Kelly (1912–96).
- Johnno sends down a curly one, and it bumps up off the surfer's itch and gets Wardle fair in the Gene Kelly. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

General Booth

- noun*
a tooth [UK]
< General Booth, a reference to William Booth (1829–1912), the founder and first general of the Salvation Army.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

general election

- noun*
an erection [UK]
· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Don't suppose yer wantin' a quick one den? I needs to be takin' care o' me general election. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 29th January **2004**

- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.131, **2011**
- Wow, what a pair of first aid kits, a wonderful selection; / me skin's gone all clammy, I'm 'aving a general election!" – *The Sonnet Board* forum, 19th February **2012**

General Smuts; generals

noun

the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nuts*. < General Smuts, South African statesman and soldier Jan Smuts (1870–1950), who was prime minister of the Union of South Africa from 1919 to 1924 and from 1934 to 1948. The short form, recorded by Puxley (1992), is exclusively British.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, **2009**
- I'm gunna kick you in the general smuts. – *twitter.com*, 18th October **2012**

Gene Tunney; Gene Tunny; gene

noun

1 money [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American boxer James Joseph 'Gene' Tunney (1898–1978). Only recorded in the full form. The variant spelling *Gene Tunny* is given by Aven-Bray (1983).

- I was caster for Gene Tunney, so I took a slapsie maxi to the course. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**
- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- Much of what is unique about Australian English derives from the flash talk of transported criminals, and rhyming slang – “I have some Gene Tunney [money] in me skyrocket [pocket], and I'm going to the rubbity [dub-pub] for a pig's ear [beer]” – is dinki-di (a dinkum Aussie term meaning genuine Oz speak.) – T. Cahill, *Pecked to Death*, p.232 [2003], **1993**
- Further to your last answers (August 30; September 2), rhyming slang was certainly in use on Tyneside in the 1950s and 1960s. I remember hearing “Gene Tunney” for money, and “jockeys' whips” for chips[.] – *The Times*, London, 3rd September **2004**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- My Docs looked decidedly down at heel. If I had the Gene Tunney I'd have sprung for a new pair by now[.] – T. Black, *Loss*, p.98, **2010**

2 a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dunny*.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**
- I went to the **Gene** for a quick **Werris**[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- [D]ying to strain the potatoes in the Gene Tunney. – *twitter.com*, 25th January **2011**

Gene Tunny

adjective

sunny [AUSTRALIA]

< American boxer James Joseph 'Gene' Tunney (1898–1978).

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**

geoff; jeff

noun

a black person [UK]

A shortening of *Geoff Hoon*, rhyming on *coon*. < English politician Geoff Hoon (b.1953).

- A popular term for nigger here in the UK is “Jeff” or “Geoff”. In the time-honoured British tradition of rhyming slang. For example “Apples and pears” = “Stairs”, or, “A load of old pony” – pony and trap = crap. Jeff/Geoff comes from the name of a prominent, white, but nigger-loving British politician called Geoff Hoon. – *Chimpout* forum, 26th September **2010**

Geoff Baboon

nickname

English politician Geoff Hoon (b.1953), who served as Secretary of State for Defence under Tony Blair from 1999 to 2005

Much less common than GEOFF BUFFOON. ► see GEOFF HOON

- I think we should start a forum about whether Geoff Baboon is more or less smelly than Jack Straw. – *www.notbornyesterday.org*, 22nd September **2008**

Geoff Buffoon; Geoff the Buffoon

nickname

English politician Geoff Hoon (b.1953), who served as Secretary of State for Defence under Tony Blair from 1999 to 2005

The nickname became popular especially after 2003, at the time Britain was involved in the invasion of Iraq. Other satirical nicknames for Geoff Hoon include Buff Hoon, BUFFOON, Hoon the Buffoon, GEOFF BABOON and Hoon the Baboon. ► see GEOFF HOON

- I heard that interview too. Is Geoff Buffoon insane?! – *Bike Magic* forum, 5th February **2004**
- Oh and Geoff Buffoon's been a shining light has he? – *PPRuNe* forum, 3rd February **2005**
- An interesting return for Geoff Buffoon. – *blogs.warwick.ac.uk*, blog, 28th June **2007**
- Transport Secretary, Geoff Hoon, also know as Geoff the Buffoon has indicated that he is prepared to ignore our civil liberties in support of the proposed database that Jacqi Smith wants to bring in. – *www.power-to-the-people.co.uk*, 17th October **2008**
- And if Geoff Buffoon does not get that, he should prepare another future for himself. – *The People*, London, 8th February **2009**
- His rapid rise to prominence produced unflattering nick-names including “Geoff Who?”, and then, when things went awry as “Geoff Buffoon” or simply “Buff-Hoon”. – *www.thisisnottingham.co.uk*, 12th February **2010**

Geoff Duke; Geoffrey Duke; Jeff Duke; Jeffy Duke; Jeffery Duke; Jeffrey Duke; jeff; geoffrey; jefferys; jefferies; jeffrey; jeffries; duke; dukey; dukie; jeuk; jook; juke
noun

1 a look [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Relies on the common Ulster pronunciation of *duke* and *look* with a high rounded central vowel. < English motorcycle racer Geoff Duke (1923–2015). Hence also the verb *DUKE*.

· Have a wee duke at my post a few topics down this page if you please[.] – *Fastfude* forum, 11th December **2004**

· I have been hearing a lot about a Irn Bru ad on the TV. But I have yet to actually see it on the telly, so I went and had a jeffries at the site of all things tubular[.] – *flat3d.wordpress.com*, blog, 3rd September **2006**

· Went and had a wee jeff at it and noticed a problem... – *Really Mean Sounds* forum, 20th November **2006**

· We were having a Geoff Duke at him out of our office in Hope Street when he caught us on. – *Belfast Forum*, 28th February **2007**

· [T]ry, if you can thole it, having a wee jeuk at this list of Ulster dialect words[.] – *graham_mckenzie.typepad.com*, blog, 29th July **2009**

· It would be a wonderful if we could have a wee duke at the aul place before it's altered. – *Lisburn Exiles* forum, 11th October **2009**

· If you want to see support levels for a United Ireland within NI have a Geoffrey Duke at this[.] – *sluggerotoole.com*, 9th November **2010**

· I just had a wee jeffrey duke at my last years feedback[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 19th May **2010**

· Have a wee jeffy duke here for info on different car towing limits[.] – *Really Mean Sounds* forum, 16th August **2010**

· Excelen-tay Max, I shall give it a wee watch at lunchtime and have a jefferies at what I will be missing. – *Amazon.co.uk* video games forum, 8th March **2010**

· [H]ave a wee jefferys at the local press this week to see what will help u on ur way... – *Newry City Marathon* forum, 27th May **2010**

· I think I saw you on Kings Road the other day, was in my brothers VTI-S and you's had a wee geoffrey at his car lol. – *Really Mean Sounds* forum, 1st March **2011**

· Person 1: Whats in there? Person 2: I don't know, I'll have a jeffrey juke! Person 1: Do you have that important document? Person 2: I don't know, Ill have a jeffrey for it. – *UD(.com)*, 14th March **2011**

· Sally Ann had a wee dukie at the Cadburys website[.] – *Belfast Forum*, 1st April **2011**

· Thought I'd have a wee dukey at this as my family also came from Cambrai Street. – *Belfast Forum*, 18th April **2011**

· Ask my wee girl nowadays to take a "Jeff Duke" at something and she looks at me blankly... – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 9th January **2013**

· [G]enerations unaware of the origins still routinely refer to taking a wee Geoffrey Duke when they mean a look. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 5th May **2015**

2 a spot or pimple [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *pluke*. Only recorded with the spelling *Jeff Duke*.

· – [I]f av got wan its jus a wee spot. – Otherwise known as Randolph Scotts, Pol Pots & Jeff Dukes. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

Geoff Duke

verb

to vomit [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *puke*. < English motorcycle racer Geoff Duke (b.1923).

· [O]ne of the lassies with us got sunstroke 2 years ago, 'Geoff Duked' all over the place when she got back to the gaff! – *Biker.ie* forum, 7th July **2008**

Geoff Hoon

noun

a clownish or ridiculous person; a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *buffoon*, *goon*, *loon* and *baboon*. < English politician Geoff Hoon (b.1953). The term is a critical nod to Hoon's role as British Secretary of State for Defence in the run-up to and during the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Hence GEOFF BUFFOON (or just BUFFOON) and GEOFF BABOON, two examples of the circular nature of some rhyming slang. ▶ see GEOFF

· – *Daily Express*, London, 6th August **2003**

· You're a right Geoff Hoon you are. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th October **2003**

· There has been a recent slur, promulgated by users of Cockney rhyming slang, that the name Hoon was linked to baboon. Some of us who have made a study of watching Geoff Hoon perform in the Commons thought this was unfair to great apes everywhere. Instead we have always believed that Hoon was much more likely to have come from the original Buff-Hoon family. It is said that Geoff dropped Buff in a huff for being just a bit duff. – *The Times*, London, 27th October **2005**

· Mr Hoon's name has become Cockney rhyming slang for 'buffoon'. In Pandora's view, he's quite the reverse. – *The Independent*, London, 25th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Geoff Hurst; Jeff Hurst; geoff; sir geoff

noun

1 a first-class university honours degree [UK]

< English footballer Sir Geoff Hurst (b.1941), whose hat-trick won the 1966 World Cup for England. Recorded in the forms *Geoff Hurst*, *Jeff Hurst* and *geoff*.

· At York (at least!), we have slang for degree classifications: Geoff (1st) – Geoff Hirst (I think)[.] – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 5th March **1992**

· But now there is a Geoff (as in Hurst) for first, a 2:1 is a Trevor (Nunn) and a third is a Douglas (Hurd). – *Daily Mail*, London, 8th December **2000**

· For the record, a first is known as 'a Geoff' (Hurst), a 2:1 is 'an Attila' (the Hun) and a third is 'a turd'. – R. Bushi et al., *Push Guide*, p.754, **2005**

· If you do well in a degree, what do you get? A Geoff Hurst. – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· [N]amed one of the characters in my dissertation screenplay after her. Got a Geoff Hurst, cheers Mick. – *Shacknet* forum, 2nd November **2006**

· He woke the next morning without his wallet, keys, phone or trousers, with his dream of a Geoff having slipped that bit further away. – *Varsity*, University of Cambridge's student newspaper, 24th April **2009**

· I enter my third year of my Masters at the end of the month, I am on course for a Jeff Hurst! – *All Corsa* forum, 19th September **2011**

· Party-loving students who get a “Douglas” may take consolation from the fact that market forces could end up closing the gap between them and their peers who end up with a “Geoff”. – *The Observer*, London, 15th February **2016**

2 thirst [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Geoff Hurst* and *geoff*.

· Pint of Uri please, got a right Geoff Hurst on. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Those gagging for a drink may claim to have a raging ‘Geoff Hurst’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Fancy a pint? Got a right Geoff on. – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November **2010**

3 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *burst*.

· [W]oke up and went for a jeff hurst, and noticed my face had been painted... – *Wirral Sea Fishing* forum, 8th December **2003**

· Anyway time for a quick Jeff Hurst, then im off to me pit! – *Bavarian-Board.co.uk* forum, 12th December **2004**

· Sorry lads – just needed a quick Geoff Hurst. – *Jakki Degg Official Forum*, 24th December **2005**

· Another time coming back from town I had to end up stopping the cab at the Jolly Miller for a Geoff Hurst round the back and having a well worthwhile 2–3 mile walk home from there. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 9th February **2007**

· When it was eventually my turn I was greeted with a sink basin but with no plumbing below so was just constantly pissing water on the floor, I edged past that and had my Sir Geoff. – *mikesroundtheworldtrip.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th November **2012**

· Annoyingly I've picked up some rhyming slang and often find myself saying “I'm going for a Geoff” if going for a burst[.] – *Liverpool Way* forum, 29th January **2015**

· Hold my drink, just going for a Jeff Hurst[.] – *NeoGAF* forum, 25th February **2015**

Geoff Hurst

adjective

first [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. < English footballer Sir Geoff Hurst (b.1941). Recorded in the phrase *in the Geoff Hurst drum 'n' bass*, an equivalent of *in the first place*.

▶ see DRUM 'N' BASS

· [T]hey are the Bugs Bunny-controlled Jeremy Hunts that are causing much of this Brad Pitt in the Geoff Hurst drum 'n' bass. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

Geoff Hurst

verb

to burst [UK]

< English footballer Geoff Hurst (b.1941).

· I knock'd a couple back at Jack Skinner, so's I think I'm gonna Geoff Hurst. Get in the disco an' I'm off in the Ille Nasatse (khazi) fer a Mambo Jimmy. That C'est La Vie was desperate. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Geoff Jansz

noun

trousers or slacks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pants*. < Sri Lankan-born Australian celebrity chef Geoff Jansz (b.1958).

· You wear Geoff Jansz, don't you? If you play golf, you've got to wear Geoff Jansz. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Geoffrey Chaucer; geoffrey

noun

a saucer [UK]

< English poet Geoffrey Chaucer (ca 1343–1400). The short form is recorded by Willey (2009).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

· Uncle Jack doesn't have his own teeth so sucked the innards out of his *kate* and *sidney* pie, then slurped his *rosie* out of the *geoffrey*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.42, **2011**

Geoffrey Lane

noun

1 rain [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian jockey and trainer Geoff Lane (b.1939).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a train [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

George Alfred Black; george alfred

noun

the back [AUSTRALIA]

< George Alfred Black, a character in the song ‘My Boomerang Won't Come Back’ (1961) by English comedian and actor Charlie Drake (1925–2006).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

George and Ringo

noun

bingo [UK]

< George and Ringo, a tandem combination of the names of two of the Beatles, George Harrison (1943–2001) and Ringo Starr (b.1940).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- What, down in Victoria Beckham do they really go out for a couple of games of George and Ringo[?] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 14th January **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

George and Zippy; george

adjective

1 (of weather) chilly [UK]

Rhymes on *nippy*. < George and Zippy, two puppet characters in the ITV children's series *Rainbow*, broadcast from 1972 to 1992. Synonymous with BUNGLE AND ZIPPY.

• It's a bit George and Zippy out there. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November **2000**

• It's a bit George. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

• – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

• Must admit it is a bit george and zippy! Plus the heating in our building is bugged up and we are waiting on an engineer! – *Ibiza Spotlight Forums*, 18th February **2008**

• Bit George and zippy in the UK today. – *twitter.com*, 17th January **2012**

• Blue skies, but a little George & Zippy*, although it's a relief after the torrential rain. – *justin dequack.com*, blog, 2nd January **2014**

2 impudent, insolent or brash [UK]

Rhymes on *lippy*. Only recorded in the full form.

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

George Bernard Shaw; george bernard

noun

a door [UK]

< Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Shut that George Bernard! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

George Bernard Shaws; george bernard's;

dode bernards

noun

1 the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. < Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950). Recorded in the forms *George Bernard Shaws* and *dode bernards* (*Dode* is a common Scottish diminutive of *George*).

• This ticker: it wid fuckin blaw in about two minutes flat. That's if ma fuckin Dode Bernards didnae explode first n droon every cunt in the vicinity in a tsunami ay spunk. [...] It's no the bulge, that kin jist be aw the George Bernard Shaws or the cut ay the trooser. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, pp.378/405, **2015**

2 courage; nerve [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*. Only recorded in the full form.

• As you say: close the deal, business takes George Bernard Shaws [...] So? It's still fuckin business. What does business take? George Bernard Shaws! Huv a bit ay fuck-in pride: wir stickin it tae they polis cunts! – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, pp.197/447, **2015**

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*. Only recorded in the form *george bernard's*.

• Fuck aw that nanny state George Bernard's[.] – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.76, **2015**

George Best; George

noun

Pseudo-rhyming slang.

▶ see GEORGIE BEST

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George Bests

noun

▶ see GEORGIE BESTS

George Blake

noun

a snake [UK]

< British traitor George Blake (born George Behar, 1922), who in 1961 was exposed as a double agent working for the KGB.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• I thought a George Blake was a snake[.] – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 12th June **2006**

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

George Bohee

noun

tea [UK]

< African Canadian musician George Bohee (1856–after 1926), the younger of the Bohee Brothers, a minstrel banjo duo who enjoyed great popularity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Suggested by *bohea* (sometimes spelt *bohee*), a variety of Chinese black tea.

• – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, ca **1937**

George Bush; george

noun

the face [UK]

Rhymes on *mush*. < George Bush (b.1946), aka George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States.

• He clocked 'im one right in the George. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th January **2004**

• I couldn't believe the look on his george bush. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

• Look at the george bush on that poor sod! – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

George Clooney

noun

a deliberately provocative display of the naked buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *moonie*. < American actor George Clooney (b.1961).

• [H]e just dropped his keks a did a George Clooney out of the car window. – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

· Can't believe he just did a George Clooney – MOONY! – *first-thoughts.org*, 18th February **2014**

George Cole

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < English actor George Cole (1925–2015).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd December **2003**

George Dawes; georges

noun

twenty-pound notes [UK]

Rhymes on *scores*. < George Dawes, the overgrown baby and scorekeeper in the BBC's surreal quiz show *Shooting Stars*, broadcast from 1995 to 1997. The character, introduced with the catchphrase 'What are the scores, George Dawes?', was played by English comedian Matt Lucas (b.1974).

· 'You fucking Cockneys. What do you call the scores in Lun-dun? – he stretched out the syllable with a mocking inflection – 'I know the cock and hens are tens.' 'Apples – apple cores. Or Georges. "What are the scores, George Daws" – from *Shooting Stars*.' – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.81, **2004**

George Hook; george

noun

a look [IRELAND]

< Irish journalist and broadcaster George Hook (b.1941).

· It's at that point, roysh, that I cop this big-time honey giving me the serious George Hooks from the other side of the bor. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.65, **2006**
 · I have another quick George over the shoulder. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.119, **2007**

George Lee

noun

the sea [IRELAND]

< Irish economist and broadcaster George Lee (b.1962).

· Some Peggy Dell (smell) off the George Lee (sea) tonight in Dublin... – *twitter.com*, 17th May **2010**

George MacDougall

noun

a bugle [AUSTRALIA]

Military slang.

· Australian Army slang, some of it dating back to the First Great War, some picked up in the Middle East and some derived from the talk of the dock worker is of a particular and often tuneful kind. [...] Rhyming slang is used for cook—"babbling brook", for engineer—"ginger beer", and for bugle—"George MacDougall". – *The Ottawa Journal*, Ottawa, Ontario, 24th August **1945**

George Martin

noun

farting [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *fartin'*. Also used as a present participle in progressive tense con-

structions. < English orchestral arranger and producer George Martin (1926–2016).

· – *www.freelang.net*, 1st February **2001**

· Stop George Martin. You're making me sick. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

George Melly; george

noun

the belly; a paunch [UK]

< rotund English jazz singer, writer and raconteur George Melly (1926–2007).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [A] belly is more likely to be referred to as a George (Melly) than a Darby Kelly these days. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

George Michael

noun

1 a bicycle [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *cycle*. < George Michael, the stage name of English pop singer Yorgos Kyriacos Panayiotou (1963–2016).

· I'm riding my George Michael! – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· My Axl Rose (nose) has been running since I caught the U2 (flu) riding my George Michael (cycle) in the rain. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, SA, 20th March **2001**

· Whatchoo doing still in your Barack Obamas, mate? You're on the Cheryl Cole? That's no excuse – you wanna saddle up your George Michael and that's on the Gary Neville! – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

2 the menstrual cycle [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· Me girlfriend's on the George Michael. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th March **2001**

· She says that she ain't on 'er George Michael[.] – *Toy-town Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

George Michael

verb

to cycle [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *cycle*. < George Michael, the stage name of English pop singer Yorgos Kyriacos Panayiotou (1963–2016).

· Pop-loving fitness fans no longer cycle to the gym – they George Michael down the Fatboy Slim. – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· I'm going to George Michael (cycle) down to the Fat Boy Slim (Gym)[.] – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

· I'm George Michaeling to work today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th March **2001**

· [T]he correct term, ironically enough, is "George Michaeling" not "Cycling". – *spanishexposition.blogspot.com*, blog, 11th June **2007**

George Moore*noun***1** a four in cricket [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian jockey George T. D. Moore (1923–2008).

· He still laughs loudly about hitting a ‘George Moore’ (to the boundary) and a ‘Dorothy Dix’ – or ‘Dorothy’ for short – over the fence. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 2nd July **1979**

· – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker’s Bible*, **1983**

· We need a george moore off the next ball. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 ▶ see GEORGIE MOORE**George Moore***numeral*

four [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian jockey George T. D. Moore (1923–2008).

Recorded in a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3 George Moore = 4[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

George Moore*adjective*

sure [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian jockey George T. D. Moore (1923–2008).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

George O’Dowd*noun*

a cloud [UK]

< English pop singer George O’Dowd (b.1961), best known by the stage name Boy George.

· After yesterday’s lugubrious April Austin Power’s it was great relief when the old current peeped out from behind the George O’Dowds. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 21st April **2014**

George Raft; Georgie Raft; george; georgie*noun***1** a draught (of air) [UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]< American actor George Raft (1895–1980). In New Zealand and Irish English, only recorded in the form *George Raft*.

· Close the window Lennie, there’s a bit of a George Raft coming in. – *Two-Way Stretch*, UK film, script by John Warren, Len Heath, Alan Hackney and Vivian Cox, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.40, **1979**

· Shut the door, there’s a **George Raft** coming through. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· There’s a bit of a george in here. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, **1997–2005**

· I can feel a George Raft on the back of my neck[.] – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.215, **2007**

· And shut the door, there’s a George Raft. – *Talkin’ Rhymin’ Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

· There is such a nice #Georgie (Georgie Raft: Draft) blowin thru this window. – *twitter.com*, 2nd August **2011**

· I do hope the wind eases tomorrow as I don’t fancy the George Raft on the Gregory Peck every time the hide door opens. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 8th April **2014**

2 a breeze [UK]From the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *George Raft*.

· It was getting a little chillier. There was a bit of a ‘George Raft’ as the Creek lads put it, and as Molly turned off the main road down the towpath towards the meadow her nipple shot up like hot toast. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.91, **1983**

3 draught beer [UK]Only recorded in the form *George Raft*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a banker’s draft [UK]Only recorded in the form *George Raft*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· A bag of sand is a grand (£1,000), a George Raft a banker’s draft, and a Gregory (as in Peck) a cheque. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 18th April **1999**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

5 hard work [UK]Rhymes on *raft*. Recorded in the forms *George Raft* and *george*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· George Raft – work. – *Betfair Community* forum, 30th July **2010**

· Anyway back to George Raft (Graft) on Tues, First job is vertical shore to the Allie McCoists (Joists), from then the Frankie Lane (Crane) is coming after Sharon Tait (Bait) to put on the Horses hoof (Roof). [...] ready for George on Tues. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

· There’s a dude whae never does a day’s George Raft but seems tae ey have poakits fill ay pretty green, ken? – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.141, **2012**

6 criminal work [UK]Rhymes on *raft*. Recorded in the forms *George Raft* and *george*. Hence JABORGE.

· George. George Raft equals graft, job; illegal enterprise. – K. Sampson, *The Killing Pool*, p.64, **2013**

George Raft*adjective*

silly or stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *daft*. < American actor George Raft (1895–1980).

· Edinburgh school children including me used this one just after WW2. Another of the same period was 'He's George Raft' meaning daft. – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 30th April **2002**

· – *www.pearlykingsandqueens.com*, 23rd June **2008**

· I find the whole idea a bit George Raft. – *WordReference* forum, 24th August **2009**

· [D]on't take me for a mug I ain't George raft (daft) haha. – *plus.google.com*, September **2015**

· Do you think I'm George Raft? – *twitter.com*, 19th June **2016**

George Robey

noun

the road [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *toby*. Only evidenced in the expression *on the George Robey*, the direct equivalent of the slang phrase *on the toby* 'on the road, down and out'. < George Robey, the stage name of English comedian George Wade (1859–1964), known and remembered as the 'Prime Minister of Mirth'. Tramp usage.

· “‘Ello, mate!” says a Cockney voice. “You on the George Robey, too, ain't you?” “Sure,” says I, “I'm on the Toby, too, chum. Did you kip here last night?” – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.63, **1933**

georges

noun

lock-ins (in pubs), discreet after-licensed-hours drinking sessions [UK]

A shortening of *george rafters*, rhyming on *afters*. < *george rafter*, from the name of American actor George Raft (1895–1980).

· [T]here is talk about 'putting someone out on rubber bands and going for Georges'... – M. Young, *Drug Use and Addiction*, p.71, **1994**

George the Third

noun

1 an expression of disapproval by an audience, usually conveyed by hissing or booing [UK]

Rhymes on *bird*. Used in the phrases *give (someone) the George the Third* and *get the George the Third*. Theatrical usage.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 a bird [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

3 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK/AUS-TRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*. In Australian usage, usually applied to a piece of dog excrement.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· In another leap forward for modern Cockney rhyming slang, the Tory foreign secretary of the 1990s, Douglas Hurd, has deposed Richard III, George III and the phrase my word as a synonym for turd. – *www.theguardian.com*, 7th October **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· My grandad said he needed a george the third[,] – *twitter.com*, 26th May **2012**

4 a word [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

George Useless; Mr Useless

nickname

English Conservative politician George Eustice (b.1971)

An imperfect slang rhyme. Suggested, or at least reinforced, by *Useless Eustace*, the name of a comic character created in 1935 by Jack Greenall for the *Daily Mirror*.

· Mr Cameron's Press Officer is George Eustace (known as George Useless by his enemies). – *www.socialaffairsunit.org.uk*, blog, 17th August **2005**

· David Cameron is aided by George Eustace (a.k.a. George Useless). – *order-order.com*, 10th September **2005**

· Where is the evidence that George Useless is great? – *conservativehome.blogs.com*, blog, 21st May **2007**

· But that option has been signed away, Mr. Useless. Had you missed it in various Treaties? – *bovinetb.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th February **2012**

· Mr. Useless doing a sterling job here encouraging people to vote the Tories out at the next election. – *www.westernmorningnews.co.uk*, 20th February **2015**

· George Useless once again pretending he is doing something useful but doing nothing about the queues of people at the food banks each week. – *www.westbriton.co.uk*, 19th January **2016**

George Weah

noun

an all-day drinking session [UK]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*. < Liberian footballer George Weah (b.1966), who played for several European clubs from 1988 to 2001, including Chelsea and Manchester City.

· Damn right I will be... i'm there! Maybe not a George Weah though, probably just an evening session! – *PNE-Online* forum, 7th June **2007**

· George Weah - all dayer. – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**

· I had enjoyed a George Weah, all dayer for my Dad's birthday. – *tinman2ironman2014.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th February **2014**

· STRANGE DAYS ALL DAYER. Everyone loves a George Weah! – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2014**

George Young

noun

the tongue [UK]

Probably < English Conservative politician George Young (b.1941) or Scottish-born Australian rock musician and producer George Young (b.1946).

· Katie was in the shower singing Pink's 'Blow Me', which was ironic as just a few minutes ago my head had been

stuck between her legs, the good old George Young going like clockwork on her clit. – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.42, **2013**

Georgie Best; George Best; Georgie; George

noun

the best [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *best* and *Best*. < Northern Irish footballer George ‘Georgie’ Best (1946–2005). Used in the phrase *all the Georgie Best* (also with the variants *George Best*, *Georgie* and *George*), the rhyming equivalent of *all the best*.

• **All the Georgie** A 1960s way of saying ‘All the Best’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Instead, he put the money in his pocket, patted me on the arm, and said quietly, ‘all the Georgie, son.’ – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.199, **2007**

• [G]ood work and all the george (best). – *www.justgiving.com*, 24th October **2007**

• All the george best, dude. – *Cruise West Cumbria* forum, 14th November **2008**

• I Wish you all the Georgie (Best) for Saturday...and the future. – *PistonHeads* forum, 30th August **2012**

• All the Georgie on your way and make sure you eat some Dolphins this week too! – *NFL UK* forum, 27th October **2013**

• Hope you have a good one Le, and all the George for 2015! – *twitter.com*, 23rd December **2014**

• All the Georgie Best to our boys tonight. – *twitter.com*, 21st June **2016**

Georgie Best; George Best; georgie

noun

1 a guest [UK]

< Northern Irish footballer George ‘Georgie’ Best (1946–2005). Often in the expression *be my Georgie Best* (or *be my georgie!*), the rhyming equivalent of *be my guest!*. The full version of this phrase is first recorded by Partridge (1977).

• **be my Georgie Best!** – E. Partridge, *DCP*, **1977**

• Georgie Best – Guest. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd February **2001**

• ‘D’you mind if I sit here?’ ‘Be my Georgie.’ – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Georgie Best – guest. – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

2 in snooker, a special pole used to support the shaft-end of the cue when the hand cannot do comfortably so [UK]

Rhymes on *rest*. Recorded in the forms *Georgie Best* and *georgie*. ▶ see STEVE RYDER and WINONA RYDER

• Now, now an’ again you get an awkward one / And a georgie is required. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

• Georgie Best – the rest. – *comeonjimmy.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th March **2009**

• Georgie Best – Snooker Rest. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**

3 an undershirt [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *vest*.

• *Georgie Best* = vest[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

• *Georgie Best* ... vest. – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

• **Georgie Best** [...] How an undergarment became a ‘georgie’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

• Fellas just walked past me in a georgie best. It’s January. A grey vest!! – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2012**

• I feel lost without my George best (vest) haha. – *twitter.com*, 20th July **2012**

• And yes I’m wearing a “Georgie”. – *twitter.com*, 26th July **2014**

4 the chest [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

The form *Georgie Best* is common in all three locations of use, but its shortened version, *georgie*, is only recorded in Britain. *Georgie Best* is British and Australian.

• *Georgie Best* is Cockney slang for Chest. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• **Georgie Best** *n.* chest. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

• Over ‘ere son, on me Georgie. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

• *Georgie Best* – Chest. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

• Hey Simon, my rig is in horrendous shape and I’m looking to tone up my warwick farms (arms), my *Georgie best* (chest) and my pink Floyd’s (rhomboids). – *www.facebook.com*, 8th March **2012**

• The *Georgie Best* (that’s rhyming slang for chest) was pumped after these puppies. *crossfitpenrith.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th April **2014**

5 an annoying person [UK]

Rhymes on *pest*. Only recorded in the form *Georgie Best*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Georgie Bests; George Bests

noun

a woman’s breasts [UK]

< Northern Irish footballer George ‘Georgie’ Best (1946–2005).

• More! magazine’s poll showed fellas’ top pet name for boobs is Melons, followed by Bristols, Knockers, Jugs, TBs (Two Beauties), Baps, Love Pillows, Georgie Bests, Yams and Bazookas. – *The Sun*, London, 20th December **1995**

• **Georgie Bests** breasts[.] – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

• I’ll leave rhyming slang by way of *sausage roll* (‘goal’), *Hampden Roar* (‘score’) and *Georgie Bests* (‘breasts’)[.] – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.113, **2004**

• She’s got some nice George Bests, though, if you know what I mean, nudge-nude? – *Fark* forum, 21st February **2005**

• Eva Longoria laid back in the nude on the back of a white horse, one arm behind her head, the other care-

fully hiding her Georgie Bests. – *celebritydish-martin.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th May **2011**
 · At least you didn't comment on her "George Bests". – *twitter.com*, 10th October **2012**
 · I'll bet taking me suit off at the end of a long fuckin' day feels better than a lass taking out her Georgie Bests from her bra. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2016**

Georgie Greer*adjective*

(especially of a man) homosexual [us]

Rhymes on *queer*.· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.61, **1968****Georgie Moore; George Moore***noun*

1 a door [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian jockey George T. D. Moore (1923–2008). The usual form is *Georgie Moore*. The variant *George Moore* is recorded in 2008.· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**· I staggered out to the Frog and Toad (road) and caught a Smash and Grab (cab) to my Georgie Moore (front door). – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 23rd March **2012**

2 the floor [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *George Moore*.· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983****Georgie Moore***numeral*

four [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian jockey George T. D. Moore (1923–2008).

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983****Georgie Raft; georgie***noun*

▶ see GEORGE RAFT

Georgie Wood; georgie*adjective*

▶ see WEE GEORGIE WOOD

Gerard Kelly*adjective*

smelly [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Scottish actor Gerard Kelly (1959–2010).

· Your feet are Gerard Kelly. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007****Germaine Greer; germaine***noun*

1 beer [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Australian feminist, scholar and cultural commentator Germaine Greer (b.1939).

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· We washed down the meal with Germaine Greers and Donald Ducked on the Rory O'Moore. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.170 [1993], **1987**· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· I need a pint of best Germaine. – *The Independent*, London, 6th March **1999**· They just say, 'It's your turn to get the Germaines in.' – *The Independent*, London, 14th November **1999**· I'm going down the rubbidy with a few chinas to sink a few germaines. – *www.whitehat.com.au*, 'The White Hat Melbourne Newsletter', 10th February **2006**· My dream afternoon is lying on the Gordon, plates up with a Germaine in me German band[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.245, **2008**· When I got there I was going to have some honky-tonk, which is *plonk*, or maybe even a Germaine Greer, which is *beer*. – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December **2011**

2 the ear [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**· How long is it since you heard someone describe a face as a moosh? Or legs as Ginger Meggs? Or mammaries as norks? Or an arm as a Warwick Farm? Or an ear as a Germaine Greer or simply a lug? – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August **2006**· And do you like that hunk of gold she has in her Germaine Greer? – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011****German band; german***noun*

the hand [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The short form is exclusively British.

· [O]n putting his 'German' into his 'sky,' he finds he has left his 'I'm so funny' at home. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**· A man's arm is his "false alarm"; his nose, "I suppose"; his eye, "mince pie"; his hand, "German band"[.] – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, **1917**· – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd May **1924**· Will you have it in your German or the linen draper? – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November **1927**· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, **1930**· I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:- [...] 'German band,' Hand. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**· Me old German Bands ain't half sore. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.128 [2008], **1938**· Thus if a guy tells you he is going to hang a German band on your Gunga din you better take the breeze. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

- He may warn her right at the very beginning to keep her “German Bands” out of his “sky rocket”, i.e., keep her hands out of his pocket. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**
- He and his china plate Wardle have gone out with their this and thats in their German bands[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, WA, 6th February **1955**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**
- I gave her hook with my left “german band” and knocked out her “uppers and beneath”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**
- – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**
- In her German was what looked like a sack with a dead cherry in it. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.6, **1986**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- Whatserface does it now, cos the gaffa nearly had me lungs off with his wobbly Germans. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

German cruiser; german

noun

a pub [UK]

Rhymes on *boozer*.

- I pulled up a hundred yards past the pub and spoke into the microphone. ‘She’s gone in the German cruiser.’ – P. James, *Atom Bomb Angel*, p.42 [2015], **1982**
- Lets go down the German. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd July **2003**
- I’ll meet you at the German. – *Digital Spy* forum, 7th December **2005**
- The Londoners in particular were attracted to the only part of the alien countryside that reminded them of home – “the German cruiser” – and here, the landlord, unlike some, was very happy to see his new customers. – M. Tappenden, *Pegasus to Paradise*, p.166, **2013**

German fighter

noun

a lighter [UK]

- Borrow us your German Fighter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th March **2002**
- Anyway, enough of this, I’m off for an oily rag if can find me German fighter somewhere. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- [W]ho’s got my German fighter? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

German flutes

noun

boots [UK/US]

The earliest record of the word in American English is in ‘Notes on Thief Talk’ by William Cumming Wilde, published in 1890, where it is listed in the singular form *German flute* (‘a pair of boots’). This form is also entered in Maurice H. Weseen’s *Dictionary of American Slang* (1934).

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· To this Kurney retorted, “I’ll have yer down on ‘the last card of your pack’ as soon as I’ve laced my ‘German flutes’” – meaning thereby that when his *boots* were arranged he would throw Philip on his *back*. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· – W.C. Wilde, *Thief Talk*, p.309, **1890**

· *German band* is a hand (a word honoured with several rhyming equivalents), while *German flutes* (in 1914–18, *daisy roots*) are boots. – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, **1933**

· – M.H. Weseen, *DoAS*, **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham’s willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe.” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

German mace

noun

the face [UK]

· Rhyming slang is a feature of the language which the sailor has fashioned for his own particular use. [...] A hat or cap is frequently called “Tit for tat”; a face, “German mace”; the feet, “Plates of meat.” – E.J. Croucher, *Sailor Words*, p.62, **1928**

German tank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

- Wank [...] British term to describe masturbating, sometimes known as: [...] having a “german tank”[.] – *www.theporndictionary.com*, 13th March **2007**
- [H]e’s having a german tank (wank). – *UD(.com)*, 8th February **2010**
- Im off upstairs for a German Tank... – *PNE-Online* forum, 15th September **2010**
- Away for a german Tank. – *JA606* forum, 6th December **2011**

Germolene

adjective

anti-American [UK]

A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Germolene, a brand of antiseptic creams and ointments. Perhaps coined on the analogy of LISTERINE.

· I ain’t Germolene, but Bush gives me the ravin’ ’ump. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th August **2009**

Gerry Cottle; gerry*noun*

1 a bottle [UK]

< English circus impresario Gerry Cottle (b.1945).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I've been on the blower to get some Penelope Cruz (booze), a Gerry Cottle (bottle) of Vera Lynn (gin) for a Philharmonic (gin & tonic) from Sacred Spirits, an award winning micro distillers in Highgate. – *www.msarmite.com*, blog, 5th October 2010

2 courage, bravery [UK]

Rhymes on *bottle*, a shortening of BOTTLE AND GLASS.

· [T]he 'Gerry' needed to stick one's head in a lion's mouth. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**Gerry McNee***noun*

an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < Scottish football journalist Gerry McNee (b.ca 1948).

· Recently though, 5am and I have to get up for a Gerry McNee, is this a sign of things to come? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 29th May 2008

· Aye, if you're just in for a Gerry McNee then lift the f-in seat as well! – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 31st July 2013

Gerry Meier; Gerry Myer*noun*

▶ see JEREMIAH

Gerry Riddle*noun*

▶ see JERRY RIDDLE

Gerry Ryan*noun*

wine [IRELAND]

A near enough perfect rhyme. < Irish radio and TV presenter Gerry Ryan (1956–2010).

· Need a gypsies kiss before the frank skinner... Might open a bottle of red Gerry Ryan ... – *twitter.com*, 16th April 2010

Gert and Daisy; gert*adjective*

1 lazy [UK]

< Gert and Daisy, two Cockney characters originally created for radio by comedy double act Elsie and Doris Waters (1893–1990 and 1904–78 respectively); they enjoyed popular success mainly in the 1930s and 1940s.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.31, 1973

· He said I was dead Gert and Daisy (lazy. Ed) and had no motivation. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.98, 1975

· – *The Sweeney*, p.8, 1976

· You could have finished this job hours ago if you weren't so Gert and Daisy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Anyone else'd have put that shelf up by now, but you're so Gert and Daisy! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· Never had a boss who's thought I was gert. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, 2011

2 crazy [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th September 2011

· Fake Cockney can drive you Gert and Daisy. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 22nd September 2015

Gertie Gitana; gertie*noun*

a banana [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Gertie Gitana, the stage name of English music-hall singer Gertrude Mary Ross, née Astbury (1887–1957).

The short form has been recorded only in British usage.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941· – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.283, 1948

· Many of the additions are dated by reference to persons or incidents of long ago, such as Iron Duke for fluke, Gertie Gitana (a famous music-hall star of long ago) for banana. – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 18th March 1954

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.31, 1969· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· And now "a Gertie" is another word for a banana! – *Leicester Mercury*, England, 31st March 2003

· I like a gertie on my cereal. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Gertie Lee***noun*

1 in bingo, the number thirty-three [UK/IRELAND]

A doubled slang rhyme.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

2 in darts, a score of thirty-three [UK]

· – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.20, 1980· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011**getting plenty***noun*

in bingo, the number twenty [UK/IRELAND]

< *getting plenty*, an oblique reference to the satisfactory amount of sex someone is getting.· – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004

· Bingo lingo is known for its rhyming slang poetry ("getting plenty, blind 20" for instance) but last night our man kept it simple. – *The Times*, London, 17th October 2005

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- One and twenty – a buttered scone and getting plenty[.] – *www.hsj.co.uk*, blog, 27th June **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

get up and run

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-one [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

ghosts

noun

shoe [UK]

- A covert pun on *boos*, the plural of *boo* ‘a vocal sound used to frighten or startle someone’.
- Get yer ghosts on. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

Gianfranco Zola

noun

cola [UK]

- < Italian football player and manager Gianfranco Zola (b.1966).
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – *www.facebook.com*, 12th August **2012**

Gianluca Vialli; Gian Luca Vialli; John Luca Vialli; gianluca; gian luca; jean luca; luca

noun

cocaine [UK]

- Rhymes on *charlie*. < Italian footballer Gianluca Vialli (b.1964).
- – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**
- Someone else I vaguely know comes up to the table. ‘Hi,’ he says. ‘Got any Gianluca?’ – *The Guardian*, London, 13th February **1998**
- Gianluca Vialla or just Luca – Charlie (Cocaine). – *alt.sports.soccer.european.uk*, *Google Groups*, 24th February **1998**
- There was a young woman who said she liked Gianluca because it made you feel sharp and clearheaded and interested in everything. I wouldn’t mind some of that Gianluca. – *New Statesman*, London, 1st September **1998**
- coke = charlie, fruit ‘n barley, john luca vialli (a football player). – *Bluelight* forum, 15th June **2001**
- [G]ot any Luca? I’m desperate for a toot. – *h2g2* forum, 12th April **2005**
- [W]ell we’re quite prone to saying ‘Jean Luca’ for it... – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 3rd October **2006**

- Remember Gian Luca? (Vialli) = Charlie. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 16th April **2007**
- Felt completely serene – even after several lines of Gianluca Vialli. – *ComeOnBoro.com* forum, 29th February **2008**
- I got through three grams of ‘Luca last night. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

Gibsey’s warning

noun

the morning [UK]

- Probably an alteration of GYPSY’S WARNING, although this is recorded later.
- – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 26th February **1898**

giddy goat

noun

a totalisator; hence, the Tote, a system of betting on horses based on the use of the totalisator [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- SCHVET LANA is backing up again and dropped out last week at Devonport when a short priced favourite on the giddy goat. – *www.harness.org.au*, 16th February **2004**
- A race like this is a bonanza if you run the Giddy Goat. – *www.racingandsports.com.au*, 23rd March **2005**
- In early 1984, the computerized totalisator system which had been operational at the course for three years was finally linked up to the TAB network, giving punters the option of betting on the ‘giddy goat’ or with the bookmakers on all southern and local events. – *www.townsvilleturfclub.com.au*, accessed 25th July **2013**

giddy gout; giddy

noun

1 a Boy Scout [AUSTRALIA]

- < *giddy gout*, from the children’s rhyme ‘giddy giddy gout, your shirt’s hanging out’.
- GIDDY–A scout. – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, **1919**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 stout (beer) [AUSTRALIA]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December **2013**

giggle and grunt; giggle

noun

the vagina [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. A variation of GRUMBLE AND GRUNT.
- Cockney Rhyming Slang applied in direct reference to the female, however, for the same part of the body, is

grumble (*grumble and grunt*), *giggle* (*giggle and grunt*) and *sharp and blunt*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.86, **1973**

giggle and titter; giggle

noun

bitter (beer) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Peter Armstrong sent an entire lexicon of rhyming slang – from giggle and titter (bitter) to Oh my dear (beer). – W.L. Webb, *The Bedside 'Guardian'*, p.153, **1976**

· Hey, that's good giggle you've got here! – E. James, *DB-SCE*, **1997**

· 'ere. I could use a giggle. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.57, **2011**

gigot joint; gigot

noun

a pint, especially of beer [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the Scots pronunciation of *joint* as *jint*.

· Gigot. pint (of beer) (from rhyming slang gigot joint). "Breenge up the Hedley an get us a coupla gigots o' Brian Donlevy". – *www.firstfoot.com*, 'Scottish Vernacular Dictionary', 15th January **2002**

Gilbey's Gin; gilbey's

noun

the chin [UK]

< Gilbey's Gin, a popular brand of gin originally produced by the Gilbey brothers in London in the late 19th century. ▶ see FILBERT GIN

· A boxer's downfall may be a glass Gilbey's. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Gillie Potters

noun

1 pig's trotters [UK]

< Gillie Potter, the stage name of English comedian Hugh Peel (1887–1975).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.35, **2011**

2 the feet [UK]

Rhymes on *trotters*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Gilly Mint

noun

a girl or woman [UK]

Rhymes on *bint*.

· You silly Gilly Mint. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd May **2003**

· [H]e buggers off sharpish to give some bunny to another Gilly Mint. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Gilnahirk

noun

a Turk [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Gilnahirk, a suburb of Belfast.

· Calling the Claimant names such as Osama Bin Laden, Al Qaida, Turkish bastard, El Potato, Gilnahirk (rhyming slang for Turk). – *Decisions and Settlements Review*, The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, **2007–2008**

gimp

noun

▶ see MACGIMP

ginger ale; ginger

noun

1 a jail [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· We were lucky to get away with it. We deserved three months in 'ginger ale' [...] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**

· The ginger's full of gingers. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November **2001**

· [I]n fact he should be in ginger ale. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

2 bail [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Prison use. Only recorded in the full form.

· Her pot and pan had smacked it for a blue with the ducks and geese, but was out on ginger ale. ginger ale.. bail. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 a person's buttocks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tail*. Always used in the reduced form and usually in the phrase *on someone's ginger* 'close behind one', the direct equivalent of *on someone's tail*.

· I got the coppers on my ginger. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, **1967**

· Yeh, and the legal-eagles are on our ginger. – F. Hardy, *Foolgarah*, p.76, **1971**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**

· 'I gave him a swift kick up the ginger'. [...] If someone is **on your ginger** they are chasing you or right behind you. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 the mail [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**

ginger beer; gingerbeer; ginger; ging

noun

1 an engineer [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In this sense, formed as a slang rhyme, rather than rhyming slang proper. In British English the term is recorded in the forms *ginger beer* (also spelt *solid*, as *gingerbeer*) and *ginger* and is originally and still frequent-

ly applied to a nautical engineer. In Australian usage, *ginger beer* (also spelt *gingerbeer*; there is no evidence of its use in the short form) is mainly restricted to army slang, where it is often specifically used with reference to a member of the Royal Australian Engineers. ▶ see PIE AND BEER

· A New Zealand friend of mine, who recently worked his passage to London, tells me that rhyming slang is still in common use amongst the fraternity of stewards. He was attached to the engineers' mess, and one of the junior officers told him to wash out the clothes. He had barely made a good lather with the band of hope and started rubbing the dicky dirt, when who should come round the John Horner but the chief gingerbeer himself. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July 1932

· The Light Horse are *Kookaburras*, the Engineers are *Gingerbeers*, and the Provost Corps are *Squealers*. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.153, 1945: *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, January 1940

· **GINGERBEERS:** The Australian Engineer Corps. (Digger slang). – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

· Australian Army slang, some of it dating back to the First Great War, some picked up in the Middle East and some derived from the talk of the dock worker is of a particular and often tuneful kind. [...] Rhyming slang is used for cook—"babbling brook", for engineer—"ginger beer", and for bugle—"George MacDougall". – *The Ottawa Journal*, Ottawa, Ontario, 24th August 1945

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· Trades consist of Airframe, Propulsion, Weapons, Electrician and Avionics although traditionally they are still referred to as 'Riggers', 'Sooties', 'Plumbers', 'Leckies' and 'Fairies'. To the aircrew they are known as 'The Gingers' from the cockney rhyming slang 'Ginger Beer's' or Engineers! – www.raf.mod.uk, 1st February 2001

· I have a lot of respect for the ginger beers as they get some really crappy tasks (like when they deployed to Ache. – *The Australian Military Community Forum*, 18th February 2009

· Transporting things across oceans can give rise to slang too, as anyone in the merchant navy will tell you. [...] The Brits can be **ginger beers** (engineers), also known by the first half of the phrase **oil and water** (engineers and deck officers – said not to mix with each other). – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.22, 2012

· I'm a gingerbeer in the army (engineer)!! – *MySwag.org* forum, 4th January 2013

2 a tear (a teardrop) [us/uk]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

3 a male homosexual [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. The short form *ginger* is used in Britain and Ireland. The variant *ging*, recorded in British usage, is rare.

· Sooner not see her, sooner have nothing to do with her; not if she was a dirty grass, nothing lower than a grass, not even a six and four or a ponce or a ginger beer[.] – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.175, 1956

· [A] dead Eighteen-carat Ginger. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960: M. Harrison, letter, 7th October 1958

· 'Sorry to mensch, but if you've finished with the lawnmower, could you pop it in the post? Love, Biggles, Algy deceased and Ginger. Ginger!' 'What?' 'Rhyming slang: ginger beer.' – *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, UK TV: BBC1, 30th November 1972

· I must say, you've kept it a wonderful secret. All these years and you were a ginger. How does Rosie feel about it? – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.92, 1975

· Ginger (beer) Queer (i.e., a male homosexual). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.185, 1977

· 'Come on, Pumps, I'll get you a ginger beer and make you feel at home,' he mused. 'Bollocks!' came the expected reply. 'What do you mean, buying me a ginger beer? Are you getting at me?' the disgruntled man asked. 'No, I ain't, Pumps, what would you *really* like then?' 'How about a jar of vaseline?' – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.187, 1983

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· Ging(er Beer) – Queer (pronounced with both 'g's soft: Jinge). – *alt.usage.english*, Google Groups, 10th June 1994

· Turning to me, he said softly: 'You know he's a ginger beer?' 'Ginger beer?' I said, nonplussed. 'Ginger beer: queer. He's a poof.' – D. Lambkin, *The Hanging Tree*, p.122 [1996], 1995

· Apart from which, there's always been millions of gingers in the acting profession. – T. Broadbent, *Spectres*, p.14, 2005

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Put me white Gaelic shorts on with missus wash in machine... They've only gone pink! I'm goin to look like some Ginger Beer playing 2mro!! – *twitter.com*, 1st July 2010

· I thought one of the men in the troupe was her boyfriend, but it turns out he's a ginger beer, so I'm in with a dance. – L. Nelson, *The Accidental Daughter*, p.128, 2013

· – www.slang.ie, accessed 20th January 2014

4 the ear [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· So open your ginger beers and have a listen! – *www.abc.net.au*, 8th October 2015

ginger beer; ginger*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual; of, relating to or used by homosexuals [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*.

- 'e's a bit ginger. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971
- Is he ginger? – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, 1989
- Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson was rebuked for describing a car as “a bit ginger beer”. – *The Guardian*, London, 13th August 2007
- Jeez man, you could put “Pink” or something in the title to warn people that this thread is ‘ginger beer’? – *Airliners.net* forum, 15th February 2010
- Here them strides are a bit ginger, aren't they? – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 20th January 2014

gingerbread; ginger bread*noun*

the head [UK]

- Yes, my hat. I had to pull it down over my ginger-bread. – L.A. Rose and D. Furber, *Me and My Girl*, l.i, p.6 [1954], originally produced at the Victoria Palace, London, 16th December 1937
- At this, to my astonished delight, Pete unleashed a left upper cut which did not actually raise the giant from the floor but caused his gingerbread to rock backwards and forwards like a metronome. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, p.84, 1991
- Ginger Bread Head. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008

Ginger Meggs*noun*

the legs [AUSTRALIA]

< Ginger Meggs, a popular comic strip character created by Australian cartoonist Jimmy Bancks in 1921.

- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
- – N. Funge, *ADNA*, p.xii, 2000
- Ask any mallee root spreading her ginger meggs to get a merkin sailor to drop his reg grundies. – *ff.life.in-japan*, *Google Groups*, 25th May 2002
- The batsmen wore pads on their Ginger Meggs[.] – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 11th January 2004
- [N]ice ginger meggs over there. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006
- How long is it since you heard someone describe a face as a moosh? Or legs as Ginger Meggs? – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August 2006
- – L. Stewart, *ASD*, 2011

ginger pop; ginger*noun*

a policeman [UK]

Rhymes on *slop* ‘a policeman’ (a backslang form of *police*) and *cop*.

- She had called a ‘ginger-pop’[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

· Not long ago I read in a daily paper that an actress at Douglas in a street altercation with a policeman addressed him as ‘ginger.’ – J. Sampson, *Anglo-American Romany*, p.82, 1908

ginger snap*noun*

a Japanese person [us]

Rhymes on *Jap*.

- – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, 1989
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

Gino Genelli*noun*

the belly [IRELAND]

< Gino Ginelli, a brand of ice cream that was popular in Ireland in the late 1980s and 1990s.

- – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.34, 2007

gin sling; gin*noun*

1 a telephone call [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *ring*.

- Yeah, gimme a gin on the dog. – *isamebella.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th January 2008
- In Australia, we often give each other a gin sling (ring) on the dog! – *www.hioz.net*, 27th March 2009
- Mate, gimme a gin on the dog. – *goaustralia.about.com*, accessed 30th November 2012

2 a ring (for the finger) [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009
- I bought a gin sling for my cheese 'n kisses. – *alldownunder.com*, 26th November 2010

Giorgio Armani; giorgio*noun*

1 a sandwich [UK]

Rhymes on *sarnie*. < Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani (b.1934).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- Fashion PRs or photographers' assistants might mention to a colleague “I'm just popping out for a Giorgio”, as they sashay over to the sandwich shop[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 24th February 2001
- Giorgio Armani – sarnie. – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, 2007
- We invented sarnies. We're good at them. Think in terms of £2-3 for a Giorgio (Giorgio Armani – sarnie). – *Fodor's Travel Talk* forum, 25th March 2010
- Oi! Fetch me a Bacon Giorgio! – *midnightsnack.wordpress.com*, blog, 14th August 2011
- 2 in scaffolding, a transom [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on the slang *tranny*. Only recorded in the full form.
- – *www.facebook.com*, 5th March 2011

giraffe

noun

1 a laugh [UK]

Generally in the phrase *you're having a giraffe* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· Call that art? You're having a giraffe. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 18th November **2001**

· [T]he scripts have become so littered with double meanings you can only think the writers are having a giraffe. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 7th October **2003**

· You must be having a giraffe. – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 22nd November **2007**

· You're having a giraffe if you think I'm putting up with this. – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th March **2012**

· What's this? You're having a giraffe! – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.99, **2016**

2 half an ounce of a drug [UK]

· – N. Jones, *Spliffs*, p.251, **2003**

giraffe

noun

to laugh [UK]

· Quit Giraff-ing at me! Its not that funny! – *Airliners.net* forum, 11th July **2007**

· Is that the best you got? / A boy with a stick? / What am I, a dog? / Don't make me **giraffe**, / I'll chop you to bits. – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.18, **2009**

girl abductor

noun

a tram conductor [AUSTRALIA]

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

girl and boy

noun

1 a saveloy [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1893**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a toy [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Girls Aloud

noun

a cloud [UK]

< Girls Aloud, an English-Irish all-girl group that formed on the TV talent show *Popstars: The Rivals* in 2002. Identical in the plural.

· It was a bit Harry & Billy despite the old current shining through patchy Girls Aloud with a sharp wind on the back of the Gregory Peck. [...] We couldn't have wished for better weather, with a clear blue apple without a Girls Aloud to be seen. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 23rd March and 17th May **2014**

girls and boys

noun

noise [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· All the important geezers, the chief priests and the teachers of the of the Law heard all this girls-and-boys[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.102, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

give and get

noun

a bet [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

give and take

noun

1 a cake [UK]

· The give-and-take was one of the best[.] – *The Direct Hit (Journal of the 58th London Division)*, 'English as She is Spoke—in the Army', July **1917**

· Remembering the rarity of cake, or at any rate the fact that there is never quite enough to go round, we may see either a touch of pathos or a hint of good manners in "give and take". – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– Jam (beef and ham); cakes (give and takes)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Have a slice of give and take. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· You'd find give and take in this tin. – *www.traceth-eplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**

2 a magistrate [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

gladiator

noun

a potato [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*. < *Gladiator*, a 2000 American film directed by Ridley Scott and starring Russell Crowe.

· ['D]ouble pie and gladiators' was an overheard order in Poplar pie and mash shop. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Gladstone Smalls; gladstones

noun

testicles [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. Possibly influenced by a play on *stones*. < English cricketer Gladstone Small (b.1961).
 · [T]he lid came off and got me right in the Gladstone Smalls. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**
 · Lowe stated immediately after the fact that Delaney had grabbed him on the testicles, or perpetrated a ‘squirrel grip to his Gladstone Smalls’, something Delaney later denied. – *The Kennel* forum, 28th May **2007**
 · Gladstone Small – Testicles, as in *a kick in the Gladestones*. – *Betfair Community* forum, 30th July **2010**

Gladys Knight; gladys

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < American soul singer Gladys Knight (b.1944).

· How many sheets does the average person need to “buff” up their ringpiece after going for a “Gladys Night”? [...] I know that after a particularly hot’n’spicy curry I can go through half a roll of Andrex, I find that although it is nice, soft, thick and Creamy, (The loo roll, not the Gladys... although I suppose that can be too), it doesn’t last that long in our house. – *JustAddBrains.com* forum, 7th April **2003**

· – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

· But it’s always there for me ... in the cold moments between dreams ... at work, when I’m off for a ‘Gladys’ ... – *www.limmy.com*, 8th September **2006**

· So presumably he was in a cubicle having a Gladys Knight. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 16th June **2011**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· And as for all this cack about him being grateful for what he gets pish – what a load of gladys knight this all is. – *RangersMedia* forum, 16th December **2006**

· Perry Groves was talking a load of Gladys Knight. – *Bluemoon* forum, 18th February **2012**

glarse o’ water

noun

a daughter [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < *glarse o’ water*, a phonetic spelling of *glass o’ water*, the colloquial form of *glass of water*.

· I can’t Adam an’ Eve it ... Me own glarse o’ water getting cash an’ carried. – *Viz* comic, May **2003**

Glasgow boat; glasgow

noun

a coat [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

The full form is recorded by Franklyn (1960), Partridge (1961), James (1997) and Puxley (2003), but none of these authors labels it as Northern Irish. Franklyn marks it as ‘Irish usage’, while Partridge, who draws on Franklyn’s dictionary, identifies it as ‘Anglo-Irish’. James and Puxley give no indication of its regional status.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· That’s a ridiculous Glasgow boat; I won’t wear it. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I had heard this before but more often than that I’d heard a coat referred to as a Glasgow. [Rhyming slang, Glasgow Boat]. – My Dad used to call his big coat an “Ulster” have I got that right. Let me know. – you must have lived in malone :) my ould lad called it his ‘glasgow boat and his buck lep’ (kep). – *Belfast Forum*, 6th and 9th October **2009**

Glasgow Range

noun

change (money) [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· There is a fair amount of rhyming slang [in Liverpool]–*dad* (writing-pad), *China plates* (mates, companions), *five-to-two* (Jew)–but in contrast to general belief it is not all copied from Cockney. Some is definitely more Northern, like e.g. *Glasgow Range* for change (e.g. from a fiver) or *steam-tugs* for bugs. – P. Wright, *Lancashire Dialect*, p.45, **1976**

Glasgow Ranger; glasgow

noun

a stranger [UK]

< Glasgow Rangers, a Glasgow football team. Underworld use.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, **1973**

· Bit of a Glasgow = Glasgow ranger *stranger*. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Lefty says there’s Glasgow Rangers with buckets of bees in town[.] – L.R. King, *Apprentice*, p.271 [2007], **1994**

· – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.111, **2004**

· Watch out! There’s a lot of Glasgows around here. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

glass

adjective

strange [UK]

A shortening of *glass of beer*, rhyming on *queer*.

· Chris and Colin [...] have heard the expression “very glass”, meaning very strange (from Glass of Beer)[.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

glass case

noun

the face [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The

inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· “I’ll smash your ‘glass case,’ and damage your ‘north and south,’” roared Bill, referring to the *face* and *mouth* of his opponent. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

glass chandelier

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· It’s always the same story. Give him a stage and he starts acting like a glass chandelier. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

glass of beer

noun

the ear [UK]

▶ see WHISPER IN YOUR GLASS OF BEER

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**

· Good advice often comes as a result of a word in your ‘glass of beer’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I’ve got a pain in my glass of beer (ear)[.] – *voices.yahoo.com*, 14th February **2010**

glass of plonk

noun

the nose [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *conk*. < *plonk* ‘cheap or inferior wine’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

glass of water

noun

a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: spoken, August **2002**

· Give us a glass o’ water. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th September **2006**

· Farmers Daughter – Quarter 1/4. Yeah I’ve been saying Glass of water and Gail Porter. Ah the beauty of simple vernacular construction! – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture forum*, 13th September **2006**

· – *Rollitup forum*, 14th December **2009**

· – *UK420 forum*, 10th August **2015**

glass of water

nickname

the LKS Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington, the final major lead-up race to the Melbourne Cup

Rhymes on *a mile and a quarter*, the distance this race is run over. ▶ see LKS MACKINNON STAKES

· The only exception to be made to this iron law of punting was sending the turf accountant off to field the LKS Mackinnon Stakes, a race we have been partial too for many, many years. In rhyming slang, this race is known as “the glass of water” as that phrase rhymes with “mile and a quarter”, the distance that race was run at in the old money. – *www.crikey.com.au*, 2nd November **2009**

Glen Campbell; glen

noun

a gamble [UK]

< American country singer Glen Campbell (b.1936).

· Go on son, take a Glen. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st January **2003**

· I was walking along the Frog and Toad going home from work so i went into have a Glen Campbell, i put a pony on a Charing Cross, i’ll see the result to-morrow. – *dribblingpensioner.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

Glenn Hoddle; glenn

noun

an extremely easy task [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *doddle*. < English footballer and manager Glenn Hoddle (b.1957).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *Daily Mirror*, London, 2nd May **1996**

· The New Slang? It’s a Glenn Hoddle (Doddle)[.] – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· – *The Sunday Times*, London, 1st December **2002**

· I reckon getting tickets for that game will be a Glenn. – *www.catflapfootball.com*, 11th March **2009**

· An absolute Glenn Hoddle to fit too. – *Bimmerforums UK*, 12th October **2009**

· The English supporters think the Wallabies are lemon squeezy and they’ll do it in a Glenn Hoddle. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

Glenn McGrath

noun

a car [AUSTRALIA]

McGrath and *car* form a perfect rhyme. < Australian cricketer Glenn McGrath (b.1970).

· [O]ne fine Glenn McGrath. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 12th January **2004**

Glenn Roeder

noun

soda [UK]

< English football player and manager Glenn Roeder (b.1955). Coined during Roeder’s time as manager of West Ham United (2001–03).

· Put a splash of Glenn Roeder in that scotch. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

glimmie glide

noun

a side (of a street, dog track, etc.) [IRELAND]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

Gloria Gaynors; glorias

noun

trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

< American soul singer Gloria Gaynor (b.1949).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- I've bought myself a new pair of Glorias. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May 2001
- The doorman wouldn't let me in because I had me glorias on. – *b3ta* forum, 7th February 2003
- Today he is head to toe in a navy Fila tracksuit and his ever present Nike blue flash gloria's. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.22, 2007
- We look forward to welcoming King George on Saturday, especially as Wrighty has some new Gloria Gaynors he's itching to wear. – *Talking Bowls* forum, 16th June 2010

glorious sinner

noun

a dinner [UK/US]

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859
- With Whitechapel Tommy "Battle of the Nile" is "rhyming slang" for "tile," or hat. [...] He devours a "Joe Savage" (cabbage) for his "glorious sinner" (dinner)[.] – *Evening Ledger*, Philadelphia, 7th June 1915
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, 1973

glory be

noun

tea [UK]

Applied to both the drink and the evening meal.

- Wash your hands your glory be's on the table. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

G nev

noun

► see GARY NEVILLE

goanna; gohanna

noun

a piano [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. < *goanna*, an Australianism for a monitor lizard; an alteration of *iguana*. First recorded in the form *gohanna*. ► see JOANNA

- Did you know the 7th has a Y.M.C.A. now? Rather! We have got a 'gohanna' too. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *7th Field Artillery Brigade Yandoo*, January 1918
- – S.J. Baker, *PDAS1*, 1941
- He went out in a boat with his mate in the middle of the night, grabbed the grand goanna and lowered it down

in a lifeboat, see. – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.39 [1992], 1965

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.142, 1988
- – J. Blackman, *AS*, 1998
- He likes the look of the sheila playing old-time tunes on the goanna. – P. Wilson, *Faces*, p.196, 2007
- ABC Classic FM and the Sydney International Piano Competition of Australia have joined forces for the Grab the Goanna competition, giving schools the chance to win a new Boston GP-163 EP grand piano valued at more than \$38,000. Those interested in grabbing said goanna can find competition details and entry forms on abc.net.au/classic/goanna. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 9th May 2012
- Play the goanna. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May 2013

goblin

noun

a sovereign coin [UK]

Probably an imperfect slang rhyme, rather than a shortening of the rhyming slang JIMMY O'GOBLIN. It antedates the rhyming slang term.

- For nix, for nix the dibbs you bag / At any graft, no matter what! / Your merry goblins soon stravag: / Booze and the blowens cop the lot. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.177, 1896: W.E. Henley, *Villon's Straight Tip to All Cross Coves*, 1887

God almighty

noun

a nightdress [UK]

Rhymes on *nightie*.

- A repeatedly postponed event is said to be on and off like a bride's God Almighty. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

God almighty; god

numeral

ninety [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January 2010

goddess Diana

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*.

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859
- GODDESS DIANA is the rhyming equivalent for a tanner which signifies sixpence. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1893: *The Press*, 12th November 1864
- [W]hy these astonishing costermongers should choose to call a tanner "the goddess Diana," and how they came to know anything at all about the favorite deity of the Ephesians, are mysteries of equal darkness. – *The Round Table* magazine, New York, 7th March 1868
- – *Lancashire Evening Post*, Preston, 26th March 1907

God forbid; Gawd ferbid; Gord forbid; God fer-bid; godfor; godfer; gawdfer*noun*

1 a child [UK/NEW ZEALAND/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *kid*. The spelling variants *Gawd ferbid*, *Gord forbid* and *gawdfer* reflect the traditional Cockney pronunciation of *God*. The clipped forms have been recorded in British usage.

· “Rae,” said he, “on’y wait till Northallerton’s rolled ‘ome-an’ ‘ow will ‘ee roll ‘ome!—at Alexarnder Park o’ Saturday, an’ that little ‘clock’ with the naked ‘Gord-forbids’ on it is yer very own, to wear or moshkin as the fancy pleases yer!” — A.M. Binstead, *Houndsditch*, p.20, **1899**

· — J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· In bygone days Billy talked about his “Missis,” / And called his son his nipper or his kid, / But nowadays the one is “Cheese and Kisses,” / The other—“God forbid.” — *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· Do you get the twist and twirl (the girl) going down the other Peggy Pryde (the other side) of the frog and toad (the road) with a God forbid (a kid) on a false alarm (her arm). — *New Zealand Truth*, ‘Some Slum Slang. From Wellington’s Submerged Tenth’, 31st January **1914**

· “What’s that?” I murmured, half interested. “Only the bother and the gawdfers,” he answered. — T. Burke, *Nights in Town*, p.59, **1915**

· — E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· We therefore offer a First Prize of ONE GUINEA and a Second Prize of HALF-A-GUINEA for the best list of six examples of new rhyming slang submitted. Existing examples: [...] hat (or tile) = battle o’ the Nile; children (or kids) = the God forbids. — *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April **1932**

· I’ve got me trouble and strife and me god-fer-bids to look after. — *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 29th August **1933**

· — A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· A good deal of rhyming slang was used in those days. For example, a pub was a “rub-a-dub,” a table was a “Cain-and-Abel,” the wife was “joy-of-my-life,” the kids were “God-forbids” and so on. — F. Richards, *Sahib*, p.48 [2003], **1936**

· — D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· — G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· You take ‘Er Ladyship and the Gawd-ferbid to the party, and expect’ me when you see me. — M. Allingham, *The Beckoning Lady*, p.204 [2007], **1955**

· — F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [W]hen he threatens his “God forbid” he means that he is going to give his kid a hiding[.]. — L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· Hello, old chap, how’s the **struggle** and **Gawd-fers**? — *The Spokesman-Review*, Spokane, Washington, 9th March **1968**

· They’re noisy godfors. — J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· ‘Gawd forbids’ for kids is in the same vein, a reminder of the fear of having more mouths to feed. — R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.30, **1980**

· [W]ent home to the trouble and strife / and the god forbids. — A. Witting, ‘Quality of Life’, in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**

· You’ve been ill, I’ll bet, but not like other Godfers. — C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.57 [1999], **1998**

· “After all” continued Bert, “what would my bother and godfors think?” — P.A. Coggin, *Vile Guns*, p.124, **2004**

2 a hat [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *lid*. Always used in full.

· Why don’t you take off your gawd-forbid? We’re passing the Cenotaph. — J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.60 [1947], **1936**

· — J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· — M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· — I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. Always used in full.

· The best rhyming slang unites the rhyme with a social commentary, *artful dodger* (lodger), *trouble and strife* (wife), *Gawd forbids* (“kids” or “Yids”). — W. Matthews, *Cockney Past and Present*, pp.152–151, **1938**

· — J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· — M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· — I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

4 one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. Always used in full.

· [W]ho’ll give me a couple of God forbid for this piece of beef? — R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

God forgimme*nickname*

used as a substitute for the pet name *Jimmy* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· — *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

godforsaken*noun*

bacon [UK]

· — *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th February **2014**

· He ain’t told us what he had for breakfast, has he? I bet he had godforsaken. — *Mid-Morning Show*: ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Godfrey Winn; Godfrey Wynn; godfrey*noun*

gin [UK]

< English writer and journalist Godfrey Winn (1906–71).

· The argot of the racetrack was the lingua franca of our world; a mixture of Hebrew, rhyming slang, Romany and inventive wit. A gin was a Godfrey Wynn[.] — I. Skidmore, *Forgive Us*, p.48, **1983**

· [W]ilst men had a pint at the pub, women would have a drop of ‘godfrey’. — R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

godiva

noun

▶ see LADY GODIVA

God love her

noun

one's mother [UK]

Relies on the Cockney pronunciation of *love her* as *luvver* and *mother* as *muvver*.· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974· My old God love her. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**God save the Queens**

noun

green vegetables [UK]

Rhymes on *greens*. < 'God Save the Queen', the national and royal anthem of the United Kingdom and the royal anthem of several Commonwealth nations, including Canada and Australia.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**God's glory; god's**

adjective

gory; characterised by bloody violence [UK]

· Blimey that film was God's. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th January 2002· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012**God's in heaven; Gawd's in 'eaven**

noun

in bingo, the number seven [UK/IRELAND]

The variant *Gawd's in 'eaven* is given by Wright (1981) and de Boinod (2009).· – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, 1974· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, 1981· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.183, 2007· – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffing*, p.120, 2009· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**God strike me dead**

noun

a bed [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**gohanna**

noun

▶ see GOANNA

golden gate

noun

1 eight hundred pounds [UK]

< Golden Gate, a strait that connects the Pacific Ocean to the San Francisco Bay; also a name for the Golden Gate Bridge spanning the strait.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.194, 1989· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 in bingo, the number eight [UK/IRELAND]

· – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004· – *onlinebingopoint.co.uk*, accessed June 2004· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

· 'The Golden Gate.' 'Number eight.' – Coral Bingo, UK TV advert, 2016

3 a friend [UK/ZIMBABWE]

Rhymes on *mate*.· – *The Chief Baboon* forum, 28th June 2008**golden gates**

noun

1 in darts, a score of eighty-eight [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Golden Gate, a strait that connects the Pacific Ocean to the San Francisco Bay; also a name for the Golden Gate Bridge spanning the strait.

· – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.20, 1980· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.60, 2011

2 in darts, a double eight [UK]

Rhymes on *two eights*.· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.60, 2011**Golden Hind**

adjective

blind [UK]

< Golden Hind, the flagship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the world between 1577 and 1580; originally called the 'Pelican', but renamed by Drake in honour of Sir Christopher Hatton, one of his patrons, whose coat of arms bore a golden deer.

· Bad eyes? She's almost Golden Hind, poor cow. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**golden ruby**

noun

a curry [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *ruby*, the short version of RUBY MURRAY.· – *Ummah* forum, 24th November 2006**golden slipper**

noun

a singer or musical act that is predicted to achieve success [UK]

Rhymes on *tipper*, a slang word used in the music industry. Influenced by the fairy tale of Cinderella, in which a glass, diamond or golden slipper, depending on the version, represents a 'golden opportunity'.· The Society of the Golden Slippers is dedicated to the discovery and development of major musical talent. The group gather every third Monday of the month at London's Dickensian Blacks Private Members Club (67 Dean Street, Soho, London) and every few months at the Club at The Ivy. Members enjoy a showcase of major talents ('tippers'), good wine and a friendly atmosphere. – *toeslayer.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th February 2012

Golden Slipper*adjective*

excellent [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *ripper*. < *Golden Slipper*, a common ellipsis of *Golden Slipper Stakes*, a horse race for two-year-olds run annually at Rosehill Gardens racecourse in Sydney since 1957. The term has been recorded in the context of horse racing.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Gold Flake*noun*

■ **gie yersel a Gold Flake** hurry up [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shake*, used in the phrase *give yourself a shake*. < Gold Flake, a now discontinued brand of rolling tobacco marketed in widely-used yellow and red metal boxes. Used imperatively.

• – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994: 1979

gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold*noun*

in the building trade, a hammer [UK]

A very imperfect rhyme. < *gold, frankincense and myrrh*, the three gifts presented by the biblical Magi to Jesus upon his birth.

• I've worked with London Builders. Lord (Lovel) = Shovel. Bride (and Groom) = Broom.

• Pete (Tong) = Wrong. Lady (Gadiver) = Fiver. Gold (frankincense and mur) = Hammer. – *FileSharing Talk* forum, 29th September 2003

Goldie Hawn; Goldie Horn; goldie*noun*

1 a prawn [UK]

< American actress Goldie Hawn (b.1945). Recorded in the forms *Goldie Hawn* and *goldie*.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, 2008

• 'Goldies' still form part of the traditional bar snack laid on by publicans on Sunday lunchtimes[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 porn; a porn movie [UK]

• He reckons he's seen her in some Goldie but doesn't like the look of her bacons. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February 1999

• I reckon his computer has died because he has got too much goldie horn on there[.] – *Rapid7 Owners Club* forum, 28th August 2008

• I know you secretly love watching a bit of Goldie Hawn. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture*, forum, 18th January 2009

• Goldie Horn – Porn. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

Goldilocks; Goldie Locks*noun*

1 socks [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Goldilocks, the heroine of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, an English fairy tale based on Robert Southey's

The Story of the Three Bears (1837). Recorded in the forms *Goldie Locks* (UK) and *Goldilocks* (Australia).

• – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, 1977

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. Recorded in the form *Goldilocks*.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

gold ring*noun*

in any suit of cards, the king [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, 2011

Goldsborough Mort*noun*

port wine [AUSTRALIA]

< Goldsbrough Mort, a major Australian wool and produce trading company founded in 1888; it traded under the name Goldsbrough Mort & Co. until 1963, when it merged with Elder Smith & Co.

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

Goldsborough Morts*noun*

shorts [AUSTRALIA]

< Goldsbrough Mort, a major Australian wool and produce trading company founded in 1888; it traded under the name Goldsbrough Mort & Co. until 1963, when it merged with Elder Smith & Co.

• – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

gold watch*noun*

Scotch whisky [UK]

• When we win and they say what are you going to have, don't just say a half of mild. Say a gold watch or a vera lynn. – A. Burgess, *The Doctor is Sick*, p.95 [1972], 1960

• – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, 1969

• Here's a nice little drop of gold watch. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st February 1972

• – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

• A gold watch for me trouble an' strife. – *Courage Best Bitter* beer mat, 1980

• There's Jock, stone dead, an empty bottle of gold watch by his side. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 27th October 2003

• They ought to be more concerned about seriously dangerous items (such as wild horses) rather than the odd illicit drop of gold watch. – *Barmy Army* forum, 1st November 2009

golliwog; golly*noun*

1 an informer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *dog*. Only recorded in the full form. Prison use.

• – A. Delbridge et al., *MD*, 1991

2 a dog; hence, as a plural, greyhound racing [UK]
 · [T]o go to a dog track is to go to the ‘gollies’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 fog [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

golliwoggy; golly

adjective

foggy [UK]

A derivative of GOLLIWOG.

· When you can't see your hand in front of your face, you've either got your eyes closed or it's 'bloody golly'.

– R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

gon-bee

noun

a Turk [UK]

Shortened from *gone berserk*, perhaps on the model of *fourbee*, an elliptical form of *four-be-two* (► see FOUR-BY-TWO). Smith (2015) notes that the term is 'quite prevalent in London prisons and manors'.

· Fuck me, I got in the warehouse an' it was full of gon-bees all waving AK47s. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.283, **2015**

gone and dunnit

noun

a man's cap [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bunnet*, the Scots form of *bonnet* (the sense 'a man's cap' died out in England before 1700). < *gone and dunnit*, an eye-dialect rendering of *gone and done it*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Jist haud on a wee minute. Ye've forgotten his 'gone and dunnit'. – A. Morrison, *Dead Jammy!*, [2013], **2004**

· Where did I leave my gone-an-dunnit. – *www.bubbles.com*, 15th October **2014**

gone and forgotten

adjective

rotten [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

gone to Korea

noun

gonorrhoea [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

· "Got me a souvenir off one of 'em," someone volunteered, "a dose of Gone-to- Korea!" I remembered "Gone-to-Korea" was what we called "gonorrhea," during our service in the Korean War. – J.K. Campbell, *Guantanamo Remembered*, p.34, **2008**

Gonzo the Great; gonzo

noun

a state of drunkenness UK]

Rhymes on *state*, used in the colloquial phrase *in a state*. < Gonzo the Great, a puppet character in the television programme *The Muppet Show*, originally broadcast from 1976 to 1981, and subsequent Muppet specials and films.

· You was in a right Gonzo you last night. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

good and bad

noun

a father [UK]

Rhymes on *dad*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

good and fine

noun

wine [UK]

· To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: [...] Ale–Ela, ale-wer, Fanny Frail. Wine–Eniw, ine-wi, good and fine. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

Good and the Bad

nickname

the Royston district of north Glasgow

Rhymes on *Garngad*, the name for the district until it was officially changed in 1942. Both this name and its rhyming slang equivalent are still used today by locals. The nickname is always preceded by the definite article.

· – S. Finnie and P. Thomson, *The Good and the Bad: A History of Garngad*, **1997**

· I used to go to the Carlton and the Casino as well (I was born in the good and the bad, moved to Barmulloch and went to the Mungo on Duke Street and Barnaby Street). – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 18th March **2009**

· But enough of this (albeit necessary) account of the Tennants – let us go walkabout in the Garngad, known to the locals in their rhyming slang as 'The Good and the Bad'. – I.R. Mitchell, *Clydeside*, p.88, **2010**

· It was then known commonly as the Garngad. In apt rhyming slang, it was also called 'the good and the bad'. – K. McCarra, *Celtic*, **2012**

· Although many residents claim Garngad to mean the Garden of God, it is also known as 'The Good and the Bad'. – *www.roystonroadproject.org*, accessed 15th August **2013**

good deed

noun

amphetamine [UK]

Rhymes on *speed*.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

goodie and baddie; goodie

noun

an Irish person [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *Paddy*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

good looks

noun

employment documents [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *books*. Used in the phrase *get one's books* 'to be dismissed from employment'.

- Carry on like this an ye'll be gettin yer good looks. – M. Munro, *CPI*, 1996
- – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, 2012

goodness me

noun

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

< *goodness me!*, an exclamatory phrase in common currency.

- – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012
- – www.newstalk.ie, 25th June 2013
- – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August 2013

goodnight kiss

noun

an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

good ship Venus

noun

penis [UK]

< 'The Good Ship Venus', a rugby song (also known as 'Friggin' in the Riggin') whose opening verse contains the rhyming words *good ship Venus* and *penis*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

goofy gear

noun

the ear [UK]

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

go on my son

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-one [UK]

< *go on, my son!*, an enthusiastic expression of encouragement.

- – www.onlinebingo.net, 22nd July 2008
- – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October 2013

goose and duck; goose

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK/US]

Rhymes on *fuck*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- GOOSE-AND-DUCK, *subs. phr.* (rhyming). – A fuck. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1893

· GOOSE AND DUCK. Fornication. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· GOOSE & DUCK – For fuck. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaefer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· *A Few Indelicacies* [...] **Goose & duck** Goose. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, 1969

· **Goose And Duck** – [Prison: Aryan Brotherhood] "Fuck". – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· I know I'm meant to be lying low and that, but just the thought of the tarts in there, all partied-up, ready for their once-a-year goose on the sly is half starting to get to us, in all fairness. – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, p.130 [2002], 2001

· [G]ot a goose and duck last night. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

2 a truck [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· There are too many geese and ducks using this small residential road. Why is there a huge goose and duck parked outside our house? – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

3 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a goose and duck* (or *not give a goose*) 'to not care at all'.

· **goose and duck** fuck As in 'I don't give a goose what she thinks; I'm going fishing'. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· R u avin' a Bubble? I couldn't give a Goose and Duck[.] – twitter.com, 28th February 2012

goose and duck; goose

verb

to have sex [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Also used idiomatically in the expressions *goose off!* and *goose me!*, the direct equivalents of *fuck off!* and *fuck me!*. ▶ see GOOSING HELL

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· The photographer had obviously gone for the just-goosed or the just-about-to-be-goosed look cos her hair was designer messy, bottle blond and windswept, high-lighted and lowlighted. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.59 [2001], 2000

goose and ducked; goosed and ducked

adjective

1 wretched, in serious trouble, done for [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. An adjectival adaptation of the verb GOOSE AND DUCK, but also suggested by the slang *goose* 'to ruin or spoil', whose use dates back at least to the late 1850s.

· go on – do it now – see if ya don't yer goose an ducked – longer ya spend doin this tighter the noose gets round yer fuckin neck – O. McCafferty, *Shoot the Crow*, p.9, 2003

· [T]hose in a hopeless situation may be 'goose & ducked'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

· Watching prime time. Jesus Ireland is goose and ducked. – twitter.com, 21st May 2011

2 broken, ruined, spoilt; seriously injured [IRELAND/UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

- – Does anyone have a working link? – rte one goosed and ducked as well. – *GAA forum*, 26th July **2009**
- Anyone got a knee or two they don't need? Mine are goose and ducked. – *twitter.com*, 16th November **2013**

goose and gander

noun

a veranda [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of the earlier GOOSEY GANDER.

- Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here's an example: 'I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road), and met the cheese and kisses (missus) under the goose and gander (verandah) of the rubberdy dub (pub)[.]' – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **1943**

gooseberry pudding; gooseberry pudden; gooseberry

noun

1 a woman; hence a wife [UK/US]

- Perhaps figurative in origin, but generally said to be imperfect rhyming slang relying on the pronunciation of *pudding* as *pudden*. The elliptical form is often used in the expression *the old gooseberry* 'one's wife'. In American English, only recorded in the form *gooseberry pudding*.
- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**
- Nah tell us the truth boy, says Halfred, / Where got yer the old "Oscar Ashe," / Have you rifled yer "gooseberry's" stocking, / Or is it yer just feeling rash? – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
- The old gooseberry pudden was waitin' fer me. – L. Orthen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.81, **1938**
- You mouldy old bed-fagot, you rotten old gooseberry pudden, you ugly old Gill, you flea-ridden moll! – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.17 [1995], **1966**
- That gooseberry pudding'll be the death of me! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 a promiscuous woman [US]

- Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *gooseberry pudding*.
- – E.K. Kane, *Jargon of the Underworld*, p.448, **1927**
- – M.H. Weseen, *DoAS*, **1934**
- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

gooseberry tart; gooseberry

noun

1 the heart [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938: *Daily Herald*, London, 22nd February **1937**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

2 a fart [UK]

- Pip or poomp, rumble or stumble, trump or grunt. Whichever way you drop it, it's a 'gooseberry'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

goosegog; guzz-gog

noun

a dog [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

< *goosegog*, a common dialect word for *gooseberry*.

- Rhyming slang used to be common in the Black Country too; 'saucepan lid' for 'kid', 'blue brick' for 'nick' (gaol), guzz-gog [goose-gog, i.e. gooseberry] for 'dog'. – *The Mudcat Café forum*, 1st December **2004**

goose's neck; goose's; gooses; goose

noun

a cheque [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Often reduced to *goose's* or *gooses* in both British and Australian English. The less common shortened form *goose* is exclusively British.

- If I hole up for a bit I won't stand a chance of earning meself no more. You'll have to sausage me a goose's. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.272 [1938], **1937**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- To sausage a goose. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- [Y]ou can come with me to the 'Arthur' and 'sausage' a 'gooses' and then I can let you have a 'beehive'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.6, **1973**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- Don't suppose your type carry any ready bees in your trolley bag, so just make me out a gooses for a monkey and I'll say no more. – *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**
- **goose's neck** (goose's) – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**
- – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 25th January **1999**
- You can pay with a goose or Crossbys. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**
- [G]oose's neck has always referred to a cheque – an item which, according to recent reports, might be disappearing from our daily lives very soon. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 21st November **2011**

Goosey

nickname

pianist and teacher Mabel Lander (ca 1882–1955), whose notable pupils included princesses Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II, b.1926) and Margaret (1930–2002) and Sir Malcolm Sargent (1895–1967)

- A shortening of *Goosey Goosey Gander*. Used and probably coined by her two pupils at Buckingham Palace. < 'Goosey Goosey Gander', a traditional English nursery rhyme, first published in the late 18th century.
- Last year two letters written by the Queen to her childhood music teacher, beginning "Dear Goosey," were withdrawn from a public auction in New York. A letter by Princess Margaret beginning the same way was also

withdrawn[.] – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 15th November 1964

· But his mother, writing to her former music teacher, Mabel ‘Goosey’ Lander, and telling her that ‘the baby is very sweet and we are enormously proud of him’, was more impressed by his hands[.] – D. Morrah, *To Be a King*, p.8, 1968

· [T]he usual collection of Royal acolytes with names like Mabel ‘Goosey’ Lander and Mrs Mudd, not to mention not to mention references to the annual coot shoot and sailing on Loch Muick. – *The Spectator* magazine, London, 8th March 1968

goosey gander

noun

a veranda [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Goosey Goosey Gander’, a traditional English nursery rhyme, first published in the late 18th century.

► see GOOSE AND GANDER

· Tham was standing in Castlereach street with a bunch of the boys one day when it began raining, and one of the Sydneysiders said: “Here’s the King of Spain (the rain) we’d better get off the frog and toad (the road) and under the goosey gander (veranda). – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May 1929

goosing hell

exclamation

used as an expression of shock, surprise, amazement or anger [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuckin’ hell*. Formed on the verb *goose*, the short version of GOOSE AND DUCK.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

go over the stile; go over the style

verb

1 to be committed for trial [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

2 to stand trial [US/UK]

The variant *go over the style* is recorded by Maurer (1944).

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· [H]e went over the stile at Spike Park and got topped. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.17 [1995], 1966

Gor-damn; Gor’ damn; Gaw-damn; Gah-damn

noun

jam (the preserve) [UK]

< *Gor-damn* (variously spelt), a Cockney rendering of *God-damn*, an exclamation used to express anger, frustration, dismay, etc. First recorded by Brophy and Partridge (1931) in the form *Gor’ damn*. The variants *Gor-damn*, *Gaw-damn* and *Gah-damn* are given by Franklyn (1961).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

Gordon and Gotch; G and G; gordon

noun

1 a wristwatch [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

< Gordon and Gotch, a magazine and newspaper distributing company founded in Australia in 1853. Recorded in the forms *Gordon and Gotch* and *gordon*; the latter is exclusively British. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941

· What a life. Same thing day in, day out. You take a Captain Cook at your Gordon and Gotch and have to crawl out of the warm cot. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, 1966

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, 1969

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.32, 1979

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, 1983

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· [T]hat’s when I think my *gordon* must have fallen off my wrist on to the *safe*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, 2011

· Where d’ya get your Gordon and Gotch? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

2 Scotch whisky [AUSTRALIA]

The form *G and G*, given by Spilsted (1997), might be a play on *G and T*. The shortening *gordon* is used in the expression *gordon and ten* ‘Scotch and water’. ► see TEN FURLONGS

· [N]ext time when you hear his order his favorite drink of “Gordon and Gotch” and ten furlongs” do not start worrying, as Mr. O’Rourke has only started on his favorite diversion of rhyming slang. – *Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW, 2nd September 1947

· Again: a Scotch whisky is a Gordon and Gotch[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November 1974

· **scotch (whisky) Gordon & Gotch** (G & G). **scotch & water Gordon and ten**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

gordon bank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < English footballer Gordon Banks (b.1937).

• – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

• – M. Dunn, *The Ex-Boyfriend's Handbook*, p.375, 2006

• I'm just popping to the loo for a Gordon Bank. – *Empire* forum, 19th August 2008

gordon banker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of GORDON BANK.

• “Today’s 30- to 50-year-olds have lived through just about every genre of music that’s ever existed, from the most hardcore metal to hip-hop to dance and house.” He’s talking through his rear if this is what he thinks. John Peel would kick him up the arse for even contemplating that! What a Gordon Banker. – *www.theguardian.com*, 26th May 2014

Gordon Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Scottish-born British Labour Party politician Gordon Brown (b.1951), who served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1997 to 2007 and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 2007 to 2010.

• [N]a mate no up for the Gordon broon!! – *twitter.com*, 5th April 2013

• il leave the gordon broon to you!! – *twitter.com*, 26th May 2013

Gordon Brown; gordon

noun

1 a frown [UK]

< Scottish-born British Labour Party politician Gordon Brown (b.1951), who was Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1997 to 2007 and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 2007 to 2010.

• – *Daily Express*, London, 6th August 2003

• ‘A right Gordon’ – Gordon Brown: frown. – *www.abso-luteradio.co.uk*, 29th September 2006

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a clown [UK]

• My manager is a bit of a ‘Gordon’. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th April 2007

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

• [S]top acting like a Gordon Brown, you’re embarrassing me! – *www.londonolympicguide.net*, 2008

• Hes a bit of a Gordon Brown (clown). – *www.noddleit.com*, 30th October 2009

Gordon Brown

verb

to dress less formally than is expected, especially to make a political point [UK]

Rhymes on *dress down*. < Scottish-born British Labour Party politician James Gordon Brown (b.1951),

Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time of coinage. Although Rowan (1998) labels the word rhyming slang, it is likely to be a nonce response to a particular incident at the Mansion House in 1997.

• – D. Rowan, *A Glossary for the 90s*, p.54, 1998

Gordon Clown

nickname

Scottish-born British Labour Party politician Gordon Brown (b.1951), who was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Tony Blair from 1997 to 2007 and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 2007 to 2010

A slang rhyme.

• It may not be illegal but do you really want Gordon Clown’s jackboot boys making your life a living hell (constant investigations, IR35 commissioners, s660a, etc.)? – *Contractor UK* forum, 22nd September 2005

• I guess Gordon Clown shut that little loophole along with residential property[.] – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 9th December 2007

• First it was Gordon Clown, then George Bush, then The Queen of England, now YOU making fun of my accent. – A.M. Christian, *Big Blubber*, p.99, 2008

• I see in a recent survey Gordon Clown was shown to be the most incompetent PM in history (43%). – *m.dailyecho.co.uk*, 5th November 2012

Gordon Giltrap; gordon

noun

excrement; an act of defecation; hence, something worthless [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < English guitarist and singer Gordon Giltrap (b.1948). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

• Tom made the lead singer – Kevin ‘Pud-Puller’ Smith, it was then – flush the bog for him after he’d had a Gordon. [...] Gordon Giltrap: crap (and how true). – R. Rankin, *Knees Up*, p.120, 2004

Gordon Greer

noun

1 beer [UK]

< Scottish footballer Gordon Greer (b.1980).

• Watch my Gordon Greer will you[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th February 2011

• On the Gordon Greers. – *www.instagram.com*, 29th August 2015

• [J]ust forgot about it cos I’d had a few Gordon Greers. – *www.instagram.com*, accessed 11th September 2016

2 a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. Coined during Greer’s time at Brighton and Hove Albion (2010–16); thus suggested by Brighton’s reputation as a home for homosexuals.

• I don’t understand why other fans take the piss because there are a lot of Gordon Greers in Brighton. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November 2013

Gordon Hutter

noun

butter [NEW ZEALAND]

< New Zealand racing and wrestling commentator Gordon Hutter (1901–68).
 • – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *Expressions and Sayings NZEF (National Archives, TS WAI DA 420/1)*, 1939–1945

Gordon Murray; gordon

noun

a curry [UK: SCOTLAND]
 < Scottish Nationalist politician Gordon Murray (1927–2015). Reported to be in use in the Cumbernauld area, near Glasgow, where Gordon Murray served as Provost of Cumbernauld for several years.
 • As for your ruby, Mark, in central Scotland, around Cumbernauld, we called it a Gordon, after a provost, Gordon Murray. – *Comic Book Plus* forum, 20th December 2012

Gordon Ramsay

noun

an effeminate or homosexual man [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Imperfect rhyming slang on *pansy*. < Scottish celebrity chef and restaurateur Gordon Ramsay (b.1966).
 • Get aff yer feet and stoap acting like a big Gordon Ramsay. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Gordon's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]
 < *Gordon's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Gordon Brown (b.1951) during his period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007–10). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.
 • – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008
 • Rank's performance in recent years might not be Gordon's Den out of Gordon's Den – that's 10 out of 10 among the bingo callers – but under Burke the numbers are certainly starting to come in. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 1st March 2010
 • Eyes down, all you bingo players out there, and we'll begin: Knock at the Door, 4; Gordon's Den, 10; Dirty Gertie, 30; Winnie the Pooh, 32; Sunset Strip, 77; Two Fat Ladies, 88. – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th February 2011
 • – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

Gordon Strachan

adjective

excellent [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Relies on the common pronunciation of the surname *Strachan* as *Stracken*, thus rhyming on the colloquial adjective *crackin* (the Scots form of *cracking*). < Scottish football player and manager Gordon Strachan (b.1957).
 • These pies are Gordon Strachan by the way. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Gordon the Gopher; gordon

noun

a sofa [UK]

< Gordon the Gopher, a puppet character who first appeared on Children's BBC in 1985.
 • Get your plates off the Gordon! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

gories

noun

members or supporters of the Conservative Party, one of the major political parties in Britain [UK]
 A slang rhyme on *Tories*. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage. ► see *GORY* *adjective*
 • The gories are David Blaine. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016

Gorillas in the Mist; gorillas

adjective

drunk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < *Gorillas in the Mist*, a 1988 American film directed by Michael Apted and starring Sigourney Weaver. The short form has been recorded in British usage.
 • – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July 2001
 • You're well 'gorillas' when you see pink elephants in the Red Lion. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
 • [W]ent out last night and got right gorillas[.] – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 23rd January 2003
 • Gorillas: drunk... rhyming slang from the film *Gorillas In The Mist*. – *The People*, London, 13th January 2008
 • – I'm looking for examples of Australian rhyming slang. e.g. Barry Crocker = shocker. Suggestions? – [...] *Gorillas In The Mist* = pissed. Three Wheeler = sheila. – *twitter.com*, 17th January 2013

Gorton Tank; gorton

noun

1 a bank [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Gorton Tank, the popular name of the Gorton Locomotive Works at Openshaw, Manchester.
 • Gorton Tank = Bank [...] **gorton** – bank (from gorton tank – the swimming baths). – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 6th November 2002

2 an act of masturbation [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *wank*.
 • Heres a couple of Manchester ones to rival the cockney's 'J. Arfur' – 'Gorton' and 'Jodrell'. – *Bluemoon* forum, 26th August 2009
 • [H]e's having – 'a ham shank', 'a barclays' (bank), 'a Gorton' (tank), 'a J. Arthur' (Rank). – *hansishallucinations.wordpress.com*, blog, 31st July 2011

gorton tanker

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK: MANCHESTER]
 Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of *GORTON TANK*.
 • The man is a Gorton tanker and a disgrace to football. – *Burnden Aces* forum, 2nd January 2011
 • Where I live at the moment, folk would refer to you as a 'Gorton Tanker.' – *Bolton Nuts* forum, 13th January 2012

gory*numeral*

forty [UK]

A perfect rhyme in those accents in which intervocalic *t* is pronounced as a voiced flap.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January 2010

gory*adjective*

relating to the Conservative Party, one of the major political parties in Britain [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. ▶ see GORIES

· He tongues in cheek more Babe Ruth than the whole of the gory hale and hearty have ever spoke. – *www.live-leak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July 2016

Gosford dog; gosford*noun*

1 a person of Mediterranean ethnicity [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wog*. < *Gosford dog*, used in reference to greyhound racing in Gosford, a coastal city in New South Wales.

· Some Australians attached to the Victorian challenge were less than fulsome, too, in their praise of the Italian crew, to whom they referred as “Gosfords” – you know, Gosford dogs, wogs. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 31st July 1983

· – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009

· – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, ‘Australian Word Map’, accessed 28th November 2014

2 a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bog*. Thus the phrase *go for a gosford* ‘to go to the toilet’.

· Going for a Gosford. – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, ‘Australian Word Map’, accessed 28th November 2014

go slow*verb*

used for indicating that one has no idea of the answer to a question [AUSTRALIA]

Formed as a rhyming equivalent of *don’t know*, an elliptical form of *I don’t know*. Used in the first person singular.

· If you hear a bloke on the race platform ask his cobber, “When does the rain flow?” and his cobber says, “Go slow; chat de Christmas card,” you know, or you ought to anyway, that one has enquired, “When does the train go?” and the other has replied, “Don’t know; ask the railway guard.” – *The Sydney Sportsman*, 4th March 1903

Gospel Oak*noun*

a joke [UK]

< Gospel Oak, an area of north London.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Seriously? You’re having a Gospel Oak. – *Chrimsoyles.net* forum, 6th September 2008

got out of pawn; got out*verb*

born [UK]

Used in passive constructions.

· ‘When was you got out of pawn?’ Or an expectant father may be asked if his imminent happy event has been ‘got out’ yet. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

gotti*noun*

▶ see JOHN GOTTI

Govan Ferry*nickname*

used as a substitute for the name *Mary* [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Glasgow English. < Govan Ferry, a ferry service linking the two sides of the Clyde in Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, 2012

GPOs*noun*

the toes [AUSTRALIA]

< *GPO*, an acronym of *General Post Office*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

grab-it hutch*noun*

a woman’s crotch [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *crutch*. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions from a Health Farm* (1974), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea. Coined as a punning variation of RABBIT HUTCH.

· Rising to my knees, I position panting percy at the entrance to her grab-it hutch and slide my hands beneath her back bumpers. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.153, 1974

Grace Kelly*noun*

television; a television set [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*. < American actress Grace Kelly (1929–82), who became Princess consort of Monaco after marrying Prince Rainier III.

· Al avva birra Grace Kelly aftir. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.17, 1972

· Now that it hasn’t been on the Grace kelly fr a while, the box set is a tad more affordable... six seasons of HBOs’ finest at 88 euros for 86 episodes, plus extras, only a proper tight-arse could grumble. – *TalkPunk* forum, 23rd December 2010

Graeme Dott*adjective*

■ not so Graeme Dott not feeling well [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hot*, used in the phrase *not so hot*. < Scottish snooker player Graeme Dott (b.1977). ▶ see **GRAHAM DOTT**

· Too much Yogi Hughes means you might wake up the next Muriel Gray, feeling not so Graeme Dott. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Graeme Hick; Graham Hick

noun

the penis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. < Zimbabwean-English cricketer Graeme Hick (b.1966).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Ones I use are... Les Kiss (P1ss) Graham Hick (Dick). – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

Grafton Street

verb

to make a posting on Twitter, a popular microblogging service [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tweet*. < Grafton Street, a landmark shopping street in the centre of Dublin. Possibly a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage. ▶ see **HENRY STREET**

· I only Grafton Street in Dublin K.D Lang. – *twitter.com*, April **2010**

Graham Dott

noun

a spot, a pimple [IRELAND]

< Scottish snooker player Graeme Dott (b.1977). ▶ see **GRAEME DOTT**

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th May **2006**

Graham Gooch

noun

1 Hooch, a brand of pre-mixed fruit-flavoured alcoholic drinks [UK]

< English cricketer Graham Gooch (b.1953).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 ■ **on the Graham Gooch** engaged in scrounging [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *mooch*, used in the slang phrase *on the mooch*.

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

3 a dog [UK]

Rhymes on *pooch*.

· Thats a nice Graham Gooch you got there, buddy. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006**

Graham Miles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English snooker player Graham Miles (1941–2014).

· Graham Miles, Nobby Stiles, John Steinbecks (the Grapes of Wrath), Emma Freuds ... whatever cricketers call haemorrhoids, they definitely aren't a laughing matter for those suffering with them. – D. Whiting and L. Kenna, *Cricket Banter*, p.47, **2013**

Graham Nash

noun

cannabis resin [UK]

Rhymes on *hash*. < English singer-songwriter Graham Nash (b.1942).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Graham Rix; graham

noun

in cricket, a 'six', a shot in which the ball goes over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs [UK]

< English footballer Graham Rix (b.1957).

· Graham Rix – Six [...] Smiting the ball high and mightily and usually straight, there was nearly the first Graham of the year, but not quite. – *www.angelfire.com/sd/fzycricket*, 28th April **1996**

Grand Coulee Dam; grand coulee

noun

ham [UK]

< Grand Coulee Dam, a gravity dam on the Columbia River about 90 miles west of Spokane, Washington; via 'Grand Coulee Dam', a song written in 1941 by Woodie Guthrie and popularised in 1958 by Lonnie Donegan. Originally listed by Puxley (2003) with a misprint in the second element (*Grand Coolie Dam*). The error was corrected by the same author in his 2008 dictionary.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [A] 'grand coulee' sandwich was popular in some quarters. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

grandfather clock; grandfather

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. ▶ see **POLISH AND GLOSS**

· She wouldn't go all the way but she didn't mind polishing my Grandfather Clock. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· My grandfather would like to meet you. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.107, **2011**

grandma's bunions

noun

onions [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· Grandma's Bunions 35p/lb. – *Viz* comic, August **2016**

Grandmaster Flash; grandmaster

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < Grandmaster Flash, the stage name of American rapper and DJ Joseph Saddler (b.1958).

· i'll start with a couple of toilet related ones that get used frequently in the office. grandmaster flash = slash as in.. "im just off for a grandmaster, back inna bit". – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

grand slam*noun*

a tram (streetcar) [AUSTRALIA]

· Pull on the almond rocks and four by twos, don the jumpers' flat and you bolt for the grand slam. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

granite boulder*noun*

the shoulder [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

granite rocks*noun*

socks [UK]

· I laughed my granite rocks off trying to translate that. – *myTiguan* forum, 21st August 2013

Grannie Grunt; old grannie*noun*

an annoying or annoyingly sensible person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Grannie Grunt, a common nickname for a grandmother.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

grannie's wrinkles; granny's wrinkles; grannies*noun*

wrinkles [UK]

The short form is recorded by Puxley (1992) and Ayto (2002).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.133, 2002

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

granny flat*noun*

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *twat* and *prat*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th May 2006

Grant Hackett*noun*

a jacket [UK]

< Australian Olympic swimmer Grant Hackett (b.1980).

· Just let me grab my Grant Hackett. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th June 2003

grant-you-grace*noun*

the face [AUSTRALIA]

· [H]e caught hold of me by the round-the-'ouses and pulled himself up, and started blazin' away again with the Bill Rudd runnin' down his grant-you-grace. – *North-ern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

grapevine; grape*noun*

a clothes line [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June 1934

· – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

grasp and grunt*noun*

1 sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. ▶ see GROWL AND GRUNT

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

2 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

grass*noun*

▶ see GRASSHOPPER

grass; grass up; grass off*verb*

to inform; to betray [UK/ IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Functionally shifted from *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASSHOPPER. ▶ see SUPERGRASS and SWEETGRASS

· Anyhow it was a dirty trick grassing his pals. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.220, [1947], 1936

· I bin a bitta basterd, grassin' an' that. – J. Phelan, *Murder by Numbers*, p.46, 1941

· **grass, to.** To betray another by giving information to the authorities. To 'squeal'. This is one of the most commonly used slang words in prison to-day. – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950

· It is an underworld convention that you don't go around suspecting your friends of grassing; it isn't done. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.154, 1956

· Sneed was probably more perfidious than any informer. He thought nothing of grassing the grasses to those whom they had grassed, when their usefulness was gone. – G.F. Newman, *Sir, You Bastard*, pp.187–188 [1971], 1970

· This was so even when the person who 'grassed them up' was a close friend or relative: I was grassed by the others and me brother. – T. Bennett and R. Wright, *Burglars on Burglary*, p.120, 1984

· I was taught never to trust an inmate. They'll always grass you up. – *News of the World*, London, 22nd May 1994

· [O]ne of the sporty kids who he grassed up to the law for giving him a particularly bad kicking one night, got his revenge by plonking him in the sports department. – *Foot.ie* forum, 25th July 2001

· Dad grassed up by his son. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 11th May 2002

· [T]his bloke grassed him up to the security and thats why it kicked off. – *BayswaterCity.com* forum, 27th February 2006

· Who grassed up on OWC? – *GAA* forum, 28th May 2010

· There's one other thing, I've been nicked, and that means that someone has grassed me off. – P. Coppard, *Never a Dull Moment*, p.224, **2013**

· [I]f someone grasses you to the DSS that your boyfriend stays at night the DSS investigators will monitor him coming and going[.] – *MamBaby.co.za* forum, 10th September **2013**

grass and hay; grass

verb

to play [UK]

· grass = play (grass and hay). – *Rabbits Online* forum, 28th February **2006**

· Let's grass and hay down the park. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

grass-black; grass-blacking

noun

police impersonation as a criminal act [UK]

Formed on *grass* 'a policeman', a shortening of GRASS-HOPPER.

· The police of every city know as much as I do about the grass-black. [...] He told me—and I believed him—that he made a thousand a year in jail or out from grass-black-ing. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, pp.79/80, **1953**

grass-blacker; grass-black boy; grass-black man

noun

a male police impersonator [UK]

Formed on GRASS-BLACK.

· Only, of course, it is not a detective, but one of the grass-black boys. He and the girl, or the pleasant-voiced youth, are working together. They are working in a busy and lucrative profession. There are thousands of grass-blackers, and they make big money [...] Thousands of other suburbanites paid thousands of other grass-black men similar or larger sums. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, pp.76/80, **1953**

grasshopper; grass; grasser

noun

1 a policeman [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *copper*. In British English, recorded in the forms *grasshopper* and *grass*. In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· **Grasshopper** [...] A policeman, or COPPER (*q.v.*). – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1893**

· My correspondent adds that a policeman is sometimes known as a "grass"—short for grasshopper, which rhymes with "copper." – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, England, 28th November **1927**

· A gentleman who is well up in the lingo of thieves sends me a few examples. [...] A policeman is a "grass"[.] – *Edinburgh Evening News*, 22nd January **1934**

· **grass** [...] A policeman: racing *c.*: C. 20. Abbr. *grasshopper*. [...] **grasshopper**. A policeman[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· The Uniform Constable has been known at various times and to various sections of the community as [...] a

copper or cop, a fly-cop or grasshopper (rhyming slang), or just the Law. – C. Pulling, *They Were Singing*, p.87, **1952**

· If you hear a china plate in the rubbity dub order a gay and frisky with Ossie Porter to keep out the soldiers bold, don't call a grasshopper. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

· Grasshopper Policeman. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**

· [E]veryone was truly 'elephants' and began to 'read and write'. The local 'grasshopper' walked in and before he could say "What's all this 'ere?" one of the 'army tanks' hit him in the 'chevy chase' and 'ding dong dell' broke out. The 'mother of pearls' set upon the 'grass' and kicked him in the 'orchestras'[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· Because I earwigged some of me mates 'ad seen ve same sort of fing; vis ole blackbird goin' round ve markets, lookin' all 'oly like, bu' pinchin' fings off stalls and then scarperin'. So we goes to ve grasshoppers, an vey took it to ve garden gate. – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.188 [2009], **2005**

· Then the grasshopper's back[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

2 a police informer [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

Only recorded in the forms *grass* and *grasser*. *Grass* is common in all locations of use. *Grasser* has been found in Britain and Ireland. Also in the phrases *go grass* (or, less commonly, *go the grass*) and *come grass* 'to inform the police'.

The word *grass* has been given a number of etymological explanations, including the following: (1) from *grasshopper*, originally rhyming on *shopper* ('someone who "shops" or betrays their fellows to the police') or *copper*, perhaps suggested or reinforced by visual imagery, (2) from *snake in the grass* 'a treacherous person', (3) from *grass in the park*, rhyming on *copper's nark*. The first explanation is arguably the most plausible, though the presumed original full form is not directly recorded (see the 1930 quotation below). ► see BERTIE SMALLS, CAT'S ARSE, DUCK'S ARSE, MIDNIGHT MASS, MO, SUPERGRASS and SWEETGRASS

· The magistrate was baffled by the words "Somebody has gone the grass on me," which reflects the prisoner's view that one of his associates had informed the police of his activities. There are many terms used by crooks to describe this person who is known as "copper's nark," "squeaker," and "grasshopper." It is thought by detectives that the last word was suggested because the grasshopper's facility for "hopping" bore a resemblance to the "squeaker's" hopping from the crook's den to his meeting place with the "split" (detective). – *The Lancashire Daily Post*, Preston, 9th December **1930**

· Grass = an informer. – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.283, **1932**

· **grass** [...] An informer[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· I might of known the dirty little cowson would turn grass some day. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, pp.209–210 [1938], **1937**

· The Chief, the Principals, the grizzled cynical long-service warders, waited quietly for the inevitable grass to talk. – J. Phelan, *Murder by Numbers*, p.36, **1941**

· Then one of 'em came grass, and handed out a right tip. – D. Hume, *Requiem for Rogues*, p.85 [1952], **1942**

· **grasser**. One who gives information. A 'squealer' or 'squeaker'. The origin derives from rhyming slang: grasshopper–copper; a 'grass' or 'grasser' tells the 'copper' or policeman. – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· 'What are grasses?' I asked. 'Informers. Short for "grasshoppers", which is rhyming slang for "shoppers", meaning people who go to the cop-shop and squeal on their friends.' – *OED2*, 1989: P. Wildeblood, *Against the Law*, p.105, **1955**

· I shtoomed right up and made out I was in pain, because if there is one thing I am not it's a grass[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, pp.48–49, **1959**

· This was a necessary precaution because "coppers" or "grassers," as informers are called, are hated in prison by officials and prisoners alike. – L.W. Merrow Smith and J. Harris, *Prison Screw*, p.72, **1962**

· We found out it was them only after a 'grasser' told the tale to the RUC boys. – R.L. Eickhoff, *Fallon's Wake*, p.22, **2000**

· Eammon Collins went grass on about a dozen republicans. He didnt go grass on the Internal Security Unit to which he belonged, unsurprisingly given that they were British agents. Nor did he go grass on Adams and McGuinness despite having had dealings with both men. – www.indymedia.ie, 5th June **2006**

· GRASS; a garda informer. – J. Mooney and J. Harrington, *The A to Z of Irish Crime*, **2008**

· A rat, an informer, a tell-tale, snitch, a grasser... hated by all and liked by none, he lives his life merely to complain about people as much as possible in the hope that he'll mildly set them back... – *Escort Ireland* forum, 1st February **2009**

· Putting Carl Williams on the front page of a *Herald Sun* outraged at "benefits" he was receiving was a mind-blowingly stupid idea and it was no surprise he was killed on the same day–nominated as a "grass". – www.crikey.com.au, 22nd April **2010**

· When McConkey went grass he said that Steenson and Barkley did the job in Great Victoria. – *Tribute to the Fallen Members of the I.P.L.O.* forum, 6th July **2010**

· "We need you to name names," she said. "I won't," I answered, determined to withstand the interrogation. I refused to become an informer, a traitor, a scab, a turncoat, a grass, a stool pigeon. – *Cape Times*, Cape Town, 28th March **2014**

· We know they are snitches, snouts and grasses and they get paid and all other sorts of things. – www.netlaw.co.nz, accessed 31st July **2014**

· One went grass and the others tried to deny being members at all. – www.cebubiker-news.org, blog, 26th May **2015**

3 a military policeman [UK]

Rhymes on *copper*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

4 informers [UK]

Extended from sense 2. Used idiomatically in the phrase *be knee-deep in grass* 'to be surrounded by informers'.

· He was very good-natured but he never threw his weight about, and he never talked about his work, knowing that spielers are liable to be knee-deep in grass, not the kind that cows eat. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.105, **1956**

5 a reputation as an informer [UK]

Extended from sense 4. Used idiomatically in the phrase *have more grass than Kew Gardens* 'to have a reputation as an informer'.

· 'You can depend on me, Arthur.' 'You? You've got more grass than Kew Gardens.' – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.167, **1984**

grassing

noun

the act or action of informing [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

From the verb GRASS. ▶ see SUPERGRASSING and SWEETGRASSING

· This is partly because grassing is the unforgivable sin[.] – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.154, **1956**

· In inmate argot this is known as "narking" or "grassing". – G. Newbold, *Social Organization*, **1978**

· But then we will also need to look at the system of offering monetary rewards for information which leads to convictions, or of eliciting such information by 'phone-ins' such as 'Operation Noah' (Anonymous Grassing)[.] – R. Settle, *Police Informers*, p.5, **1995**

· Unfortunately, this is not a one-off as the same happened to a kid in my class in the same school. This time around it was a gobshite called [name removed by moderator] (Lay teacher not brother) who fostered both fear & 'grassing' (Informing). – bocktherobber.com, blog, 12th November **2007**

· We have to get past the utterly ridiculous notion that "grassing" is somehow morally wrong. – www.thejournal.ie, 29th January **2012**

grave digger

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *nigger*. Also a pun on *spade*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· OMG you grave diggers. – *Total Football Forums*, 27th October **2007**

· One day in a team meeting Ruud [Gullit] suddenly said: 'I'm a grave digger, and a very rich one.' – P. Shaw, *Tell Him He's Pele*, p.40, **2009**

gravel and grit; gravel*noun*

excrement; an act of defecating; hence, nonsense, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· Alternatively, get yourself down to any Soho battleship cruiser, have a couple of Britney Spears, listen to a bit of the bunny and you'll soon be talking gravel and grit with the best of them. – *www.designweek.co.uk*, 5th April **2001**

· – *Football Forums.net*, 14th February **2002**

· I'm pushing cloth. I need to shovel this gravel. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [T]he constipated are in dire need of a 'gravel'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – M. Hunt, *The Joy of Swearing*, p.134, **2006**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

gravel and grit*verb*

to defecate [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· [H]ang on boys, i gotta Gravel and Grit, i'll be back in 10. – *UD(.com)*, 26th November **2010**

gravel and rock*noun*

the penis [US]

Rhymes on *cock*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.61, **1968**

gravel pit*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

gravy*noun*

the navy [UK]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of SOUP AND GRAVY.

· I left the *rat and mouse* this *gypsy's warning* and ran into my old *China plate* from the *gravy* and he said "What about a *tumble*." – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

gravy lumps*noun*

■ **(down) in the gravy lumps** unhappy [UK]

Rhymes on *dumps*, used in the phrase *(down) in the dumps*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Heya Spence, you alright, you look a bit down in the *gravy lumps*. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 14th May **2006**

grease and grime*noun*

time [UK]

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

greasy floor*noun*

a whore [UK]

· – *Pinkbike* forum, 12th June **2009**

greasy mop; greasy*noun*

a police officer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cop*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· When the fight got dirty, they called for a greasy mop. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.77, **1995**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 2nd September **2012**

Great Australian Bight*noun*

a light (for a cigarette, etc.) [AUSTRALIA]

< Great Australian Bight, a large bay on the south coast of Australia.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Great Barrier Reef*nickname*

the Golden Sheaf Hotel in Double Bay, New South Wales, Australia

< Great Barrier Reef, a coral reef in the Coral Sea, off the northeast coast of Australia.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

greatly missed*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

· He'll be greatly missed by midnight. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th January **2010**

greedy glutton*noun*

mutton [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.62, **1968**

Greek*noun*

a hip pocket [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A covert pun on ARISTOTLE, which links the word with BOTTLE AND GLASS, one of whose meanings is 'a hip pocket'. A nonce word coined by American writer William S. Burroughs in his 1995 novel *My Education*, a collection of dreams from various periods of his life.

· Glass ... ass. Bottle ... Aristotle. "He's got it on the Greek." Cockney rhyming slang to indicate the mark's wallet is in his hip pocket. – W.S. Burroughs, *My Education*, p.187, **1995**

green eggs and ham*noun*

an exam [UK]

< *Green Eggs and Ham*, a 1960 children's book by American writer Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904–91), best known under the pen name Dr Seuss.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- A few days after finishing my final green eggs and ham (exam), I put on my box of fruit (suit) and Fourth of July (tie) for my first day at my new corn on the cob (job). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

greengage; green

noun

the stage [UK]

Probably suggested by the green baize cloth or ‘tragic carpet’ that, from the late 17th to the early 19th century, was used as a covering for the stage floor in order to protect the costumes of dying characters in tragedy. Thus the phrase *on the green* ‘on the stage, in the acting profession’. The 1905 quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that the word has been used in America; in fact, given that some of the rhyming slang words in the text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English, it seems reasonable to assume that this early record of the term is British too.

- Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] Here is a sample of it: “Hello, old pot and pan, how is your trouble and strife?” “All Isle of Wight. Her Chevy Chase is still bad, but she’s on her plates of meat at last. She’ll soon be doing her now’s-my-chance on the greengage again.” – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**

- “On the green” means on the stage, because “greengage” is rhyming slang for stage. – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September **1915**

- In theatrical circles actors are known as “mummers,” while “mumming” a frequently used equivalent for acting. [...] The stage is known sometimes as the “green.” This is an instance of rhyming slang, the real rhyming equivalent to “stage” being “greengage.” – *Buckingham Advertiser and North Bucks Free Press*, 6th August **1921**

- “Pros” have an argot of their own. They don’t go on the stage, they go on the “green,” meaning greengage. – H. Darewski, *Musical Memories*, p.205, **1937**

- – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, **ca 1937**

- [W]hen I said, “I’ve been on the green myself” (green short for “greengage,” rhyming slang for “stage”), Maisie thawed instantly. “Thank Gawd!” she said in her Cockney way, and we got on splendidly. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 26th April **1941**

- – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

- The word “green” is used in rhyming slang to indicate the stage, which is referred to by those who speak it (largely music-hall performers) as the “greengage,” shortened by experts into “green.” “To be on the green” is to be acting. – W. Macqueen-Pope, *Theatre Royal*, p.36, **1945**

- How long have you been on the green? – W. Granville, *TT*, **1952**

- Thus, Friday is pay day and the cast congregate on the ‘Green’ for their ‘Greens’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.50, **1973**

- ‘Never mind about her,’ I said, ‘look at that greengage (stage).’ – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.163, **1983**

- [‘]Don’t shout, but throw your voice at that sign.’ It worked, it really worked! And it will work for anybody trying to make it on the ‘greengage’ (the stage). – M. Bygraves, *Stars*, p.179, **2003**

- – J. Law, *MDDT*, **2011**

greengages; greens

noun

wages [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has only been recorded in British usage.

- Rhyming slang. I thought this was extinct, but it is far from it. The hop-pickers used these expressions freely: A dig in the grave, meaning a shave. The hot cross bun, meaning the sun. Greengages, meaning wages. – P. Davison, *The Complete Works of George Orwell*, p.231, 1998: diary entry, **1931**

- When a bloke’s got ‘is “greengages” “fisherman’s” aint no “Robin Hood”[.] – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

- In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: “I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:–‘Greengages’ or ‘Rock of Ages,’ Wages. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**
- I ain’t eager ter see my ole gooseberry pudden, I kin tell yer. ‘Speshully as I ain’t got no greengages for ‘er. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.214, **1938**

- I heard greengages used for wages in a wireless programme in which having a look was continually referred to as “having a butcher’s.” – I. Brown, *Words in Season*, p.151, **1961**

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

- You’d have made it work – only I’m one of these naïve sorts who does a fair day’s graft for a fair day’s greens. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.180 [1977], **1976**

- Alimony cases and paternity suits have taken their toll on his greengages[.] – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.134 [1999], **1998**

- Spent your greengages. – *Talkin’ Rhymin’ Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

- That’s done it, I’ve gone and blown my greens! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

green grape; green

noun

a Roman Catholic; hence a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pape*. Suggested or reinforced by the symbolic meaning of the colour green, which is associated with Catholicism in Scotland and Ireland. The short form is recorded by Crofton (2012).

· MoJo grew up a die-hard Celtic fan and to those who are familiar with the lumbering tribalism of Scottish football, he was firmly identified with the catholic side of soccer's religious psyche. Rangers had not simply signed a catholic, they had plucked the biggest green grape in the vineyard. – S. Cosgrove, *Hampden Babylon*, p.118, **1991**

· – I. Macleod and P. Cairns, *CESD*, s.v. *Catholic*, **1993**

· **CELTIC FANS** [...] Green grape Fenian basturt Bhoys Left fitter Taigs. – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.79, **2005**

· Aye, but ehs ma's a green grape n shi's wantin a fuckin open-casket joab! – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.315, **2007**

· [T]he Catholic rites of passage – baptism, communion and confirmation – probably give us green grapes more excuses to throw a family shindig than others. – *Hibees-Bounce* forum 8th March **2007**

· [O]ne half of my family are green grapes, I mean Catholics. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 13th June **2012**

green pea

noun

a key (for operating locks) [UK]

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

greens and brussels

noun

muscles [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.133, **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

green snot

noun

a yacht [AUSTRALIA]

Snot, an informal term for nasal mucus.

· Let's go and get Brahms on your green snot. – *Sked*, newsletter of the Kettering Yacht Club, Kettering, Tasmania, June **2008**

green spunk

noun

skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

· Buy a 8th of green spunk. – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

greg

noun

a lesbian [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *dyke* and *Dyke*. A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Ali Smith in her 2007 novel *Girl Meets Boy*. < English journalist and broadcasting executive Gregory 'Greg' Dyke (b.1947). Hence GREGGY. ▶ see GREGORY

· I mean, take you. You exercise, and everything. You've got a job, and everything. But that doesn't make you a

greg. That bike you've got. You can get away with it, Norman says. So the fact that I look all right on a motorbike means I'm not a greg? I say. They both burst out laughing. So it means unfeminine? I say. – A. Smith, *Girl Meets Boy*, p.67, **2007**

greg

verb

(of lesbians) to engage in mutual sexual caressing [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Functionally shifted from the noun form. A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Ali Smith in her 2007 novel *Girl Meets Boy*.

· I'd like to see her gregging, Norman says looking at me. You and that good-looking sister of yours. – A. Smith, *Girl Meets Boy*, p.66, **2007**

Greg Deer

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Greg Dear (b.1963).

· [P]ass me a greg deer. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· You normally have a Chris Mew because you've had too many Greg Deers and a Billy Celeski. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

greggy

adjective

lesbian [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce derivative of GREG, punning on *dykey*, coined by Scottish writer Ali Smith in her 2007 novel *Girl Meets Boy*.

· This causes a shouted dialogue with him down the phone about Chantelle, about Chantelle's greggy friend, and about whether Chantelle's greggy friend is there with Chantelle right now so that Brian can 'watch'. – A. Smith, *Girl Meets Boy*, p.66, **2007**

Greg Hunt

noun

a contemptible fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Australian politician Greg Hunt (b.1965), who served as Minister for the Environment between September 2013 and July 2016. ▶ see MINISTER FOR RHYMING SLANG

· What a bunch of Greg Hunts. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2013**

· [T]oo pleasant a word to use? He's a Greg Hunt. – *blogs.crikey.com.au*, blog, 21st November **2013**

· Seriously what a Greg Hunt that man is! – *twitter.com*, 12th February **2014**

· Look at all the Greg Hunts. – *twitter.com*, 26th June **2014**

Gregory

noun

a lesbian [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *dyke* and *Dyke*. An elaboration of the diminutive *Greg*, rather than a direct adoption of the given name. < English journalist Gregory ‘Greg’ Dyke (b.1947), best known as the director general of the BBC (2000–04).

▶ see GREG

· Let’s face it, every office has got a Gregory these days. They’re usually pretty easy to spot: black clothes, short hair, a few curtain rings in their eyebrows, and with an irrational aversion to an encouraging pat on the bum from a happily married senior executive. – *Evening Standard*, London, 18th December **2000**

Gregory Peck; gregory

noun

1 a person’s neck [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

< American actor Gregory Peck (1916–2003). In New Zealand English, only recorded in the full form. Also used idiomatically in the phrases *a pain the Gregory Peck* (or *a pain in the gregory*) ‘a nuisance’ (Australia, UK) and *breathe down someone’s Gregory Peck* (or *breathe down someone’s gregory*) ‘to stay very close to someone, watching over what they do; to chase something up’ (UK).

· *Gregory Peck*, neck. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.361, **1966**

· [T]he knock-about quickly turned most of the phrases into shortened versions – Gregory (short for Gregory Peck; neck)[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April **1975**

· It is Rosie as I can never remember seeing her before. Rosie with a garland round her Gregory Peck. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.155, **1976**

· She was in a white trouser suit with high-heeled yellow shoes and a silk scarf round her lovely gregory. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.97 [1977], **1976**

· And Bobby Goodliffe still hot from the rain-hut with love bites all round his gregory. – I. Dury, *Razors Out*, p.16, **1981**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· We used a lot of rhyming slang in the ring. If a man muttered ‘Me daily,’ for example, I knew he meant his back, as ‘Daily Mail’ equalled ‘tail’, or back. In the same way there was [...] ‘gregory’ (Gregory Peck = neck), and ‘plates’ (plates of meat = feet). – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.76 [1987], **1985**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· The old man nearly breaks his fucking Gregory trying to get on. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.96, **2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· I really don’t want her breathing down my Gregory. Least of all on a Saturday. – *thespaghettifaction.blogspot.com*, 7th November **2009**

· [W]e ended up on the deck, him on top of me, his hands round me Gregory, trying to throttle me to fucking death he was. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.58, **2013**

· He’s a pain in the Gregory Peck. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· Well technically an affordable watch is one that you can comfortably buy at this stage in life without the need for finance or feeling the pressures of Hatchet Harry breathing down your Gregory Peck. – *Christopher Ward Forum*, 6th May **2015**

· Erm flies carry bacteria and diseases, I wouldn’t want it, if it was me I would be on the blower breathing down their Gregory for replacement pizza or a refund. – *www.newsshopper.co.uk*, 10th August **2016**

2 a cheque [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Thus *bouncing gregory* ‘a cheque returned unpaid because of insufficient funds’, a synonym of RUBBER GREGORY.

· Your hands are your germans – German bands; your neck (or your cheque) is your Gregory – Peck[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· [T]o hear an Aussie say that he’s going to the bank to cash a Gregory Peck is a reminder that this type of slang is still in use. – *The Bridge* journal, Center for Research and Education, Denver, CO, **1978**

· Rhyming slang is a game where “Gregory Peck” is a check[.] – *The Baytown Sun*, Baytown, TX, ‘Booklet Helps Translate Australian Slang’, 1st June **1983**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· I’ve bounced a few gregories[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

· I’m just popping out to sausage a gregory. – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, 1990: *Bath*, spoken, property speculator, **1988**

· Cockney rhyming slang like “bang me a Gregory” for “cash me a cheque”. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 4th February **1990**

· A “Gregory” still means cheque, although few adolescents remember the film star Mr Peck. – *The Times*, London, 9th July **1996**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

3 the act of kissing and cuddling in amorous or sexual play [UK]

Rhymes on *neck*, a noun use of the slang verb *neck* ‘to kiss and cuddle’, probably via its gerund form (*necking*). Used in the phrase *have a bit of Gregory Peck* (or *have a bit of gregory*), the rhyming equivalent of *have a bit of neck*.

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

4 the throat [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *neck*. Used idiomatically with reference to drinking, eating or swallowing, as in the phrase *get something down one’s Gregory Peck*.

· Soon every Minder aficionado knew that “getting a Ruby down your Gregory” meant going out for an Indian meal[.] – H. Newcomb et al., *Encyclopedia of Television*, **1997**

· Four lovely grilled sardines have swum happily down my Gregory Peck and I am too stuffed to do more than pick at the main course. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 22nd February **2005**

· He just needed to get copious amounts of alcohol down his Gregory Peck to round off his day. – M. Cole, *The Business*, p.75, **2008**

· [G]et some coffee down your gregory a.s.a.p. trooper! – *twitter.com*, 27th June **2008**

· Yep – chucked a couple of Garys down my Gregory – hammered. – *h2g2* forum, 25th June **2010**

· I'm off to a wedding this afternoon so I'll have several Johnny Herberts down my gregory in your honour. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th February **2012**

· [M]y days of pouring cheap lagers down my Gregory and queuing ten deep at The Black Lion are, by and large, done. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 22nd February **2015**

· [T]hey ram a couple of whole chickens a day down their gregories[.] – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 11th May **2015**

· I could have just gone in the toilet and tipped the lot down my gregory in some kind of orgiastic frenzy[.] – *Cook'd and Bomb'd* forum, 23rd May **2016**

5 nerve, impudence [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *neck*. Only recorded in the full form. ▶ see BRASS GREGORY PECK

· [S]he has some Gregory Peck. – *Daft.ie* forum, 27th January **2006**

· You've got some Gregory Peck, you 'ave. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 3rd March **2008**

· Oooo you have some gregory peck on ya[.] – *Biker.ie* forum, 23rd June **2009**

6 ■ get something down one's Gregory Peck; get something down one's gregory

to gain practical experience in a particular field, activity, etc. [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *neck*, used figuratively in the phrase *get something down one's neck*.

· I love all of those bands. you need to move down the dial to 91.1 wrvu and get some indie rock down your Gregory. – *twitter.com*, 10th April **2008**

· [G]et another 10k down your Gregory! – *twitter.com*, 21st June **2011**

· Ere reet, if you've got nowt to listen to then get this down your Gregory Peck! – *twitter.com*, 24th July **2012**

7 a ship's deck [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Gregory Pecks; gregorys; gregories; gregs

noun

1 a pair of glasses [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *specs*. < American actor Gregory Peck (1916–2003). Recorded in the forms *Gregory Pecks*, *gregorys* and *gregories* in all three locations of use. The shortening *gregs* is exclusively British.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Claiming it was hip to be square, Mel sported an oblong black pair of Gregory Pecks. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th March **1997**

· After picking up my new Gregory Pecks from the chemist, I forked out a Marilu Henner for a crate of Mick Jagger and then bought a takeaway Ruby Murray, even though it's not the best thing for my Nobby Stiles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November **2000**

· Where's me gregs. – *www.freelang.net*, 1st February **2001**

· You've got new Gregory Pecks! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th March **2005**

· The eyesight is really quite bad now and you can't go fisticuffing with great big gregs on. – I. Brotherhood, *Bulletproof Suzy*, p.249, **2006**

· In common parlance it means the sufferer from this condition needs a pair of gregories. – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 10th September **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· Don't expect your 'Gregorys' to be made in under an hour is all I can say on the matter... – *Thorn Tree* forum, 8th August **2007**

· [Y]ou can't just walk in, flash your card and say gimme mah free Gregorys... – *Boards.ie* forum, 7th March **2009**

· I can't drive in the dark as my gregs are getting fixed. – *Dundee Mad* forum, 13th November **2010**

· It can also be used in the plural, as in wearing my gregs – 'specs'. – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

· Next year I may have the old Gregorys [Gregory Pecks] on and I think if you wear glasses it's going to take a wee while to get used to them. – *www.theguardian.com*, 3rd January **2016**

2 trousers; underpants [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *kecks*. No evidence of use in the short forms.

· Gregory Pecks – Kex/Trousers. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 4th May **2007**

· Pisses gregory pecks and closes thread. – *Myreader.co.uk* forum, 11th November **2007**

· I think I'd piss me Gregory Pecks if we signed him! – *FollowEverton* forum, 26th January **2009**

3 pectoral muscles [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pecs*. Bodybuilding slang. No evidence of use in the short forms.

· Pecs or Gregory Pecks. Pectoral muscles of the chest (some men even have pec implants – I kid you not!). – *www.50shadesofage.com*, blog, 'Gym Talk', 19th July **2013**

Gregory's Girl

noun

a twirl [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Gregory's Girl*, a 1981 film written and directed by Scottish filmmaker Bill Forsyth.

· Hey Anthea, yer lookin' gorgeous by the way, gie us a Gregory's Girl. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Greg Rowell; greg

noun

1 the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *growl*, the short version of GROWL AND GRUNT. Used in the phrase *go the Greg Rowell* 'to engage in oral sex on a woman'. < Australian cricket player Greg Rowell (b.1966). Only recorded in the full form. · Forever immortalised in rhyming slang as in "going the Greg Rowell" on a girl. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 20th December 2005

· – Reported by Australian folklorist Graham Seal, 2009

2 a towel [AUSTRALIA]

· After a David Gower you need a Greg Rowell. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th May 2012

· [C]ricketers are notorious for speaking in slang, so much so that new comers would think we were all speaking a different language. Often you'd hear a call from the shed 'OI!! I wanna have a David, who's got a spare Greg and some Bob?' – *V8Central* forum, 10th January 2007

Grenadier Guards

nickname

the Strand, a major thoroughfare in central London

A covert pun on *band*, which provides the rhyme. < Grenadier Guards, a British infantry regiment whose band is famous the world over.

· Notting Hill—with its foreign element—is the place for new styles in London dialect. It is there that rhyming slang flourishes—that cryptic, elaborate invention which makes the inhabitants, for instance, speak of the Strand as "the Grenadier Guards," because the Guards have a band and band rhymes with Strand. – *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Cincinnati, Ohio, 18th May 1921

· The Strand is usually referred to as "Grenadier Guards" [...] – *The Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia, 29th December 1923

Greville Starkey; greville

noun

a black person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *darky*. < English jockey Greville Starkey (1939–2010).

· [T]hey never seemed to hear of Harry Wragg, Greville Starkey, Edgar Britt and Tod Sloan in terms of rhyming slang. – *Betfair Community* forum, 27th September 2011

· [G]angsta speak is for the grevilles. – *Betfair Community* forum, 27th September 2011

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 21st December 2012

Greyfriars Bobby; greyfriars

noun

1 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. < Greyfriars Bobby, a statue in Edinburgh commemorating a Skye terrier who, after his master's death in 1858, kept watch

and guard over his grave in Greyfriars Kirkyard in Edinburgh for fourteen years until his own death in 1872.

· We are talking here about a species to whom the phrase "male bonding" means slapping superglue on to the toilet seat seconds before their best mate goes for a Greyfriars Bobby. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 27th July 1995

· The girl's P1 teacher was somewhat taken aback when the little one, instead of asking if she could leave the room, informed the entire class that she was "away for a Greyfriars". – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 11th November 1999

· Anyhow, off for a Greyfriars and then oot the door. – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 27th July 2005

· [G]oing for a big Greyfriars Bobby is one of life's simple pleasures. – *twitter.com*, 19th August 2015

2 an unpleasant or stupid person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Unadulterated Turkish delight written by a bunch of greyfriars bobbies. – *Follow Follow* forum, 10th December 2008

greyhound

noun

one pound sterling [UK: LIVERPOOL, NORTHERN IRELAND]

· I never did get that Plymouth, I mean grey'ound, I mean pound back. – P. Etherington, *My Youth, My Kop*, p.155, 2002

· LOL, no seriously some poeple call them Grey hounds, not really used all that much, was kinda joking. – *Muscle Talk* forum, 14th July 2005

· [P]ound = a quid or greyhound. – *Belfast Forum*, 2nd September 2010

grey mare; grey

noun

a tram, bus or train fare [UK]

· "Give him his grey" means give somebody his railway fare. "Grey" is a shortened version of "grey mare," which is rhyming slang for railway fare. – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September 1915

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, 1969

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, 1979

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· [Y]er gonna need a knicker or two for the grey mare to git ya from A to B. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· Bernard had a go at the driver then realized he didn't have the grey for a bat. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.148, 2011

· How much is the grey mare? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

grey mare

adjective

fair, unbiased [UK]

Probably a nonce usage.

· To be grey mare the Left in the lurch of England don't give a Donald Duck for human Isle of Wights either. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016

grey nurse

noun

a purse [AUSTRALIA]

< *grey nurse* 'a species of shark'.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· His grey nurse was still pretty healthy[.] – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, 1983

· Girls don't go anywhere without their grey nurse. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.51, 1995

· – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009

· – L. Stewart, *ASD*, 2011

grim and gory

noun

a story; thus a tall tale, a lie [AUSTRALIA]

· I think I had better tell you the grim and gory right from the horse an' cart. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· What a great grim and gory. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March 2006

· Anyway, that's my grim and gory. – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September 2011

· A disbeliever – mind you despite being a good Christian, the 'cheese and kisses' (she prefers that) accused me of being on the 'kitchen sink' again at the 'rubbidy dub'. "This is no 'grim and gory' and for your information I haven't had a 'pig's arse' since last night," I replied. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

· Professor Roly Sussex put in a fair bit of dodge and shirk to tell us the grim and gory of rhyming slang. – *www.abc.net.au*, 8th October 2015

Grimsby docks; grimsbys

noun

socks [UK]

< Grimsby Docks, a port in Grimsby, in North East Lincolnshire, England.

· Where's my Grimsbys? – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, 1974

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

grin and chronic

noun

gin and tonic [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A slang rhyme.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999

· I fancy a grin and chronic to see me through the gardening.....weightor?!!!!! – *www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbarchers*, forum, 24th July 2008

· – *www.flashcardexchange.com*, 22nd March 2009

· – L. Stewart, *ASD*, 2011

grind and shirk

noun

work [AUSTRALIA]

An appropriate elaboration of *grind* 'hard work'. A variation of the earlier and more common DODGE AND SHIRK.

· He earned his bread and honey / with the usual grind and shirk. – A. Witting, 'Quality of Life', in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, 1991

gripper

noun

▶ see TREVER GRIPPER

gristle and grunt

noun

the vagina [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

groan and grunt

noun

1 the female genitals; the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. ▶ see GROWL AND GRUNT

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September 2012

2 heterosexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

3 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

4 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· [H]ave a butchers at yourself... then realise what a groan and grunt you are... – *www.youtube.com*, 3rd March 2011

grocer's cart

noun

the heart [AUSTRALIA]

· My grocers cart was racing like Grandfathers Clock when it slipped out of gear. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

grocer's shop

noun

an Italian [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wop*.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.23, 1979

· Among the racist dysphemisms of English, are: [...] *wop* (Cockney *grocer's shop*) and *eyetie* for an Italian[.] – K. Allan and K. Burridge, *Euphemism & Dysphemism*, p.121, 1991

· Ill bet you are either a dusbin lid, or a grocer's shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or a spotty dog, or a widow's wink, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July **1996**

grocery store

noun

a door [US]

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· If you feel like adding a little color to your everyday language, you could try adopting a few of these unusual, but useful words and phrases. All are in current use. [...]

grocery store door[.] – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

Grope and Flail; Grope

nickname

the *Globe and Mail* newspaper (Toronto)

A doubled slang rhyme.

· The *Mop and Pail* or the *Grope and Flail*, as those within the trade refer to it, takes itself very seriously[.] – A. Fotheringham, *Birds of a Feather*, p.103, **1989**

· Anyone who has been reading the Grope and Flail knows that the Lebanese-Canadian community is indeed very distressed about the government's apparently irrational decision. Grope reporters were having quite a lot of fun this a.m., in fact[.] – *Rabble.ca* forum, 6th June **2003**

· Given what has happened to most other popular media, the fact that the Grope remained minimally literate meant that large numbers of socialists ended up reading the Grope. – *www.pogge.ca*, blog, 29th September **2006**

Grosvenor Squares

noun

flared trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *flares*. < Grosvenor Square, a square in the Mayfair area of London. Noted by Thorne (1997) as 'an ephemeral youth term of the late 1970s'.

· Belinda has discovered an important pair of "jeans" dating from the late 1960s. These are most certainly rare items, known by collectors as "Grosvenor Squares". – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *The Guardian*, London, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Groucho Marx; groucho

noun

an electrician [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sparks*. < Groucho Marx, the stage name of American film comedian and wit Julius Henry Marx (1890–1977). The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

growl and grunt; growl; growler

noun

the female genitals; the vagina [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *growl and grunt* (UK, Australia, New Zealand), *growl* (UK, Australia), *growler* (UK, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland). In Australian usage, *growl* and *growler* are used idiomatically in the phrase *go the growl/go the growler* 'to perform cunnilingus on a woman'. *Growler* represents a fusion of rhyming slang and the age-old metaphor of the vagina as a ferocious mouth.

Growl and grunt, GROAN AND GRUNT, GASP AND GRUNT and GRASP AND GRUNT are first recorded in British usage by Franklyn (1961), who gives them as variations of GRUMBLE AND GRUNT. Still, Franklyn's definition of *grumble and grunt* ('C--. Generally coitus, sometimes a collective disrespectful term for 'girl', 'girls', or 'woman', used in the same way as *crumpet*') suggests that in the early 1960s, at least in his experience, all these words were not commonly used as equivalents of *cunt* in the basic sense of 'a woman's genitals'. The auditory and visual imagery conjured up by these words no doubt accounts for this semantic preference. ▶ see ARTHUR FOWLER, GREG ROWELL, PAULINE FOWLER and ROBBIE FOWLER

· **growl**. Female pudend[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· **the growl** [...] the female pudendum (from rhyming slang). – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· GROWL: Vagina. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· **Growl and Grunt** Vagina. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.29, **1983**

· **growl**, n. The female pudend: a shortening of *growl and grunt*, rhyming s. (an occ. var. of *grumble and grunt*) on *cunt*[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· **go for the growler** (of a man) to fondle, touch, reach for a woman's genitals; have sexual intercourse with a woman. [...] **growler** vagina; female pudendum. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **growler** vagina; recent NZA extension of 'growl', rhyming slang 'growl and grunt/cunt'; eg 'Show us yer growler'[.] – D. McGill, *DKD*, **1989**

· Growler (n): female genitalia (hairy growler). – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· **Gasp and grunt, grumble and grunt, sharp and blunt**: rhyme with cunt – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.146, **1999**

· I think most of the words people use for their "hairy canaries" are horrible! I went through a phase of calling mine my "Growler"! – *You and Your Wedding* forum, 27th July **2007**

· You could have warned me you were going to flash your growler. – M. Keyes, *This Charming Man*, p.637, **2008**

· If memory serves me right i'm sure she had a massive growler. – *Hidden Glasgow* forum, 9th September **2009**

· go the growl is slang in Australia for going down on a woman... – *www.deucescracked.com*, blog, 23rd February **2011**

· Bo selecta has tainted her. I keep expecting her to open her legs and show her growler. – *twitter.com*, 14th June **2013**

· – Well, did ya go the growler? – Didn't even get under the bra mate. – *www.slang.com.au*, 17th February **2014**

· **growl and grunt** [...] CUNT (rhyming slang); the female genitals. **growler** [...] GROWL AND GRUNT (extended ellipsis); the female genitals. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 heterosexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, s.v. *grumble and grunt*, **1972**

3 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, s.v. *grumble and grunt*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

growl-biter

noun

a cunnilinguist [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Based on *growl*, the short version of GROWL AND GRUNT.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

Growler

nickname

English footballer Robbie Fowler (b.1975)

A slang rhyme. Sometimes used with the definite article. An alternative nickname for this footballer is 'the PROWLER'. Influenced by *growler* (► see GROWL AND GRUNT).

· Hey, Growler's just chatted a bird up by asking her if she comes here often! – R. Fowler, *Autobiography*, p.215 [2006], **2005**

· Close-range tap-ins or 25-yard super strikes, the 'Growler' was wonderfully adept at both. – *clubliverpool.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th March **2011**

· A well publicised row with assistant manager Phil Thompson saw *Growler* exiled for two weeks at the beginning of the following campaign, again calling his future into question. – *www.thisisanfield.com*, 25th December **2013**

grubby hand

noun

one thousand pounds [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *grand*.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th October **2005**

· Best TV for a grand/bag of sand/grubby hand/rio/1 large? – *United Forum*, 29th March **2011**

· – *www.blencowesaccountants.co.uk*, **2013**

gruesome and gory; gruesome

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *cory*. Suggested or reinforced by an engorged pun on *grew some*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

grumble and grunt; grumble

noun

1 the female genitals; the vagina [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Hence GRUMBLE MUMBLE.

· My God, I'd go mad if I had to do five years. Five stretch! And not even a sniff at a grumble-and-grunt! – M. Benney, *The Scapgoat Dances*, p.22, **1938**

· Cockney Rhyming Slang applied in direct reference to the female, however, for the same part of the body, is *grumble* (*grumble and grunt*), *giggle* (*giggle and grunt*) and *sharp and blunt*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.86, **1973**

· My, but she's a big girl. So big that it is impossible to avoid your Marquis of Lorne slipping into her grumble and grunt. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.121, **1974**

· The entrance to her grumble is tighter than a mouse's earhole. She is a virgin. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.39, **1975**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, **1984**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The door to the shower room flew open and the girl screamed, trying to cover her grumble and grunt. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – Roger's *Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· [G]et your grumble and grunt on my boat race, you horse and cart. – *Ajarn Forum*, 5th March **2009**

· If you check the thru'penny bits, there ain't no chapel hat pegs there. It hasn't got a grumble and grunt, it's a pair of Jacob's with a Tilbury Dock dragged half way up its uncle Jack. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 22nd June **2009**

2 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· Potty having a bit of grumble right here in the drum and letting it go to waste! – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.84, **1956**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· It was Siddle, my regular Thursday night bint, a married woman of twenty-nine, so she said, but she could be thirty-two, or -three, or even thirty-five topweight, and quite a fair bit of grumble, clean as a nut, a trifle on the leggy side for my fancy[.] – B. Naughton, *Alfie*, p.9, **1966**

· I'm a straightforward crumpet man. I've had more grumble than you've had hot dinners. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Who's the grumble? – J. Gash, *A Rag*, p.80 [2001], **1999**

· She knew her dad liked young ‘grumble’[.] – J. Collins, *Prime Time*, p.39, **2004**

· [S]orry luv, this a mans pub, we just csnt elp ourselves, when we see a bit of grumble we just get carried away. – *LandyZone* forum, 11th February **2007**

3 sexual intercourse (whether with a man or a woman) [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Often used in the phrase *a bit of grumble (and grunt)*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Trimble, *5,000 Adult Sex Words*, **1966**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· “A bit of grumble and grunt,” I was told. “Only costs two francs.” – M. Moynihan, *People at War 1914–1918*, p.107, **1973**

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· [S]he was all right for a bit of grumble and grunt. – R. Holland, *Just a Bit Touched*, p.45, **2000**

· I’ve heard his old gooseberry is not averse to a bit o’grumble wiv a Glasgow Ranger. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· On the 70’s British TV Police series “The Sweeney” (itself RS for The Sweeney Todd – the flying squad) I several times heard villains referred to as “Grumbles” (Grumble and grunt, do the rest yourself). – *Self Service Science* forum, 30th January **2000**

· Bunch of ‘Grumble and Grunts’. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 28th November **2007**

· You have made a bit of a grumble and grunt of yourself with that, haven’t you? – *Military.com* forum, 8th February **2009**

· VIOLA: But I’m a great mechanic, I love Talk Sport, and I know some of the filthiest rhyming slang. [...] DUKE: Sorry love, but this is no place for hair-curlers, Heat magazine and handbags. VIOLA: You grumble-and-grunt! – B. Hulley, *Nativity?*, p.278, **2011**

· [H]e would make himself look a right grumble and grunt. – *FabSwingers* forum, accessed 8th September **2013**

5 pornography [UK]

A metonymic extension from its genital and figurative sexual senses. Only used in the short form and, more often than not, attributively.

· **grumble** [...] Any form of porn featuring *tits*, *arses* and *grumbles*. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· If you go into any corner shop in the country you’ll see a million and a half-odd colourful grumble mags cluttering up the top shelf at any given moment[.] – D. King, *The Pornographer Diaries*, p.viii, **2004**

· I was in a grumble shop up soho buying some sticky treat[.] – *Big Tattoo Planet* forum, 17th March **2006**

· I spent the best part of an hour scouring the shelves trying to balance value for money, the perceived filth quotient and enormous breasts in an attempt to purchase

my dream grumble flick. [...] In fact, my recent discovery of a Grumble DVD entitled “Grannys Cumming” in a skip at Weymouth Rubbish Tip featured many of the original stars of my previous smutty disappointment. – *scary-duck.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th July **2006**

· It’s awful, most grumble films have better production values and acting. – *Expat Forum*, 14th September **2012**

· If you’d been around when I was a kid I wouldn’t have had to spend so much time looking for grumble mags hidden in plastic bags in hedges and under sheds. – P. Collins, *God-Box!*, **2013**

· A lot of Hollywood grumble scenes start with the impassioned necking accompanied by cheesy music[.] – *Cook’d and Bomb’d* forum, 5th March **2013**

grumble and mutter; grumble

noun

a small bet [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *flutter*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· The sort of *billy* that they love – quick to have a *grumble* but never able to spot a *hot dinner*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

grumble mumble

noun

an act of cunnilingus [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Formed on *grumble*, an elliptical form of GRUMBLE AND GRUNT. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions of a Private Dick* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea.

· It is clear that the lady is desirous of a grumble mumble and, never one to disappoint, I spread apart her luscious bridges (Bridge of Sighs: thighs. Ed) and prepare to dive. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.100, **1975**

grundies; grundys; grunds; gruts

noun

underpants [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK/US/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *undies* or perhaps, in Australian and British English, a shortening of a rhyming slang term. In Australian English, it may have arisen as a shortening of REG GRUNDIES. In British usage, it may stem from BILL GRUNDIES or EDDIE GRUNDIES. The form *grundies* is common in New Zealand, Australia, Britain (sometimes spelt *grundys*) and Ireland. *Grunds* has been recorded in the first three locations, while *gruts* has only been found in New Zealand. In American English, only evidenced in the form *grunds*. ► *see also* SOLOMON GRUNDIES

· Hey Colonel, you reckon..two grunds, two woollen shirts, long trou, bush singlet..will be enough [for a tramping trip]. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: B.A. Sissons, *VUWTC ’71*, p.49, **1971**

· **grundies** undies; underwear. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **grunds/grundies** underwear[.] – D. McGill, *DKS*, 1988

· For many women, there comes a transition point when they throw away what the industry calls “old grundies” and replace them with higher quality underwear. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 10th July 2001

· I’m from New Zealand and I’d never heard “scruds” (eww...did call them “grundies” or “grunds” though) or “flannies” (are they pjamas?). – *ilXor.com* forum, 27th August 2002

· **gruts** Underpants, a variant of ‘grundies’ in recent times. – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, 2003

· [Y]a cant help but crap ya grounds. – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 10th November 2005

· **grundies, grunds** Informal colloquial term for men’s underwear. The derivation is thought to be a rhyme with undies. – M. Cryer, *GD*, 2006

· What do we have here? A pair of grounds? You risked going to the SHU for a pair of grounds? Hell, you risked adding extra time to your bid, all for a pair of panties? – *Prison Break*, US TV: Fox, 10th April 2006

· I would love fine art underwear (or panties, which I detest, OR grounds, as my husband says, annoyingly). – *milkbreathandme.wordpress.com*, forum, 1st June 2006

· I wonder if they know that you’re not supposed to wear undies with cycling shorts? That’s kinda like stealing someone’s used grounds... – *Overclockers UK* forum, 10th March 2007

· It is the planet’s leading purveyor of posh pants, the unrivalled berseller of undies. And now Agent Provocateur is bringing its grundies to the Dear Green Place. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 27th May 2007

· One time I saw him standing outside his trailer, only in his grounds (underwear) smoking a cigarette. – *The Northern Advocate*, Whangarei, New Zealand, 3rd July 2007

· I cried when “baby” made love to Johnny in Dirty Dancing as Patrick is mine, but on closer inspection noticed she still has her grundies on[.] – *Huggies New Zealand* forum, 5th December 2008

· But she should have known I don’t wear anything without a club badge – she was the one who sewed them on my grundies. – *IrishKop* forum, 27th April 2009

· Our underwear drawers are looking decidedly different than they did a decade ago. Where once we all bought our grundies in packs of five, in black, white or “flesh” (with the occasional bit of naff red lace on Valentine’s Day), the onset of the noughties brought with it the kind of unmentionables that would make a docker blush. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 24th November 2009

· My man habitually flings his underpants into the middle of the bathroom floor before he steps into the shower. My darling’s latest love, Lily, follows him everywhere and is at immediate hand to discover the attractions of the abandoned grundies, warm and intoxicatingly fragrant with essence-of-man. – *The Press*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 9th February 2012

· **Grundys**/Underpants. – D. Simpson, *All About Scouse*, p.23, 2013

· Bras are “over the shoulder boulder holders” and undies are knickers. Although men call undies “grunds” or “gruts” depending on where they come from, literally!!! – *Woman & Home* forum, 13th June 2013

· **grundies** noun UNDIES (rhyming slang); knickers, underpants. **grunds** noun (NZ) GRUNDIES (abbreviation)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

grunt and groan

noun

a telephone [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

gruts

noun

▶ see GRUNDIES

guinea pig

noun

a wig [UK]

· Cop the gink with the guinea pig on his head. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

gumbie

verb

to have sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

From GUMBOOT. Children’s slang.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

gumboot

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *root*.

· – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 10th August 2003

· [G]oin for a quick gumboot. – *Clan Ethereal* forum, 15th January 2005

· Of course a ‘wellington boot’ is well known Australian rhyming slang for a root (fuck) so if our good moderatorship were found astride a young wench, he could be said to be having a gumboot... and we’d all know what was inferred. – *SciForums.com*, forum, 29th September 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

gumtree

noun

the knee [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

gun and bomb

noun

a condom [UK]

The unstressed second syllable of *condom* is often pronounced with the same vowel as *bomb*. Therefore, the imperfection of the rhyme lies more in the difference in stress than the quality of the vowels. The plural form is *guns and bombs*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

gun and trigger; gun*noun*

a person's figure [SOUTH AFRICA]

· I am from South Africa and "china" is a word we use to refer to a friend. It comes from the old language they used to speak in London. [...] A few examples: China plate=mate (how's it my china?) Butchers Hook=look (lets go and have a butchers at that nude girl) gun and trigger=figure (that girl must work out 'cos she's got a nice gun)[.] – *The FAL Files* forum, 8th June 2007

· Admittedly, talking to Herman [Chalupsky] is an acquired taste and requires special skills. [...] So if you don't know that *one's 'n two's* are "shoes," *gun 'n trigger* is "figure," or *five-to-two* is "Jew," then as far as comprehension goes you're up the creek without a *tube of glue*– or "clue." – J. Glickman, *Fearless*, p.12, 2012

Gunga*noun*

a dinner [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *din-*, the first syllable of the children's word *din-din* (also *din-dins* or *dins*) 'dinner' and *Din*. < 'Gunga Din', an 1892 poem by English Nobel laureate Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936) and its eponymous hero; turned into a film by George Stevens in 1939, but best remembered by the catchphrase status of a single line from the poem: 'You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!'.
· Anyway, I'm halfway through the old Gunga when all of a sudden the phone rings[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.288, 2008

Gunga Din; Gungah Din; Gungha Din; gunga*noun*

1 the chin [US/UK]

< 'Gunga Din', an 1892 poem by English Nobel laureate Rudyard Kipling (and its eponymous hero), turned into a film by George Stevens in 1939; perhaps best remembered in the quotation (often used as a catchphrase) 'You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!'. Recorded in the forms *Gunga Din*, *Gungah Din* and *gunga*. *Gungah Din* is given by Maurer (1944). The shortened form *gunga* is exclusively British.

· Jock said that "thick and thin" means chin, when everyone knows it is "Gunga Din." – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929
· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· Thus if a guy tells you he is going to hang a German band on your Gunga din you better take the breeze. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March 1942

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· I got 'im right on the *Gunga* with me *Oliver* an' put 'im to *Bo-Peep*. [...] I got 'im right on the *Gunga Din* with me *Oliver Twist* an' put 'im to *Bo-Peep*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.11/13, 1969

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.56, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [I]f you "take it on the Gunga," then you took it on the chin[.] – *www.jimloy.com*, 2002

· [T]he upper-class chinless wonder type is said to have 'got no gunga'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 gin [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Gunga Din* and *Gungha Din*; the latter is given by Meredith (1991). In Australian English, often used in the expressions *Gunga Din and Squatter's daughter* 'gin and water' and *Gunga Din and philharmonic* 'gin and tonic'.

· 'Gunga Din and Squatter's daughter', Gin and water. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.51, 1973

· [T]hough I fancy a pint of apple fritter I have to settle for Gunga Din because there is not an Aristotle of pig's ear in the Mickey Mouse. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.125, 1974

· I was having a quiet Gunga Din and philharmonic when a grasshopper grabbed the aristotle, stuck it in his north and south and finished up Brahms and Liszt. – H. Davis and P. Crofts, *Humor in Australia*, p.26, 1988

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

guzunter*noun*

1 in horse racing, a bettor [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *punter*. < *guzunter*, an altered form of *guzunder* 'a chamber pot', so called because it goes under the bed.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, 1969

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.69, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 a customer [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *punter*.

· Two cab drivers stand chatting at the taxi rank outside Charing Cross station. "Tain't 'arf taters," says one. "Yeah," replies his friend. "But at least the currant's shinin' in the apple pie. 'Ere, get that cup o' Rosy down your bushel. It'll warm you up before all those guzunters start getting off the hail and rain." – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 24th November 1996

guzz-gog*noun*

▶ see GOOSEGOG

gypsy*noun*

▶ see GYPSY'S KISS

gypsy*verb*

to urinate [UK]

A shortening of *gypsy's kiss*, rhyming on *piss*, itself based on the noun GYPSY'S KISS.

· Just as long as you gypsy in the trap and not all over the Rory. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th March 2001

Gypsy Lee; Gypsie Lee*noun*

▶ see GYPSY ROSE LEE

Gypsy Nell*noun*

hell [UK]

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April 2000· ‘Right yer are, Sister, right yer are. So I’m not goin’ to Gypsy Nell then?’ ‘No, Charlie. You’re not going to hell, not this time anyway ...’ – H. Batten, *Sisters*, p.161, 2013· You better watch your north and south, Bobby, or you’re going straight to Gypsy Nell. – *www.facebook.com*, 26th March 2015

· Who the Gypsy Nell is TV Mora? I’m totally lost! – PEGym forum, 30th July 2015

gypsy pace; gypsy*noun*

the face [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· She’s got a phoney gypsy. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.62, 1968· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978**Gypsy Rose Lee; Gypsie Rose Lee; Gypsy Lee; Gypsie Lee***noun*

1 tea [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Gypsy Rose Lee, the stage name of American strip-tease artist Rose Louise Hovick (1914–70). In British English, suggested by ROSIE LEE.

· You take the drive-me-silly and go down to the bubble-and-squeak and get some mother-and-daughter, and I’ll light the Mollie-Maguire and we’ll have some Gypsy Lee. – E. Hill, *The Territory*, p.446, 1951· *Gypsie Lee*, tea. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966· **Gypsie Lee**: tea. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984· The great British response to any huge crisis – put the kettle on and have a brew-up, the world may be about to end but there’s still time for a cup of Gypsy Rose Lee... – *www.forbiddenplanet.co.uk*, blog, 9th September 2008· **Gypsy Lee** – tea Sometimes occurs as *Gypsy Rose Lee*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· [I]t’s just not my cuppa Gypsy Rose Lee. – *Inthemix* forum, 14th January 2009· I’m going to grab a ‘cup of Gypsy Lee’ and delight in something safe and comforting. – *saxondaze.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th November 2013

2 the knee [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Gypsy Rose Lee* and *Gypsie Rose Lee*.· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**gypsy’s curse; gypsy***noun*

a purse [UK]

· I’m here to graft and make some serious yennom so eevach a kool have an eeson you nammos have all got beautiful doog gels so don’t be shy – I’m not after a Donald – I’m just want your Bugs so get your rhythms off – and get out your Gypsy – because this market boy is borassic and he wants the sausage! – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.48, 2006· Purse. Gypsy’s Curse. Someone’s alf-inched me gypsy. – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December 2006**gypsy’s kiss; gipsy’s kiss; gypsies kiss; gipsies kiss; gypsy’s; gipsy’s; gypsies, gipsies; gypsy***noun*

urine; an act of urination [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piss*. In Australian English, only recorded in the form *gypsy’s kiss*. ▶ see GYPSY’S LASH· *gypsy’s kiss* = piss. [...] “So I had me a gypsy’s”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.62, 1968: University of California, Berkeley, Folklore Archives (contributed by an informant from Lewes, Sussex, England), 1965· “[...]You okay while I ‘ave a gypsy’s kiss?” He went outside to urinate, gazing around suspiciously as he did so. – T.J. Brien, *Johncrow*, p.121, 1971· He reminds me of the bloke who came up to me when I was having a gypsy’s kiss in the gents at Piccadilly Underground[.] – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.26, 1975· I mean, those bloody dogs have put the mockers up me since I was a kiddy. I wouldn’t fancy patting one, let alone drinking its gypsy’s. – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.104, 1976· If a car comes along as I’m stashing or returning to the motor I fiddle with my zip like I’ve just been for a gypsy’s kiss. – M. Maguire, *Burglary*, p.117, 1982· [H]e was obviously nervous because he got as pissed as a parrot, even resorting to nicking our boys’ scotch while they were away for a gypsy’s. – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.102, 1984· Fackin’ ’ell, Wankah, I’m burstin’ for a gypsies kiss. – *Viz* comic, June/July 1994· So I was placed in a holding cell & my requests for a Gypsy’s Kiss were ignored by the constabulary. – *Inthemix* forum, 2nd October 2008· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· Feck it, i’m off for a fag and a Gypsies, back in a bit. – *The FRA Forum*, 20th June 2009· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Need a gypsies kiss before the frank skinner... – *twitter.com*, 16th April 2010· Look, I know you just got home and not had time to even take a gypsy, but if you need a job, you come see me. – A. Scolah, *Homecoming Blues*, p.10, 2012**gypsy’s kiss down; gypsy’s kiss it down***verb*

to rain heavily [UK]

Rhymes on *piss (it) down*. Formed on GYPSY’S KISS. Synonymous with HIT AND MISS DOWN.· See you tomorrow. But as for the weather, you just know it’ll be gypsy’s kissing it down. – *Lotus Seven Club* forum, 5th August 2002

· It was freezing cold water and it was gypsy's kissing down[.] – *Reef-Face.co.uk* forum, 26th August **2014**

gypsy's kiss off

verb

to annoy someone [UK]

Rhymes on *piss off*. Formed on GYPSY'S KISS.

· If I had spent tons then this would gypsy's kiss me off to the extent of quitting. – *Reef-Face.co.uk* forum, 16th June **2012**

gypsy's lash

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Probably a folk-etymological elaboration of *gypsy's*, an elliptical form of GYPSY'S KISS.

· Me having a gypsy's lash in Canary Wharf. – *vine.co*, 5th July **2013**

gypsy's warning; gipsy's warning; gypsy's; gipsy's; gypsys; gypsies; gipsies

noun

the morning [UK]

The short forms double as singular and plural. ▶ *see* GIBSEY'S WARNING

· I'll give you the finest Gipsy's Warning you ever had. – *The Hutchinson News*, Hutchinson, KS, T. Burke (London), 'Learning One Thing', 3rd June **1918**

· I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn't be home till gypsies. [...] Gypsy's. Gypsy's Warning, Morning. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), 'The Secret Language', 15th August **1918**

· Hearing the Tilbury Dock strike Harry Tate in the Gipsy's Warning, I opened my mince-pies to see the hot-cross bun shining through the burnt cinder. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 'English as It's Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)', 12th April **1938**

· Gipsy's Warning [...] Morning. – Anon., *DRSL*, **1941**

· I left the *rat and mouse* this *gypsy's warning* and ran into my old *China plate* from the *gravy* and he said "What about a *tumble*." – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

· Morning is Gipsy's warning, bet is house to let. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· See you in the gypsy's. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· It's Christian Slater than I thought so I'm Frank Bough now and will see y'all in the Gypsies Warning[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**

· I went back out onto the "field of wheat" (street) and had a Joe Doak (smoke), before contemplating what I should do with the rest of my "Gipsy's Warning" (morning)... – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

· [W]hen I wake up, the *gypsies* are so dark that I'm not even sure if it's *black* or *blue*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

H

H

nickname

English footballer David Seaman (b.1963)

The initial of HARRY MONK, rhyming on *spunk*, a slang synonym for *semen*, which is itself a homophone of the footballer's surname. ► see DAVID and HARRY

· The teacher said: 'Did you know another word for sperm is semen?' All the boys turned around and roared with laughter at me. I went bright red. It did help that I was cock of the school, though – I was 6ft so I didn't get too much stick. My nickname became 'H', as in Harry Monk [rhyming slang]. – *The Observer*, 31st October 2004

Haagen Dazs; Haagen Daas; Hagen Daas

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *arse*. < Häagen Dazs, an American brand of ice cream.

- – *h2g2* forum, 12th June 2004
- Stick it up your Haagen Daas. – *rueshouse.dyndns.org:82* forum, 17th August 2005
- An' all the while they're sitting on their hagen daas[.] – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October 2006
- I could kick them up the Hagen Daas, bunch of merchants. – *www.crash.net*, 17th October 2008
- My missus says thanks – she loves it up the Haagen Dazs[.] – *Hot UK deals* forum, 2009

hackney carriage

noun

marriage [UK]

< *hackney carriage*, the official British term for a taxi.
· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] marriage – *hackney carriage*[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

Hackney Marsh

noun

a glass (of alcohol) [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Hackney Marshes, a vast expanse of grassland in north-east London.

- – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, 1969
- So we lost our 'bees and honey' and started back on the fifteen mile 'ball of chalk' back to 'The Pope of Rome' absolutely 'boracic', without the price of a 'Hackney Marsh' of 'pig's ear'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, 1973
- – *The Montreal Gazette*, 18th February 1984
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008

Hackney Marshes; hackneys

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Hackney Marshes, a vast expanse of grassland in north-east London; originally a real marsh, but in recent times best known as the home of grassroots football.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- I left me 'ackneys on the mantelpiece 'smorning. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- The real cockney would called them Hackneys – (Hackney marshes) = glasses. – *China Love* forum, 29th March 2010

Hackney Wick; Hackney

noun

■ **get on one's Hackney Wick; get on one's Hackney** to annoy someone [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *wick*, used in the phrase *get on one's wick*, and *Wick*. < Hackney Wick, an area of north-east London. Synonymous with HAMPTON WICK.

- Nigella gets on my hackney, soooo annoying. – *Big-Footy AFL Forum*, man from Hampshire, England, 3rd April 2008
- One thing that will send me straight out of the door of a shop is if they play the Lighthouse bloody family, that geezers droning voice just gets on my hackney[.] – *Crash.Net* forum, 16th March 2009
- I am currently trapped within one of those "Catch-22" bullshit situations which is beginning to get on my Hackney Wick. – *cometomother.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st January 2010
- You're getting on my Hackney Wick. – *twitter.com*, 30th May 2013
- Those and the majority of Brompton bike owners get on my Hackney Wick. – *twitter.com*, 7th April 2014

Hackney Wick; hackney

noun

1 a walking stick [UK]

< Hackney Wick, an area of north-east London. Only recorded in the full form.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.62, 1968
- I've forgot me hackney wick back at the last pub. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006
- 2 the penis [UK]
Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- It shows your 'ackney [CRS Hackney Wick – prick] is in good working order. – *www.asstr.org*, 10th February 2004

3 a fool; an unpleasant person [UK]

- Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*.
- Alf your such a hackney wick. – *twitter.com*, 19th September 2012
- – Why does bob Geldof feel the necessity to prove to us what an arsehole he is? Everybody already knows...!!

– bloke is a hackney wick. – *twitter.com*, 15th June 2016

haddock and bloater; haddock

noun

a car [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *motor*.

· One JTL bangs on top of bald man's haddock. [...] haddock and bloater = motor. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.18, 1986

· 'I was doing 70 down the frog when the rabbit went in the haddock.' My friend the used-car dealer made this observation the other day and I gazed at him blankly whereupon he elaborated. He had been driving at 70 miles an hour down the frog and toad, when the rabbit hutch had failed to function in the haddock and bloater. – *The Spectator*, London, 15th March 1986

· There are six versions, with three or five Roger Moores (doors) and with three choices of Haddock and Bloater (motor). – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November 2003

· Can you hans blix a haddock and bloater? – D. Bolger and C. O'Neill, *Dodgems*, dance drama, O'Reilly Theatre, Dublin, 25th September 2008

· Take a butchers at that haddock! – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December 2012

· When you've been filming on a freezing beach for three hours – as I was earlier this year in Southend – all you want to do is get in the haddock and bugger off, but you can't. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.82, 2015

haddock and cod; haddock

noun

an unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *sod*.

· A cheeky child may be called a 'saucy little haddock'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

hail and rain

noun

a train [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· Going to a race meeting he betakes himself to the "invitation" (station), gets a "brief" (ticket), asks a letter "sorter" (porter) which platform, sees the "Christmas card" (railway guard), asks which is the "hail and rain" (train), and jumps in. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June 1893

· – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, 1923

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, 1973

· 'Ere, get that cup o' Rosy down your bushel. It'll warm you up before all those guzunters start getting off the hail and rain. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 24th November 1996

· That meant we had approximately four minutes to catch the last *Hail and Rain* (train) to Highbury & Islington. – *scandalmunro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September 2005

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

hail smiling morn

noun

an erection [UK]

Influenced by the everyday occurrence of a waking erection.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, 1980

hair and brain

noun

a chain [us]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

haircut and shave; haircut

noun

a grave [UK]

· There'll be two dates on your haircut but all that matters is the little dash between them. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, 2003

hairdresser

noun

an extremely incompetent or irresponsible person [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *messer*.

· Ah, that fella's a terrible hairdresser! – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, 1966

hair gel

noun

a bell [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

hair of the dog

noun

1 a blog [UK]

< *hair of the dog* 'an alcoholic drink taken as a remedy for a hangover'.

· I got a couple of nice shots of teal drakes in their fine winter plumage but I've already put smudges up on the old hair of the dog*[,] – *justindequack.com*, blog, 20th December 2013

2 fog [UK]

· Fortunately the hair of the dog had lifted[,] – *justindequack.com*, blog, 30th April 2014

hair trigger

noun

a black person [us]

Rhymes on *nigger*.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978

hairy ape; hairy

noun

1 rape [NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND]

The short form is recorded in British usage.

- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, **1982**
- – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.23, **1989**
- – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- I knew that if I had run into Shaun anywhere but Grendon and had found out he was in for hairy (hairy ape = rape), I would have had no hesitation in clumping him, or worse. – N. Smith, *A Rusty Gun*, p.49 [2010], **2011**
- [A] self-identifying member of AGS, and, if my memory serves me correctly, boards moderator at the time, stated that in their station they use the words “hairy ape” as a rhyming slang / euphemism for rape. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th April **2011**
- 2 a measuring tape [UK]
- Scaffolders’ slang. Only recorded in the full form.
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

hairy ape; hairey aipe

- verb*
- 1 to spoil or destroy in a wanton manner [IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *rape*.
 - [H]airy aped by “developers” who have no wish to “develop” anything other than a property portfolio. – *Foot.ie* forum, 22nd August **2008**
 - 2 to rape (in a sexual sense) [IRELAND]
 - Thats because he was hairy aped by one. – *BoxingScene* forum, 29th October **2008**
 - I’m not going down that lane on me own i’ll be hairy-aped. – *www.slang.ie*, 29th January **2009**
 - [G]et in a joe wit a Dougal, an yill be hairey aiped. – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 22nd September **2012**
 - Remember the one where I was accused of telling porky pies about the possibility of a group of white blokes hairy aping a black irish woman? – *Politics.ie* forum, 18th February **2013**
 - [S]he’ll get hairy ape’d[.] – *twitter.com*, 5th July **2016**
 - 3 in a sporting event, to defeat humiliatingly [IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *rape*.
 - It’s official. Just home. I’ve pain in my Dundrum with d poxy Dubs.. Bad enuf to lose but to be hairy aped by the Meathies? – *twitter.com*, 27th June **2010**

hairy apist; airy apist; hairy aper

- noun*
- a rapist [IRELAND/UK]
- Derived from HAIRY APE. In Irish English both *hairy apist* and *hairy aper* (rhyming on *raiper*) are common. In British usage only *hairy apist*, along with its *h*-less variant *airy apist*, has been recorded.
- In the Gaeltacht we were on a list of perverted pple called da hairy apists list nd now Shane makes song about raping. – *www.bebo.com*, 14th December **2008**
 - Hairy Apist is beaten up by screws and sues the MoJ and wins damages. – *iaindale.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th July **2009**
 - Re: hairy aper taxi man gits 7 yar. – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 8th February **2010**

- [D]on’t forget the big Nuggers doing their Larry Murphy advanced hairy apist course by day[.] – *Irish Taxi* forum, 3rd February **2012**
- [A] double airy apist! – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2013**
- Do members think he is a hairy apist or has he been the victim of a cruel witch hunt? – *Scaffolders Forum*, 5th February **2014**
- This fella should be brought into a butchers and have his balls cut off like the hairy apist in India. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th October **2014**

hairy bum; hairy

- noun*
- a mother [UK]
- Rhymes on *mum*.
- **Hairy:** your “mum” (short for “hairy bum”)[.] – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

- [H]e’s got his hairy bum’s (mums) permission... – *Classic Motorworks* forum, 1st October **2008**
- So, she’ll undoubtedly be looking forward to sharing a pinky and perky with her old hairy bum and the dustbin lids this festive season. – *The Sun*, London, 9th December **2011**

hairy chest

- noun*
- an undershirt [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *vest*.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

hairy chest

- adjective/noun*
- best; the best [UK/IRELAND]
- All the hairy chest from wee Kev, Bobby and the rest of the lads at Larkhall Loyalists Rangers Supporters Club! – *www.thesun.co.uk*, 26th July **2007**
 - We are keeping up to date via the website and wish you all the hairy chest for leg 2! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 28th August **2007**
 - When she graduated I wished her the hairy chest. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O’ The Day*, p.27, **2008**
 - All the hairy chest and I hope you raise ‘loadsa money’ for the charity. – *Just Giving* forum, 1st May **2009**
 - Looks well, very nice gte manta, all the hairy chest with her. – *VX Opel* forum, 28th June **2009**
 - You are the hairy chest if you ask me. – *LOPforums.com*, 19th January **2012**
 - I could make sure your trip to the Olympics is one of your Hairy Chest (*Best*) experiences. – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

hairy fanny

- noun*
- in scaffolding, a transom [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on the slang *tranny*. < *hairy fanny*, British slang for an unshaven vulva.
- – *www.facebook.com*, 5th March **2011**

hairy float*noun*

a coat [US]

A nuanced sense of ‘a fur overcoat’ is recorded by Pollock (1935).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

hairy goat*noun*

the throat [US/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.56, 1973

· I scamper out of the cabin the moment he has sloshed them down his hairy goat and set to bulling up his uniform. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.129, 1976

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

hairy knees*exclamation*

please [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

hairy muff*exclamation*

used as an expression of agreement or acceptance [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *fair enough*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th January 2001

· ‘Can me count on your vote?’ ‘Definitely not.’ ‘Hairy muff!’ – *Ali G Indahouse*, UK film, script by Sacha Baron Cohen and Dan Mazer, 2002

· You yourself likes something that works grand out of the box but isn’t really plug and play unless every computer you use has iTunes. That’s hairy muff. Different strokes for different folks. – *businessetc.thejournal.ie*, 28th July 2012

hairy spider*noun*

cider [UK]

· WENT DOWN THE FROG AND TOAD WITH THE WORRY & STRIFE TO THE RUB A DUB DUB AND WE HAD A FEW HAIRY SPIDERS AND VERAS[.] – *gardentenders.com*, blog, 6th June 2008

· – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January 2013

· i’ve been drinking ‘hairy spider’ (cider)... – *Godlike Productions* forum, 18th March 2013

hairy toes; toes*noun*

the nose [UK]

· Look at his huge Hairy Toes. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st August 2004

· **Toes:** your nose (short for “hairy toes”)[.] – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, 2007

hale and hearty; hale*noun*

1 a party [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· And wouldn’t it be nice if it all ended with a hale and hearty, some tunes at the old joanna... and a few pints of Mick Jagger! – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 21st February 1999

· So make way there, and let ’em get up the apples and pears while the rest of us gets on with the hale and hearty. Ivy! When are you going to cut this here cake? – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.399, 2000

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Come to my hale and hearty. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st August 2009

· We love a good knees-up down at the social. Friday night it’s a proper old *hale*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.54, 2011

2 a political party [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. Only recorded in the full form.

· He tongues in cheek more Babe Ruth than the whole of the gory hale and hearty have ever spoke. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July 2016

Hale and Pace; hale*noun*

the face [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

< Hale and Pace, an English comedy duo made up of Gareth Hale (b.1953) and Norman Pace (b.1953). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· If I hear any more of this supposed Cockney slang, I’m gonna punch some Ravi Shanka right in the Hale and Pace! – *h2g2* forum, 25th July 1999

· When you’re stoking the fire you don’t worry about the Hale! – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July 2001

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June 2006

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Had a few Brittany Spears last night. Fell over and smashed up the hale and pace. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January 2015

half a cock*noun*

five pounds [UK]

Formed on *cock*, a shortening of COCK AND HEN.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, s.v. *cock and hen*, 1950

· – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, 1992

half a crown*noun*

in snooker, the brown ball [UK]

< *half a crown* ‘two shillings and sixpence (12 1/2 p.) in pre-decimal currency’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, 2011

half a dollar; arf-a-dollar; half dollar; arfer*noun*

a collar [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *half a dollar* ‘a half-crown coin (two shillings and sixpence) in pre-decimalisation currency’. The forms *half dollar* (Pegler 2014) and *arfer* (Puxley 1992) have been recorded in British usage.

• One day he walked straight into this kitchen clobbered in a black pair of rounds, tight to his legs, a black frock isleim, buttoned up to the chin, a white stooock, and ‘alf a dollar round his bushell[.] – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.55, **1893**

• Collar–Oxford scholar or half a dollar. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

• – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

• BILL: Gimme that ‘oller boys ‘oller! CHARLES: ‘oller boys ‘oller? BILL: Oxford scholar! CHARLES: Oxford scholar? BILL: The arf-a-dollar! (Charles offers him half-a-crown.) Naow!–the collar! Nahr fer the Peckham Rye. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.11, **1973**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**

half a dozen*noun*

a husband [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

half a gross; arfa*noun*

a sexually transmitted infection; an attack of a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *dose*.

• – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.90, **1972**

• How a dose of the clap becomes an ‘arfa’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• By now I don’t care if I get Andy McNabs, ‘alf a gross of the Surrey Docks, or catch the Ace of Spades. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

• Leading to half a gross of the surrey docks. – *www.theguardian.com*, 10th June **2014**

half a lick*adjective*

sick [US]

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

half and half*noun*

a scarf [UK]

< *half and half* ‘a pint combining two different beers in equal measures’.

• – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, **1981**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

half a neddie*noun*

ten shillings [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme on *reddie*, itself Australian slang for a ten-shilling note.

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

half an hour*noun*

1 flour [AUSTRALIA/US]

• – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, **1944**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a flower [AUSTRALIA]

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

half a nicker; Arthur Nicker; arthur; arfur*noun*

a vicar [UK]

< *half a nicker* ‘ten shillings or fifty pence’; *nicker* is a British colloquialism for a pound sterling. The form *half a nicker* is recorded by Partridge (1984), Puxley (1992) and Tibballs (2008). Puxley (1992) also gives *arfur*, punning on the proper name *Arthur*, while Tibballs (2008) gives both *arthur* and the full form *Arthur Nicker*. ▶ see **NICKER**

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

half an Oxford scholar; half an oxford; half-oxford*noun*

a pre-decimal coin worth two shillings and sixpence (12 1/2 p.) [UK]

Rhymes on *half a dollar* (or *half-dollar*), the slang equivalent of *half a crown* (or *half-crown*). Rarely used in full.

• And, I need hardly tell you, in peacocked the little man with the long chain, the “wine-steward” who chucked away Ernest’s “half-oxford.” – A.M. Binstead, *Pink ‘Un*, p.65, **1898**

• Half a dollar ... Half an Oxford scholar. [...] The abbreviation may be used “Half an Oxford.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

• That useful silver coin which represents two-shillings-and-sixpence naturally became a “half-dollar,” a “half-Oxford” or a “madza-caroons.” – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 30th April **1937**

• You pick your kid and we’ll have a level pound, the winner of the bet to give the winning lad half an oxford. – J. Curtis, *What Immortal Hand*, p.24, **1939**

• Every coin and sum has its name, from “sprat” for sixpence to “red stuff” for gold *ad lib.*, and it is “half an Ox-

ford” to a “monkey”—half a crown to £500—that the tiro who successfully plunders a “yiddisher piano” (or cash register) will be quite unable to explain in colloquial Alsatian how much he has got. – *The Times*, London, 11th January **1950**

· **half an Oxford scholar** *Half-a-dollar*, that is, half-a-crown (2s. 6d.). – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· He tenders a merry-go-round and receives in rifle three half Oxfords. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, **1973**

half a peck

noun

the neck [US]

A peck is a measure of capacity for dry goods.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

half a pint

noun

a quick look [UK]

An eye rhyme on *squint*.

· Should a boy ask you in a perfectly friendly manner for “alf a pint at the linen draper,” you must understand that he wishes to have a glance at your *Star* or *Evening News*. For ‘alf a pint rhymes with squint, and linen draper with paper, and you are credited with a nimble intelligence. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

Half a pint of shandy

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Andy* [UK: NEWCASTLE]

· [H]is name is Shetland (Tony) also Horses knob (Bob) and Half a pint of shandy (Andy) will be there. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

half-back flank

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*. < *half-back flank*, a position in Australian Rules football.

· Wouldn't mind having a half back flank over her. – *www.magpies.net*, forum, 25th April **2001**

· Now call me odd but I would have thought having a half back flank in the work gym in front of someone was slightly out of bounds[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th March **2009**

half-back flank

verb

to masturbate [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*. < *half-back flank*, a position in Australian Rules football.

· – Was he batting off over the school kids????? What a sicko. – Well he was busted half back flanking in his car and it just so happened he was outside a school[.] – *Big-Footy AFL Forum*, 14th May **2007**

half-back flanker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < *half-back flanker*, in Australian Rules football, a footballer who plays half-back flank.

· He's a Half back flanker. – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

· What a bunch of half back flankers... – *Ozdat* forum, 15th November **2004**

· Congratulations on letting in the air on some of the grotty undies that over-privileged bunch of half back flankers so self-righteously wears. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 1st August **2008**

half brass

noun

a promiscuous woman who engages in sexual activity without payment [UK]

Formed on *brass*, the short version of BRASS NAIL.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· The professional girls really hate the half-brasses. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.120, **1999**

· Anyway Heath, after he's done a half brass in London – flogged her to death and bit her nipples off – comes down to Bournemouth to hide out. – F. Fraser and J. Morton, *Mad Frank's Britain*, p.79 [2003], **2002**

· – *www.shesaurus.com*, ‘Shesaurus Dictionary’, 31st August **2013**

half dollar

noun

▶ see HALF A DOLLAR

halfen of rum

noun

the buttocks; the anus [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bum*. < *halfen of rum*, also spelt *half'n of rum*, ‘a small glass of rum’. *Half'n* is the Ulster dialect form of *half one*.

· – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

half-hitch

verb

to steal [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *snitch*. Suggested by HALF-INCH.

· He ‘Half-hitched’ a ‘bee-hive’ from the ‘Jack and Jill’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.39, **1973**

· There was no suggestion that John had deliberately half-hitched a bottle with no intention of replacing it. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: G. Tucker, *Thoroughbreds Are My Life*, p.35, **1978**

· That bloke half-hitched that old geezer's wallet. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – M. Cryer, *GD*, **2006**

half-inch; half*verb*

1 to steal; to pilfer [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *pinch*. Hence HALF-INCHABLE. The 1905 quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that the word has been used in America; in fact, given that some of the rhyming slang words in the text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English, it seems reasonable to assume that this early record of the term is British too. The full form has been recorded in all five locations of use. The shortened version is exclusively British.

· Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] “My old mother-o’-pearl has the bread and honey, but I’ll try and half-inch a jimmy o’goblin from her.” – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**

· A suspected burglar ordered three months’ hard labour at Highgate yesterday, admitted to the policeman who arrested him that he was “trying to half-inch something.” This, it seems, is a sort of rhyming slang for “pinch” or steal. – *Yorkshire Telegraph and Star*, Sheffield, England, 3rd March **1906**

· Vere was a bloke goin’ dahn Tah’r Bridge Road, an’ ve Decima Stree’ click se’ abaht ’im. Vey dropped ’im one, wen’ froo ’is chain an’ locketts, ’alf inched ’is splosh and lef’ ’im barmy. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.370, **1922**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBSI*, **1930**

· [T]heir few rhyming terms are used naturally as part of the ordinary slang vocabulary, *pot and pan* (old man or husband), *half inch* (pinch or steal). – W. Matthews, *Cockney Past and Present*, p.151, **1938**

· – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**

· I’m warning you, son, this show is as full of narks as a tinker’s bitch is of worms, and every last one of ’em would half-inch the sugar out of a diabetic’s pee. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.106, **1957**

· Did you half-inch something? – B. Behan, *The Hostage*, act I, p.34, **1958**

· I told him I had some tom and he asked if it was half. – *Monroe Morning World*, Monroe, LA, ‘Rhymed Slang Vanishing Art with Cockneys’, 31st May **1959**

· And being very short of bees and honey and unable to pay the Burton-on-Trent, he was tempted to go forth into the Bristol City, and see what he could half-inch. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· But I can reveal today that heartless thieves have half-inched the statuette. – *The Sun*, London, 3rd April **1996**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.32, 1999: Christchurch Women’s Prison, September **1997**

· Anyway, he ended up half-inching everything in our gaff that wasn’t nailed down. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.12, **2004**

· Someone halved my sharon! – *The Escapist* forum, 24th September **2009**

2 to arrest [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pinch*. No evidence of use in the short form. Criminal slang.

· ‘E never ’ad a chance: the grasshopper took one butcher’s as he come through the Rory, and ’alf inched him for being elephant’s before he even got the old jam-jar on to the frog. – *The Motor* magazine, London, 4th August **1948**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

half-inchable*adjective*

easy to steal [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pinchable*. Formed on HALF-INCH.

· If they are caught appropriating a knife or a pot of jam, they utter one word of explanation, “Souvenir.” Souvenir covers every manner of article—shirts, socks, eatables, and, in fact, anything “half-inchable” (in Tommy’s slang). – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 12th January **1916**

· I could maybe build/buy some sort of timber storage at the side of the house but it would still be very half inchable. – *UKWorkshop* forum 15th September **2015**

half-incher*noun*

a thief [UK]

Rhymes on *pincher*. A derivative of HALF-INCH.

· He announced the dreadful news that we had among us at the hotel a ‘tea-leaf’, indeed a ‘half-incher’. – *www.3bktj.co.uk*, **1997**

· – *Rider Forums*, 14th August **2003**

half iron*noun*

1 a heterosexual or bisexual man who keeps company with homosexual men [UK]

Formed on *iron*, the short version of IRON HOOF.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

2 a bisexual man [UK]

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

half of marge*noun*

a police sergeant [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *sarge*. *Marge* is a British shortening of *margarine*.

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

half ounce*noun*

a deliberately or fraudulently deceptive trick [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bounce*.

· Of course, I had gone on the half-ounce trick, / And we quarrelled, and came to blows; / But I fired him out of the Rory quick, / And he fell on his I suppose. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

half ounce*verb*

1 to cheat [UK]

Rhymes on *bounce*.

· When I come to count my change proper I found they ‘adn’t ‘arf-ounced me! – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Anyone thick enough to try to find the lady deserves to be ‘half ounce’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 (of a cheque) to be returned by a bank, usually because of lack of funds in the payer’s account [UK]

Rhymes on *bounce*.

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

3 to beat up [UK]

Rhymes on *trounce*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

half ounce of baccy; half ounce*noun*

1 a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*. A variation of *OUNCE OF BACCY*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Used to live in millfield, its a proper shit tip, full of half ounces. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 20th September **2010**

· london is now full of mechanical diggers, lucozades, half ounces of baccies, jam roles and other assorted non white foreign scum[.] – *Stormfront* forum, 29th March **2012**

· A **half-ounce** is someone who hails from Pakistan [...] and is often used by white criminals to describe anyone of Asian origin. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.286, **2015**

2 a Pakistani child [UK]

A narrowing of the previous sense. Always shortened.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

half ounce*noun*

a person employed by a bar, club, etc. as ‘door security’ to keep out undesirables or force them to leave [UK]

Rhymes on *bouncer*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Fred’s standin’ in for the half ounce down at the bingo. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Luckily some *half-ouncer* waded in before there was a real *barney*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, **2011**

· A bouncer is also known as a “chucker-outer” (in Australia; a “chucker-out” in the U.K.) and a “half ounce” (in rhyming slang). – *www.wsj.com*, 23rd November **2012**

half-oxford*noun*▶ see *HALF AN OXFORD SCHOLAR***half past three; half past***noun*

tea [UK]

· Tea. Half Past Three. Where’s me bleeding cuppa arf past? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.42, **2005**

half past two*noun*

a Jew [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.52, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

halfpenny dip; ha’penny dip; ‘apenny dip; ‘a’penny dip;**‘a penny dip; halfpenny; ha’penny; ‘apenny; ‘a penny***noun*

1 a ship [UK]

< *halfpenny dip* ‘(in the past) a confectioner’s lucky dip which, for the price of half a penny, offered customers a chance selection of sweets’.

· **ha’penny dip** *Ship*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· **‘Apenny Dip** *Ship* *The QE2’s a fair sized ‘apenny!* – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· **‘A penny dip** *M.S.* Rhyming slang for a ship. – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

· **Halfpenny Dip 1 Ship**. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [S]ome people cant seem to grasp some the lingo used by us limmies over here. So here is a little list to help you lot out [...] Ship = ‘a penny (dip). – *America’s Army* forum, 3rd August **2002**

· **‘Apenny dip** [...] *Ship*. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· There’s a halfpenny on the horizon. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

2 a sleep [UK]

Rhymes on *kip*.

· Steaming in his ha’penny when he ought to be doing a bit of George Raft (graft, work). – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· **Halfpenny Dip** [...] [T]o ‘have a ha’penny’ is to be asleep. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

halfpenny stamp; ha’penny stamp; ha’penny*noun*

a tramp [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

half raspberry*noun*

in cricket, a type of bowled delivery that is easily played by the batsman [UK]

A nonce word formed by shortening *half raspberry lolly*, rhyming on *half volley*.

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.202, **1983**

half scotch*noun*

a watch [IRELAND]

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· He looked at the 'half scotch on his Oliver Twist'[,] – L.T. Jordan, *An Accidental Life*, p.33, **2007**

half stamp*noun*

a tramp [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

half track*noun*

crack cocaine [US/UK]

· – P. Dickson, *Slang*, p.173, **1998**

· – T. Nordegren, *EADA*, **2002**

· – M. Haskins, *Drugs*, p.282, **2003**

· – E. Frost, *CSDS*, **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

· – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 8th November **2009**

Halley's Comet*noun*

vomit [AUSTRALIA]

< Halley's Comet, the comet that passes near the earth about every seventy-five years; named after English astronomer Edmond Halley (1656–1742), who first calculated its orbit.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, **1999**

ham and beef*noun*

in prison, a chief warder [UK]

· There was no need for Carter to tell *him* that 'the ham-an-beef and tickety-boo' were on their rounds. – J. Phelan, *Murder by Numbers*, p.46, **1941**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

ham and bone; ham*noun*

1 a telephone [UK]

Only recorded in the full form. Synonymous with HAM-BONE.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *o50social* forum, 1st December **2003**

· Gees a shot of ur ham and bone. – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

2 a home [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. The short form is recorded by Tremlett (1989).

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.194, **1989**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Anyway, he had a terrible Geoff Hurst, so I bought him a Charley Frisky to make him feel at Ham and Bone[.] – *FMTTM* forum, 17th November, **2012**

ham and cheesy*adjective*

easy [UK/IRELAND]

A playful derivative of *ham and cheese*. Usually in the phrase *take it ham and cheesy* 'take it easy'.

· Ham'n'cheesy does it. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· And remember, take it ham and cheesy! – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th April **2005**

· [T]ake it ham n' cheesy – Rich[.] – *MacJams* forum, 19th December **2007**

· Think he's been taking it ham and cheesy for the last few weeks, preparing for this no doubt. – *Est 1892* forum, 10th June **2008**

· A huge thank you to Eircom for fuckin' up our phone lines today, taking it ham and cheesy in work today[.] – *twitter.com*, 29th June **2012**

Ham and Egg; Ham and Eggs; Big Ham and Egg; Big Ham and Eggs*nickname*

Scottish footballer John Greig (b.1942)

· A friend reminds me: John Greig – Ham and Egg. – *www.leftbackinthechangingroom.com*, blog, 2nd August **2009**

· – [T]he great Ham and Eggs has at present no part to play with his beloved Gragson Rangers. – find this very sad. sad to see you go big ham and egg. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 17th October **2011**

· You accurately capture my feelings today re 'Big Ham and Eggs' leaving his beloved Rangers. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 17th October **2011**

· That was just "ham and egg" handing over the double headed coin for the toss-up. – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 16th August **2012**

· A couple of ones from big Ham and Egg to Gordon Smith at his first day of training[.] – *DoTheBouncy* forum, 26th February **2016**

ham and egger*noun*

a beggar [UK]

Derived from HAM AND EGGING. Distinct from the American slang *ham and egger* 'an average person'.

· "Ham and Eggers" - Beggars- spend an allotted time in a particular spot before moving on to another designated

spot on a shift rota system. – *The Paknam Web Forums*, 8th July **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th June **2007**

ham and egging

noun

begging [UK]

Also used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

· – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 10th June **1994**

· i have done a bit of the old ‘ham and egging’ myself on occasions, and it was never for the stares of admiration if you know what i mean. – *www.dooyoo.co.uk*, 4th August **2002**

· I heard Ham and Egging off a cockney guy begging in Cork... – *Toytown Germany* forum, 23rd November **2005**

· I meet Lurch who is ‘ham and egging’ on the seafront. He asks for a bit of ‘shrapnel’, which normally I never refuse but now decline for I know he mugged Geordie who has since died. [...] They share a bottle of wine, but the Kid wants to get really oiled, so leaves to find some shrapnel for more drink by ‘ham and egging’. – R. Rooney, *A Year on the Streets*, 81–82/199, **2012**

ham and eggs; hams

noun

the legs [AUSTRALIA/UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Australia and Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British. Franklyn’s (1960) claim (citing a private letter from Eric Partridge) that the word was used in South Africa is not supported by evidence.

· Legs–Dutch pegs or ham and eggs. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSl*, **1941**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.32, **1979**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· In the Mickey Mouse (house), it’s bird lime (time) for some wobbly jelly (telly), hit ‘n’ miss (kiss) the pot and pan and bin lids, [...] Chas and Dave (shave) the ham and eggs (legs) then up the apples and pears, cream cracked (knackered). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· Nice hams. What’s her face like? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· And at his age his ham and eggs aren’t in good shape. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11th February **2011**

hambone

noun

a telephone [UK/IRELAND]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· If you’re on the hambone longer than that, they can trace where you are, right to the actual phone as well. – N. Charlton, *Who Killed the Nettles?*, **2011**

· ‘It’s not just ... I’ll explain, when I see you, not on the hambone,’ he says, panicking, ending the call. – J.J. Conolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.218, **2011**

Hamburger Bert; hamburger

noun

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

· In haberdashery: a shirt is a hamburger – Hamburger Bert; a tie is a Nazi – a Nazi spy[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· Only a Melburnian would have known that Hamburger Bert, the term for shirt, referred to a distinguished hamburgery near, I think, Flinders Street Station. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

Hamilton Accie; Hamilton Ackie; hamilton

noun

1 a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < Hamilton Accies, the popular name of Hamilton Academical, a Scottish football club based in Hamilton, Scotland.

· *Hamilton Ackies* [nickname of football team] = Pakies (reported by a colleague). – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

· Now, the guys from India and Bangladesh refer to the people from Pakistan as the “Pakis” or “Hamilton Accies”, and they have no bones about it. – *UKFF* forum, 19th December **2003**

· – A. Lillo, *A Wee Keek*, p.104, **2004**

· [T]his wee hamilton accie screeched to a halt in front of me and i piled into the back of him. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 11th October **2007**

· Dump her for a hamilton accie. See how she likes it. I think I might get myself an asian girlfriend. Always fancied one. – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 4th January **2008**

· “Fuck man, that guy stinks of shit and curry!” “Fuckin’ Hamilton”. – *UD(.com)*, 16th April **2009**

· Reg Varney. Pakistani. Hamiltons in the plural. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 2nd June **2009**

· Sammy Mackies or Hamilton Accies – Asian gentlemen. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

2 an Indian meal [UK: SCOTLAND]

From a loose interpretation of *Paki* as ‘Indian’. Only recorded in the full form.

· I was oot for a Hamilton Accie. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

Hamilton Accie

adjective

Pakistani; loosely, relating to any of the countries of the Indian subcontinent or their natives [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < Hamilton Accies, the popular name of Hamilton Academical, a football club based in Hamilton, Scotland.

· Yes, we had the “Hamilton Accie” (Paki) ghettos in the Woodlands and Pollokshields areas for a few decades now[.] – *Stormfront* forum, 26th July **2009**

Hamilton Accies; hamiltons; accies

noun

a corner shop operated by people of Pakistani or other South Asian background [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Paki*'s. < Hamilton Accies (often shortened as the Accies), the popular name of Hamilton Academical, a Scottish football club based in Hamilton, Scotland.

· You can't say paki-shop!!' he guffawed, reminiscing at what he'd been missing. Laughing, he continued... 'Hamiltons!! Ha ha!!' [...] At this point though, Herr Dieter broke the comedy ice with a very strange question. 'What is the significance of Hamilton?' he interjected with his slight German accent. Still in mid-guffaw, Nick replied, nay shouted 'Hamiltons?! Hamilton Accies – Pakis!! – *Tartan Army* forum, 14th May **2010**

· Go down to the Hamilton's for a loaf of bread, would you? They're open until 11. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

· I'm heading round the Accies. You wanting anything? – *UD(.com)*, s.v. *Hamilton Accies*, 24th August **2010**

· [M]y step-dad calls the shop the Hamilton Accies instead. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 5th December **2012**

Hamilton Palace

adjective

daring, self-confident, impudent; stylish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *gallus*. < Hamilton Palace, a large nightclub complex in Hamilton, a town in South Lanarkshire, near Glasgow.

· – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

hammer and discus

noun

a man's whiskers [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

hammer and file; hammer

noun

style [UK]

· [A] slick, smart or smooth operator was said to have 'had some hammer'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

hammer and hit

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· I'm off to the dunny for a hammer & hit. – *djquan.angelcities.com/australia.html*, 3rd April **2000**

hammer and hit

verb

to defecate [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, accessed 6th January **2002**

hammer and jack

noun

▶ see HAMMER AND TACK

hammer and nail; hammer

verb

to follow (someone) secretly [UK]

Rhymes on *tail* and *trail*. Criminal use. First recorded by Wentworth and Flexner (1960), whose rhyming slang wordlist is a miscellaneous collection of British, Australian and American items with no indication of their location of use. The inclusion of the word in the second edition of Franklyn's dictionary (1961) suggests that it is British in origin and use.

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· I hammered him all the way down Oxford Street, and when he went down the gents for a strain-off I got his frog and feather off the bottle! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DACSRS*, **1972**

hammer and nails; hammers

noun

scales (for weighing) [UK]

Recorded in use among anglers and drug users. ▶ see OUTLAWS

· [H]eres a few my mates and i like to use [...] Hammers!! Hammer and nails = Scales. – *The Anglers Forum*, 7th May **2005**

· Hammer n nails for scales was used quite a lot years ago. – *UK420* forum, 8th August **2015**

hammer and rack

noun

▶ see HAMMER AND TACK

hammer and saw; hammer

noun

1 a policeman [US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the law*. The rhyming origin of *hammer* (and therefore its link with *hammer and saw*) is conjectural: this form is found in contemporary Australian children's speech, while *hammer and saw* was recorded in use among American criminals in the 1920s.

· Down there I ran into a whole flock of hammer and saws and had to go overboard in China Basin[.] – D. Hammett, 'Fly Paper', in *The Big Knockover*, p.69 (1989), **1929**

· **hammer (2)** *n* a police officer. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

2 the jaw [us]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978

hammer and tack; hammer and rack; hammer and jack; hammer; tack

noun

1 the back [NEW ZEALAND/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *hammer and tack* (New Zealand, US, Australia, UK), *hammer and rack* (South Africa) and *hammer* (Australia). Hence the phrase *on one's hammer and tack* (usually shortened to *on one's hammer*), used in Australia and New Zealand as an equivalent of *on one's back* 'hounding someone, annoyingly pressuring someone (to do something)'. By extension, *on one's hammer* is also commonly used in Australia to mean 'hard on someone's heels, following closely behind someone; very close behind another car'. In the latter, extended sense, *on one's hammer* has come to be synonymous with *on one's track* or *on one's tail*, even though the original rhyme was, in fact, *on on one's back*. This has led some to claim that *on one's hammer* is a shortening of either *on one's hammer and tack*, rhyming on *on one's track* (not on *on one's back*), or on *on one's hammer and nail*, rhyming on *on one's tail* (▶ see HAMMER AND NAIL).

· Of the men found in the bar, Arthur Jacobs said he went in for the change of a "fiver," but he didn't have a drink; Vincent Ferguson went in to get a booze, but did not have time to ask as the "Johns" were on his "hammer and tack" [...] – *New Zealand Truth*, 8th February 1919

· I been on my hammer and tack in the kip now for a year and a half and I'm improving quick. – *Daily Review*, Hayward, CA, 10th June 1931

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· I'm dropping 'briefs' at the 'yike' and someone 'drums' me there's two 'jacks' on me 'hammer'. – *The Truth*, Sydney, 31st May 1942

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

· **hammer, to be on one's** To watch closely; to persecute (abbrev. of *hammer and tack*–rhyming slang *back*). – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950

· A minute late for work and the pitch and toss is on your hammer and tack. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· [H]is "hammer and rack" is his back; and his "darby kelly" is his belly. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, 1963

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

· Murphy, off to a flying start, was in front of me and the bull was in full charge, right on my hammer and tack. – A. Burnett, *Wilful Murder*, p.34, 1973

· This is just too hot to handle. I've got Huggins on my hammer and God knows what. – H. Orsman, *DMNZS*, 1999: R.H. Morrieson, *Predicament*, p.197 [1981], 1974

· HAMMER: abb. rhym. See HAMMER AND TACK. HAMMER AND TACK: rhym. Back, meaning spine. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· **hammer** *n*. 1. back. – phr. 2 **be on (someone's) hammer**, to watch (someone) closely; badger. [rhyming slang, *hammer and tack* back] – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984

· [W]hen I say I was "burning up the freeway with a john on my hammer" I am saying that there was a "cop" (**John Hop, Johnny Hop, John on the hop**) on my "tail" (**hammer and nail**) or, as some would argue, on my "track" (**hammer and tack**). – D. Laycock, *I Had a So-lander*, pp.156–157, 1985

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· **hammer** *n* 1: *abbr* "hammer and nail," rhyming slang for tail ("the police are on his hammer") – 2: *abbr* "hammer and tack," rhyming slang for back, and more recently for smack, i.e., heroin. – P. Doyle, *Get Rich Quick*, p.250 [2011], 1996

· **Hammer and Tack** – [Prison: Aryan Brotherhood] Back. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· Ooh! Me 'ammer and tack's playing me up again. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· **hammer** [...] also rhyming slang for 'back'. Thus if someone is **on your hammer**, then they are following you closely, or, when in a car, tailgating you. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

· He warned Mr Stanhope that the Opposition would be "on your hammer for the next four years" to keep the Labor Government accountable. – *www.smh.com.au*, 18th October 2004

· Before the PC brigade start getting on my hammer about the desirability of this, I would point out that the banning of offensive material is counter productive, as if it is not accessible it really can't be refuted. – *jimunro.blogspot.com*, 2nd January 2008

· If someone is on your hammer they are following you closely. – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009

2 a track, a road [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in forms *hammer and tack* and *hammer*. The latter is given by Seal (2009).

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

3 a person's buttocks [SOUTH AFRICA]

Extended from sense 1, which is, however, unrecorded in South African English. Only evidenced in the full form *hammer and tack*.

· He may call for the kitchen boy and give him "a rogue and villain", i.e. a shilling, for keeping a good look out,

and he may give him a kick in a friendly sort of way on his “hammer and tack”, i.e. his seat. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, pp.107–108, **1949**

4 prison-issue tobacco [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly formed as rhyming slang on *-bac-*, the second syllable of *tobacco*, or *black*, a reference to the colour of tobacco. Only recorded in the full form *hammer and tack*.

· – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**

· Now for some prison terms, used by inmates of *The Bay* and similar institutions: [...] *hammer and tack*, jail issue tobacco[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.129, **1953**

5 in pre-decimal currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *zack*. Recorded in the forms *hammer and tack* and *hammer*.

· Even our sadly deflated currency is not immune. Here we have the “John Dillon” and two outstanding corrupted corruptions in “hammer and tack,” for “zac” (6d.), and “Rhodes scholar,” for “dollar” (5/). – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· 6d. [...] *hammer (and tack)*[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

6 dismissal from employment [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the sack*. Recorded in the forms *hammer and tack* and *hammer*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

· I got the hammer! – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· It had been brought to the owner’s attention that his manager was the Jim Selim of Jerusalem, and he was not doing a good job, he was wasting the owner’s possessions. So to use an old Aussie idiom, he gave the manager the “hammer and tack”. – *Assemblies Outreach* magazine, Burwood, NSW, February **2009**

7 heroin [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smack*. Recorded in the forms *hammer and tack*, *hammer* (both found in New Zealand and Australian usage), *hammer and jack* (Australia) and *tack* (New Zealand).

· Craig was the longest-termer of us, and was doing eight for importing coke and hammer. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.217, **1982**

· **hammer and tack** 1. heroin. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Hammer and jack. Heroin. Rhyming slang for ‘smack’. Sometimes just hammer. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· **hammer** [...] *abbr* “hammer and tack,” rhyming slang for back, and more recently for smack, i.e., heroin. – P. Doyle, *Get Rich Quick*, p.250 [2011], **1996**

· **hammer and tack** *n.* heroin (and the outfit that goes with it: hypodermic syringe, etc.). Commonly abbreviated to **hammer** or **tack**. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· **hammer** 1. Heroin. From the rhyming slang hammer and tack or smack. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· – D. Fingleton, *Nothing to Do with Justice*, **2010**

· In New Zealand career criminal Brian Curtis was apprehended in 1979 for importing three kilos of hammer (heroin) off a yacht that ran aground in Westland[.] – G. Newbold, *Crime, Law and Justice in New Zealand*, p.159, **2016**

8 a bed [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the sack*. Recorded in the forms *hammer and tack* and *hammer*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

Hammer and Tack

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Jack* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

hammer and trigger

noun

a black person [US]

Rhymes on *nigger*.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

Hammond Innes

noun

Guinness beer [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by Scottish writer Jeff Torrington in his 1992 novel *Swing Hammer Swing!*. < English novelist Hammond Innes (1913–98).

· Stürrat, who has a rep for his skill in bringing a pint of the Hammond Innes to a state bordering on platonic perfection was cossetting the stout so much you would’ve thought that his job in Peacock’s new liver-grinder depended on it. – J. Torrington, *Swing*, p.345, **1992**

Hampden roar; hampden

noun

1 the state of affairs; the current situation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *score*. < *Hampden roar*, the famous noise of the crowd encouraging the Scottish football team at the national stadium, Hampden Park, in Glasgow.

· I mean, I’m not saying I know the Hampden. But I know that *I don’t* know. – A. Spence, *Space Invaders*, p.16, **1983**

· ‘What’s the Hampden Roar?’ i.e. ‘What’s going on?’ – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· In their own version of rhyming slang, Glaswegians sometimes inquire after your well-being by asking, “What’s the Hampden?” – *New Statesman*, London, 20th September **1999**

· What’s the Hampden roar about this double header then? – J. Craig, *One Team in Tallinn*, pp.22–23, **2007**

· [A]s soon as I know the Hampden Roar I’ll let you know. – *hulloiminsalone.wordpress.com*, blog, 28th January **2013**

2 twenty pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *score*. Only recorded in the full form.
 • – *Bushcraftliving.com* forum, 1st June 2009

Hampstead Heath; Hamstead Heath; Hampstead Heaths; Hamstead Heaths; hampsteads; hamsteads; hamps

noun

the teeth; sometimes specifically false teeth [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< Hampstead Heath, a rural area of north London. In British (specifically London) usage, generally pronounced with a dropped *h*. Outside Britain, it only occurs in the forms *Hampstead Heath* (Australia) and *hampsteads* (Australia, Ireland). ▶ see SHAMPSTEADS

• She'd a Grecian 'I suppose,' / And of 'Hampstead Heath' two rows, / In her 'Sunny South' that glistened / Like two pretty strings of pearls[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896; Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

• [T]he "Stockton" (cheese) is so "Wilkie" (hard) that he cannot get his "Hampsteads" (teeth) into it. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August 1910

• Hampstead Heath = teeth. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd May 1924

• On retiring to bed he would take out his false "Hampsteads"[.] – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd April 1926

• Teeth ... Hampstead Heath. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

• Hampsteads[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Daily Express*, London, 25th January 1932

• Hamps[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *New Statesman*, London, 29th November 1941

• The other day I heard a character in a pub say: "Can't eat this sausage roll; I left me 'amps at 'ome." 'Amps, of course, was "hamps" – abbreviation of Hampstead Heath, to rhyme with false teeth. – *Newsweek*, New York, 21st November 1949

• What good's four thousand sets of false hampsteads? – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC, 28th June 1962

• Hamsteads = Hampstead Heath = teeth[.] – S. Sontag, *Consciousness*, p.123, 2012: diary entry dated 7th September 1965

• He fixed me with an icy stare, bared his Hampstead Heaths hostilely, and replied 'Ay don't quite follow yew', whereupon I scapa'ed back to my Cain and Abel as fast as my fried eggs could carry me. – *Penthouse* magazine, London, 1965

• Put on your almond rocks and daisy roots, / Brush your Hampstead Heath, wear your whistle-and-flute. – *Get a Bloomin' Move On*, lyric by Don Black, from the soundtrack to the UK film *The Italian Job*, 1969

• I may be on me last legs, but me hamps are still all me own. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

• I felt that hunger waxing, and I scamper over and sink me Hampssteads fast into the wood of a door, hard

as you like, holding myself back with my good strong gob. – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.160 [1999], 1998

• Now if a Noah's Ark (shark) catches you in his mince pie (eye), he will open his north and south (mouth) and chomp on you with his Hampstead Heath (teeth). – *New York Post*, 'Aussie Slang Bang: Avoiding a Noah's Ark', 17th September 2000

• "Heard a lovely bit of rhyming slang the other day," another guest says, in a valiant attempt to lighten the tone. "Hampsteads. Get it?" I give him a blank look. Everyone else seems equally annoyed. "Hampsteads," he repeats. "Bloke asking for Hampsteads at the chemist? Hampstead. Hampstead Heath. False teeth, see?" – J. Davidson, *Heredity*, p.50, 2003

• Now if you misspoke yourself and got a bit lairy with any of 'em – they could snooker yer 'amsteads, they could give you a servin' with claret. – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.26, 2005

• **Hampsteads** Teeth. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, 2006

• His hampsteads (hamps) are a crime. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

• **Hampstead Heath** – **teeth** Usually abbreviated to *Hampsteads*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• I went to the dentist so they could remove some of my Hamstead Heaths. – *twitter.com*, 24th August 2010

• She's got a nice set of Hamstead Heath. – *compu-smart.hubpages.com*, 8th December 2013

Hampton Court; hampton

noun

salt [UK]

A perfect or nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where final and pre-consonantal *l* (as in *salt*) is commonly vocalised. < Hampton Court, a Tudor palace in the south-west of London.

• [A]sking for the 'Hampton' to be passed[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – *QI* forum, 31st July 2009

• – A.D. Mills, *DLPN*, p.xlii, 2010

Hampton rock

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *hampton*, the short form of HAMPTON WICK. Perhaps suggested by the same visual metaphor underlying BRIGHTON ROCK.

• – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

• – *orion.math.iastate.edu*, 6th January 2002

• – There are much more important things in life than poker. – Name one... – This a trick question??? errrrrrr football??? – and my hampton rock... – *RaisetheRiver.com* forum, 27th February 2008

Hampton Wick; Hampton*noun***1** ■ **get on one's Hampton Wick; get on one's****Hampton** to annoy someone [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *wick*, used in the phrases *get on one's wick* and *dip one's wick*, and *Wick*. < Hampton Wick, a suburb of London. Synonymous with HACKNEY WICK. It has been claimed that *wick* is, in fact, a short version of *Hampton Wick*, but evidence to support this hypothesis is wanting.

· Doesn't he get on my Hampton! – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, **1977**

· This may sound a load of ol' Jackson Pollocks to you and might get on your Hampton. – *WebmasterWorld* forum, 13th April **2006**

· I don't mind assessments, its when they put you on a two week course to work out the correct change that gets on my Hampton wick. – *Digital Spy* forum, 28th January **2013**

2 ■ **dip one's Hampton Wick; dip one's Hampton**

(of a man) to have sex [UK]

· Good luck to him if he wants to dip his Hampton Wick. – *Digital Spy* forum, 6th February **2012**

· [S]imilarly, if you dip your hampton in a cup of Corsodyl® before a blow-job it has the same cleansing effect. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 23rd March **2012**

Hampton Wick; hampton*noun***1** the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. < Hampton Wick, a suburb of London. Thought to be the origin of *wick*, as used in the phrases *get on one's wick* 'to annoy someone' and *dip one's wick* '(of a man) to have sex', yet this may just as well be a simple visual metaphor; hence the pseudo-rhyming slang status of the expressions *get on one's Hampton (Wick)* and *dip one's Hampton (Wick)*.

▶ see HUGH JAMPTON, LIONEL, LITTLEHAMPTON and WOLVER

· A prick is a «Hampton Wick»; «a cunt, a «Berkeley Hunt». [...] His pal got out his 'Hampton' and shoved it up his 'North Pole' (arse-hole) as if it were a 'Berkeley'. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, pp.45–46 [1901], **1898**

· *Berkeley* is short for *Berkeley Hunt*, and *Hampton* short for *Hampton Wick*. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, s.v. *bottle and glass*, **1930**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· 'Hampton Court?' 'No, I just walk this way.' – *Carry On Henry*, UK film, script by Talbot Rothwell, **1971**

· Her mouth drops open and she draws up her legs and squeezes my hampton like she is using it to haul herself out of a bath. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.63, **1975**

· We watched you on teevvee the other night and the first thing that grabbed our eyes was your hampton wick. – P. Krassner, *Best of 'The Realist'*, p.207, **1984**

· The height of snobbery is to change one's name from Woodcock to Oakhampton. – *uk.telecom, Google Groups*, 2nd June **1999**

· His wife was at first delighted / With his new pronunciation / But what made her sick / Was the small Hampton Wick / With premature ejaculation. – T. Greenberg, *The Blue Book*, p.26, **2006**

· Why can't she just get hold of you and cut your Hampton off like normal women, instead of being all sneaky? – MC Flux and P. Nice, *Dirty*, p.131, **2015**

2 a fool; an unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*.

· I'm the blackmail man. / Hampton Wick, Berkshire Hunt. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· He's a right Hampton[.] – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, **1977**

· Find the Hampton Wick who is calling you a Gareth Hunt and cut his Niagara Falls off. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, back cover, **2003**

· G'night you bunch of hampton wicks. – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2010**

· He should be made hand back any funds given to him. As they say in Laa-don, he's a Hampton Wick! – *Boards.ie* forum, 3rd August **2012**

3 sex with a man [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*.

· I reckon you just need a bit of the 'ampton. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

ham roll*noun*

a stroll [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – www.reddit.com/r/northernireland, 26th February **2014**

ham sandwich; ham sangwidge*noun*

language [UK: SCOTLAND, BIRMINGHAM]

A perfect slang rhyme only if *sandwich* is pronounced *sangwidge*.

· Just keep the ham sangwidge respectable in front a ma aul dear, eh? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· ham sandwich = language. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August **2010**

ham shank; ham; hammie*noun*

1 an American [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Yank*. Recorded in the forms *ham shank* (spelt as two words, hyphenated or as one word) and *ham*. The latter is exclusively British.

· 'You know Dai, don't you, the big ham-shank?' 'Yer. Ain't a yank but, he's a Canadian.' – M. McShane, *The Straight and Crooked*, p.45, **1960**

· [B]y this time we had collected a few 'ivory pearls' and they began on 'Lancashire Lassies' of 'Casey's Court' and the 'ham shanks' were beginning to get ideas! – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· Talking about the Ham Shanks, are you? – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.107, **1974**

· – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

· My, my, luv. You're a regular ham shank, a real yank. – M.A. Krueger, *Floating*, p.81, **1987**

· Seppo; Ham. – *Spy* magazine, New York, November **1993**

· I agree with Adds, Graeme is a ham shank. – *Guitar Zone* forum, 20th June **2006**

· If the hamshanks go into Iran you can be sure our boys will follow. – *Black and White Army* forum, 6th November **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. The form *ham shank* (spelt as two words, hyphenated or as one word) is common in both locations of use. *Ham* and *hammie* have only been recorded in British English, but, according to the available evidence, the latter form is confined to Scottish usage.

· 'Geein' oot hammies in the remand' involved the standard difficulties caused by an abbreviation which I explained with the phrase 'jist yir Donald'. Here 'hammies' turned out to be a shortened form of 'ham-shanks' which rhymes with 'wanks'. – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.117, **1973**

· [A] ham shank = a wank. – *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 2nd March **1995**

· **ham shank** rhyming slang for a Barclays (qv). – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· Way back in 1960, I had a Glaswegian friend at college who had a whole lot of these rhyming slang terms and would say, in the most outrageous Scots accent which he didn't usually have, 'Weel, I'm awa' for a wee hammie!'. He would say this as a goodbye – I don't think he meant he was going each time he said it. We just used to roll our eyes and say 'Best of luck!' – *Edinburgh*, spoken, male, ca 62, 2nd April **2003**

· Hammie = Ham shank = ... same as 'Barclays', 'Sherman' and 'Jodrell'. – *h2g2* forum, 18th February **2005**

· "I'm off for a hammie" (Glaswegian). – *House Price Crash* forum, 24th September **2008**

· Can't believe that no one has admitted to having a ham shank... – *Munsterfans* forum, 13th November **2008**

· [W]e can all go back to bed and have a ham shank, which is what saturday mornings were invented for. – *Boards.ie* forum, 13th February **2010**

· Never been caught having a Ham Shank (Wank). – *Escort Ireland* forum, 6th October **2011**

· – A quick Sherman. Or possibly an Armitage. Both mean the same thing, really. – Or a J Arthur or a Jodrell? – or a ham? – *CycleChat* forum, 17th September **2012**

· Weegees are too doped up on smack to have a proper hamshank. – *INT 4Chan* forum, 12th April **2015**

3 a bank [UK]

Recorded in the forms *ham shank* (spelt as two words, hyphenated or as one word) and *ham*.

· If there's one thing that sums up our sad decline from the lofty heights among the Premier League of nations to the relegation zone of the Beazer Homes, it's the parlous state of your average High Street ham-shank. – A. Nickolds, *Back to Basics*, p.51, **1994**

· i'm off to the ham to get some bangers. – *The Asylum* forum, 22nd August **2000**

4 a fool [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the form *ham shank* (also spelt as one word).

· Its last years that are a bunch of hamshanks. – *The Forge* forum, 25th March **2002**

· A Ham shank (from a cut from a pig's leg) As in: David Beckham's a proper... – *Queenzone* forum, 16th February **2008**

· This Guy is a right Ham Shank. – *JA606* forum, 4th September **2011**

· i say no thanks to sitting with a bunch of ham shanks. – *billmcmurdo.wordpress.com*, blog, 5th September **2014**

ham shank

verb

to masturbate [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [T]ell him you want to steal sky porn and he'll sort you out. You'll be ham shanking in no time. – *Digital TV Banter* forum, 10th September **2005**

· If yer kippin' in me scratcher, no ham shankin', d'ye hear me? – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· [H]amshanking is jacking off? – Exactly. Tommy tanking/hamshanking. – *Digital Spy* forum, 23rd June **2007**

· I love u lots & lots bonnie idst i hamshanked over u many a time. – *www.facebook.com*, 8th November **2013**

ham shanker

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*. Formed on the noun or verb HAM SHANK.

· [A]t least we *know* they're a bunch of supercilious ham-shankers – they're incapable of pretending to be anything else. – *AVForums*, 19th December **2005**

· That ham shanker. It would have been better off if he'd went the same way as his daft mate[.] – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.313, **2007**

· [P]eople who espouse strong politics, be it left, right or centre, tend to be ham shankers. – *Hibs.net* forum, 8th February **2012**

· Stewart Lee, the biggest ham shanker on the planet. – *www.scotsman.com*, 21st March **2014**

Ham Shankies

nickname

Clydebank FC, a football team based in Clydebank, near Glasgow

Rhymes on *Bankies*, the traditional nickname for this football club. ▶ see JIMMY KRANKIES, KILLIECRANKIES, PAPER HANKIES and SHERMAN TANKIES

· Variously, the Bankies have been lumbered with fond cries for the Paper Hankies or Ham Shankies. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 29th January **2000**

· Had a fantastic day out with the ham shankies, when Hibs were in the 1st Division[.] – *HibeasBounce* forum, 25th April **2009**

· Papers = Paper Hankies = Bankies!!!!!! Could also add Sherman Tankies and Ham Shankies which have been heard around Holm Park on occasion!!! – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 20th April **2011**

· How are the Ham Shankies doing this season? – *twitter.com*, 26th February **2016**

hand and fist

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

hand cranker

noun

a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A visual metaphor for a wanker in its literal sense.

· It's rhyming slang comrade. Swiss bankers, hand crankers ... – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th November **2008**

· [D]id you see the onstage antics of the singer in that band? what a fucking hand cranker! – *UD(.com)*, 4th April **2009**

hand grenades

noun

AIDS [UK]

· Well, yesterday he comes over and tells me he thinks he's got hand grenades. – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.23, **2004**

· – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

handicap

noun

a sexually transmitted disease, especially gonorrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the clap*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

handicap chase; handicap

noun

the face, especially an ugly one [UK]

· Look at the handicap on that poor sod. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

handle cranker

noun

a masturbator [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A visual metaphor. Prison use.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Handley Page; handley

noun

the stage [UK]

< Handley Page, the first British aircraft manufacturing firm and the surname of its founder, Sir Frederick Handley Page (1885–1962). Theatrical slang.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, **1973**

· From the *Handley* (stage, from Handley Page, the aircraft manufacturing firm founded in 1909 by Sir Frederick Handley Page, b. 1885) we get *Lucy Locket*[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.151, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

hand over fist; hand over

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < *hand over fist* 'very rapidly and recklessly, especially in reference to making, losing or spending money'.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

hands and feet; hands

noun

meat [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Handy Dan

noun

a man [US]

< Handy Dan, a familiar name for Handy Dan Home Improvement, an American retailer.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.502, **1984**

hang bluff

noun

snuff [UK/US]

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· – A. Trumble, *SDNYLP*, **1880**

· – W.C. Wilde, *Thief Talk*, p.310, **1890**

Hanger Lane; Hangar Lane; hanger; hangar

noun

1 a nuisance [UK]

Rhymes on *pain*. < Hanger Lane, an area of north-west London notable to many for the complex Hanger Lane gyratory road system. Recorded in the forms *Hangar Lane* (Puxley 1992) and *Hanger Lane* (Tibballs 2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 pain; a pain [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Hangar Lane* and *hangar*.

· Then he got the *hangars* and a *frock* and felt completely *cream-crackered*, so he thought it was *inky blue*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, **2011**

hang glider*noun*

cider [UK]

- Get the Britney's in. Or I might have a pint of Hang Glider. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 16th January **2004**
- Pint of hang glider. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

Hanging Rock; hanging*noun*

the penis [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *cock*. < Hanging Rock, a volcanic formation near Melbourne, Victoria, popularised as the setting for Joan Lindsay's novel *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, published in 1967 and later made into a film by Peter Weir. Possibly influenced by the use of *hanging* in 'how's it hanging?' and other male genital-centric phrases.
- Have you got a hanging? – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

hangnail*noun*

a slow-moving or dawdling person, especially a slow driver [UK]

Rhymes on *snail*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Hank and Frank; Frank and Hank*noun*

a bank [US]

- Hank and Frank* is recorded by Pollock (1935), Blumberg (1968), Flores (1984), Harris (1989) and 'The Gang Dictionary' (2004). *Frank and Hank* is given by Maurer (1944) and Cardozo-Freeman (1984).
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.192, **1944**
- Get some oak and ash at the Hank and Frank. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.63, **1968**
- Gotta ease on down to the Hank and Frank to make a withdrawal. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.503, **1984**
- – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Hank and Lee Marvin; hank and lee; hank and his brother lee; hank and his brother; Hank, Lee and all the Marvins; Lee and Hank Marvin*adjective*

very hungry [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *starvin'*. A conflation of HANK MARVIN and LEE MARVIN that intensifies the sense of both.
- [I]f you're really hungry you could say, "I'm Hank, and his brother Lee". – *A(.com)*, 9th June **2001**
- Hank & Lee Hungry as in Hank and Lee Marvin. – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**
- 'Cup of tea boys, nice bit of cake?' asks Doll, as we greet the chaps. 'Yes please Doll, we're Lee and Hank Marvin.' – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.225, **2007**

- Anyway time to nail a cooked breakfast. Hank, Lee and all the Marvins. – *twitter.com*, 7th April **2012**
- I'm fucking Hank and Lee Marvin. I'd also love a pint of something hoppy as well. – *twitter.com*, 25th June **2012**
- I'm Hank, Lee and all the Marvins. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2012**
- I am Lee and Hank Marvin! – *twitter.com*, 22nd April **2013**
- I was Hank and his brother[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**
- I didn't have dinner tonight and I'm Hank and Lee Marvin. – *twitter.com*, 30th May **2016**

Hank Marvin; 'ank Marvin; Hank B. Marvin; hank; 'ank; ank; hank b.*adjective*

very hungry [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *starvin'*. < English guitarist Hank B. Marvin (b.1941), best known as a member of The Shadows. ▶ see HANK AND LEE MARVIN
- [H]ere's some that i remember... apples and pears: stairs Hank Marvin (singer in The Shadows (?): starvin'[.] – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 5th June **1991**
- Lee Marvin: rhyming slang for starvin'. Hungry. Glaswegians tend to use Hank Marvin, the Shadow. – *The Guardian*, London, 18th May **1996**
- [T]he booze and the sea air had left us all Hank Marvin. – M. King and M. Knight, *Nineties*, p.104, **1999**
- After a few spliffs you get fucking ank, and have to eat biscuits. – I. Marchant, *Waters*, [2012], **1999**
- Well I hope you've left your knickers off cos I'm Hank Marvin. – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.121, **2001**
- I'm 'Ank Marvin, mate. – D. Lewis, *Operation*, p.412, **2004**
- [A]nd I'm there listening to the new Coldplay album, waiting for the old nosebag to arrive, so Hank I'd eat a scabby fucking dog at this stage. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.53, **2004**
- [I]t's almost my dinner-time and I'm Hank B. Marvin. – *Trojan* forum, 14th September **2006**
- Everytime I have a bit of Bob, I end up Hank. – *Piston-Heads* forum, 21st January **2010**
- [C]ome on lets get something to eat, I'M HANK B[.] – *thejohnfleming.wordpress.com*, blog, 12th June **2011**
- Here's our new ad for Mattessons Fridge Raiders. The perfect snack for when you're Hank Marvin. – *www.youtube.com*, 15th June **2012**

- I have always likened the consumption of authentic good quality Chinese food to eating a warmed up hay-stack, then being Hank B Marvin (starving) two hours later! – *bigbadbobsblog.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th January **2015**

hanky panky*adjective*

eccentric or strange; silly [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cranky*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Hannen Swaffer; Hannan Swaffer

noun

a boss or supervisor [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *gaffer*. < English journalist and drama critic Hannen Swaffer (1879–1962).
- Born Frederic Charles Swaffer, he adopted his mother's maiden name "Hannen" for his journalistic work, effecting the Glaswegian rhyming slang for "gaffer". – P. Hainig, *True Hauntings*, p.323, **2008**
- **Hannan Swaffer** the Gaffer "This was rhyming slang that my Dad used to use." – *www.edinphoto.org.uk*, J. Cairns, Dunfermline, 20th December **2008**

Hannibal Lecter; hannibal

noun

1 a ticket inspector [UK]

- < Hannibal Lecter (or Hannibal Lecktor), the serial killer created by Thomas Harris in the novels *Red Dragon* (1981) and *The Silence of the Lambs* (1988), popularised by their film adaptations in 1986 (*Manhunter*) and 1991 (*The Silence of the Lambs*); Lecter was played by Brian Cox in 1986 and by Anthony Hopkins in 1991; later novels and films in this series are post-coinage.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [A] Hannibal Lecter is a train inspector[.] – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

2 a company director [UK]

· The company I work for has made me a Hannibal. – *The Independent*, London, 21st July **1999**

Hans Blix; hans

noun

an awkward or difficult situation [UK]

- Rhymes on *fix*. < Swedish politician and diplomat Hans Blix (b.1928), the United Nations inspector who led the failed search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq between 2000 and 2003.
- I'm in a bit of a Hans. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Hans Blix

verb

to repair [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *fix*. < Swedish politician and diplomat Hans Blix (b.1928), the United Nations inspector who led the hopeless search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq between 2000 and 2003.
- Can you hans blix a haddock and bloater? – D. Bolger and C. O'Neill, *Dodgems*, dance drama, O'Reilly Theatre, Dublin, 25th September **2008**

Hansel and Gretel; hanel

noun

a kettle [UK]

< *Hansel and Gretel*, the eponymous heroes of an 1812 fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm.

· In old cockney sculleries the 'Hansel' was always on the go. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Stick the Hansel on, love, I'm gasping. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th April **2005**

· I put the Hansel on for a nice cup of Rosy. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

· I'll stick on the Hansel and Gretel and make us a nice cup of Rosie Lee. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 25th July **2012**

Hans Krankl

noun

the ankle [UK/IRELAND]

- < Austrian footballer Johann 'Hans' Krankl (b.1953).
- – *Dark Bit Factory* forum, 5th November **2008**
- I quite often hear injured players being asked how their Hans Krankl is. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 10th August **2010**
- Fuck, he's broke his Hans Krankl. – *twitter.com*, 19th October **2012**

· I fell off the plane drunk at JFK at the 94 WC and did my Hans Krankl. Hobbled round the US for a month. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 22nd July **2014**

· He took me out good style ... his full weight wrenched my Hans Krankl which is now the size of a balloon[.] – *Fans Online.net* forum, 12th July **2015**

hansom cab

noun

a worker who refuses to join a strike or who replaces a union worker during a strike [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *scab*. < *hansom cab* 'a two-wheeled horse-drawn carriage with a fixed hood, used in the past as a taxi'.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

hansom cabs; hansoms

noun

pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*. < *hansom cab* 'a two-wheeled horse-drawn carriage with a fixed hood, used in the past as a taxi'.

· *Crabs Hansom cabs* Hansoms. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.76, **1973**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Happy Easter

noun

the buttocks [US]

Rhymes on the American colloquialism *keister*. Remembered by Corrigan (2005) as part of the slang of first- and second-generation Irish living in the Mission District of San Francisco in the first half of the 20th century.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- One landed on one’s “Happy Easter.” – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

happy feed; happy*noun*

marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*.

- Ow much Happy ’ave you got? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st May **2003**
- She was caught trying to smuggle *happy feed* (weed) out of France. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 7th May **2010**

happy-go-likey*noun*

a gypsy or traveller [UK]

Rhymes on *pikey*. A pun on *happy-go-lucky*, a word that encapsulates the attitude of the stereotypical gypsy and traveller. Synonymous with DO-AS-YOU-LIKEY and LOOKY-LIKEY.

- But Voices heard it used unselfconsciously only once, and then abusively, where the expression ‘happy-go-likey’ was mentioned in connection with the Gravesend travellers, rhyming slang for ‘pikey’ (a much disliked derogatory description of them). – S. Elmes, *Talking for Britain*, p.69, **2005**
- Just noticed the Tom and roots on this one – looks a bit of a happy go likey. – *Not606* forum, 25th July **2013**

happy half-hour; ’appy ’arf hour*noun*

a flower [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- Half a mo while I pop over the field o’ wheat and buy a happy half-hour to put in my I’m afloat. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**
- [H]e always wore a happy-half-hour in his I’m afloat. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**
- What, for example, could be more sentimental than “happy half-hours” for “flowers”? – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**
- Flowers ‘Appy ’arf hours. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.78, **1973**

happy hour*noun*

1 a flower [US/UK]

In American slang, only recorded in the plural, which is also the usual form in British usage.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- A suspicious look may follow when a gift of ‘happy hours’ is given to the wife for no reason. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

2 a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

3 a shower of rain [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian usage, first recorded by Seal in 2009 but thought to date from the 1950s.

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

happy kill*noun*

skill [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

- – *To Sir, with Love*, UK film, script by James Clavell, **1967**

harbour light*adjective*

all right, satisfactory [UK]

More common as part of the phrase ALL HARBOUR LIGHT.

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.19, **2011**

hard and flat*noun*

a bowler hat [US]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

hard hit*noun*

an act of defecation [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

- [G]o for a hard hit. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by J. Slater, **1978**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- To go for a ‘hard hit’ is to defecate. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**
- I remember as a fairly small kid with my grandad in the bush being told, just wait here mate, I need to go for “a hard hit”. – *www.bushverse.com*, 22nd June **2008**
- Brad Pitt has his name used to describe a basic bodily function, often replacing earlier terms such as “tom tit” or “hard hit”. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 26th July **2011**

hard labour*noun*

a neighbour [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Hardwicke Grange*noun*

change (money) [UK]

< Hardwicke Grange, a British refrigerated cargo ship that operated from 1921 to 1942, when it was torpedoed and sunk by the German navy.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

hare and hound

noun

a round of drinks [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

hare and hound

verb

found (past participle of *find*) [UK]

Used in passive constructions.

· [S]he's lost the knobbly knees (keys). On with the Posh 'n' Becks (specs), and they're Hare and Hound (found). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August 2001

haricot bean; haricot

noun

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *queen*.

· When youse first get an **eyeful** of him youse might reckon he's a bit of a **haricot** but the yarn goes he's had more sheilahs than you've had **spaghetti breakfasts!** – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, 1971

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, 1984

· – R. Aldrich and G. Wotherspoon, *Gay Perspectives*, p.43, 1992

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

harmonic

noun

tonic water [UK]

Seemingly the forerunner of the more usual PHILHARMONIC.

· Vera and Harmonic for the lady – and an orange juice for you. – A. Masters, *Minder*, p.16, 1984

harold

verb

to abscond; to do a runner [AUSTRALIA]

Functionally shifted from the noun form *harold*, itself a shortening of HAROLD HOLT.

· If you're going to leg it from some embarrassing situation, you can 'Harold', or bolt. Harold Holt was an Australian Prime Minister who disappeared after going for a swim. – *The Observer*, London, 19th November 2006

Harold Holt; Harry Holt; harold; harry

noun

1 salt [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the usual Australian pronunciation of *salt* as *solt*. < Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt (1908–67), who disappeared while swimming at Portsea in Victoria; his body has never been found. Recorded in

the forms *Harold Holt* (Meredith 1984; Lambert 2004), *harold* and *harry* (Lambert 2004).

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

· [S]hop owners in Australia asking if you want a bit of "Harold Holt" (salt) on your fish & chips[.] – M. Artley, *The Full Moons*, 2014

2 an act of absconding; a rapid departure [AUSTRALIA] Rhymes on *bolt*. A piece of grim and ironic humour. Used in the phrase *do a Harold Holt/do the Harold Holt* (also with the forms *Harry Holt, harold* and *harry*) 'to do a runner'. According to Mark Gwynn of the Australian National Dictionary Centre (*ozwords.org*, 5th August 2012), this usage is first recorded in 1984.

· Then we would do the Harold Holt – 'Bolt' he decoded for me – up to Joh country. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.169 [1993], 1987

· [H]e done a Harold Holt. – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004

· We then did the ring road to Diamond Creek, up St Andrews-Kinglake Rd over toolangi, [...] and then did a harry holt thru the traffic to get Maty back in time for work at 6pm! – *Australian Kawasaki Sportsbike Riders Club* forum, 1st September 2006

· So we nussed out a few quid, pair of lobsters, and I did a Harold. – *www.irregularwebcomic.net*, 26th March 2007

· Maybe suddenly he thought, 'Right, I've lost the election, I reckon I could probably lose Janette as well. I might do a Harold Holt and bugger off into the crowd!'

– *Insiders*, Australian TV: ABC1, 9th December 2007

· Mr Ransom asked why Mr Hannah did "a Harry Holt" and walked 38 kilometres to Burns Creek where he was later arrested in an abandoned car. – *The Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania, 22nd April 2010

· [A]nyone doing a disappearing act is doing a "Harold Holt." So, when you have to "mosey on," or "get the hell out of here" you do the "bolt" – the "Harold Holt." Or simply, you do "the Harry." – *travel.cnn.com*, 22nd June 2011

Harold Lloyd; Harold Loid; Harold

noun

a strip of celluloid or pliable plastic used for forcing Yale-type locks [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *loid*, itself a clipping of *celluloid*, and *Lloyd*. < American silent film comedian Harold Lloyd (1893–1971). Criminal use. The slang term *loid* is sometimes spelt *lloyd*, a spelling probably triggered, at least originally, by a pun on the homophonous surname.

· The word originates from rhyming slang, Harold Lloyd – a once well-known comedian – celluloid. – P. Tempest, *LL*, s.v. '*loid*', 1950

· HAROLD LLOYD: celluloid. – *The Police Journal*, London, July/September 1951

· Harold (Harold Lloyd) is celluloid, an instrument of housebreaking, and "Elephant" equals "Elephant and

Castle” (pronounced “Carsel”) which means a parcel. – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24, **1959**

· **LOID** (HAROLD LOID): Celluloid; elongated strip used for opening “Yale” locks only without a twirl (key, of course). – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, 1959, ‘Glossary’, p.xiv, **1961**

· *Loid or Harold (Lloyd)* ... Celluloid used as a house-breaking implement. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.205, **1962**

· Loid (Harold Lloyd) Celluloid (or, nowadays, plastic pieces) used to lip door catches when housebreaking[.] – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.191, **1977**

· **HAROLD**; celluloid[.] – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

Harold Lloyd; Harold

verb

to open a lock with a strip of celluloid or pliable plastic [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *loid* and *Lloyd*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

Harold Macmillan; 'arold

noun

a villain [UK]

< English Conservative politician Harold Macmillan (1894–1986), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1957 to 1963. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

Harold Pinter; harold

noun

1 a splinter [UK]

< English playwright Harold Pinter (1930–2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a computer printer [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Harold Ramp; harold

noun

a tramp [UK]

· The welsh are Harold Ramps, no doubt about it. – *Belmsford* forum, 15th June **2004**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· Seriously, never drink Carlsberg Special Brew UNLESS you are 17 and wanting to get horrendously drunk or are a gentleman of the road (that’a a Harold Ramp to you rhyming slang enthusiasts). – *AntiEvolution.org* forum, 19th October **2007**

· – Yeah, I also think the more PC term for ‘tramp’ is ‘street drinker’ or ‘Harold Ramp’. – Pete and I were going to make a new card game of interesting street folk we have known of/seen in the past [...] We were going to

call it ‘Top Tramps’ but the company that makes them had issue without missuse of the name. They wanted to call them ‘Top Harolds’[.] – *Sproutlore* forum, 14th November **2007**

· I thought we were betting on how many Harold ramps were in the bookies. – *twitter.com*, 13th August **2012**

Harold Wilson; Harold Wilsons; harolds

noun

a Stillson wrench [UK]

< English Labour Party politician Harold Wilson (1916–95), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1964 to 1970 and from 1974 to 1976. In use among plumbers. ▶ see BILLY WILSONS and BOB WILSONS

· Harold Wilson’s is Cockney slang for Stilsons (Pipe Wrenches). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· **Harold Wilson Stillson**. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· An old workmate used to make up his own, but all I can remember is Harold Wilsons = Stilsons. – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

· Can you lend me your Harolds? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

harp and fiddle

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piddle*.

· I’m going out for a harp ’n’ fiddle. – T.A.G. Hungerford, *Ridge*, p.165, **1952**

Harpers and Queens; harpers

noun

jeans [UK]

< *Harpers & Queen*, a British fashion and lifestyle magazine (renamed *Harper’s Bazaar* in 2006).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th May **2001**

· She kicks her day trippers (slippers) off her plates of meat (feet), and it’s on with the Harpers and Queens (jeans), the Dicky Dirt (shirt), the tit for tat (hat) and the rhythm and blues (shoes). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· He’s sporting a new pair of harpers. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· – What are you getting for chrimbo? [...] – Pair of harpers and queens and an AJ Hackett. – *Fragmasters* forum, 19th December **2006**

harpoon

noun

a spoon [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Harrelson

noun

an erection [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *woody* ‘an erection’ and *Woody*. < American actor Woody Harrelson (b.1961).

· I’ve got a dirty big Harrelson on me. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.232, **2007**

harris*noun*▶ *see* ARISTOTLE**harris hole***noun*

the anus [UK]

Based on HARRIS, a shortened form of ARISTOTLE. Generally in loosely figurative phrases.

· It was parmo related mate aye, I've told him to shove his stupid ecu up his harris hole. – *GT4OC* forum, 22nd September **2011**

· Briscoe for an international needs a rocket up his harris hole as i see it[.] – *RLFANS* forum, 29th February **2012**

· [U]nravelling all the budgets set up by a man who seemed to have made them up by randomly pulling numbers out of his harris hole. – *BikeRadar* forum, 13th April **2012**

harris kisser*noun*▶ *see* ARIS LICKER**harris lick***verb*▶ *see* ARIS LICK**harris licker***noun*▶ *see* ARIS LICKER**Harris tweed; harris***noun***1** amphetamine [UK]

Rhymes on *speed*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – T. Hibbert, *Rockspeak!*, **1983**

· – Which song do you think is the most amphetamine fuelled sisters song? – there you go: regardless of whether it's about the old *harris tweed* or not, *amphetamine-fuelled* covers just about all of them! – *The Sisters of Mercy Forum*, 22nd October **2005**

2 a thin and contemptibly weak person [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*. Only differentiated from *harris*, *arris* or *aris* (the clipped form of ARISTOTLE) by context.

· But Fenella, he's such an appalling Harris. [...] Harris Tweed = Weed. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.22, **1985**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· He's a bit of an 'Arris. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th March **2004**

· That 'arris, 'arry 'arris, is an adjectival ache in the ariss – translates as 'That weed Harry Harris is a royal pain in the rectum'. – *www.facebook.com*, 9th May **2013**

harriswipe*noun*▶ *see* ARISWIPE**Harry***nickname*

English footballer David Seaman (b.1963)

Shortened from HARRY MONK, rhyming on *spunk*, a slang synonym for *semen*, itself a homophone of *Seaman*. Further shortened to H. ▶ *see* DAVID

· Shouted out Alright Harry to him just after he left us, at Wembley where he was an England sub. – *QPR Report* forum, 1st July **2009**

· Had great banter with the Loft during his time with us and was known as "Harry" by many. – *Loft for Words* forum, 24th October **2014**

Harry and Billy; harry*adjective***1** silly [UK]

< Harry and Billy, a tandem reference to Prince Henry of Wales (b.1984), known as Prince Harry, and his elder brother Prince William, Duke of Cambridge (b.1982).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th July **2002**

· Chilly I have heard as *Uncle Billy*, but usually only when people are being a bit 'arry. (Harry and Billy = silly). – *Gibson Guitar Board* forum, 7th December **2008**

· Now you don't have to be a maths genius (I'm not) to work out that since sponsors logos started appearing, the rate of new shirt (and shorts and socks) designs has gone a bit Harry and Billy. – *www.tottenhamblog.com*, blog, 4th March **2010**

2 (of weather) chilly [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I didn't hang around too much as the North Easter was making it a bit Harry & Billy, so I meandered off to the Obbs for a coffee. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 6th December **2013**

Harry and Frank*noun*

an act of masturbation [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Harry Blows*noun*

the nose [NEW ZEALAND]

Suggested by the slang *blow* 'to inhale a drug through the nose'. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Harry Bluff*noun*

snuff [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· *Hang bluff*. Snuff. The original is the English rhyming slang *Harry bluff*, of which *hang bluff* is either a misprint or perversion. – W.C. Wilde, *Thief Talk*, p.310, **1890**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

Harry Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < *Harry Brown*, a 2009 British film directed by Daniel Barber and its title character, played by Michael Caine.

· [S]weet up the Harry broon? Aye mate ill be oot like gees a shout later on. – *twitter.com*, 24th November **2012**

· Short back disaster at the hairdressers this morning before the semi against the wee team this afternoon then up the Harry Broon tonight. – *twitter.com*, 1st March **2014**

Harry Dash; hARRY

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· i mean women are always saying we blokes are two faced, telling them lies.....going behind their backs..... well i never did (except when i wanted a hARRY dash..... that's cockney speak for slash)[.] – *www.sodahead.com*, 21st November **2011**

· – I dont know where in London half of the people on here have come from or been invented from but Harry Dash is a slash [...]. – It was either a jimmy or hARRY depending on the company if ladies present it was Jimmy as piddle sounded better than slash. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

· I'm just going for a Harry Dash, me back teeth are swimming! – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.373, **2015**

2 ■ like a Harry Dash; quick as a Harry Dash very quickly [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*, used in the phrases *like a flash* and *quick as a flash*.

· Quick as a Harry Dash! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

· [H]e sped off like a Harry-Dash. – *www.h5hashers.org.uk*, 18th May **2015**

Harry Dash; hARRY

adjective

1 vulgarly ostentatious [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*. The short form is given by Young and Moody (1985).

· – B. Young and M. Moody, *Rock 'n' Roll*, p.52, **1985**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 cheeky, impudent [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Don't get Harry Dash son! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st February **2005**

Harry Gold; hARRY

adjective

cold [UK]

· [T]he 'treacle' ('treacle toffee'–coffee) was stone 'Harry' ('Harry Gold'–cold). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

Harry Gregg

noun

a cigarette [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *feg*, the Ulster dialect form of *fag*. < Northern Irish footballer Harry Gregg (b.1932).

· – R. Niblock, *A Reason to Believe*, stage play, West Belfast Festival, July **2009**

Harry Greggs

noun

eggs [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Northern Irish footballer Harry Gregg (b.1932).

· You don't hear it much today but in my youth Manchester had its own form of cockney rhyming slang. [...] Eggs was Harry Greggs. – *Knowhere Guide/Gorton* forum, 29th April **2012**

Harry Grout

noun

tobacco; a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *snout*. < Harry Grout, a fictional 'snout baron' in the BBC sitcom *Porridge* (1974–77), played by Peter Vaughan (1923–2016). Prison slang.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [N]o need for the hARRY grout man. – *Fuk.co.uk* forum, 4th October **2010**

· Incidentally, in modern prison parlance 'Harry Grout' has become rhyming slang for 'snout', a case of life imitating art if ever there was one. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.151, **2015**

Harry Halls

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. A variation of HENRY HALLS.

· I understand the sex-change need for some people but just removing your 'Harry Halls' just because you dont feel comfortable with them... – *Volszone* forum, 26th February **2008**

· Well Richie you should have got Batty to arrange everything and you would have been lying back with a beer in your hand and the sun on your hARRY halls. – *www.nufcblog.co.uk*, blog, 18th April **2011**

· Always happens to me – that's one of many of March's kick in the Harry Halls! – *Mr Fixit's Tips* forum, 28th March **2014**

Harry Henner

noun

a ten-dollar note or the sum of ten dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tenner*.

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th January **2004**

Harry Hill

noun

1 a contraceptive pill [UK]

< Harry Hill, the stage name of English comedian Matthew Hall (b.1964).

· Are you on the Harry Hill darling? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th April **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a pill; often, MDMA, the recreational drug also known as *ecstasy* [UK]

· Taking ‘Harry Hills’ in a club is amazing when you feel like you’re at one with the crowd and you love the walls[.] – *MP3Unsigned* forum, 6th February **2008**

· It might have been the Harry Hills but I think he smiled at me too. – *pillsincanonmills.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th March **2008**

· ‘Yeah, yeah ... What about you? You look on the mend.’ He tapped his pocket. ‘Dr Mac there got me a few Harry Hills.’ – T. Black, *Loss*, p.161, **2010**

· 30mg of cetirizine and a nasal spray keep the worst of it away, but the heart beat gans bezerk at times. Got 240 harry hills if you need owt mate. – *From the Banks of The River Wear* forum, 23rd April **2013**

3 a bill, the cost [IRELAND]

· I didn’t see *him* sticking his hand in his pocket. I wonder is that, like, a Thai custom as well, stinging every other focker for the Harry Hill. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.119, **2010**

Harry Hill

adjective

ill [UK]

< Harry Hill, the stage name of English comedian Matthew Hall (b.1964).

· In fact, I’m feeling slightly Harry Hill, if truth be told. – *sausageNet Nostalgia Forums*, 17th October **2004**

Harry Holt; harry

noun

► see HAROLD HOLT

Harry Hoof

noun

a male homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *poof*.

· Just realizing the perfume I got last year is actually for men. I saw it advertised on the TV just now, for men and just googled it. DKNY Red Delicious, good grief I’ve been going about smelling like a harry hoof for months, no wonder I’m still single. – *Caithness.org* forum, 15th December **2007**

· ‘And ah think that made them a wee bit suspicious o’ me, mibbe thought ah wis a bender.’ ‘Bender?’ asked the Inspector. ‘Harry Hoof, sur.’ – A. Rutherford, ‘Haikus and Heavy’, in *Radgepacket*, Vol. 1, p.67, **2008**

· One rumour I heard was that he is ALLEGEDLY a ‘harry hoof’ as ALLEGEDLY is Looovens. – *RangersMedia* forum, 27th November **2008**

Harry Hoofter

noun

a male homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *poofter*.

· Stop checkin out ma erse, ya harry hoofter! – *UD(.com)*, 28th October **2005**

· Fair play to any Harry Hoofers out there. Nothing wrong with them, though I still feel uncomfortable if you see them kissing out in a street. – *Britxbox* forum, 9th June **2007**

· They “outed” me as a hun and a harry hofter. What could have been worse? – *Tartan Army* forum, 2nd January **2010**

· I should tell him at one point how much I value him, but it’s not really a ‘man’ thing to do, is it? I wouldn’t want him thinking I was a ‘Harry Hofter’. – C. Brown, *Weegie Tarot*, p.75, **2012**

Harry Huggins

noun

a stupid or gullible individual (often used as a deprecating reference to oneself) [UK]

Rhymes on *muggins*.

· If you get caught who’ll cop a bollocking? Harry Huggins here. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Harry Huss

noun

a bus [IRELAND]

· – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

Harry Lauder; Harry Lorder

noun

1 in the theatre, a stage hanging used for the purpose of masking [UK]

Rhymes on *border*. < Scottish comedian and singer Sir Harry Lauder (1870–1950). Recorded in the form *Harry Lauder*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

2 order, acceptable behaviour [AUSTRALIA]

Ramsay (1977) defines the word (spelt *Harry Lauder*) as ‘order’, which makes it impossible to determine the precise sense intended.

· Orright, orright! That’ll do yer! [*Carrying on like a master of ceremonies*] Let’s have a bit of Harry Lorder, a bit of *decorum*, if yer please! – J. McNeil, *The Old Familiar Juice*, sc. ii, p.67 [1987], **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

3 a prison warder [UK]

Recorded in the form *Harry Lauder*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

4 an order, a command [UK]

Recorded in the form *Harry Lauder*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

5 a drink order (in a bar or pub) [UK]

Recorded in the form *Harry Lauder*. Used in the expression *last Harry Lauders* ‘in a bar or pub, the last drinks that customers are allowed to order before the place closes’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

6 an order for food (made by a diner or diners) [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the form *Harry Lauder*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Harry Lauders*nickname*

The Border Regiment, a former infantry regiment of the British Army

Rhymes on *The Borders*, a popular nickname for this regiment. < Scottish comedian and singer Sir Harry Lauder (1870–1950). The Border Regiment was formed in 1881 by amalgamating the 34th (Cumberland) Regiment of Foot and the 55th (Westmorland) Regiment of Foot. In 1959 it merged with the Kings Own Royal Regiment of Lancaster to become The King's Own Royal Border Regiment (1959–2006).

• – T. Carew, *Regiments*, p.74, **1974**

• The 'Harry Lauders' was the army-slang name for the 1st Bn The Border Regiment. – *RootsChat.com* forum, 3rd June **2011**

Harry Lime*noun*

time; the time [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

< Harry Lime, the character played by Orson Welles in the 1949 film *The Third Man*, directed by Carol Reed and written by Graham Greene.

• – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

• What's the Harry Lime? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

• Hey, you've got a watch, mate, have you got the **Harry Lime**? – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

• – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

• Would you Adam and Eve it, look at the Harry Lime[.] – *www.examiner.co.uk*, 3rd April **2012**

• [T]hey spend much of their Harry Lime attacking Jeremy Corbyn but Jeremy Corbyn is a diamond Julius Caesar. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

Harry Lin*noun*

the chin [UK]

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• She caught me right on my Harry Lin! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Harry Lorder*noun*

▶ see HARRY LAUDER

Harry McCourts*noun*

shorts [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Northern Irish footballer Harry McCourt (b.1968).

• – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

Harry Monk; harry; 'arry*noun*

1 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. ▶ see H

• [“]Was she as dirty as she looked?” “Can’t really remember. Plenty of Harry on the boat, though. – C. Butts, *Is Harry on the Boat?*, p.89, **1997**

• [H]er brand new Schott top was splattered with Harry’s semen – or Harry’s Harry, his Harry Monk[.] – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.172, **2001**

• That? It’s me 'Arry, mate. I’ve been collecting it for years. – D. MacLaughlin and W. Hall, *The Filth*, p.92, **2002**

• Dionne is going to get a high speed injection of harry monk straight down her billy goat. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

• What I didn’t realise was that my old fella had to be erect and that the substance was meant to be, well you know, harry-monk-like, not resembling orange juice. – *payingforithediaryofabipolarpunter.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th May **2012**

2 skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

▶ see MONK

• – *Hip Forums*, 2nd December **2003**

• [I]’m cool today with just reading about frank brunos ‘harry’ (monk = skunk) and ‘kate’ (moss = cocaine) escapades to be honest with ya. – *Fuk.co.uk* forum, 9th October **2005**

• [N]ever mixed it with Harry Monk, I guess it would be v. relaxing. – *Hempire* forum, 20th May **2007**

• – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Harry Monk*verb*

1 to spend or waste time or money [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

• In the reverse, I bought some DVD’s, and football shirts when I went back in November 2004, and Harry Monked over a grand. I changed about \$600AUS into about 250 quid, and blew the lot doing not much! – *WargamerAU* forum, 20th August **2006**

• [W]e cannot accept responsibility for every nation in the world, especially if it comes at the expense of those in the uk who are denied services due to lack of cash, because it’s been harry monked overseas. – *www.theguardian.com*, 12th July **2010**

2 (of a man) to ejaculate [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

• [T]hat little vern was telling coolio he wanted to harry monk over one of there boat race’s and down there gregory peck. – *UK420* forum, 6th January **2009**

• The winner will be the first person to harry monk over her face. – *Bubble Blowers* forum, 15th February **2009**

• This poor, poor girl obviously has malaria and all you sick fucks are Harry Monking over her, its totally ourageous. – *www.youtube.com*, **2011**

• Might take me a while to Harry Monk though cause I had a quick J. Arthur Rank 20 minutes ago. – *NeoGAF* forum, 22nd April **2012**

Harry Nash*noun*

cash [UK]

< Harry Nash, noted by Franklyn (1961) to have been a cashier at Scruttons Ltd, a London stevedoring company.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, 1973
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- There's a discount if you're paying Harry Nash. – *A(.com)*, accessed 4th November 2006

Harry Nicholls; Harry Nichols*noun*

pickles [UK]

- Then he complains that the “Harry Nicholls” are too “Malcolm.” – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August 1910
- “Harry Nichols”=pickles. – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, 1911

Harry Porker*noun*

in cricket, a ball which pitches directly under the batsman's bat [UK]

- Rhymes on *yorker*. < *Harry Porker*, an elaboration of *Porker*, a nickname for a fat person. The 2006 quote illustrates British usage.
- Much cricket vernacular is based on rhyming slang, eg – ‘Harry Porker’ equals yorker, ‘shepherd’s pies’ equals byes – but the origin of some jargon is unknown. – *The Independent*, London, 1st June 1990
- [B]oth Mark Abrams and Andy Whittall succumbed to the ball England’s assistant coach likes to call “The old Harry Porker.” – *The Independent*, London, 14th December 1996
- The fourth was an absolute Harry Porker, which swung in and hit Flem on the big toe and he just walked off without looking at the umpire. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 22nd November 2006
- Completed in *stabillo carbothello pastel* and white *conte pastel* this original drawing depicts a cricketer being bowled by a Yorker. [...] After displaying the work in progress on twitter the most popular choice of title was ‘Yorked!’ although other ideas were just as valid such as ‘Toe cruncher’, ‘Harry Porker’, ‘Damn, Taxi and my personal favourite \$#!. – *cricketandotheranimals.wordpress.com*, blog, 20th October 2014

Harry Potter; harry*noun*

1 a squatter [UK]

- < Harry Potter, a character created by English novelist J. K. Rowling (b.1965). Only evidenced in the full form.
- Talk about fat, he's scared to take his strides off in case he gets Harry Potters in 'em. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *snotter*.

- Harry Potter is Cockney slang for Snotter (nose). “That geezer’s got an ’arry like concorde!” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st July 2006

Harry Rag*noun*

▶ see HARRY WRAGG

Harry Rags*nickname*

▶ see HARRY WRAGGS

Harry Randall; Harry Randle; harry*noun*

1 a candle [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Harry Randall, the stage name of music-hall comedian and pantomime dame Thomas William Randall (1860–1932). In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *Harry Randle*.

- So he goes back to his ‘Charley Wiggins’ (diggings), winds up his ‘three of Scotch,’ and after blowing the ‘Harry Randle’ out, he jumps into ‘traitor’s head,’ and is soon ‘bo-peep’. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August 1910

· A little unflattering is “Don’t be so Vesta Tilley” for “silly,” and a little obscure, “Harry Randall” for “candle.” – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937
- – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941
- – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.284, 1948
- – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January 1949

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· [S]he can’t ’old an ’arry to ’er old mum. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· Look at all the Harry’s on his cake. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December 2006

· Light the Harrys, will you mother? – S. Klein, *CRS1*, 2009

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a handle [UK]

The variant *Harry Randle* is recorded by Brophy and Partridge (1930). There is no evidence of its use in the short form.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, 1930

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

Harry Redknapp*noun*

1 a Japanese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Jap*. < English footballer and manager Harry Redknapp (b.1947).

- Japanese skiing in Europe [...] The Harry Redknapps like to do things mob-handed. – *Snowheads* forum, 7th December 2006

2 excrement; a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. ▶ see JAMIE REDKNAPP

- – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**
- Chap I worked with used to go “off for a Harry Redknapp”. – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2015**
- ③ nonsense; rubbish [UK]
 - Rhymes on *crap*.
- Ha what a load of Harry Redknapp. – *twitter.com*, 3rd November **2015**

Harry Rollocks*noun*

- ① nonsense; rubbish [UK]
 - Rhymes on *bollocks*.
- Carlsson gearbox is no different to any other GM558 04 box – the stories are a load of ‘Harry Rollocks’. – *Saab-scene* forum, 22nd January **2005**
- Am i talking Harry Rollocks or is this a useful observation... – *UKSaabs* forum, 12th October **2011**
- ② the testicles [UK]
 - Rhymes on *bollocks*. ▶ see DOG’S HARRY ROLLOCKS
- [J]ust as some of us need a good kick in the Harry Rollocks now and then, some of us need a cuddle... – *Fiat Coupe Club UK* forum, 16th July **2008**
- For the first two hours, we just stand around drinking coffee and scratching our Harry Rollocks. – *UKSaabs* forum, 23rd July **2010**

Harry Ronce*noun*

- a pimp [UK]
 - Rhymes on *ponce*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Harry Styles; harry’s*noun*

- haemorrhoids [UK/IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *piles*. < English pop singer Harry Styles (b.1994), a member of the band One Direction. In Irish usage, only recorded in the full form.
- [T]hat painful piece of rhyming slang from One Direction, Harry Styles[.] – *The Sun*, London, 10th November **2010**
- I got a bad case of the harry’s. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**
- Somebody had a belter of a shit in the glendale last night. Must have a dose of the Harry Styles... – *twitter.com*, 12th January **2014**
- Or maybe you’re suffering from an attack of the Harry Styles – piles? – *clairesmy.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th March **2015**
- Have been sitting naked on the toilet for the past 30 minutes worrying about the London gig next week. My Harry styles (my piles) are never gonna forgive me for this. – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2015**

Harry Tagg*noun*

- a bag, a piece of luggage [UK]
 - Theatrical use.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Harry Taggs*noun*

- trousers [UK]
 - Rhymes on *bags* ‘loose-fitting trousers’, applied generically.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Harry Tate; Harry Tait*noun*

- ① a plate [UK/AUSTRALIA]
 - < Harry Tate, the stage name of Scottish music-hall comedian Ronald Hutchinson (1872–1940); his son Ronnie Tate subsequently toured his father’s act as Harry Tate junior. The variant *Harry Tait* has been recorded in Australian usage.
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – W. Matthews, *Cockney Past and Present*, p.152, **1938**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- ② eight o’clock [UK]
 - Recorded in the form *Harry Tate*.
- Hearing the Tilbury Dock strike Harry Tate in the Gipsy’s Warning, I opened my mince-pies to see the hot-cross bun shining through the burnt cinder. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April **1938**
- ③ an agitated, confused, chaotic or poor condition [UK]
 - Rhymes on the colloquialism *state*. Recorded in the form *Harry Tate*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- I’m in a right old Harry Tate. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – C. Downs, *Two Fat Ladies*, p.19, **2007**
- ④ in bingo, the number eight [UK]
 - Recorded in the form *Harry Tate*.
- Scenting trouble, the Housey-Housey king shouted out, ‘Eyes down! Look in! Kelly’s Eye! Harry Tate!’ and the game got under way. – G. Coppard, *Cambrai*, p.75, **1980**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- The calls used for the number eight represent the range of types of calls found in the game. All of these calls are still in common usage and include: *One Fat Lady*, *Garden Gate*, *Harry Tate*, *Gareth Gates*. – C. Downs, *Two Fat Ladies*, p.18, **2007**
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.183, **2007**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- ⑤ a first officer in the merchant navy [UK]
 - Rhymes on *mate*. Recorded in the form *Harry Tate*.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – C. Downs, *Two Fat Ladies*, p.19, **2007**
- ⑥ lunch, especially in the form of a packed lunch [UK: NEWCASTLE]
 - Rhymes on the regional slang word *bait*. Recorded in the form *Harry Tait*.
- – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**

Harry Tate*nickname*

the British RE8 biplane, a two-seat reconnaissance and artillery observation aircraft used by the Royal Flying Corps during World War I

A slang rhyme. Perhaps reinforced by the rhyme with *crate* 'an aeroplane', a term first recorded in military parlance in 1916. < Harry Tate, the stage name of Scottish music-hall and film comedian Ronald Hutchinson (1872–1940). Probably inspired by Tate's antics in the music-hall sketch *Flying*. ▶ see HENRY TATE

· No machine was better known to our infantrymen than the R.E.8—"Harry Tate," as it was facetiously called. [...] A nasty run of accidents gave it a reputation for uncontrolled spins and for catching fire. – *Wanganui Chronicle*, 15th July **1919**

· The Reconnaissance Experimentals also used the R.A.F. motor and the famous R.E.8, better known as the Harry Tate, directed the British Artillery until the end of the war. – C. Knight, *Pilot's Luck*, p.17, **1929**

· On his next trip he loaded his Harry Tate (R.E.8) with three small boxes, attached to parachutes. – *The Brisbane Courier*, 22nd January **1931**

· There was nobody to regret the passing of the Harry Tate, but it will always be remembered as one of the great workers of the war days[.] – *Flight* magazine, London, 15th October **1954**

· The RE.8, or "Harry Tate" as its crew knew it, was probably one of the worst aircraft of World War 1. – *The Canberra Times*, 13th January **1968**

· While flying the notorious Royal Aircraft Factory RE 8 (the "Harry Tate") he forced an enemy aircraft down and was awarded a bar to his Military Cross. – W.J. Boyne, *Air Warfare*, p.70, **2002**

· But it would be rude not to have a drink with this chap who was at Vimy Ridge when I flew over it in a Harry Tate, wouldn't it? – D.J. Taylor, *Secondhand Daylight*, p.150, **2012**

Harry Tate*numeral*

eight [UK]

< Harry Tate, the stage name of Scottish music-hall comedian Ronald Hutchinson (1872–1940); his son Ronnie Tate subsequently toured his father's act as Harry Tate junior.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

Harry Tate; harry*adjective/adverb*

late [UK]

< Harry Tate, the stage name of Scottish music-hall comedian Ronald Hutchinson (1872–1940); his son Ronnie Tate subsequently toured his father's act as Harry Tate junior.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· As its so 'Arry I gets on a *trouble* an' when I gets 'ome I find the *plates* is out 'aving a *butcher's* round the *rub-as*

for me and the *cherry*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, **1969**

· Look at the time. It'll be too bleeding Harry to go in a minute. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Harry Tates*noun*

Player's 'Weights' cigarettes [UK]

< Harry Tate, the stage name of English music-hall comedian Ronald Hutchinson (1872–1940); his son Ronnie Tate subsequently toured his father's act as Harry Tate junior.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Harry, Tom and Dick*adjective*

▶ see TOM, HARRY AND DICK

Harry Worth; harry*noun*

an area that is regarded as someone's personal territory or sphere of influence [UK]

Relies on the Cockney pronunciation of *Worth* as *Wurf*, thus rhyming on the slang *turf*. < Harry Worth, the stage name of English comedian Harry Bourlon Illingsworth (1917–89).

· Harry Worth is Cockney slang for Turf. "It's not happening on my Harry!" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th September **2009**

Harry Wragg; Harry Rag; harry*noun*

1 a cigarette [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fag*. < English jockey and racehorse trainer Harry Wragg (1902–85).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· "Sit down, Eddie; take the weight off your legs. Have a drink and a cigar." "I'll have the drink," said Eddie, "but if it's all equal to you, I'd sooner a Harry Wragg." – B. Behan, *The Scarperer*, pp.78–79, **1964**

· There's nothing he won't do to get a Harry Rag. – *Harry Rag*, lyric, The Kinks, **1967**

· 'E offered me one of his *Harrys*, but I sees 'e' as a *Spanish* on issel. [...] 'E offers me one of 'is *Harry Wraggs*, but I sees 'e' as a *Spanish Guitar* on issel. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, **1969**

· Parliament intends to put up the price of pigs and I'm so, and Harrys as well. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, **1973**

· Got an 'arry = Harry Wragg *do you have a cigarette?* – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, **1983**

· I could do murder for a 'Harry Rag' myself, where are they? – T. Broadbent, *Smoke*, p.343 [2005], **2002**

· Nip down to the lolly on the Johnny, get me some Harry's and colney's. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 2nd December **2004**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.119, **2009**

2 a supporter or player of Partick Thistle FC [UK]

Rhymes on *Jag*. Formed on HARRY WRAGGS. Only recorded in the full form.

- Stephen Goldie, 16, broke a window to get into the office of Thistle chief executive Alan Dick. [...] Sheriff Kenneth Mitchell then joked he could not have been a Harry Wragg – rhyming slang for fans of Partick Thistle, known as the Jags. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 1st April **2003**
- When it comes to the Old Firm, I'm so feckin' glad I'm a Harry Wragg. – *Queenzone* forum, 3rd August **2011**
- [I]f I remember correctly it started with the keeper rolling the ball out and went all the way to the back of the net after about twenty passes and without a Harry Wragg getting near the ball. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 8th December **2011**

3 an act of sexual intercourse [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shag*. Only recorded in the full form.

- [M]a skin and blister told me yesterday she was dying for a harry wragg, so she went oot tae the jack palancin and got her nat king cole. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 31st May **2008**
- 'You're all so lucky with your men,' Myrna said, tossing her head and sniffing. 'That Algie just can't get it up... always Jimmy Riddled... haven't had a Harry Wragg for years, have I?' – R. Little, *The Jock Connection*, p.40, **2010**
- – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th March **2013**

Harry Wraggs; Harry Rags

nickname

Partick Thistle FC, a Glasgow football team

Rhymes on *Jags*, the football club's popular nickname.

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- Away the Jags, the Harry Wraggs, the Paki Thistle. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August **1995**
- No, Partick Thistle! Partick Thistle! The Harry Rags! – G. Legge, *Weathers*, p.10, **1998**
- And while the present Thistle side cannot look to Lambie's class of 2002 as a blueprint for obtaining cup success against Rangers, precedent does exist for the Harry Wraggs vanquishing their more illustrious opponents. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 16th Mar **2008**
- David Hasselhoff apparently supports the Harry Wraggs. – *twitter.com*, 15th November **2016**

Harvard and Yale

noun

a jail [US]

< Harvard and Yale, two prominent American universities.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.63, **1968**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.503, **1984**

harvest moon; harvest

noun

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970: *New Statesman*, London, 31st December **1965**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [L]ook at that harvest moon over there robbing that old lady. – *UD(.com)*, 26th September **2009**

2 a spoon [UK]

· Eating utensils for the Cockney are an *on my life*/knife, *Duke of York*/fork, and *harvest moon*/spoon. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.74, **1973**

harvest moons; harvests

noun

spoons (as a musical instrument) [UK]

- [P]erhaps he'd *Boy Scout*/shout, "Take a *butcher's* when I'm upside down playing the *harvests*." [...] "Take a *butcher's hook*/look when I am upside down playing the *harvest moons*/spoons." – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.80, **1973**

Harvey Drew

noun

vomit [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian super featherweight boxer Harvey Drew, who is known to have fought several matches in 1950.

- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, **1999**

Harvey Moon

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. < Harvey Moon, a character in the British TV series *Shine On Harvey Moon!*, broadcast from 1982 to 1985 and revived for a short period in 1995; played by Kenneth Cranham (1982–85) and Nicky Henson (1995). The title of the series is a play on the song 'Shine on, Harvest Moon' (1908) by Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth. ▶ see HARVEST MOON

- – *The Hunting Life* forum, 9th July **2007**

harvey nichol; harvey

noun

1 a difficult situation [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *pickle*. < Harvey Nichols, a luxury department store founded in Knightsbridge, London.

- *Pickle ... Harvey Nichol. [...] Keep yer "German" off my "sky" or you'll find yerself in a "Harvey." – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- We're in a right Harvey Nichol, we are. – *Bay 12 Games Forum*, 17th May **2010**
- She knew they had her by the orchestra stalls / that she was in a Harvey Nichol. – *poetfreak.com*, 23rd May **2010**
- I'm still in a right Harvey Nichol. – *twitter.com*, 3rd May **2016**

2 pickle [UK]

· A piece of stand at ease would turn out to be cheese, nicer with some Harvey Nichol to go with it, so long as it were accompanied by a slice of Uncle Fred well spread with stammer and stutter! – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May 1956

3 ■ off one's harvey nichol drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pickle*, used in the slang phrase *off one's pickle*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· JIMMY! you diamond Bacardi Breezer' ahaa your always off your Harvey Nichol but we always have a tin bath[.] – *www.bebo.com*, male from Aldershot, Hampshire, 12th November 2008

Harvey Nichols; Harvey Nicholls; harveys

noun

pickles [UK]

< Harvey Nichols, a luxury department store founded in Knightsbridge, London. The iconic profile of the London store as a centre for the conspicuously wealthy was reflected and reinforced by the TV sitcom *Absolutely Fabulous*, first broadcast in 1992. The spelling variant *Harvey Nicholls* is listed by Kendall (1969).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, 1969

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· [A]nd I remember we had 'needle and thread', 'lay me in the gutter', 'bended knees' and 'Harvey Nichols' together with a couple of 'Aristotles' of 'plink plonk'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, 1973

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· I would return home from the fish and chip shop not only with Lilian Gish and chips, but also with Harvey Nichols (pickles) and three or four large gherkins which my mother called 'wallies'. – T. Denby, *Spoilt*, 2007

· Where have you put that jar of Harveys? – S. Klein, *CRS1*, 2009

has beans

noun

green vegetables [UK]

Rhymes on *greens*. Originally recorded in prison use.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

hash broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Glasgow [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < *hash broon*, the Scots for *hash brown* 'a pan-fried potato dish'. Also used in the phrase *hit the hash broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

· [W]e gawn intae the hash broon? [...] aye, go down early then hit the hash broon was me! – *twitter.com*, 6th and 7th June 2012

hash-me-gandy

adjective

useful or convenient [US]

Rhymes on *handy*. < *hash-me-gandy*, an Australian and New Zealand slang term for a type of stew.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

Hasselhoff; Hoff

noun

hassle [IRELAND/US/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang. A pun on the surname of American actor and singer David Hasselhoff (b.1952), widely (and self-referentially) known by the nickname The Hoff. Inspired by the punning catchphrase *Don't hassel the Hoff!*, which was originally coined by the actor himself.

· Not worth it, he's thinking, as he takes a look at them disappearing out the door, both with a stroop on. Not worth the Hoff. [...] 'When she's feeling better,' and I'm there, 'Are you sure – it's no Hoff for me to wake her,' watching them disappear up the driveway. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, pp.36/93, 2008

· Plus with the number of M50s I see with cracked heads...and then the 4 valve business. Sounds like a lot of Hasselhoff. – *MyE28.com* forum, 18th November 2008

· If I hear that you're ever giving my sister Hasselhoff again, you can consider yourself already decked. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.357, 2010

· You could look out for a scrapper on eBay or elsewhere and save £100 but it might not be worth the 'hoff'? – *Pontiac Owners Club (UK)* forum, 6th March 2010

· I dont need a bird or a spare one... in fact im thinking of getting rid of mine, they are not worth the hoff[.] – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 5th November 2011

Hasselhoff

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

A covert pun on MICHAEL KNIGHT. < American actor and singer David Hasselhoff (b.1952), who played the starring role of Michael Knight in the TV series *Knight Rider* (1982–86). Some speakers see a double pun here: the *Knight Rider* character drove a sleek, artificially intelligent car called KITT, a name that rhymes with *shit*.

· Ahhh euphemisms for dumping. [...] Going for a Hasselhoff (as in Michael Knight and Kitt). – *One Touch Football* forum, 10th August 2004

hat and cap

noun

gonorrhoea [US/UK]

Rhymes on *the clap*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.97, **1968**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

hat and coat*noun*

- a boat; often specifically a refrigerated cargo ship [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

hat and feather; hatton*noun*

weather [UK]

- When's this poxy hat and feather gonna clear up? [...] What's the hatton like? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

hat and scarf*noun*

1 a bath [UK]

- A perfect rhyme in Cockney.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a laugh [UK]

Usually in the phrase *you're having a hat and scarf* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting. Also as **BOBBLE**, **HAT AND SCARF** and **WOOLLY BOBBLE HAT AND SCARF**.

- [W]e're all just 'avin a Hat and Scarf. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 18th August **2005**
- Civvie (understands) "Can I see your ID cards please?" REGAN – "You are having a hat and scarf!" – *shijuro notgeorgedixon.wordpress.com*, blog, 25th November **2011**
- You're having a hat and scarf me old china. – *twitter.com*, 9th January **2015**

Hattie Jacques; Hattie Jaques; hatties*noun*

the trembling that characterises delirium tremens [UK]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. < Hattie Jacques, the stage name of English comedy actress Josephine Jacques (1924–80).

- After that booze up I 'ad a bad case of the Hatties. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- Didn't leave a certain Brentford watering hole till 4 in the morning on Saturday, straight back on it Sunday. Now suffering big style, got the Hattie Jaques and boozier's gloom. – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 30th March **2009**
- I play off 9 and find the watch accurate enough and much easier to use, no messing around or trying to keep my hands steady after a heavy Friday night (when I've got the Hatties). – *Golfmagic* forum, 2nd July **2013**

hat with a bobble*noun*

an act of oral sex [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gobble*.

- – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**
- The blonde rolls over, gets on 'er chips an' peas an' I get an 'at with a bobble while the brunette keeps goin' at 'er Sigourney Weaver. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

have a laugh*noun*

a scarf [UK]

- Trying to stand steady facing the mirror, white knuckles gripping sink, trying to steady myself. [...] Dear, oh dear, the silk have a laugh dips into the sink. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.190, **1986**

have more wine*noun*

1 in bingo, the number nine [IRELAND]

- – M. Duffy, *The Terrace*, **2012**

2 in bingo, the number ninety-nine [IRELAND]

- – *Today with Sean O'Rourke*, Irish radio: RTÉ Radio 1, 20th May **2014**

Hawkesbury Rivers; Hawksbury Rivers; hawkesburys; hawkesburies; hawksburies*noun*

the shivers [AUSTRALIA/US]

< Hawkesbury River, in the north-west of Sydney. The short form is exclusively Australian.

- **HAWKESBURY RIVERS:** The shivers[.] – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- "Hawkesbury Rivers" are the shivers. – *The Murrumburrah Signal and Harden Advocate*, NSW, 30th April **1942**
- **HAWKESBURY RIVERS.** The shivers. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- On the other hand, "Hawkesbury Rivers" has some trifling local currency to describe shivers, but it rarely appears in this form. [...] Thus, "Hawkesbury Rivers" is more likely to appear as "Hawksburies," just as "rubbit-dub" (denoting a hotel or "pub") has become "rubbity" [.] – *The Sunday Herald*, Sydney, 5th November **1950**
- I got the Hawkesbury Rivers while I was undressing. My hands shook, my teeth chattered and my voice didn't sound like the one I knew. – D. Stivens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.136 [1961], **1951**
- He went through a spell of the "Joes" (Joe Blakes, meaning shakes), and of the "Hawkesburys" (Hawkesbury Rivers, meaning shivers). – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 18th July **1955**
- **HAWKESBURY RIVERS** – For shivers. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- **Hawkesbury Rivers:** the cold shivers. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- **Hawkesbury Rivers** (Hawkesburys) A convenient rhyme despite the fact that there is only one Hawkesbury River. – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997
- **Hawkesburies/Hawkesbury Rivers** the shivers (rhyming slang). – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999

haw maw

noun

a saw [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *haw maw*, an exclamation to attract the attention of one's mother. *Maw* is the Scots form of *ma*.

- Emdy see wherr Ah left the big haw maw? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

haw maws; haw-maws; hawmaws; ho mos

noun

1 the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. < *haw maw*, an exclamation to attract the attention of one's mother. *Maw* is Scots for *ma*. ▶ see DUG'S HAW MAWS

- More butts with the head and 'boots in the chuckies' (alternatively described in rhyming slang as one's 'haw maws') were delivered before Dick knocked Pat out[.] – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.76, 1973
- Ooya, right in the haw maws! – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988
- [K]ick your ho mos: your private. – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994
- You should've given him a good hard boot in the haw maws. – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, ca 45, May 2001
- The 4-1 CIS Cup thrashing in midweek was yet another kick in the haw-maws for the long-suffering supporters[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 9th February 2008
- [M]y hawmaws are rostit in my boxers[.] – *Hidden Glasgow* forum, 2nd July 2009
- I'll bet it felt like a hefty kick in the hawmaws to him. – *Scottish Football Forums*, 19th September 2011
- [J]ust started following you this week and I want to boot you right in the haw maws. – *twitter.com*, 9th December 2016

2 courage; nerve [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*.

- Well done Tony for have the haw maws to put yourself out there. – *Golf Monthly* forum, 2nd February 2008
- I wish one of our so called jurnos had the hawmaws to print an article of this quality[.] – *Kerrydale Street* forum 11th March 2010
- Celtic lack the haw maws to go into a tranfer window with an attitude of, that's who we want and that is the price. – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 1st September 2014
- So, let's see if these Blairites have the "haw-maws" to take, full-on, a democratically elected leader like JC. – *www.heraldsotland.com*, 25th August 2015

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. Recorded in the form *haw maws*.

- 6th year is a load of haw maws anyway. – *twitter.com*, 18th October 2012

- These opening ceremonies are the biggest load of haw maws. – *twitter.com*, 12th June 2014
- The media eh? A bunch of lord haw haws talking haw maws, that's the level of guff here. – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 6th April 2016

Hay Lee

noun

tea [AUSTRALIA?]

The one source in which the term is recorded makes it impossible to determine the dialect in which it has been used. The context, however, suggests that it is an otherwise unrecorded piece of Australian rhyming slang. ▶ see WHISPER AND TALK

- It should be noted that an alternate to Rosie Lee, for tea, is Hay Lee. – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October 1949

hayley

noun

a bill (an account) [UK]

From HAYLEY MILLS; perhaps back-formed from the unrecorded shortening *hayleys*.

- After we shook hands, him and his team of confidants seemed to go on the missing list, leaving me with a large Beechams at the hotel. I told the head porter to send the Hayley to the Rome branch of the Mafia. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.104, 1986

Hayley Mills; hayleys

noun

1 bills (accounts) [UK]

< English actress Hayley Mills (b.1946). Only recorded in the full form. Hence the singular HAYLEY.

- Hayley Mills = bills. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.104, 1986

2 amphetamine pills [UK]

- But everywhere around me people were knocking back pills – Hayley Mills, they called them. Speed, black bombers, coffin lids[.] – T. Stevens, *Sold*, p.270, 2008

· [I]n the middle 60's you'd often hear us shouting across a crowded room, 'Got any Hayleys?' – I. McLagan, *All the Rage*, 2011

- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February 2013

hay-me-acker

noun

tobacco [US]

Relies on the pronunciation of *tobacco* as *tobacchah*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

haystack

noun

the back; a person's back; the back part of a building [UK]

Also used as a euphemism in the phrase *go round the haystack* 'to go to the toilet'.

- [T]o put down one's glass saying, 'Arf a mo. I'm jus' goin' roun' the hay-stack', means to the W.C. 'The back'

is a Cockney euphemism for the W.C. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, s.v. *round the hay-stack*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· We were on our second pint when Dimmy the Hoister (professional shoplifter), masking his lips with his drink, said ‘Have a cunnin’ kick at the icecream on the ‘aystack.’ – *The Guardian*, London, 13th July **1991**

· [T]radesman’s entrance round the haystack. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Just a moment while I go round the haystack. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· We were standing around with not another soul in sight when suddenly he looked at me furtively and whispered, “Ice cream on the ‘aystack.” “Do what, Harry?” I said. [...] “Ice cream; ice cream freezer,” he explained, “equals geezer, – a man – on the ‘aystack’, meaning back. I was trying to tell you there was a geezer behind you, twerp.” – M. Rose, *A London Cabbie’s Year*, **2013**

head and tail; heads and tails

noun

a jail [US]

The earliest recorded form is *heads and tails*, listed by Pollock (1935). *Head and tail* is given by Maurer (1944) and Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

heap of coke; heap o’ coke; heap; heapy

noun

1 a man; a fellow [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

Rhymes on *bloke*. The forms *heap* and *heapy* have been recorded in British usage.

· Splodger, will you have a Jack-surpass of finger-and-thumb, and blow your yard of *tripe* of nosey me *knacker*, and have a touch of the *broads* with me and the other heaps of *coke* at my *drum*. – *The Morning Chronicle*, London, ‘Labour and the Poor’, unsigned article by Henry Mayhew, 31st January **1850**

· Oh, that’s the heap of coke I met down the frog and toad. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

· **Heap o’ coke** (*Thieves’*, *Rhyming*). Bloke – which means a comrade. Some heaps o’ coke haven’t got an ounce of cheek in them until they’re flatch kennurd, but they ain’t worth calling into account. [...] **Heapy** (*Rhyming*). Bloke (a chum). – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· It’s the rhyming slang [...] Heap o’ coke, that’s a bloke.[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· “The old ‘eap ’o coke”–bloke, Chippy will tell you, is “all right with the bees–bees and honey–money.” – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· A guy or a bloke is a heap o’ coke. – D. Ryan, *Angel’s Flight*, p.20, **1927**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] ‘Heap of coke,’ Bloke. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.9, **ca 1937**

· If your attention is called to the heap of coke on your left chalk farm you are to note the bloke on your left. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· It arrives and I get in, the Heap of Coke asks me how I am, I reply ‘I’m Calvin Klein’, he looks at me blankly. – *FISO* forum, 5th July **2008**

· ‘Who was grabbed?’ ‘Well, a heap of coke with a fucking titfer serving chilli’. – *The Librarians*, US TV: TNT, 21st December **2014**

· He’s a decent heap. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 a person in authority (an inspector, a boss, etc.) [UK]

From sense 1. No evidence of use in the short forms.

· If Nobby happens to be inclined to do his friend a good turn, he will inform him of the approach of the said authority in the words, “Look out, here comes heap of coke.” – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

3 a gullible person; an easy mark [US]

From sense 1. No evidence of use in the short forms.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

heap of trouble

noun

a shovel [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· I have seen a procession back to the Labor Bureau after half a day on the pick and shovel (the “mad Mick” and the “heap of trouble,” as the rhyming slangster would say)[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 4th January **1914**

heart and dart

noun

a fart [UK]

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1893**

· – P. Furze, *Tailwinds*, p.164, **1998**

heart and lung

noun

the tongue [US]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and

corrections that I made myself. [...] Tongue, Heart and Lung. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978

heart and soul of the goanna

noun

the varsoviennne, a ballroom dance that combines elements of polka and mazurka [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *varsovianna*, a variant name for this dance.

A variation of ARSEHOLE OF THE GOANNA. *Goanna* is an Australianism for a monitor lizard.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· Thus the quadrille is ‘cadrill’, the schottische becomes the ‘shotteze’ while the varsoviennne may be ‘varsovianna’, ‘varsovienna’ or ‘varsovianna’. The latter’s popularity is also celebrated by being honoured with a couple of rhyming slang epithets, the ‘arse-over-header’ and the ‘heart-and-soul-of-the-goanna’. – J. Meredith et al., *Folk Songs of Australia*, p.81, 1987

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

hearth rug

noun

1 a bug; a bedbug [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· The bugs nested comfortably in the wall as by right, having been in occupation many a year. [...] They were also known as Hearth Rugs, or Steam Tugs to the well-initiated. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.57, 1976

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 7th April 2005

2 a gullible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *mug*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – E. Nicholson, *On Tenterhooks*, p.52, 2009

3 a mug (for drinking) [UK]

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

hearth rugs

noun

the ears [UK: LEEDS]

Rhymes on *lugs*.

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:– [...] hearth-rugs (a derivative of lugs, for ears), almond rocks (socks), nannygoat (overcoat), tit for tat (hat)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

hearts of oak

noun

a joke [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Heart of Oak’, the official march of the British Royal Navy, written in 1760 by William Boyce (music) and David Garrick (lyric). A later version, written in 1809 by Reverend Rylance, contains the lyric ‘Heart of oak are our ships, / Hearts of oak are our men[.]’

· Congratulations to “Tuck” on his perpetration of the prize hearts of oak (joke) of the season. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March 1912

hearts of oak; hearts

adjective

penniless [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *broke*. < ‘Heart of Oak’, the official march of the British Royal Navy, written in 1760 by William Boyce (music) and David Garrick (lyric). A later version, written in 1809 by Reverend Rylance, contains the lyric ‘Heart of oak are our ships, / Hearts of oak are our men[.]’.

The variant *heart of oak*, listed by some authorities, is a ghost word.

· Him an’ me an’ Cocoa Charlie got back from Gatwick last Tuesday night absolutely hearts-of-oak. We was that rapless that it wouldn’t even run to a syndicated stave-off at Snow’s[.] – A.M. Binstead, *Pitcher*, p.183, 1903

· She was “hearts of oak,” which is rhyming slang for “broke.” – J. Agate, *Contemporary Theatre*, p.254, 1925

· When he has done eating he may, if he is not “hearts of oak,” which is to say “broke” or penniless, put on a more seemly pair of “round the houses”[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 20th March 1926

· BILL. [...] I started with nothing and I’ve still got it. But when I’m absolutely ‘earts ... SIR JOHN. Arts? BILL. ‘Earts of oak. SIR JOHN. Oh, a building society? BILL. No, broke! Then I do a bit o’ busking. – L.A. Rose and D. Furber, *Me and My Girl*, l.i, p.7 [1954], originally produced at the Victoria Palace, London, 16th December 1937

· She’ll be expectin’ me termorrer, but I don’t know ‘ow I’m a-gonna git there. I’ve bin ‘earts of oak, in a manner of speakin’, fer the last few days. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.211, 1938

· “Why don’t you join the Foreign Legion? Like they do in books when they go wrong?” he asked. “Didn’t have the fare to France,” I said. “You’d have been better off, you know. So it’s ‘earts-of-oak, is it?” “Broke is the word, Copper.” – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.66, 1957

· Lend ‘im a quid – ‘e’s ‘arts. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· This brings to mind the sadness of the Cockney who says: “I’m hearts but I’m in heavens.” He’d probably leave out the h’s, saying “I’m ‘earts but I’m in ‘eavens.” – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.31, 1973

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· So now I’m totally **Hearts of Oak!** – E. Bartsch-Parker et al., *British Phrasebook*, p.69, 1999

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Heather the Weather

noun

a person who talks incessantly and stupidly [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *blether*. < Heather the Weather, the nickname of Scottish meteorologist and former TV weather presenter Heather Reid (b.1969).

· Don't believe a word she says. She's a pure Heather the Weather. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Heath Ledger

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swedger*. < Australian actor Heath Ledger (1979–2008).

· I got 15 heath ledgers for 2 squid off big Paul. – *UD (.com)*, 26th January **2008**

· Man what a weekened! Booze, nags, 7 grams a ching, swingers and about 8 Heath Ledgers!!!! – *Not606* forum, 13th April **2010**

· Just seen someone call an eccie a 'Heath Ledger'... cannae stop laughing man. – *twitter.com*, 16th June **2013**

heaven

noun

in dice games, a roll of seven or eleven [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

heaven and hell; heaven

noun

1 an explosive shell [UK]

The short form is given by Hinckley and Tuffley (2016).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – P. Hinckley and D. Tuffley, *BCWWI*, **2016**

2 a smell, especially a bad smell [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

heaven and hell; heaven

verb

to smell unpleasantly [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [D]on't half heaven! – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

heavenly bliss; heavenly

noun

1 a kiss [US/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

· C'mon me turtle, give us an 'eavenly. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Heavenly Bliss – Kiss [...] [sometimes Heavenly Bliss means Piss]. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

heavenly plan

noun

a man [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, **1973**

heavens above; heaven's above; heavens

noun

love [UK]

· Without 'eavens above or china plate / I know I can never be missed[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· Heavens Above [...] Love *Heaven's above*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.33/80, **1973**

· This brings to mind the sadness of the Cockney who says: "I'm hearts but I'm in heavens." He'd probably leave out the h's, saying "I'm 'earts but I'm in 'eavens." – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.31, **1973**

· [P]eople are not quite earth-bound when in 'heavens'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

heaven's gate

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-eight [UK/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· Bingo clubs and religion rarely collide except when the caller shouts "Heaven's Gate" for number 78. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 3rd February **2008**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *bingo.vernons.com*, accessed 27th September **2013**

heaver

noun

▶ see COAL HEAVER

heavy metal

noun

a kettle [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

< *heavy metal* 'a genre of rock music'.

· Is it no aboot time you put on the heavy metal? – *Orkney Today*, Kirkwall, 14th December **2006**

· I need to nip down the frog and toad to get some Rosie, but I'll put the heavy metal on as soon as I get back[.] – *Mellophant* forum, contributor from Manchester, 16th March **2009**

Hector

noun

a ticket inspector [UK]

< Hector the Tax Inspector, a cartoon character that fronted the Inland Revenue's advertising campaign from 1995 to 2001.

· – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.161, **2004**

· [T]he right train tickets tomorrow, you know what those Hector's are like. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 16th January **2004**

· Pete was smuggled onto the ferry in the middle of a big group of lads so that he didn't have to show a ticket. It was funny, because they were all singing, 'The ICJ are on the rob again, on the rob again,' while passing the Hector. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.271, **2014**

· And they are hectors who enter to pester by trying to insist with too polite coughs that I exist in some undefined space within the maze like vortex of their cupboard.[.] – *www.deadthoughts.webspace.virginmedia.com*, accessed 22nd June **2014**

Hector's pecking

noun

amorous kissing and caressing [US]

Rhymes on *necking*.

· At the bottom of all this is *B.U.*, or *biological urge*, which leads to *smooching*, *monking*, *catching the monk*, *mugging*, *gooning it*, *mousing*, *Hector's pecking*, *boodling*, *hacking* and other types of *crush parties*, all of which was once known in the 1920's as plain necking. – *Life* magazine, New York, 'Subdebese: America's Teen-age Girls Speak Language of Their Own That Is Too Divinely Super', 27th January **1941**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

hedge and ditch; hedge; edge

noun

1 a site used by a street or market vendor [UK]

Rhymes on *pitch*. Recorded in the forms *hedge and ditch* and *hedge*.

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**

· I've got a nice hedge down in Covent Garden. – S. Klein, *CRS*, **2009**

· I'm gonna sell Sexton Blakes on my hedge and ditch. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 among market traders, a crowd of shoppers that gather at a stall; among street performers, an audience [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Recorded in the forms *hedge* and *edge*.

· The usual procedure is to 'pitch' (perform, in an open space), 'build a hedge' (gather a crowd), 'slight the fanny' (harangue the audience), 'bottle' (go round with the hat), 'touch out for the gelt' (get the money), 'slang' (perform), or 'do their dags' (show their tricks), and 'mizzle' (go away). – E. Harvey, *A Company of Masterless Men*, p.50, **1944**

· The spieler is the man who does the talking. His first aim is to gather a "hedge"—a handful of people who will make others stop to listen. – *The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury*, 14th June **1949**

· Stan Quigley knew the audience as the 'hedge' (from 'hedge and ditch', rhyming slang for 'pitch'), and described performing as 'slanging'. – R. Leach, *Punch and Judy*, p.116, **1985**

· Surely the people who shop on markets aren't genetically programmed to stop, listen and buy from pitchers as soon as they've opened their mouths, are they?' *'Of course they're not,*' Gary snapped, looking at us as if we were stupid or something. 'You've got to get an edge first.' 'An edge?' We asked. 'Rhyming slang. It's cockney.' We obviously looked none the wiser. 'It's from "hedge and ditch"—it means pitch.' 'Erm ... *pitch?*' The penny still hadn't dropped. 'Y'know,' he broke in patiently, 'punters. *People-at-your-stall!*' – C. Clark and T. Pinch, *The Hard Sell*, pp.3–4, **1995**

3 a cricket or football pitch [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **Hedge 'n' ditch** Pitch (cricket). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.32, **1969**

· [K]icking those ORCHESTRA STALLS all over the HEDGE AND DITCH, trying to BOBBY MOORE AN ANDY COLE. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 26th July **2012**

Hedley Lamarr; hedley

noun

a bar [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Hedley Lamarr, a character in the 1974 film *Blazing Saddles*, directed by Mel Brooks; played by American actor Harvey Korman (1927–2008).

· Hedley, Bar (rhyming from Hedley Lamarr in Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles"). – *www.firstfoot.com*, 'Scottish Vernacular Dictionary', 15th January **2002**

Hedy Lamarr

noun

a car [AUSTRALIA]

< Hedy Lamarr, the stage name of Austrian-born American actress Hedwig Eva Maria Kiesler (1914–2000).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.resthaven.asn.au*, *In Touch with Volunteers*, newsletter, **2011**

hee-haw; hee haw; heehaw

noun

nothing; absolutely nothing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Possibly rhyming slang on *fuck aw* or *damn aw*, where the word *aw* (sometimes also spelt *a'* or *aa*) reflects the Scots pronunciation of *all* with a vocalised *l*. Also used in the phrase *not give a hee-haw* 'to not care at all'.

· He got paid overtime for just checking a bunch of boys and doing hee-haw besides, and that's easy money when you're the size he is. – A. Hamilton, *Gallus*, p.2, **1976**

· – *DSL*, 2004: B. Sutherland, in T. Hubbard, *The New Makars*, p.146, **1991**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

· [W]hat was actually decided? Hee-haw, that's what. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd February **2003**

· [I]s it not better for him to be doing something which may benefit the club than be sitting on the bench with

the other non-appearances drawing a wage for doing heehaw? – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 16th December **2004**

· The particular man in question wasn't giving a hee-haw how disgusting he'd been[.] – S. Creighton, *Something Went Bump*, p.224, **2006**

· And what they're actually saying is the club don't support us to sing songs about Northern Ireland that have hee haw to do with the club. – *RangersMedia* forum, 29th October **2009**

· A significant majority of us find it too easy to blame men with money, whilst doing heehaw except cyber moan or boozier moan. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 18th December **2013**

· They did hee-haw for seven years[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 15th December **2015**

· I wouldn't give a heehaw about you leaving. – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd April **2016**

hee-haw; hee haw; heehaw

determiner

no; not any [UK: SCOTLAND]

Possibly rhyming slang on *fuck aw* or *damn aw*, where the word *aw* (sometimes also spelt *a'* or *aa*) reflects the Scots pronunciation of *all* with a vocalised *l*.

· Heh, is thur heehaw tip? – S. Baxter, *Parliamo Glasgow*, p.59, **2002**

· [H]e is tired of getting hee haw service from Heskey. – *Salmon Fishing Forum*, 19th June **2010**

· I am quite sure the referendum result has had hee-haw effect on the fortunes of our national team. – *Tartan Army* forum, 26th September **2015**

· A shock defeat to a lower division side and hee haw money made. – 28th November **2016**

hee-haws; hee haws; heehaws

noun

1 the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. First recorded in 2001 in the phrase *the dog's hee-haws* (► see DUG'S HEE HAWS).

· Is this not a bit of a kick in the hee haws for TB and McStay? – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 3rd November **2006**

· [A] hairy ersehole wi a pair ay hee-haws dangling under it[.] – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.10, **2015**

· Naw you are about the right height to head butt me in the heehaws. – *twitter.com*, 13th November **2015**

· Superbly crafted, with not so much a punchline as a kick in the hee-haws, if you will forgive the expression. – *rochellewisoffields.wordpress.com*, blog, 25th May **2016**

2 courage; nerve [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*.

· [A]t least he has the heehaws to admit he was wrong. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 13th September **2010**

· Shame reporters don't have the hee haws to state the real facts behind the story. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 24th August **2011**

· We need someone with the hee-haws to actually ban clubs from competition[.] – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 16th May **2013**

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*.

· The time is 12:52am and Stephen is spraffing the biggest load of hee haws ever. – *twitter.com*, 11th December **2013**

heel

noun

■ **cop a heel** to touch or fondle someone for sexual pleasure, generally without consent [US]

A slang rhyme on *feel*, used in the colloquial expression *cop a feel*. < *heel*, used in the slang phrase *cop a heel* 'to run away, to escape'.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

Heel and Ankle

nickname

the Shankill, an area of West Belfast

· Al, Stewie is selling contraband Harp at the roadside on the heel and ankle. – *Belfast Forum*, 3rd December **2008**

· Sure they will be spakin' the gaelic up the heel and ankle soon enough. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 28th July **2010**

· Mr P***** took the emigrant trail and now lives far from the 'Heel 'n ankle'. – K. Wharton, *The Bloodiest Year*, p.130, **2011**

heel and toe

adjective

very busy [US]

Rhymes on *go*, used in the phrase *on the go*.

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Heel and Toe–On the go. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

helen

noun

an act of urination; urine [UK: SCOTLAND]

A shortening of *Helen Liddell*, rhyming on *piddle* and *widdle*. < Scottish politician Helen Liddell (b.1950).

· According to the latest edition of *The Big Issue*, Monkslands youths who need to take a leak while indulging in a spot of al fresco Buckie-drinking can be heard to say that they are popping behind the bushes for "a quick Helen". – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th December **1994**

Helen Hunt; helen

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < American actress Helen Hunt (b.1963). Also used in the phrase *make a Helen Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.

· 'Do you fancy going shopping?' 'Sorry, mate, I'm Larry Flynt, skint.' 'Funny, I had you down as more of a Helen Hunt.' – *Gimme Gimme Gimme*, UK TV: BBC1, 23rd November **2001**

· I can't stand that Helen Hunt! – *UD(.com)*, 20th February **2004**

- However, Tories are a bunch of ‘Helen Hunts’. – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th August **2008**
- [W]e will probz make a helen hunt of it[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 5th February **2010**
- That Aiden McGeedy’s a right Helen (Helen Hunt). – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**
- What a Helen Hunt. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2016**

hell and heaven; hell*numeral*

eleven [UK]

Perhaps originally a jocular alteration of *eleven*, playing on the pronunciation of *hell and heaven* as ‘ell an’ even.

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- 11– Hell (and heaven). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January **2010**
- – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

hell for leather*noun*

weather [UK]

< *hell for leather* ‘at great speed’, a common colloquial phrase.

- – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 10th October **2002**
- Conversations about the weather (or in the locals’ language the ‘chamois leather’/‘hell for leather’/‘birds of a feather’/‘pigeon feather’/‘well I never’) could no longer rely on the ‘captain’s log’[.] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, **2009**

hell of a fuss*noun*

a bus [AUSTRALIA]

- Getting a hell of a fuss (bus). – *www.akaqa.com*, **2012**
- – *www.answerbag.com*, 15th March **2013**

helter-skelter; helter*noun*

1 an air-raid shelter [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: *New Statesman*, London, 30th August **1941**

· Old ‘Oats’ and his ‘Plates & dishes’ (Missus) went down to the nearest ‘Helter’ (Helter Skelter–Shelter). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.ix, **1973**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a bus shelter [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a shelter [UK]

- The Helter ain’t much, but it’s better than dossing in the field of wheat. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Hen Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; often specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Hen Broon, a character in *The Broons*, a comic strip published in

Scotland since 1936. Also used in the phrase *hit the Hen Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

- Into the Hen Broon tonight for liquid refreshments. – *twitter.com*, 6th April **2013**

· Anyone up for hitting the hen broon the night? – *twitter.com*, 17th June **2013**

· Think I need to start getting myself back up the hen broon at weekends. – *twitter.com*, 11th November **2014**

· Tell you something – there’s some right sights up the Hen Broon just now! – *twitter.com*, 7th August **2015**

Henley and Grange*noun*

change (money) [AUSTRALIA]

< Henley and Grange, two neighbouring suburbs of Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia.

· Pull on the almond rocks and four by twos, don the jumpers’ flat and you bolt for the grand slam. You pay your apple and pear—no Henley and Grange these days, either—and stand all the way to town with the bloke next door treading on your plates o’ meat. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July **1952**

Henley Regatta; henley*noun*

a chat [UK]

Rhymes on *natter* and *chatter*. < Henley Regatta (officially Henley Royal Regatta), an international rowing contest held annually on the river Thames at Henley, Oxfordshire, England.

· [S]he’s having a “Henley” with the woman next door. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· A ribbon and curl and her Telly Tubby were at a Cain and Abel having a Henley Regatta over a few Britney Spears in Euan Blair. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· Why don’t you pop in for a Henley on Tuesday? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Reckon you lot could do with a Steffi (6) and a Henley (7) at the Rub-a dub-dub (8). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Henman Hill*noun*

to drill (to make a hole by boring) [UK]

< *Henman Hill*, named for English tennis player Tim Henman (b.1974), the popular name of the Aorangi Terrace, a grassy area in the grounds of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon where fans can watch important matches live on a giant TV screen. Also used figuratively.

· – Henman Hill My Ar*se. – Don’t wish to upset you but Henman Hill is new rhyming slang for drill. Who would you wish to perform such a duty? – *ShrimperZone* forum, 26th February **2008**

Henries daughter*noun*

a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]

An alteration of the unrecorded form *Henry's daughter*, the 'offspring' of *Henry* (or, in full, *Henry the Eighth*) 'an eighth of an ounce of a drug'. ▶ see DAUGHTER

• – *b3ta* forum, 31st October 2007

Henrietta; henry*noun*

a letter [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

The variant *henry*, given by Puxley (2003), is exclusively British.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August 2014

Henry and Rose*noun*

the nose [IRELAND]

< Henry and Rose, a popular fish-and-chip shop in Bray, County Wicklow.

• – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

Henry Berry*noun*

sherry [AUSTRALIA]

< English-born Australian-based businessman Henry Berry (1836–1923), founder of Henry Berry and Co. (Australasia) Ltd.

• – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, 1999

Henry Berry*verb*

to understand [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *jerry*. < English-born Australian-based businessman Henry Berry (1836–1923), founder of Henry Berry and Co. (Australasia) Ltd.

• [N]ow I *Henry Berry*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Henry Clay*noun*

a pay, wages [US]

Musicians' slang.

• Red was fascinated by Cockney rhyming slang and said the only time he had encountered anything similar back home was when veteran New Orleans musicians used the name of an old notary, Henry Clay, as a substitute for the word 'pay' in asking the question 'Have you got your Henry Clay yet?' – J. Chilton, *Ride, Red, Ride*, p.181, 1999

Henry Fonda; henry*noun*

an automotive vehicle manufactured by Honda; often specifically a Honda motorcycle, especially a Honda 90 [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< American actor Henry Fonda (1905–82). In British usage, the term is common among (prospective) London taxi drivers, who generally use it to refer to a Hon-

da 90, one of the machines of preference when they prepare for the Knowledge (an exam they must pass in order to become licensed).

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• The car is in good condition, odometer reads 60000. I think it has done 160000, it is in too good condition to be more. I really enjoy driving this little thing and have named it Henry (Henry Fonda – Honda rhyming slang). – *CityTurbo.com* forum, 8th June 2008

• [M]y Honda is called Henry (Fonda/Honda!). – *twitter.com*, 21st January 2013

• Shhh, it's a Henry Fonda. Nice take on bikes and city riding though. – *www.facebook.com*, 5th September 2013

Henry Hall; henry*noun*

a ball [UK]

< English bandleader Henry Hall (1898–1989).

• Cockney for ball (singular) is a Henry – after Henry Hall, the wartime bandleader. – *www.independent.co.uk*, 14th August 2011

Henry Halls; henrys; henries*noun*

1 the testicles [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. < English bandleader Henry Hall (1898–1989). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• Henry Halls (Henrys) ... Balls (testicles). – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

• Popular substitutes are: *Orchestras* ('orchestra stalls'), *Henry Halls*, *Niagaras* ('Niagara Falls'), *town halls*, *cobblers* ('cobbler's awls') and *maracas* ('knackers'). – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, 2004

• Thon Ronaldo is asking for a quick kick in the Henry's... – *Queenzone* forum, 16th February 2008

• I've had an itch on my Henry Halls for a few days[.] – *Airgun BBS* forum, 6th May 2008

• If you missed it again lads you need a kick in the henry halls. – *GAA* forum, 3rd January 2009

• Gormley punched him in the Henry Halls a few years back. – *Global GAA* forum, 27th July 2010

• [A] good boot in the "Henry halls". – *twitter.com*, 20th January 2013

• **Bollocks** = Testicles (Alternatively can be referred to as "Henry Halls" or "Henries" as in "Cor, check out those great big 'enries.") – *Fur Affinity* forum, 23rd April 2013

2 courage; nerve [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• Not many people about have the henrys to do so. – *Fastfude* forum, 31st March 2005

• [Y]er man had the henry halls to say that we had no excuse for keeping back[.] – *welldonefillet.com*, blog, 20th October 2008

• If this soldier has the 'Henry Halls' to step forward then hats off to him. – *Forces Reunited* forum, 27th July 2009

· I disagree with where they are going but ffs have the Henry halls to stick by them and their families. – *Politics.ie* forum, 24th April **2011**

· [T]hey hadnt the Henry halls to do exactly as the troica wanted so they have cooked up these little mini budgets to mask their true intent. – *www.thejournal.ie*, 29th February **2012**

3 ■ **make a Henry Halls of (something); make a henrys of (something); make a henries of (something)** to spoil or make a mess of (something) [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*, used in the phrase *make a balls of (something)*.

· Depending on grinding discs and techniques you can make a right 'henry halls' of it then blame the pads. – *Trials-Forum* forum, 4th April **2005**

· So you expect the rest of us to carry the big players when they make a henry halls of it!! – *Refrigeration-Engineer.com* forum, 10th February **2006**

· Get Rooney in you teams as I have made a right Henry Halls!! – *FISO* forum, 13th January **2007**

· That sounds like they made a right Henries of it. – *UK-Saabs* forum, 8th July **2007**

· [P]revious owner tried to buff it but made a henrys of it. – *Really Mean Sounds* forum, 13th March **2008**

· There's nothing more infuriating than being passed half a job that's to be completed and you find it's all wrong – or you do half the job and hand it over to be finished off and they make a Henry Halls of it. – *ded.increpare.com*, forum, 26th September **2008**

· Two expressions I recall from years gone by in my neck of the woods for making a mess of something were to either make a 'Henry Halls' or an 'Orchestras' (i.e. orchestra stalls). – *BritMovie* forum, 20th February **2010**

· [I]t would have been so easy to panic and make a henry halls of the whole show so once again well done. – *North East Sea Angling* forum, 18th April **2010**

· You'd think you'd be hard pushed to make a "Henry Halls" of scampi & chips. – *Belfast Forum* forum, 28th July **2011**

· Let's see if I can link to the photos on there, or whether I make a right Henry Halls of it. – *Cemetery Dance Publications* forum, 10th May **2014**

Henry Halls up

noun

a mess or muddle; a botched task or action [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *balls-up*. Formed on HENRY HALLS.

· Next the new building of Wembley was completed two years behind schedule and millions of pounds over budget! Country wide flagrant "Henry Halls Up" of official buildings have happened and no one is brought to account. – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 4th April **2008**

Henry Halls up

verb

to spoil or make a mess of (something) [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *balls up*. Formed on HENRY HALLS.

· I'm going to do my utmost not to Henry-Halls up the bike leg and get DQ'd this year – *TriTalk.co.uk* forum, 30th August **2010**

Henry Meville; Henry Nevil; Henry Neville

noun

used to emphasise a question [UK]

Rhymes on *the devil*.

· She had called a 'ginger-pop,' / Who said, 'What the "Henry Meville"/ Do you think you're doing there?' – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· Where the Henry Nevil's sawbones and ole clo? – J. Joyce, *Ulysses*, p.348, **1922**

· What the Henry Neville is going on? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th April **2002**

Henry Moore; henry

noun

a door [UK]

< English sculptor Henry Moore (1898–1986).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· They broke the 'enry down at number thirty two. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [A] 'Henry' is likely to be the door of an art college. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· More importantly don't forget you **bat and wicket**, or you'll end up paying again on the **Henry Moore**. – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· Our improvisational story begins with me heading down the "frog and toad", putting the key in the "Henry Moore", then running up the "apples and pears" to have a look at her "boat race". – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

Henry Nash

noun

cash [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.214, **2002**

Henry Nevil; Henry Neville

noun

► *see* HENRY MEVILLE

Henry Street

noun

a posting on Twitter, a popular microblogging service [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tweet*. < Henry Street, a major shopping street in the centre of Dublin. Possibly a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage. ► *see* GRAF-TON STREET

· Last Henry Street of the night... My mince pies are in the back of my loaf with tiredness ... – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2010**

Henry Tate*nickname*

the British RE8 biplane, a two-seat reconnaissance and artillery observation aircraft used by the Royal Flying Corps during World War I

An Australian variation of HARRY TATE.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• – *andc.amu.edu.au*, ‘Glossary of terms used in Australian Flying Corps’, copy of an original typescript, with minor amendments by A. Laugesen, accessed 30th October 2010

Henry the Third; Henry III; King Henry the Third; henry; king henry*noun*

1 a contemptible person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*. Probably < Henry III (1207–72), king of England, but also likely to be based on the eponymous king of France and Poland (1551–89). Recorded in the form *henry*. ▶ see ENRYHAR HETAR HIRDTAR

• Bluey Harold wuz a real Henry. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.61, 1960

2 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *turd*. *Henry III* is recorded with no definition in a 1950 prison glossary. Rather than an unintentional gap, this is likely to be an instance of self-censorship, as noted by Simes (1993), which suggests that use of the word in this sense could well be antedated by nineteen years. In British usage, only recorded in the forms *Henry the Third* (or *Henry III*) and *henry*.

• [E]ach shovel was flat on the concrete and was decorated with a huge Henry the Third. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: D. Ireland, *Industrial Prisoner*, p.286, 1971

• **Bake a Henry (The Third)** Defer a defecation. [...] **Henry the Third** Word, *turd*. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, pp.21/31, 1983

• **turd** (dog’s) (2): a King Henry the Third. – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

• Just off to the Garry Glitter To have a Barry (white) or an Henry (III) Or a Captains (Log). – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March 2005

• If you give the flush a miss when you’re only pointing Percy at the porcelain, and you only flush when you’ve dropped a Henry the Third (*turd*), you’re bound to save water, no worries about that. – *roadkillgoanna.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th September 2006

• [J]ust going for a king henry. – *UD(.com)* 10th July 2008

• Henry – *turd* (Henry the Third, a variation based on the more common Richard the Third). – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009

• My husband used to say King Henry the Third. – *Brit-Movie* forum, 25th February 2010

• Re: Aussie Slang [...] I just remembered one I use alot... “Henry” [...] for explaining that I need to do Poop. – *Bus Australia* forum, 19th July 2010

• [W]hat happened to the avatar of Ronnie Raygun curlin out a king-henry-the-third? – *Topix* forum, 22nd November 2011

2 a word [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the form *Henry the Third* (or *Henry III*).

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983

hens*noun*

in darts, a double ten [UK]

A slang rhyme on *tens*. Also as TWO HENS.

• In England the game of darts has an idiom of its own similar to that which the soldiers used when playing crown and anchor. [...] Rhyming slang is used sometimes–fives are “bee-hives,” two’s are “Jews,” 10’s are “hens,” and 22 is “plenty, too.” – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 28th August 1937

Herb Alpert*noun*

a person’s buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass* or *Herb Alpert’s Tijuana Brass*, rhyming on *arse*. < Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, aka Herb Alpert’s Tijuana Brass, a band of the 1960s led by American trumpeter and composer Herb Alpert (b.1935). ▶ see TIJUANA BRASS

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

herbal tea*noun*

an act of urination [UK: WALES]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

• – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May 2011

Herbert and Sidney*noun*

the kidney [UK]

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.63, 1968

Herbert Lom; herbert*noun*

1 a tomato [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tom*. < Herbert Lom, the stage name of Czech-born, British-based actor Herbert Charles Angelo Kuchačevič ze Schluderpacheru (1917–2012). In use among greengrocers.

• I get a greengrocer come along. Refers to tomatoes as ‘Herbert’ – Herbert Lom/Tom – Tomatoes. – R. McCrum et al., *The Story of English*, p.304, 1992

2 in dominoes, the number one [UK]

Probably via the rhyme on *dom*, the familiar short form of *domino*, and thus presumably extended from the unrecorded sense ‘a single domino tile’.

• I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 1. Herbert (Lom)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September 2009

Herbie Hides; herbs*noun*

trousers [UK]

- Rhymes on *strides*. < Nigerian-born British boxer Herbie Hide (born Herbert Okechukwu Maduagwu, 1971).
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Makes me want to slip off me herbs and go for a pony. – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May **2011**

Herby de Groote*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the Australian slang *root*.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

herdy*numeral*

thirty [UK]

- A perfect or imperfect slang rhyme, depending on accent.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January **2010**

here and now*noun*

a Chinese person [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *Chow*.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

here and there*noun*

1 a chair [US/UK]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- Pull up a here and there and have a bit to eat. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Now, sit dahn in your ol’ here-and-there, and enjoy the story. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.16, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 the hair [AUSTRALIA/US?]

- The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Australia or Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: A.A. Martin, letter, **1937**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

hereward*noun*

the opening shot of a game of snooker [UK]

- Rhymes on *break*. < Hereward the Wake, a semi-legendary 11th-century Anglo-Saxon rebel leader who held out against the Normans for several years after the Conquest.
- If you’re on form, you’ll clear the cain / For a maximum hereward. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

Hereward the Wake*verb*

to take the first shot at the beginning of a game of snooker [UK]

- Rhymes on *break*. < Hereward the Wake, a semi-legendary 11th-century Anglo-Saxon rebel leader who held out against the Normans for several years after the Conquest.
- Now pick yourself a nice Asian flu, / You can Hereward the Wake[.] – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

Herman Finck*noun*

ink [UK]

- < English composer and conductor Herman Finck (born Hermann van der Vinck; 1872–1939).
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.58, **1973**

Herman Hesse*noun*

a drug squad [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the acronym *DS*. < German-Swiss writer Hermann Hesse (1877–1962).
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

herring and kipper; herring*noun*

a striptease dancer [UK]

- Rhymes on *stripper*.
- I don’t want to see some old herring taking her clothes off. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- They ended up in some dodgy club full of herrings. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

herring bone; herring*noun*

a telephone [UK]

- The short form is given by Puxley (2003).
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

herrings alive*numeral*

five [UK: LEEDS]

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I’ll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Her Royal Shyness*nickname*

Princess Louise (1867–1931), Duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of Edward VII

A slang rhyme on *Her Royal Highness*. Suggested by her shy and retiring character.

· Among other examples can be quoted those of the Duke’s niece, the Duchess of Fife (once dubbed “Her Royal Shyness”), and the Prince of Wales[.] – G. Aston, *His Royal Highness*, p.50, **1929**

· All Britain today mourned one of the most democratic of its royal family, Louise, Princess Royal, nicknamed “Her Royal Shyness”[.] – *Lawrence Daily Journal-World*, Lawrence, Kansas, 5th January **1931**

hers and hims; hers*noun*

hymns [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hims* and *hymns*. In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· I go to roll and lurch every Sunday, and the Winchcombe Carson reckons I’ve got a bosker lets rejoice, and often gets me to sing hers an’ hims on my Pat Malone. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I attended church diligently three times a week (twice on Sundays) and was well known for singing my *strawberry* out during the *hers*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.152, **2011**

Herschelle Gibbs; herschelles*noun*

brothers or sisters [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *sibs* ‘siblings’. < South African cricketer Herschelle Gibbs (b.1974).

· [M]y herschelle’s are out of town for a month. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Hertz Van Rental; hertz van; hertz*adjective*

mad [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *mental*. < Hertz Van Rental, a familiar denomination of the vehicle rental company Hertz.

· See you ya radge b*****d I’m pure dead Hertz Van Rental by Ra way. – *Braveheart Cycling Fund* forum, 25th September **2006**

· She’s going to go fucking Hertz Van Rental when she sees that. [...] The crowd is going absolutely Hertz Van[.]

– R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, pp.25/142, **2008**

· You’re Hertz! Hertz van rental – mental. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 25th July **2008**

· I bet the sniper was going hertz van rental at that. – *PlayStation 3 – GameFAQs* forum, 16th January **2010**

· Shot a load of Harry monk all over the mrs thrupenny bits last night, she went hertz van rental and wouldn’t let me get wired into the Gary glitter. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th October **2014**

Heskey*noun*

a meal [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *a meal* and *Emile*. < English footballer Emile Heskey (b.1978).

· “I’m going for a Heskey” = I’m going for a meal. – *Dict.leo.org* forum, 10th July **2002**

· Going out for a Heskey!! – *www.facebook.com*, 14th July **2010**

· [O]ne of my mates came up with ‘going for a Heskey’ a meal (Emile). – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**

· Going for a heskey is going for a meal, as in Emile. – *Not606* forum, 8th March **2013**

he weighs a tonne*noun*

in bingo, the number sixty-one [UK]

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

hey diddle diddle*noun*

▶ see HI DIDDLE DIDDLE

hey diddle diddling*noun*

fraud, cheating [UK]

Rhymes on *fiddling*. An elaboration of *diddle* ‘to swindle or cheat’. ▶ see HI DIDDLE DIDDLE

· Our Sports Editor John Morgan used to turn a Nelsonian blind eye to the hey diddle diddling, mainly because he was something of a past master at the art himself. He once threw a champagne party for sports desk colleagues at the Cheshire Cheese to celebrate his birthday, and “a fiercely proud Gooner” put it down on expenses as entertaining Arsenal’s Double winning team. – *www.sportsjournalists.co.uk*, 24th January **2013**

Hey Jude*noun*

food [UK]

< ‘Hey Jude’, a song by the Beatles originally released as a single in 1968.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

hickey hockey*noun*

a jockey [AUSTRALIA]

Horse-racing slang.

· [B]efore its first gallop I tell the hickey hockey to keep it at three quarter pace over six, but he can't hold it and it runs the six in eighteen. – L. Glassop, *Lucky Palmer*, p.190, **1949**

· – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.117, **1953**

· – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker's Bible*, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· There is also quite a lot of rhyming slang used in association with the 'sport of kings' eg 'hickey-hockey' for jockey, 'pie and sauce' for horse. – www.warrenfahey.com, 'Australian Folklore Unit', accessed 21st December **2013**

hickory dickory dock; hickery dickery dock; hickory dock; dickory dock; dickery dock; hickory dickory; hickory; dickory; dicky

noun

1 a clock [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

< 'Hickory dickory dock, / The mouse ran up the clock', the opening lines of a traditional English nursery rhyme first recorded in the 1740s. According to the available evidence, the different variant forms are geographically distributed as follows: *hickory dickory dock*, sometimes spelt *hickery dickery dock* (UK, Australia), *hickory dock* (US, Australia), *dickory dock*, sometimes spelt *dickery dock* (UK, Australia), *hickory dickory* (UK), *hickory* (UK/Australia), *dickory* (UK), *dicky* (UK).

· It seems very reasonable to refer to a clock as "dickery dock" [...] – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· Dickory-Dock (clock)[.] – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 20th November **1934**

· PERSONAL BELONGINGS, LODGINGS, FURNITURE, IMPLEMENTS [...] hickory dock. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· HICKORY DOCK. A clock. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· Clock Dickery Dock. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: L. Payne, private collection, **ante 1945**

· hickory dock, a clock[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**

· Look at that dickory dock! Up them apples and pears, into Uncle Ned! – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Bung it in the *Johnnie* 'longside the *dickory*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.10, **1969**

· This is a request to "wait a minute of time on the *dickory*." When the Cockney says *hickory*, *hickory dickory*, *dickory*, or even *dickory dock* [...] he means clock. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.68, **1973**

· Dicky – Clock. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.206, **1976**

· HICKORY: abb. rhym. [...] HICKORY DOCK: rhym. Clock. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· **dickory dock** [...] clock. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Dickery Dock: Device for measuring time. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· **Hickory Dickory Dock Clock** Extended version of Dickory Dock, known as a 'hickory dickory'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Dickory Dock is Cockney slang for Clock. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· 'Dickorys' have been telling the time for over a century. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Is that dickory right? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· **hickery dickery dock – clock**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· We can 'ave some loop and tommy and be off before the dickory hits twelve. – *A(.com)*, accessed 21st December **2013**

2 among taxi drivers, a taximeter [UK]

Rhymes on *clock*, a slang term used by cabbies. Only recorded in the form *hickory*.

· Then comes the "clock", the taximeter. It has other names: the "ticker", the "kettle", "Mary Ann", and the "hickory". – H. Hodge, *Cab, Sir?*, p.218, **1939**

· To his left, where most British automobiles have a passenger seat, are a luggage compartment and the 'hickory – the "clock," or taximeter[.] – *The Wall Street Journal*, New York, 5th July **1984**

· **Hickory** taximeter (rhyming slang: 'hickory, dickory, dock' – clock). – B. Munro, *London Taxis*, p.187, **2005**

· A cabbie may point to what is on the hickory. – *Salisbury Post*, Salisbury, North Carolina, 18th September **2006**

· I let her walk away with 7.80 on the "hickory" and after speaking with someone at Xeta realised I wasn't getting my money for this job. – londoncabby.blogspot.com, 8th April **2008**

· – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**

· – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.8, **2012**

3 a jockey [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *jock*. Only recorded in the form *hickory dickory*.

· Now, try your hand on this one from a racing enthusiast: It's a cert. I got the Tom Thumb from the Hickory Dickory! – *The Tweed Daily*, Murwillumbah, NSW, 20th August **1946**

4 a sock [UK/?]

Only evidenced in the form *dickory dock*. First recorded in Yorkshire in the mid-1950s, but Twamley (1984) notes its currency in Cardiff in the 1920s and 1930s. Given that Wentworth and Flexner's rhyming slang wordlist is somewhat misleadingly entitled 'Rhyming slang (Cockney and Australian)' (not all the words listed there are Cockney or Australian, and some are in fact American), it is impossible to determine the provenance and location(s) of use of this particular item at the time of their writing.

· Where are my socks, my dickory-docks? – *The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury*, 6th May **1955**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

5 the penis [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *dick*. Recorded in the forms *dickory dock* and *dickery dock*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangage of Sex*, 1984
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
- *Dickery Dock*: [...] Also male member. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July 1988
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- ⑥ the time [UK]
 - Extended from sense 1. Recorded in the form *hickory-dickory*.
- I was thinking of that bird which was making me very anxious about the Hickory-Dickory and impatient to act out a few skin scenarios of floating around in my skull. – S. Berkoff, *East*, sc. ix, p.32, 1977

hicks

noun

- ▶ see JIMMY HICKS

hide and seek

noun

- ① a week [UK]
 - < *hide-and-seek* ‘a popular children’s game’.
- My china bought a Joanna on the never, which was a tosheroon every hide and seek out of his rock of ages. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.11, 1973
- ② impudence or effrontery [UK]
 - Rhymes on *cheek*.
- You’ve got some hide and seek, you have! – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- ③ the cheek [UK]
 - – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
- [A] peck on the ‘hide and seek’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- ④ a boutique [UK]
 - – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

hi diddle diddle; high diddle diddle; hey diddle diddle

noun

- ① a violin [UK/AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on *fiddle*. < ‘Hi diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle’ (or ‘Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle’), the opening line of an English nursery rhyme first recorded in the 18th century. Recorded in the forms *hi diddle diddle* and *hey diddle diddle*.
- What about a tune from you on the old hi-diddle-diddle? – P.M. St Pierre, *Song and Sketch Transcripts*, p.145, 2003: Gert and Daisy (Elsie and Doris Waters), British comedy double act, 1930
- – Anon. *DRSI*, 1941
- The other day, hearing a violin on the radio, he said: “Listen—the hey-diddle-diddle!” – *The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury*, 6th May 1955
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, 1969

- – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.32, 1979
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983
- Play us a jig on the hey-diddle-diddle. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009
- Some weeks Alf joins in on the *hey-diddle-diddle* and that’s lovely but if Bert says he wants to have a go on his *captain morgan*, we have to say no. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.54, 2011
- I played my hey diddle diddle. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015
- ② an act of urination; urine [AUSTRALIA/UK]
 - Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. Recorded in the forms *hi diddle diddle* and *hey diddle diddle*.
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950
- What are ya doing there, ya old bastard, having a hi-diddle-diddle or burgling the joint? – D.A. Niland, *The Big Smoke*, p.138, 1959
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.63, 1968
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004
- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006
- – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009
- ③ in various sports and games, the middle of a course, field or area of play or the centre of a target [AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/UK]
 - ▶ see STEEPLES ON THE HEY
- It was a beauty, right down the high-diddle-diddle of the surfer’s itch and dead on the measles and mumps[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955
- He paused to watch a drive of Clive Clark’s sail down the middle of the fairway. “There he goes,” shouted [Joe] Carr admiringly, “straight down the hi-diddle diddle,” and he was off at a trot to examine the progress of another match. – *Sports Illustrated*, 13th September 1965
- Nearest to the ‘hi diddle diddle’ throws first. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- The fact that I blasted my second ball way down the hey-diddle-diddle and parred the hole (i.e a double bogey) is worth absolutely diddly squat. – *www.thinkalink.co.uk*, 2008
- Moody described the Flemington straight as Black Caviar’s domain. “She’s four from four down the straight,” he said, adding barrier eight was perfect. “She’ll just come down the hey diddle diddle (middle) as she has at her previous wins.” – *www.adelaidenow.com.au*, 10th March 2011
- Straight down the hey-diddle-diddle. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 14th June 2011
- I think the Sky commentary has certainly gone downhill over the last few years. [...] Howard [Clark] on the course isn’t that bad. At least he doesn’t say “This drive is going straight down the hey diddle diddle” anymore. – *Boards.ie* forum, 21st June 2011
- Oh ... The little ring goes on the inside / The big ring faces out / Rolling down the hey-diddle-diddle / And the

loser gets to shout. – *www.sportingpulse.com*, newsletter of the Ipswich Bowls Club, June **2012**

4 the middle (a point or position) [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, **1969**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· What fish in the hi diddle diddle of a desert? – *sci.med*, *Google Groups*, 6th February **2003**

· – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· With the Muzz Buzz placed right in the hi diddle diddle of that diagonal “road”, one would have to assume that I had won the bet. – *donaldholt.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th August **2006**

· Larry Bloch co-founded Netregistry in 1997 – right in the high diddle diddle of the dot com boom. – *www.flyingsolo.com.au*, 15th July **2012**

· Mona had one of their video pieces on display when they first opened. I sat right in the hi-diddle-diddle at the back and snagged a few images for you with my wee Leica D-Lux 6. – *www.cinematographer.org.au*, July **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

5 an act of fraud or cheating [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fiddle*. Usually in the phrase *at (or on) the hi diddle diddle* ‘engaged in fraud or cheating’, the direct equivalent of *at (or on) the fiddle*. An elaboration of the slang *diddle* ‘a swindle’ (also used in the phrase *on the diddle*). ▶ see HEY DIDDLE DIDDLING

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· He often spoke in rhyming slang and told us blandly that his employment at various clubs was often terminated abruptly because, as he put it, he could never resist having a “hey-diddle-diddle with the Jack and Jill”. – *The Canberra Times*, 31st January 1976: G. Phair, ‘The Girl on the Tree’, short story, **1975**

· [A]fter insurance stamp and superannuation was stopped, I was left with two bob a week pocket money—I don’t know how I would have managed if I hadn’t been at the “hi-diddle-diddle”. – M. Bygraves, *After Thoughts*, p.38 [1990], **1988**

· He’s on the hi diddle diddle. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Most guys caught on the high diddle diddle in banks is because they dont take holidays and when they are forced to the fiddle gets exposed and they end up on a more permanent holiday. – *Politics.ie* forum, 24th March **2009**

· They’re all on the hi diddle diddle. – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 3rd September **2009**

· ‘If Martin is so well connected to Stephens, then why keep silent about it? What the hell is he up to?’ ‘Maybe he’s on the hey-diddle-diddle,’ Gormely offered. ‘Not funny, Hank. But I take your point. Get hold of the charity’s books.’ – M. Hannah, *The Murder Wall*, pp.110 – 111, **2012**

· The black market thrived and everybody, it seems, from the great and the good to the lowliest worker, was on the hi-diddle-diddle to a greater or lesser degree. – *www.eadt.co.uk*, 24th March **2014**

6 in Australian Rules football and rugby, the two goalposts [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *middle*, a reference to the position of the goalposts in relation to the goal line. Often in the phrase *through/down the hi diddle diddle*.

· It’s through the big sticks. Or, in moments of extreme exultation, it’s gone through the high diddle diddle. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April **1983**

· [H]es kicked it right down the hey diddle diddle and added the 2 points i think you mean. – *League Unlimited* forum, 17th December **2003**

· Bernie put it right through the high-diddle-diddle. And we won. – R. Shaw, *Heart and Soul*, p.191, **2004**

· I presume your talking about Bruce Andrews. The bloke with his hair parted down the high diddle diddle. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 20th July **2005**

· [H]e kicked it right through the hi diddle diddle. – P. Hunt and G. Manton, *Mongrel Punts*, **2006**

· [S]ending the pill through the hey-diddle-diddle for a sausage roll. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 17th November **2006**

· There are a number of terms for a goal in Aussie Rules. He’s kicked: a sausage [roll], it right through the hi-diddle-diddle [or, prosaically, middle], straight, between the big sticks. – *alt.usage.english.narkive.com*, 19th June **2008**

· Right through the hey-diddle-diddle. – *thesiteformallyknowas.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd July **2008**

· The kick was a difficult one but Sean Long kept his head and slotted it right down the hey diddle diddle to give Saints a four point lead. – *www.therugbyforum.com*, blog, 6th September **2008**

· Damned fine droppie too, three points down the high-diddle-diddle. – *m.nzherald.co.nz*, 25th June **2010**

· The pass was a little high and spilled over Jackson’s head into the hands of a Numurkah player, who calmly snapped the ball over his shoulder, straight through the hi-diddle-diddle! – K. Piesse, *Football Legends*, **2011**

· And Lealiifano... straight through the hi diddle diddle! – *www.smh.com.au*, 30th March **2013**

· Then, with the siren ready to blow, he kicks the oblong bladder right over my head, straight down the high diddle diddle. – *bookaville.wordpress.com*, blog, 5th June **2013**

hi diddle diddler

noun

a violinist [UK]

Rhymes on *fiddler*. A derivative of HI DIDDLE DIDDLE.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, s.v. *Hi Diddle Diddle*, **1998**

hi-diddler

noun

a violinist [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fiddler*. Possibly formed on HI DIDDLE DIDDLE.

• – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985

high diddle diddle

noun

▶ see HI DIDDLE DIDDLE

high diver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *five*.

• I'm absolutely boracic lint. I was out with a lemon last night in the pub, so I thought you might gi' us a rub-a-dub-dub. A Bob Dylan. A horse's collar. A tin lid. Or even a high diver. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, 2010

Highland coo

verb

to vomit [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *spew*. < *Highland coo*, the Scots form of *Highland cow* 'a Scottish breed of cow'.

• Ah telt ye no' tae hae anither Vodka. If you Highland coo o'er ma carpet, a'll lether ye. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Highland dancer; Hielan dancer

noun

an unscrupulous opportunist [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chancer*. < *Hielan dancer*, the Scots form of English *Highland dancer*.

• You're a right wee hielan dancer. – *DSL*, 2004: 1989
 • Jonny's a highland dancer if you ask me. – *Digital Spy* forum, 31st March 2003
 • He's got three women oan the go at wance. Whit a hielan dancer. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006
 • You're a right Highland dancer. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, 2010
 • The not-so-simple Simon, every inch the arch-professional Scotsman, sometimes pictured as a Highland dancer, is reportedly planning to fly to the colonies to hard-sell his latest tourism wheeze. Will the expats buy it? Highland dancer? I'm trying to recall the rhyming slang. Anyway, would you buy a second-hand kilt from him? – *Edinburgh Evening News*, 6th July 2010

Highland fling

noun

1 a string [AUSTRALIA]

< *Highland fling* 'a type of Scottish folk dance'.

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a ring (for the finger) [UK]

• But he bullock's horned his Highland fling[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.11, 1973

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

• He spent all his greens on a diamond highland fling. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

3 in a deck of playing cards, a king [UK/AUSTRALIA]

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 1974

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

4 an injection of a drug [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *ping*. Prison use.

• – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

Highland fling

verb

to sing [UK]

< *Highland fling* 'a type of Scottish folk dance'.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• By this time I was friar tucked off my Chevy chase and was highland flinging along with everyone else. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October 1998

• Who's she kiddin'? She can Highland fling as much as she can fly in the air. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Highland flute

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK]

• – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.283, 1932

Highland frisky

noun

whisky [UK]

• – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.271, 1891

Highland jig; highland

noun

a wig [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• – *Daily Star*, London, 26th January 2001

• Yes, Bruce Foreskin must take the biscuit as the Worst Wig Wearer in the World [Words spoken by Johnathen Woss]. And if Johnathen Woss hasn't got a highland jig, well, he ought to get a bad one quickly. – *Sheffield Forum*, 6th October 2005

• Some local guy told me yesterday to 'watch the Highland Jig on your man' as another guy with a wig walked past! – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006

• As already stated earlier, Kenneth Cope has worn a highland jig throughout his career[.] – *BritMovie* forum, 24th March 2009

• Like me, you've wondered of Terry Wogan over the years: is that a wig? Immaculate with his hair, never a strand out of place. Crimped for every occasion. Nobody has dared mention it on television, though Private Eye may well have teased Terry about it. Anyway, now *The Stage*, the weekly mag for the acting profession, reportedly is claiming timeless Terry does use a "highland"[.] – *Evening News*, Edinburgh, 28th November 2011

• highland jig – toupe (wig). – *Dirtbikeworld.net* forum, 28th March 2012

high noon*noun*

a spoon [UK]

< *High Noon*, a 1952 western film directed by Fred Zinnemann.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

high seas*noun*

the knees [US]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

high stepper*noun*

pepper [UK/US]

< *high stepper*, an old slang word for a fashionably dressed person.

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· Among taxicab drivers I have heard rhyming slang used to such an extent that their speech would be quite incomprehensible to the stranger. [...] “Stairs” becomes “Apples and pears,” bed “Uncle Ned,” a cat a “Wanstead Flat,” the floor the “Rory O’More,” the road the “frog and toad,” tea “you and me,” pepper “high stepper”[.] – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 29th September 1933

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, 1969

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.33, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Pass the high-stepper would you, son? – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009

Hi Jimmy Knacker*noun*

tobacco [UK]

Rhymes on *terbacker*, the colloquial pronunciation of *tobacco*, and therefore also on the slang form *baccor*.

< *Hi Jimmy Knacker* ‘a street game that was particularly popular in the first half of the 20th century’. *Hi Jimmy Knacker* is recorded by Puxley (1992) and Wilkes (2004). *Oi Jimmy knacker* and the shortened forms *oi jimmy* and *oi* are given by Puxley (2003).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Hilary Duff; Hilary*noun*

■ **up the Hilary Duff; up the Hilary** pregnant [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *duff*, used in the phrase *up the duff*, and *Duff*. < American actress and singer Hilary Duff (b.1987).

· Britney’s sister is up the Hilary Duff. – *www.startrip.tv*, 19th December 2007

· Never lost the stunning look she had before getting up the Hilary, and with the pregnancy glow about her[.] – *Celebrity-Pix* forum, 30th May 2011

· We did 4 tests till I was finally convinced Mrs G was up the Hilary. – *Toontastic* forum, 12th January 2012

Hilary Duff*noun*

a woman’s genitals or pubic hair [UK]

Rhymes on *muff*. < American actress and singer Hilary Duff (b.1987).

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 12th April 2007

· She needs to shave her Hilary duff. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March 2012

Hilary Swank; hilary*noun*

1 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*. < American film actress Hilary Swank (b.1974). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· [S]o does having a hilary swank really reduces the risk of cancer cus if so i definately wont catch it. – *Abyssal Guardians* forum, 27th September 2006

· Or would a quick Hilary Swank cheer me up. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.86, 2008

· I’ll be having a Hilary Swank in her honour. – *Gooner-sweb* forum, 25th July 2008

· He dropped dead while having a Hilary swank? – *One-Eyed Richmond Forum*, 16th January 2010

· Going to see if I can squeeze in a sly Hilary on my lunch break. – *twitter.com*, 2nd February 2013

· Not having a Hilary while you’re at it? – *www.reddit.com/r/funny*, 23rd June 2014

2 a bank [IRELAND]

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

· I’ve already shelled out the guts of fifty Ks to get Honor back into Pre-Montessori and stop the old Hilary Swank putting the two of them out on the road. [...] I’ll hit the old Hilary tomorrow and change, like, the standing order. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, pp.127/350, 2010

· So I’m in the old Hilary Swank, making a lodgement. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.1, 2011

hill and dale; hill*noun*

a tale, especially one intended to deceive or con [UK]

· Sometimes an underworld person, speaking to another about some third person also present, will use a word like ‘ship,’ ‘Binnie,’ ‘hill,’ or ‘daily.’ In each case he is indicating that the third person is telling lies, telling the tale. ‘Ship under sail,’ ‘Binnie Hale,’ ‘hill and dale,’ ‘Daily Mail’—these are all rhyming-slang for ‘The Tale,’ and are shortened, for greater concealment, to the first word. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, p.161, 1953

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Fred'll spin you a hill and dale that'll bring tears to your minces. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

hillbilly; hilly billy

adjective

(of weather) chilly [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Better take yer jaikit—it's turned a bit hillbilly. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985
- Isnae hauf hillbilly the night sir. That's the motor frozen awready. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006
- Aye the weather's a bit hillbilly tonight. – *www.bubbles.com*, 15th October 2014

Hillman Hunter; hillman

noun

1 a customer; a member of an audience [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*. < Hillman Hunter, a British car produced by the Rootes Group (later Chrysler Europe) from 1966 to 1979.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Do you get many Hillman Hunters in? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, 1997
- The tourists used to be known to the players and traveling hacks as “Winks” (short for Wankers Incorporated) on the grounds that some of them were a bit, well, boring. In these sensitive days, this is partially being superseded by “Hillmans” (Hillman Hunters, punters). [...] I was chatting to a Hillman at Gatwick on the way out. – *www.theguardian.com*, 1st April 2004
- Unless you are applying for jobs where you have to ski with the ‘Hillmans’ your skiing ability is of no interest whatsoever to the TO's. – *Natives* forum, 29th July 2010
- Gr8 gig 2nite in Berlin with Die Ärzte. Wot! a nice buncha chaps they are. 22,000 Hillman Hunters too. – *twitter.com*, 19th August 2012

2 a passenger [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*. Taxi drivers' and aeroplane crews' slang.

- At my last company rhyming slang was used and punters became Hillman Hunters. The girls and boys with the food were called trolley dollies[.] – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 9th November 2001
- – *www.stormcab.com*, 2011

3 a person who makes a bet [UK]

Rhymes on *punter*.

- Punter (gambler or odds maker). Hillman Hunter. 'ere comes another load of Hillmans. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

him and her

noun

a fur coat [us]

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and

corrections that I made myself. [...] Fur, Him and Her. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

hip McCoke

noun

a man; specifically, a gambler [SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *bloke*. Gambling slang.

- The Johannesburg gambling world has an argot of its own. Thus any gambler is just a “bloke”, but a “bloke” is also referred to as a “hip McCoke”. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.83, 1963

hipster heaven

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK]

One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

- – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December 2016
- Number 69 becomes the saucy euphemism Netflix and chill while 27 is hipster heaven. – *The Sun*, London, 30th December 2016

hipsy hoy

noun

a boy [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

hire a limousine

noun

in bingo, the number sixteen [UK]

- – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004

His Majesty's Pleasure

noun

a treasure [UK]

< *His Majesty's Pleasure*, a colloquialism for a stint in prison.

- – S. Binns, *The Shadow of War*, 2014

hit and miss; hit or miss; hit; hiten

noun

1 a kiss [UK]

Recorded in the forms *hit and miss*, *hit or miss* and *hit*.

- Twenty-five or thirty years ago, for instance, the ‘rhyming slang’ was all the rage in London. In the ‘rhyming slang’ everything was named by something rhyming with it—a ‘hit or miss’ for a kiss, ‘plates of meat’ for feet, etc. – G. Orwell, *Down and Out*, p.241, 1933
- **Hit and Miss** Piss/Kiss. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971
- **Kiss Hit or miss**. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.79, 1973
- As the pressure builds up, so does her grip on my hampton as she responds to the passion of my hit or miss. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.125, 1976
- Hit (and miss) A kiss: ‘... and give us a hit, love’ is an impertinent phrase which might be used to an attractive barmaid when drinks are ordered. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, 1977
- **hit or miss** Kiss. – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, 1984

· Hit and miss. Hit. *Piss*. – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

· **HIT**; [...] 8. a kiss, ex hit and miss = kiss. – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· He was about to move in for a *hit* and *miss* and meant to whisper a sweet nothing in her ear. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

2 **urine**; an act of urination [US/AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piss*. The full form *hit and miss* is common in all five locations of use. *Hit or miss*, *hit* and *hiten* are exclusively British. ▶ see **MISS OR HIT**

· **hit and miss**, urine. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· **HIT AND MISS**. Urine. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· *hit and miss*, urination. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· **Hit and Miss** *Piss/Kiss*. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· **HIT-AND-MISS** (n) and (v) Urine, urinate. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, **1982**

· **hit and miss**: a piss. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· hit-and-miss (piss). – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **Hit and Miss** – [**Prison: Aryan Brotherhood**] *Piss*. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· ‘**hit or miss (going for a...)**’, **ph.** rhyming slang describing your intention of leaving the immediate vicinity in order to micturate. – C. Lewis, *DPS*, **2003**

· I’m pretty sure it was me getting up for a hit and miss. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.202, **2004**

· **HIT AND MISS ... (Aryan Brotherhood) ... Piss**. – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· **Hit Hit and Miss Piss**. – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.59, **2005**

· If that pen and ink really is what Ro says it is, then someone’s had a hit and miss in here as well. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.291, **2007**

· I need to go for a hiten. – *Back to the OldSkool* forum, 24th November **2008**

· I’m goin for a hit and miss. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 5th June **2011**

3 ■ **on the hit and miss** on a drinking binge [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the slang phrase *on the piss*.

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, **1977**

· Sorry about my breath—I’ve been out on the hit and miss. – R.W. Holder, *How Not to Say What You Mean*, 2007: *The Daily Telegraph Magazine*, London, August **1990**

· Somewhere to Kip for the night after going on the hit and miss sounds like a good idea to me! – *Boatmad.com* forum, 21st November **2010**

4 ■ **take the hit and miss** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*.

· I’m sure she suspected I was taking the hit and miss. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.14, **1986**

· Its really funny that init, look just stop taking the hit and miss out of me or els pal. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th November **2010**

· The thing is, we might take the hit and miss out of Jamie Fuzzface McKenzie but if he wasn’t as excellent as he is then we wouldn’t keep coming back for more. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th August **2014**

· They’re takin’ the hit an’ miss, they are, bleedin’ rob-dogs! – *Viz* comic, August **2016**

hit and miss

verb

to urinate [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, **1982**

· They had hit and missed £50,000 down the Frankie Laine. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.161, **1986**

hit and miss down; hit and miss it down

verb

to rain heavily [UK]

Rhymes on *piss (it) down*. Formed on the noun **HIT AND MISS**. Synonymous with **GYPSY’S KISS DOWN**.

· Made it seem as if the sun was shining even though it was hit and missing it down. – *Online Arsenal* forum, 13th July **2006**

· Next time we’re out it will prob be hit and missing down. – *Scottish Hills* forum, 20th January **2011**

hit and missed; hit

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. The short form is given by Morton (2002).

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, **1977**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· [G]one to the pub to get hit and missed again[.] – *sharonkilby.co.uk*, 27th December **2013**

hit and run

noun

the sun [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

hit and run

adjective

swindled [UK]

Rhymes on *done*, the past participle of *do*, used in the slang sense ‘to swindle, to deceive’.

· If you’ve been taken, you’ve been ‘hit and run’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

hit and swerve

noun

1 a look of sexual desire or interest [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a man who likes watching or staring at (usually) women in a sexual way [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

hitch hike

noun

a bicycle [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bike*.

· Went for a cycle on my new hitch hike. I've a dundrum like a Japanese flag... In tatters! – *twitter.com*, 30th June 2010

hit or miss

noun

▶ see HIT AND MISS

Hobson's choice; hobson's; hobsons

noun

a voice; the human voice [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Hobson's choice* 'no choice at all'.

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Hobson's (Hobson's choice), voice. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, England, 28th July 1900

· For 'e lifted up 'is 'Obson's choice' in some well-known 'ding-dong'. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010; D. Chiderdoss, 'Odd or Even?', *Sporting Times*, London, 26th September 1908 · – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd May 1924

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· [T]ake good care of your *Hobson's* (voice); don't ever get *biargered*, I mean *Elephant's* (drunk). – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.15, ca 1937

· We will now cross back to the studio to listen to Nat King Cole, the feller with the nice Hobson's, singing, 'I've Got You Under My Thick and Thin'. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, Australia, 6th February 1955

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, 1969

· You speak with your normal Hobson's choice and they say beg votre pardon, foreigners and students and such, you know, university degrees and mouldy clothes. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.37 [1977], 1976

· Her *hobsons*, low and husky / Made my *newingtons* go numb. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.21, 1979

· Into the photographic studios I took Jackie, a charming young man with a great Hobsons, and got set to promote the album. [...] Peter's Hobson's could be heard the other side of Green Park. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.91/181, 1986

· If in a London pub (*rub-a-dub*) and you say in a loud *Hobson's* (voice, from *Hobson's choice* to rhyme with *voice*), "You can stick this city up your *Khyber*," all the people hitting you over the *loaf* with chairs and *Aristo-*

tes (bottles) will be Londoners. – B. Rogers, *Say That Again!*, p.122, 1999

· [Y]ou're Tom Cruised and you've got a Hobson's Choice like me china plate's Mutt and Jeff finger and thumb. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March 2001

· This morning, before breakfast, the old 'Hobson's choice' (voice) was rather gruff and fragile[.] – *talking-toomuchagain.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st January 2006

· Hope the "Hobsons" comes back soon! – *twitter.com*, 2nd June 2013

Ho Chi Minh

noun

the chin [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use. < Vietnamese communist leader Ho Chi Minh (1890–1969).

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, 1982

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

hockey puck; hockey

noun

1 something of no value [UK/US]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a hockey puck* (or *not give a hockey*) 'to not care at all'. The short form has only been found in British use.

· I don't give a Hockey mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st June 2007

· She knew her voice was rising in pitch; Zacke's recoil testified to that, but Miranda didn't give a hockey puck. – F.V. Smith, *Kensington's Soul*, 2009

· Davis is a pocket Perot, a chuckling industrialist who doesn't give a hockey puck about what people think. – *nypost.com*, 22nd May 2011

· Think Ben's intention was to point out the "Eman" obviously does not give a hockey puck about public education? – *www.chicagoreader.com*, 29th June 2013

· I normally don't give a hockey puck if something has a rowdy fanbase[.] – *twitter.com*, 12th September 2016

2 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [US/UK/CANADA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. The short form has only been found in British use.

· Well, no offense, but what the hockey puck do you know? – *Hamlet 2*, US film, script by Andrew Fleming and Pam Brady, 2008

· [H]ow the hockey puck do you have 900 followers? – *twitter.com*, 25th February 2010

· And the Starbucks in Exeter isn't even open! What the actual hockey?! – *twitter.com*, 5th June 2010

· What the hockey puck do you know? – *twitter.com*, 22nd March 2015

· What the hockey puck are you doing? – *www.avclub.com*, 28th November 2016

hod of mortar

noun

porter (ale) [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 5th April 1924

hoffman brick*noun*

the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. < *Hoffman brick* ‘a brick manufactured in a Hoffman kiln, originally, from 1870, by the Hoffman Brick and Potteries company’.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· G'day to you! Did your hoffman brick get a piece of the dog's eye this weekend? – *Anstmarching.org* forum, 23rd February 2004

· Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhyming slang which would have been better off forgotten. Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. [...] hoffman brick – dick[.] – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March 2004

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009

hokey-cokey*noun*

karaoke [UK]

< *hokey-cokey* ‘a communal novelty dance and song often performed at parties’.

· The more discerning will do the 'okey cokey, turn around and leave. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

hokey-cokey*verb*

to sing karaoke [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· She wanted to hokey-cokey. He said don't be a Saddam Hussein, you're Tom Cruised and you've got a Hobson's Choice like me china plate's Mutt and Jeff finger and thumb. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March 2001

hokey-pokey*noun*

a prison [UK]

Rhymes on *chokey*. < *hokey-pokey* ‘a kind of ice cream that used to be sold by street vendors’. Perhaps suggested or influenced by the American slang *pokey* ‘a prison’.

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Holborn Viaduct; holborn*adjective*

1 exhausted, tired out [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. < Holborn Viaduct, a landmark bridge in the City of London.

· I've gotta get some kip-I'm holborn. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd July 2010

2 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· “Well, ain't this just Holborn Viaduct,” Lonsdale said. “Apparently I'm not with the law anymore, so you can just shove that slang right up your arse and talk normal,” Reeve said, not missing a beat. – R.J. Crane, *Le-gion*, p.200, 2016

hole in my shoe; hole in me shoe*noun*

in bingo, the number eighty-two [UK]

· The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] Twenty-four, dad at the door, eighty-two, hole in me shoe[.] – M. McGrath, *Silver-town*, p.219 [2003], 2002

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.185, 2007

hole in the ground; hole*noun*

one pound sterling [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· So for nicker, rhyming slang has “cherry picker” and a few other obscure ones. For pound itself the most common is “lost and found” or “hole in the ground”. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th September 2011

holler and shout*noun*

a German [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

holler boys, holler; holloa boys, holloa; holla boys, holla; holler boys; holloa boys; holla boys*noun*

a collar [UK]

Originally applied to a detachable collar. < ‘Holler boys, holler boys’, the opening words in two lines of a chant used on Guy Fawkes night. Franklyn (1960) notes *holloa* is ‘generally pronounced ‘oller’.

· Holloa Boys Holloa (Holloa Boys) ... Collar. – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941

· Where's your holler boys, holler? – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.114, 1943

· **holla** (or **holler** or **holloa**) **boys holla** (etc.); often shortened to **holla** (etc.) **boys**. A collar[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949

· **holloa boys, holloa Collar**[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· We were brought up in Southend & when he took us kids upstairs to bed it was always “up the apples & pears” & when fixing the shirt collar with those little plastic studs would say “my holler boys holler & cry boys cry” (collar & tie). – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, ‘LONDON-L Archives’, 20th April 2004

hollie wreath; hollie reath*noun*

the teeth [UK]

An altered spelling of *holly wreath*.

· He's lying throuh his 'ollie reath! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th May 2006

· [N]ot even brushed my Holly Reath[.] – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 12th October 2009

· Crabby about your Corn Beef, hating on your Hollie Wreath or peeved by your Penelope Keith? Whatever you call your teeth, you can turn them from Marti Pel-

low (yellow) to Pearly White in just 30 minutes[.] – *www.itison.com*, 29th August **2013**

hollingbury's

noun

the testicles [UK: BRIGHTON]

An elliptical form of *Hollingbury Hawks*, rhyming on *orks*, itself a clipping of ORCHESTRA STALLS. Alternatively, the word could be pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *orks* and *'awks*, the demotic version of *Hawks*. < *Hollingbury Hawks*, a youth football club based in Brighton.

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 3rd August **2004**

· *Hollingbury's* (place in Brighton) – Testicles – from actual cockney – Orchestra Halls = Balls – shortened to Orcs (interestingly and apologetically Orchiectomy is the removal of teste(s)). – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 1st July **2012**

hollow log; hollow

noun

1 a dog; sometimes specifically a racing dog; hence, as a plural, greyhound racing [AUSTRALIA]

· When a sport visits the whippets (the dogs), he is “off to the ‘hollow logs’.” – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 10th March **1935**

· Greyhounds are dills. I reckon they must be the least intelligent of all breeds of hollow logs. – G.A. Wilkes, *DAC3*, 1990: *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 29th April **1974**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· A pet lover may have a **hollow** and a **ballarat** living in the house at the same time! – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.30, **1988**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Is the hollow log back from the vet yet? – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**

2 a person of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern background [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *wog*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.91, **1999**

3 an informer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dog*. Prison use. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· – R. Settle, *Police Informers*, p.126, **1995**

4 an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *bog*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· AWESOME AUSTRALIAN EUPHEMISMS FOR TAKING A POOP! [...] Going for a hollow log. – *www.icbe.org*, 15th January **2008**

5 among children, someone who ruins or abandons any game [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dog*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

6 a drug detection dog [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use. Only recorded in the full form.

· [O]ne inmate tells the story that in the past, when the narcotics detection dog came, the inmate in the first cell in the block would shout, ‘Hollow log!’ This would let the other inmates know that there was going to be a drug search[.] – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, p.89, **2001**

· – *The Dominion Post*, Wellington, 2nd April **2008**

holly hock

verb

to lose money in a business transaction or gambling

[AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *knock*, used in the Australian phrase *take the knock*. < *hollyhock* ‘a tall flowering plant (*Althaea rosea*)’.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

hollyhocks

noun

a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < *hollyhock* ‘a tall flowering plant (*Althaea rosea*)’.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

Holmes à Court; Holmes a Court

adjective

lacking in money [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *short*. < Holmes à Court, the surname of Australian multi-millionaire businessman Robert Holmes à Court (1937–90). Obviously ironic.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

holy ash

noun

cash; money [UK: SCOTLAND]

Probably < *holy ash* ‘a symbolic relic used in the practice of Hinduism’.

· – J. Patrick, ‘A Glasgow Gang Observed’, in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June **1969**

holy ash boax

noun

a cash box [UK: SCOTLAND]

Formed on HOLY ASH. *Boax* is a Scots variant of *box*.

· The two boys had been ‘dain’ their salesmen in soaft felt hats an’ raidin’ o’affice holy ash boaxes.’ – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.138, **1973**

Holyfield's ear; 'olyfields

noun

a year [UK]

< *Holyfield's ear*, a reference to an infamous 1997 boxing match in which Mike Tyson bit off part of his opponent Evander Holyfield's right ear.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

holy friar; holy

noun

a liar [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

- To pursue the business successfully he must have unheard of audacity, the imagination of the “Arabian Nights,” be the possessor of a nice, fascinating manner, an unmitigated “holy friar” (liar) and always dress well. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June 1893
- **War.**³ [Warwickshire] You are a holy-friar. – J. Wright, *EDD*, s.v. *HOLY*, 1905
- There’s a great big holy friar. Vyfor you no me tell? – J. Joyce, *Ulysses*, p.348, 1922
- – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, 1923
- – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd May 1924
- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- I shall not here develop my pet theory that rhyming slang arose from a slow accumulation of coincidences and accidents, for example the Warwickshire dialectal *holy friar* for a liar[.] – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.32, 1933
- From another of his interpretations of history, we gather that the Cockney did not look with favour on monastic orders, since his equivalent of “liar” is the ironic “holy friar.” – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971
- Holy Friar *Liar* A Holy. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, 1973
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- When I tells me carvin’ knife wot I seen, she calls me an ‘oly friar[.] – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], 2005
- You’re such a holy friar. – *terryfreedman.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th August 2009

holy ghost; holy; ‘oly

noun

1 the starting or finishing post on a racetrack [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944
- The runners are at the holy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 2 toast (toasted bread); a slice of toast [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
- The short form has been recorded in British usage.
- [T]he rosy lee and holy ghost is marvellous. Best anywhere in London. – B. Behan, *The Hostage*, act II, p.51, 1958
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.34, 1973
- Jack O’Connell contributed a gem heard in a Battersea caff. It went like this: ‘Two wiv, two wivaht, and four drippin’ ‘Olies.’ Translated into English this means ‘Excuse me, waitress, I wonder if I could possibly trouble you for two cups of tea with sugar, two cups of tea with-

out sugar, and four slices of toast (Holy Ghost) with dripping.’ – W.L. Webb, *The Bedside ‘Guardian’*, p.153, 1976

- – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.32, 1979
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- [A] slice of holy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- It’s nice to start the day with a slice of Holy Ghost. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.33, 1995
- How about another round of ‘oly. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Some melted evening breeze (cheese) on holy ghost (toast) for lunch & cup of river lee (tea). – *twitter.com*, 16th May 2010
- You need the heart attack on a plate – overcooked bacon, exploding sausages, baked beans, slice after slice of buttery holy ghost, eggs rock hard in the middle[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.132, 2011
- [T]hat international culinary delight... beans on holy ghost!! – *My Way Out* forum, 26th January 2013
- 3 the post, the mail [UK/AUSTRALIA]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- Well China, this don’t forget her is getting long and I am running out of nails and screws, and I have to catch the Holy Ghost[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante** 1965
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.34, 1973
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- I used to know a shop-keeper who got very excited when the Holy Ghost arrived each morning. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013
- The holy ghost comes once a day. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December 2015
- 4 a post planted in the ground as a visual marker or support [us]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- The heap o’ coke, leaning against the Holy Ghost, out in front of the jolly tank. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.64, 1968
- 5 a host [UK]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.34, 1973
- 6 a fence post [AUSTRALIA]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 7 the coast [UK: SCOTLAND/AUSTRALIA]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- Fancy a wee run doon the holy ghost if it’s nice the morra? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 8 a goalpost [AUSTRALIA/UK]
- In Australia, used with reference to a goalpost in rugby. In Britain, recorded in the context of

soccer. There is no evidence of its use in the short form.

· I have a bunch of mates who still use uniquely Australian rhyming slang on a daily basis – “A left jab” (a cab), “A Rodney Hogg” (a hotdog), “A meat pie under the Holy Ghosts” (a try under the goal posts), “A Captain Cook” (a bit of a look) and dozens more. – *www.smh.com.au*, 9th January **2004**

· He’s smashed the holy ghost. – *Sports Interactive Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

Holy Ghost

nickname

the *Racing Post* newspaper (London)

· After a year freelancing at the *The Times*, *Independent*, *Daily Star* and *Racing Post*, I was offered a dual permanent role with ‘the Holy Ghost’ – horseracing sub-editor, and, from out of the blue, Wimbledon correspondent. – *The Racing Post*, London, 19th May **2006**

· If they were any good they wouldnt be working for the holy ghost in the first place. – *Betfair Community* forum, 24th December **2011**

· Sunny Saturday with a mug of tea, toast and the Holy Ghost (that’s the *Racing Post* for those not up on horse racing rhyming slang). – *twitter.com*, 15th September **2012**

holy grail; holy

noun

email; an email [UK]

· Send us a holy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th April **2005**

· [U]sing the holy grail (email) from your tom and jerry (blackberry)[.] – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December **2005**

holy nail

noun

bail [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

holy roller

noun

a bowler hat [UK]

< *holy roller* ‘a member of an evangelistic Christian faction in which zealous spirituality is expressed by ecstatic movements’.

· From the top of his holy roller to the tips of his St Louis, he was a tonsorial, sartorial wonder. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.vii, **1986**

Holyrood

noun

a mood [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Holyrood, an area of Edinburgh.

· Whit’s wrang wi’ you? Ye’ve been in a Holyrood aw day. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Holy See; Holy Sea; holy

numeral

three [UK]

< Holy See, the central governing body of the Roman Catholic Church.

· 3 = Holy Sea. – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· 3 – Holy (see). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January **2010**

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

holy smoke; holy

noun

1 coke (used as fuel) [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.188, **2002**

2 Coca-Cola, a popular branded soft drink [UK]

Rhymes on *Coke*, a trademark of the Coca-Cola Company. When used in this sense, the word is usually spelt with initial capitals. The elliptical form also occurs in the expression *Laurel and Holy* ‘Bacardi and Coke’.

▶ see LAUREL AND HARDY

· Laurel and Holy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Laurel and Hardy*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.146, **2002**

holy soap

noun

the Pope [UK]

Formed on *soap*, the first element of SOAP AND LATHER; hence, *holy soap* is the literal equivalent of *Holy Father*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Soap & Lather*, **1992**

holy water

noun

a daughter [UK]

· The apple of her father’s eye is his little holy water. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

home and away

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*, with a play on the similarity between *home* and *homo*. < *Home and Away*, an Australian television soap opera, first broadcast in Britain in 1989, one year after its Australian debut.

· That bloke’s well Home and Away. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Robert Patterson? Hes a bit home and away love. – *www.youtube.com*, **2012**

· I am having an exhibition at Woolfson and Tay Gallery in Bermondsey, entitled *Home and Away: LGBT Londoners*. Its a biro and pencil portrait exhibition of a group of LGBT Londoners, and hopes to challenge the typical stereotypes that are around about gay people. The title comes from the rhyming slang *Home and Away* which equals *gay*. The exhibition will run from 14th February to 11th March. – *Gingerbeer.co.uk* forum, 15th January **2012**

home on the range*noun*

change (money) [AUSTRALIA]

- < ‘Home on the Range’, the official state song of Kansas since 1947.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, 1989
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

home on the range*adjective*

strange [UK]

- < ‘Home on the Range’, the official state song of Kansas since 1947.
- Anything out of the ordinary or unusual may be described as ‘very home on the range’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Home Pride Bread; home pride*noun*

the head [AUSTRALIA]

- < Home Pride, a brand of bread. ▶ see LOAF OF BREAD
- He must be off his *Home Pride*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Homer and Barts*nickname*

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

- Rhymes on *Hearts*, a popular nickname for this club.
- < Homer and Bart, two characters in the American cartoon TV family *The Simpsons*, created by Matt Groening. *The Simpsons* began as inserts in the *Tracey Ullman Show* in 1987 and became a stand-alone series in 1989. ▶ see JAM TARTS
- The homer and barts have conceded 6 goals in their last 2 games and are an average team nowadays. – *Over and Over* forum, 30th October 2007
- The Homer and Barts win 2–1. – *Hockey’s Future* forum, 9th November 2011
- There’ll be a different name on the trophy this time out after the Homer and Barts were binned yesterday[.] – *Fitba North* forum, 2nd December 2012
- Come on the Homer and Barts. – *twitter.com*, 14th July 2016

home sweet home; home, sweet, home*noun*

a hair comb [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- < *home sweet home*, a common expression taken from ‘Home, Sweet Home’, the title of a song in the comic opera *Clari, or the Maid of Milan* (1823), with words by J. H. Payne and music by Henry R. Bishop.
- After having a lemon squash in cold water and running the Home, Sweet, Home through me Barnet Fair, I sat down to the Cain-and-Abel. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April 1938
- ‘Use your loaf’ means ‘use your loaf of bread’ (head), ‘Anna Maria’ (fire), ‘plates of meat’ (feet), ‘Rory o’ More’ (door), ‘raspberry tart’ (heart), ‘Home Sweet

Home’ (comb), ‘Charlie Prescott’ (waistcoat), and ‘mother of pearl’ (girl). – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January 1949

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983

ho mos*noun*

▶ see HAW MAWS

honey*noun*

money [US/UK]

- A slang rhyme effected by metaphor. ▶ see POT OF HONEY
- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, 1859
- – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889
- Well, I trimmed him good! I drew the honey from his poke, fifty quid it was. – A.H. Lewis, *Confessions*, p.202, 1906
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, 1942
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, s.v. *pot of honey*, 1961

honey an pears*noun*

stairs [UK: SCOTLAND]

- A blend of HONEY PERRS and APPLES AND PEARS.
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994

Honey Pears; Honey Perrrs*nickname*

Glasgow Rangers FC

- Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *pears* as *perrs*, thus rhyming on *Gers*, the football club’s popular nickname. < *honey perrs*, a street vendor’s cry for sweet pears.
- I believe they used to call themselves the Honey Pears. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 1st February 2005
- Apparently it was not uncommon to hear Rangers referred to as the ‘Honey Pears’ in the 50’s. – *Maxxed Football Forums*, 27th February 2008
- I heard an interesting take on the Hun origins which goes that a popular nickname amongst Rangers fans years ago was ‘the Honey Pears’ which I think predated the Teddy Bears as the favoured rhyming nom de plume. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 28th February 2008
- [W]e were also known as the Honey pears, also rhyming with the Gers. – *Gersnet* forum, 20th February 2009
- I can recall the odd bunned auld yin shouting for the Honey Perrrs on the old terracing. – *RangersMedia* forum, 2nd December 2013

honey perrs*noun*

stairs [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *pears* and *stairs* as *perrs* and *sterrs* respectively. < *honey perrs*, a street vendor’s cry for sweet pears.
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, 1994
- Ah’m away up the honey perrs. – M. Munro, *CPI*, 1996

Hong Kong*noun*

an unpleasant smell [UK]

Rhymes on *pong*. < Hong Kong, a special administrative region of China. Formerly known as the 'Fragrant Harbour' (the literal translation of the city's Cantonese name) for the scent of sandalwood incense once traded there, Hong Kong was a British crown colony from 1842 to 1997.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

honky-tonk*noun*

cheap or inferior wine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *plonk*. Possibly influenced by the common slang sense of *honky-tonk* ('a cheap, possibly sleazy drinking establishment').

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· Get a couple of bottles of honky tonk. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March 2006

· When I got there I was going to have some honky-tonk[.] – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December 2011

hoofter*noun*

a male homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

A slang rhyme on *poofter*.

· [L]ovenkranks is really such a hoofter but. i mean he gets in2 his underwear n poses wif tht fan-dan cunt... – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th December 2005

· I've never seen a bigger bunch of hoofters than the acies "casuals". – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 7th October 2007

· [A]ye 6-7 ya bunch of hoofters. – *twitter.com*, 30th November 2012

· Am fucking outside the noo ya bunch of hoofters. – *The Fan Club* forum, 29th July 2013

hook a mutton*noun*

a button [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

hoosie of Fraser; hoosie; hooseh*noun*

▶ see HOUSE OF FRASER

hoot and holler*noun*

a dollar [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

hoot and toot*noun*

a suit (of clothes) [SOUTH AFRICA]

< *hoot and toot*, a binomial phrase suggested by the word *Hottentot*, as used in C. S. Putnam's tongue-twister 'The Hottentot Tot': 'If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot tot / To tot ere the tot could totter, / Ought the Hottentot tot / To be taught to say *ought*, / Or *naught*? or what ought to be taught her? / Or– / If to hoot and to toot a Hottentot tot / Be taught by a Hottentot tooter, / Should the tooter get hot if the Hottentot tot / Hoot and toot at the Hottentot tutor?'

· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.105, 1963

hoots and toots*noun*

boots [SOUTH AFRICA]

< *hoot and toot*, a phrase suggested by the word *Hottentot*, as used in C.S. Putnam's tongue-twister 'The Hottentot Tot'.

· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.105, 1963

hop*noun*

▶ see JOHN HOP

hop and toad; hop toad*noun*

a road [US]

A variation of FROG AND TOAD. The earliest recorded form is *hop and toad*, listed by Pollock (1935). *Hop toad* is recorded by Maurer (1944) and Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

hope in heaven*noun*

in bingo, the number seven [NEW ZEALAND/US/UK/IRELAND]

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th July 2007

· – *olviatteenelizbucketlist.weebly.com*, November 2008

· – *freedomandgrace.com*, 9th July 2009

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April 2011

· – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November 2013

hopes and fears*noun*

the ears [AUSTRALIA]

· These two of many words have their origin in a vogue which captured the imagination particularly of places like Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood. A fashion set in by which, instead of using the correct word to express oneself, words rhyming with the one intended were employed. [...] Parts of the human body also had their rhyming synonym: [...] EARS: Hopes and fears. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 'This Slangueage of Ours!', 14th September 1935

hop it and scram; hop it*noun*

ham [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

hopping pot; hopping*noun*

the lot, the whole amount or number [UK]

< *hopping pot* 'a container used in the harvesting of hops'.

· So they charges 'im with the hoppin'-pot: causing obstruction on the carriage-way, causing obstruction to foot-passengers, trading without a licence, resisting the police—the lot! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· 'That's your hopping,' means, 'That's you[r] lot, there's no more.' – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Hopping for Londoners had been going on for more than a hundred years. Whole families, with all their belongings including their pots and pans, which were usually loaded on last, (that is where the saying, 'that's your hopping pot' comes from), would pile onto Lorries and go down to the hop fields in Kent every summer. – D.O., *Laugh*, p.162, 2011

hops and malt; hops*noun*

salt [UK]

· Pass the 'ops. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.64, 1968

hops and yeast*noun*

a priest [UK]

< *hops and yeast*, a reference to two of the primary ingredients used in the production of beer.

· – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March 2012

hopscotch; hop*noun*

a watch [SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

< *hopscotch* 'a traditional children's game in which a player hops on one foot through a series of squares marked on the ground'. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.2, 1992

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· The dockers always asked each other when to go back to work by usually saying what is the Harry (Lime) on your Hop (scotch). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013

hop toad*noun*

▶ see HOP AND TOAD

Horace Stingles*noun*

the fingers [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May 2008

Horace Tottle*noun*

a bottle [AUSTRALIA]

An alteration of ARISTOTLE.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

horn of plenty; horn*noun*

1 in bingo, the number twenty [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 twenty pounds [UK]

The short form is recorded in 2015.

· The Barney Rubble of a cockle is a score, what is also known as an apple or a Dudley, or the Horn of Plenty. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· FAST SAUSAGE & MASH. PLEASE SELECT AMOUNT (MAXIMUM DISPENSE £50) LADY GODIVA < (£5) SPECKLED HEN (£10) COMMODORE (£15) HORN OF PLENTY (£20)[.] – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August 2009

· – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, p.35, 2015

hors d'oeuvre*noun*

a man who likes watching or staring at (usually) women in a sexual way [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, 1967

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

hors d'oeuvres*noun*

nerves [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

horse and carriage*noun*

1 a garage [UK]

· Does one, for example, pull into a horse and carriage (garridge) and ask the 'eap of coke (boss or 'bloke') to fix a slipping rabbit (rabbit-hutch, for clutch)? – *The Motor* magazine, London, 4th August 1948

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· This tiny CAT AND MOUSE in the East End used to be a HORSE AND CARRIAGE. – *www.facebook.com*, 6th August 2014

2 marriage [UK]

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

· – C. Davies, *Divided by a Common Language*, p.238, 2007

horse and cart; horse; orson*noun*

1 the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person's emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- 2 a dart; hence, as a plural, a game of darts [UK]
 - Often reduced to *horse* or *horses*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.20, 1980
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- 'Ow 'bout a game o' 'orses (and carts)? – R. Lederer, *Verbivore*, p.104, 1994
- [O]n its own a dart becomes a horse. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- 3 the start or beginning of something [AUSTRALIA/UK]
 - Only recorded in the full form.
- I think I had better tell you the grim and gory right from the horse an' cart. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- A new beginning is a new 'horse and cart'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- 4 a fart [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]
 - Often reduced to *horse* or *orson* in British English.
 - There is no evidence of its use in the short forms in Australian and New Zealand English.
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- Young Ants (Antoine) and I would also give it plenty, simulatimg horse and carts on our forearms while we hid behind the Anderson shelter. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.6, 1986
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001
- I'm always Mork and Mindy, my Eddie Grundies are a disaster and having a horse and cart every two minutes plays havoc with my Samuel Smiles. – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.39, 2007
- Blimey, has somebody done an orson around here? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- **horse fart** (rhyming slang 'horse and cart'). – *www.ed-inphoto.org.uk*, A. Dodds, Nottingham, 13th November 2009
- 5 a prostitute or promiscuous woman; a girlfriend [UK]
 - Rhymes on *tart*. Recorded in the forms *horse and cart* and *horse*.
- Horse = horse and cart *fun-loving girl*. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.202, 1983
- She's a right Horse and Cart. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th November 2003
- Horse and Cart – Girlfriend (Tart). – *Perfect Day* forum, 7th December 2007
- [G]et your grumble and grunt on my boat race, you horse and cart. – *Ajam Forum*, 5th March 2009
- 6 a shirt [UK; NEWCASTLE]
 - A near enough perfect rhyme in broad Geordie. Often reduced to *orson*.

· 'Orse n' cart – Shart. Aa've gettn kebab saace aallower me orson. – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, 2007

horse and cart

verb

1 to fart [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- Although he wasn't butcher's hook he knew that anything heavier might make him horse and cart like a two-bob racehorse. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, 1983
- My little admirer thought the alligator had horse and carted. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.107, 1986
- What dirty swine's horse & carted? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Who horse and carted? – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- Which One Of You Flamin Mungrels Horse And Carted!! – *Street Commodores* forum, 5th March 2007
- 2 (of an engine) to start [UK]
- Won't horse and cart? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

horse and donk

noun

cheap wine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *plonk*.

- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, 1967
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, 1983

horse and dray

noun

a threepenny piece [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *trej*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

horse and float

noun

1 a coat [IRELAND]

· While you're at it, you'd better take off your spider and fly (tie), your horse and float (coat), your tennis racket (jacket), and then you can go to Uncle Ned (bed)[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, 1966

2 the throat [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Weatherzone* forum, 8th December 2002

· – Lots of ways to stab someone silently - ask anyone who has been in the military, for example. Gaffa tape or any other form of gag, for starters. Or simply a big hand over the mouth. [...] – Agree above comments, remember jm case no one heard a sound, they were in street, I think maybe similar happen quick around horse and float, more info sure to come out. – *Websleuths* forum, 25th November 2012

horse and foal

noun

unemployment benefit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

horse and trap; horse*noun*

1 gonorrhoea [UK/US?]

Rhymes on *the clap*. Only evidenced in the full form. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· "You know I've got the 'Horse and Trap'". "Have you?" says the other, "well, I've got the 'Jack!'" – Anon., *The Horn Book*, p.46 [1901], **1898**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· So the next time you're feeling a bit Tom, Harry, and Dick or get frock and frill with a bout of three-penny bits or a dose of the horse and trap, and you think you're going to crack-a-cry, go to see the King's Proctor[.] – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August **2002**

2 an act of defecating [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. The shortened form is recorded in 2005.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.59, **2005**

· I am going to have a Horse and Trap. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st January **2014**

horse and trap*adjective*

very poor in quality, shoddy [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

· [M]ust ave a horse and trap graphics card there m8 better invest in a new one. – *[DAD] Clan* forum, 29th May **2006**

horse and trough; horse*noun*

a cough [UK]

Perhaps also a gentle pun on *hoarse*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· You 'ave a nasty 'orse. – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· He'd not been feeling well for a while. It began with a *bread* and a *horse* so he though he had a *naughton*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, **2011**

horse called Trigger; horse called*noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *nigger*. < Trigger, a palomino horse that co-starred with American actor Roy Rogers (real name Leonard Slye; 1911–98) in more than eighty westerns and one hundred episodes of *The Roy Rogers Show* (1951–57).

· Now it seems the horse called (rhyming slang from "A Horse Called Trigger", heard my mate say this and thought it to funny not to share) want segregation again[.] – *Stormfront* forum, 10th November **2006**

horses and asses*noun*

a pair of glasses [IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme in Irish English.

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

horse's collar*noun*

five shillings in pre-decimal currency [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dollar*. An obsolete usage that is sometimes used today to recreate the dialect of pre-decimal days.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

· I'm absolutely boracic lint. I was out with a lemon last night in the pub, so I thought you might gi' us a rub-a-dub-dub. A Bob Dylan. A horse's collar. A tin lid. Or even a high diver. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

horse's hiss; horses*noun*

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

horse's hoof; horse's; horses*noun*

1 a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *poof*. The short form has been recorded in Australian and British usage.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· Dad's da wing where dey got all da horses hoofs and da pork and beans. Ya sees, da queers is all penned up together[.] – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.129, **1968**

· "She's hung up on a no-good horse's hoof...". "Horse's hoof? Forgive me". "Poof, old cock, poof, Tight arsed little creep called Gregg Faraday[.]" – W. Donaldson, *Don't Call Me Madam*, p.139, **1977**

· You wouldn't go around in Melbourne talking about your cossie, or swimming costume. Blokes would think you were a horse's hoof, or something. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**

· Slap bang in the middle of Fitzroy Gardens, tethered to a box brush and surrounded by a variegated mob of deers, horses, hookers, old warrior dogs, anklebiters, shopkeepers and the odd Cross sightseer, was a big, rangy chestnut hayburner. – J. Byrell, *Up the Cross*, p.134, **1983**
 · Funny to think of a bloke with a moustache bein' a horse's hoof. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.105, **1988**

· [A] clear reference to the stuff you horse's hoofs down here won't drink any more. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 29th September **1998**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· He's a bit of a horse's hoof (poof) ya know. – K.P. Rowe, *WAL*, **2005**

· You can't hold a bloke's gaze for too long on first meeting: it invites aggression through invasion of imagined personal space, or he might think you're a horse's. – G.S. Manson, *Coorparoo Blues*, p.71, **2012**

2 a roof [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Only recorded in the full form. In use among scaffolders.

· [T]he Frankie Lane (Crane) is coming after Sharon Tait (Bait) to put on the Horses hoof (Roof). – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

Horse's knob; Horses

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Bob* [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

· [H]is name is Shetland (Tony) also Horses knob (Bob) and Half a pint of shandy (Andy) will be there. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

· – RTG *Sunderland* forum, 14th February **2013**

horse's rug

noun

a foolish or gullible person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mug*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

hot and cold; hot

noun

gold [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

hot cross bun

noun

1 the sun [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *hot cross bun* 'a sweet bun made with dried fruit and topped with a cross, traditionally eaten on Good Friday'.

· Rhyming slang. I thought this was extinct, but it is far from it. The hop-pickers used these expressions freely: A dig in the grave, meaning a shave. The hot cross bun, meaning the sun. – P. Davison, *The Complete Works of George Orwell*, p.231, 1998: diary entry, **1931**

· Hearing the Tilbury Dock strike Harry Tate in the Gipsy's Warning, I opened my mince-pies to see the

hot-cross bun shining through the burnt cinder. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 'English as It's Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)', 12th April **1938**

· The hot cross bun was down and the silver spoon was rising when I spread the Wagga and turned in. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a son [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 ■ on the hot cross bun; on the hot cross on the run, escaping from justice [UK]

· **hot-cross bun** *On the run* (in hiding from the police). – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm on the hot-cross-bun from 'im. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.58, **2001**

· Fred's on the 'ot cross from the p'lice. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· He'd been a tea leaf (thief), a brass flute (prostitute), violated his jam roll (parole) conditions, and had even broken out of ginger ale (jail) and gone hot cross bun (on the run). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

4 a gun [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Put down the hot cross bun and don't be rash. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· But I couldn't *adam and eve* it when some *bottle* picked him up with a *hot cross bun*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

5 a nun [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· But, these two are James Dean and not 'ot cross buns neither, and I don't want to end on me Jack Jones to-night. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

hot dinner

noun

a winner [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· That chap's always a hot dinner. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· The sort of *billy* that they love – quick to have a *grumble* but never able to spot a *hot dinner*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

hot hay

noun

a bay [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

hot peas

noun

the knees [UK: SCOTLAND]

· He's got a big photo up in his lawyer's office of him down on the old hot peas kissing your man's hand at the Vatican. – J. Burrowes, *Jamesie's People*, p.241 [1987], **1984**

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

hot potato; hot potater; hot pertater; hot

noun

a waiter [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*. The short form is exclusively British.

· [T]he waiter is the *hot*, from *hot pertater*; and so forth. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Waiter, Hot Potater. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Somewhat carried away by all this, I bravely approached the La di da, and asked the bowler-hatted hot potato for a Cows Calf of Pigs Ear, and a nice slice of Bended Knees–Cheddar preferably[.] – *Penthouse* magazine, London, **1965**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· The two "Hot Potaters" (Waiters) are Eden Fox (L) and Martin Lydor. You'll see them in many 50s/60s films/tv carrying trays... – *BritMovie* forum, 19th November **2009**

hot potato; hot potater

adverb

later [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*. The form *hot potater* is recorded by Meredith (1984) and Seal (2009); the latter author also gives *hot potato*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

hot score; score

noun

a police officer, a detective [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *John*. Both *hot score* and *score* are first recorded in 1941, which poses an etymological conundrum: it is unclear if *hot score* arose as an elaboration of *score* (in which case the

word would have originated as a slang rhyme) or, in fact, the latter form is a shortening of the former.

· – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.187, **1944**

hot toddy

noun

1 the body [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a Protestant [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *Proddy*.

· – *Bushcraftliving.com* forum, 1st June **2009**

Hound

nickname

Planet of Sound, a weekly club night event run by the Durham Students' Union in Durham, in the north-east of England

A slang rhyme.

· (Girl) Hey, are you coming to hound tonight? (Guy) What kind of a question is that? Of course I am! – *UD(.com)*, 11th October **2004**

· 'Did you go to Hound yesterday?' 'No, I'm ninety-three'. – *EastArchers*, UK radio: Purple Radio (Durham Students' Union), **2004**

· Hound is always a good night out though! – *The Student Room* forum, 4th May **2005**

· Can't decide which hat to wear to Hound at the DSU tonight. – *twitter.com*, 8th October **2010**

hound-and-horny

adjective

mawkishly sentimental [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *corny*. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his dystopian 1962 novel *A Clockwork Orange*. It belongs to Nadsat, the slang Burgess invented for the novel's first-person narrator and his friends.

· Dim put on a hound-and-horny look of evil[.] – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.33 [1965], **1962**

Hounslow Heath; hounslows

noun

the teeth [UK/US]

< Hounslow Heath, a vast area of heathland in west London. The short form is exclusively British.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.32, **1933**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· The old rhyming slang for teeth was Hounslows. – *nashey1888.livejournal.com*, blog, 30th June **2009**

house in a state

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-eight [UK]

Always with the definite article: *the house in a state*.

· The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] forty-four, mouth is sore, seventy-eight, the house in a state[.] – M. McGrath, *Silvertown*, p.219 [2003], **2002**

housemaid's knee; housemaids

noun

1 the sea [UK]

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· This week the Ecuadorian oil tanker, *Jessica*, ran aground and is, even now, polluting the 'housemaids' surrounding the Galapagos Islands. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Wouldn't be able to drink Britneys by the housemaid's knee, anyway. – www.tumblr.com, accessed 6th March **2013**

2 a key [UK]

· [A] bunch of 'housemaids'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 tea [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

· A nonce usage occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. Recorded in the full form.

· Centre of the developed world? Boll-erks. Yer can't even get a propah cap of 'ousemaid's knee, I arsk yer. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

house of bamboo

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-four [UK/IRELAND]

A offshoot of HOUSE WITH A BAMBOO DOOR.

· – www.ildado.com, 1st February **2002**

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

House of Fraser; hoosie of Fraser; hoosie; hooseh;

howser

noun

1 a razor used as a weapon [UK]

< House of Fraser, a British retail chain. Originally Scottish, but also used in England, where, according to Puxley (1992), it is generally shortened to *howser*. The variants *hoosie of Fraser*, *hoosie* and *hooseh* are Scottish. ▶ see MALKY FRASER

· [A] razor was the 'House of Fraser'[,] – J. Patrick, 'A Glasgow Gang Observed', in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June **1969**

· A weapon much in favour in those days among the toughs was the razor, soon nicknamed 'House of Fraser'. – A. Mackie, *Talking Glasgow*, p.25, **1978**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· **hoosie Fraser** [...] used here to mean razor. Sometimes shortened to **hoosie** (rhymes with *Lucy*). – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· Glasgow rhyming slang, usually the explanation is incomprehensible to me too but I did get "hooseh" = razor (House of Fraser). – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April **2007**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, pp.80–81, **2011**

2 a razor used as a shaver [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

house of fun

noun

in darts, a double one [UK]

< 'House of Fun', a 1982 song by English ska band Madness.

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.70, **2011**

house of future fools

noun

schools [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. < *House of Fools*, a British TV sitcom which ran on BBC Two in 2014 and 2015. The addition of *future* underlines the satiric nature of the term.

· If these Jeremy Hunts were on the same greengages as us and their dustbin lids went to the same house of future fools as our dustbin lids, we might see a rifle range. [...] It's up to the house of future fools to teach our dustbin lids to be more responsible. – www.liveleak.com, video recorded and posted by 'wolwoman80' on 16th July **2016**

House of Lords; house-ers

noun

corduroy trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *cords*. The shortening *house-ers* is given by Puxley (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

house of wax

noun

1 a toilet [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *jacks*.

· **House of Wax** [...] In Ireland it refers to a lavatory. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – www.irishslang.co.za, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· After two hours pass leggit into the "house-of-wax" (Jacks) in the process have the gear down and flaps extended and let rip. – *Gaire* forum, 9th November **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· Having a pony in the house of wax.... Regular as clockwork. – twitter.com, 14th April **2010**

· My nat king cole is in flitters after the ruby murray last night. Just left a double ghoster up in the house of wax though! – www.slang.ie, accessed 23rd January **2015**

2 five pounds sterling [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *jacks*, a shortening of JACK'S ALIVE.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

house to let*noun*

a bet [UK/US]

- – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**
- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- Morning is Gipsy's warning, bet is house to let. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- As long as she's not a "three wheeled trike" I'd have a "house to let" that before long you'd be up the "apples and pears"[.] – *Sheffield Forum*, 25th September **2008**
- He put their drinks on the bar and took the money from Jack. 'Is that big fight anywhere on the horizon, Jack? I wanna have a house to let on you.' – G.F. Newman, *Crime and Punishment*, **2009**
- – Has Rhyming Slang gone from British Racecourses. – Don't you mean has rhyming slang gone from the "belt and braces", where punters can have a "house to let"? – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th September **2011**

house with a bamboo door*noun*

in bingo, the number fifty-four [UK]

- < 'Number fifty-four, / The house with a bamboo door', the opening lines of 'House of Bamboo', a 1958 song by William Crompton and Norman Murrells, originally popularised by Andy Williams and Earl Grant. Thus HOUSE OF BAMBOO.
- – *yourgamblingneeds.com*, 30th May **2012**
- – *www.playfreebingoonline.co.uk*, 'Bingo Calls (Part 1)', 28th January **2013**

housewives' choice*noun*

a voice; the human voice [UK]

- < *Housewives' Choice*, a record request programme broadcast on the *BBC Light Programme* from 1946 to 1967.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I've had this cold three days, and now I've lost me Housewives' Choice. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May **2014**

housey-housey*adjective*

itchy [UK]

- Rhymes on *lousy* ('infested with lice'). < *housey-housey*, another name for bingo.
- To feel 'housey housey' is to feel horribly itchy all over.
- R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Houston Comical; Comical*nickname*the *Houston Chronicle* newspaper (Houston, Texas)

An imperfect slang rhyme.

- According to Barry Popik (*www.barrypopik.com*, 12th May 2008), the nickname *Houston Comical* dates back to at least 1990. Popik notes that the newspaper has also been nicknamed 'the *Houston Chronic* (since at least 1997), the *Houston Moronicle* (since 2001), the *Houston Barnacle/Barnicle* (since 2002) and the *Houston Crummyicle* (since 2006)'.
- *Houston* (or *San Francisco*) *Chronicle* → the *Crocknicle* (or the *Comical*). – E.S. Raymond, *NHD*, p.10, **1996**
- The *Chronicle* began in 1901 and now has the ninth largest newspaper circulation in the United States and the largest in Texas. The derogatory nickname *Houston Comical* is cited in print from at least 1990. [...] Until the *Post* folded in 1995, *Houston's* newspaper readers had a choice between the "Pest" and the "Comical." – *www.barrypopik.com*, 12th May **2008**

Hovis*noun*

the head of a black person [UK]

- A punning variation of LOAF OF BREAD. < *Hovis*, a well-known brand of brown bread.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, s.v. *Ruby Red*, **1998**

Hovis*adjective*

dead [UK]

- A punning variation of BROWN BREAD. < *Hovis*, a well-known brand of brown bread.
- 'Is it Hovis, then?' [...] 'He means is it dead? Brown bread ... dead. Get it?' – M. Cole, *Dangerous Lady*, p.12 [2010], **1992**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- It's Hovis, mate. Brown Bread. Or at least dying. – *Evening Standard*, London, 'It's all a bit Mariah rhyming slang is brown bread', 22nd August **2005**
- If your parachute doesn't open at 10,000 feet – you'll be hovis. – *UD(.com)*, 17th January **2008**
- Sorry he's hovis but no loss to good listening. – *Grumpier Old Men* forum, 18th December **2010**
- Very sad to hear the lovely OXO lady is Hovis. A very sad day indeed. – *twitter.com*, 20th October **2014**

Howard Keel*noun*

a meal [AUSTRALIA]

- < Howard Keel, the stage name of American actor and singer Harold Clifford Keel (1919–2004).
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Howard's Way; howards*adjective*

homosexual [UK]

- Rhymes on *gay*. < *Howards' Way*, a TV series broadcast on BBC1 between 1985 and 1990.
- – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [H]es a bit Howards. – *Back To The Oldskool*, 21st November **2008**

· A couple of new ones I heard recently (well, new to me) ... gay = Howard's Way. wedding = Otis Redding. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

how-do-you-do

noun

in bingo, the number two [AUSTRALIA]

· We will not wear out our vocal chords any earlier in life by saying “stand at ease” instead of “cheese” [...] or the old numerical jargon of the housie games – “currant bun” for one, “how-do-you-do” for two, “Doctor Bevan” for seven[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

how-d'ye-do

noun

1 a shoe [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· [H]is how-d'ye-do's were full of holes, and his coat was very Westminster Abbey. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· He's even polished his how-d'ye-dos, Mark. – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

2 stew (a type of dish) [UK]

The rhyme with *stew* has given rise to the belief that colloquialism *how-d'ye-do*, meaning 'a predicament; a state of mental agitation', also originated as rhyming slang. This etymology, however, is unproven.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

howser

noun

▶ see HOUSE OF FRASER

how's your father

noun

a state of agitation or excitement [UK]

Rhymes on *lather*. < *how's your father*, a colloquialism for sexual intercourse.

· – *CRS*(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**

· Just because I was a few minutes late he was in a right how's your father. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

HSBC bank; HSBC

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < HSBC, a multinational banking and financial services organisation.

· **Barclays (Bank)** wank. As in masturbate. After the high-street banking firm. Also **Midlands**, or **HSBC** if you want to be totally up-to-date. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

hubba, I am back

noun

crack cocaine [US]

An elaboration of the slang *hubba* 'crack cocaine'.

· – *The New York Times*, 18th December **1994**

· – K. Bellenir, *Substance Abuse*, p.82, **1996**

· – T. Nordegren, *EADA*, **2002**

· – E. Frost, *CDS*, **2004**

Huckleberry Finn; huckleberry; huck

noun

1 gin [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Huckleberry Finn, the hero and narrator of Mark Twain's novel *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, published in 1884; the character was introduced in Twain's 1876 novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The rhyming slang term occurs in a letter by Australian shearer and folk singer Duke Tritton (1886–1965) reproduced by John Meredith in *Learn to Talk Old Jack Lang* (1984). Yet the letter (dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later) does not contain this term in the version Meredith gave in *Duke of the Outback* (1983). The form *huck* is exclusively British.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· Once I stood in the bar of a decent sort of a pub in Melbourne – either the Fawknor Club or the Australian; or the Richmond end of twenty past tosspot – and heard a newspaperman roar an order for “Two elgas and a huckleberry-n-super, thanks, luv.” – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· I asked for an El Golea, who was a famous racehorse, and three Huckleberry Finns and supersonic. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· He's been making a proper mug of himself around the West End bars. He's been hitting the Huckleberry. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 29th April **1988**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· 'Huckleberry' or 'Huck' has found it's way into British glasses. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a PIN (personal identification number) [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word. Used in full.

· Over the next three months, users of Bank Machine ATMs can opt to enter their Huckleberry Finn, rather than Pin, and how much sausage and mash they want. – *Evening Standard*, London, 24th August **2009**

· PLEASE ENTER YOUR HUCKLEBERRY FINN (PIN) THEN PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

· Customers will now head down to the fish tank, enter their Huckleberry Finn and take out their bangers and mash in Ayrton Sennas. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 30th August **2009**

3 a bowling pin [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· There are ten Huckleberry Finns per frame. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 31st August **2009**

Huckleberry Hound

noun

1 a prison cell [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *pound*. < Huckleberry Hound, a TV cartoon character created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera in 1958. ▶ see BERRYHUCKLE

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.31, **1983**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

2 a pound sterling [UK]

· A pound coin can also be a Huckleberry Hound (pound)[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th April **2005**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 30th September **2013**

Huey Lewis; Huey Luas; Huey

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Lewis*. < Huey Lewis, the stage name of American singer and harmonica player Hugh Cregg III (b.1950), best known as frontman of the rock band Huey Lewis and the News. ▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, C.S., DANIEL DAY, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· **Terms for the luas (dublinese)** The huey, as in huey luas (lewis). – *Boards.ie* forum, 1st July **2004**

· Several times now, I've heard it referred to as the "Huey". – *aids.academickids.com*, 15th October **2004**

· [C]aught the Huey into town to meet me chinas for a few scoops in our favourite Battler. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· [T]he bird being interviewed on the 6-1 news from one of the arty centres in smithfield said no one would get off the Huey Lewis to visit there... – *Thepropertypin.com* forum, 28th April **2010**

· Dorsh to connolly and then the huey lewis to blackhorse. – *IrishKop* forum, 24th October **2011**

· [D]oes'nt the Huey Luas drive up and down the Naas rd.? – *The Dublin Forums*, 1st July **2012**

Hugh Dallas

nickname

Hamilton Palace, a large nightclub complex in the town of Hamilton, about twelve miles south-east of Glasgow < Scottish football referee Hugh Dallas (b.1957).

· [F]ed up of the same old faces every night, proolly cos i went like thurs fri sat n sun. Moan the Hugh Dallas. – *Strathycruise* forum, 19th July **2004**

· Up at Craigy Boy's pad on Saturday, 4 hours of drinking quickly led to some random piping up about how the Hamilton Palace (Hugh Dallas in Glaswegian Rhyming Slang) would be a great idea at this time of the morning. – *Windows Live* blog, 10th November **2005**

· Probably walked by you a few times in the hugh dallas (hamilton palace). *Night B4* forum, 18th September **2006**

· The "Hugh Dallas" or "Alton Towers" as the Palace used to be known. £10 to get in and every ride was scary. – *BBC 606* forum, 20th May **2011**

· Underage drinking' getting' tanked up, before foolishly going to the local Hugh Dallas(Hamilton Palace). – *www.angelfire.com/hj3/nicolalass/page6.html*, accessed 12th September **2012**

Hughie

noun

a green gob of phlegm [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *green* and *Green*. < English television presenter Hughie Green (1920–97). Suggested or influenced by the slang *greenie* and *loogie*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Hughies

noun

green vegetables [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *greens* and *Greens*, a pluralised variation of the surname *Green*. < English television presenter Hughie Green (1920–97).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Hugh Jampton

proper name/nickname

a character created by Irish comedian Spike Milligan for the BBC radio series *The Goon Show* (1951–60, 1972); hence often used in other contexts as a humorous name, tag or pseudonym

A pun on *huge hampton*, itself formed on *hampton*, the short version of HAMPTON WICK.

· Please, Major Bloodnok, my name is Jampton, Captain Hugh Jampton. – *The Goon Show*, UK radio: BBC Home Service, 13th March **1956**

· Hugh Jampton – Character in *Girls Come First*, UK film, script by Gordon Exelby, David Grant and Joseph McGrath, **1975**

· Sleeve Note © Hugh Jampton, E.F. Nort-Bitz Reader in Applied Jacket, University of Krakatoa (East of Java). – Album cover, *Traveling Wilburys Vol. 1*, **1988**

· When Athers walks out to the middle, He'll be as fit as a fiddle, For once it's his side, Bursting with pride, And the Aussies being done on the griddle. "Hugh Jampton," Horsham. – *The Sun*, London, 5th June **1997**

· Is someone having a laugh with boxing's esteemed trade paper, Boxing News? It has one of the biggest correspondence sections of any sports journal but curious names have been appearing at the foot of some of the letters. Among the just-about-printable ones there was the missive from Hugh Jampton, and another from Isaac Cox[.] – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 14th September **2003**

· A special thank you goes to ‘Hugh Jampton’, for his integrity and support and for reading the whole manuscript[.] – T. Sanders, *Paying for Pleasure*, p.x, **2008**

Hugo Boss; hugo

noun

1 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Hugo Boss* (or *not give a hugo*) ‘to not care at all’. < German fashion house Hugo Boss, so named after its founder (1885–1948).

· He’s looking at me like I’m a knob with a spot on it but I couldn’t give a hugo boss what that no-mates thinks of me. – *marshal-shorts.blogspot.com*, blog, 3rd September **2004**

· I couldn’t give a hugo boss[.] – *advaita.thepodcastnetwork.com*, 21st March **2007**

· Personally, I couldn’t give a “Hugo Boss” whether our manager was scratching his butt whilst doing the Telegraph crossword[.] – *Down at the Mac* forum, 11th December **2007**

· I don’t give a Hugo whether Wilson got a Red card or not, he’s pony anyway. – *twitter.com*, 27th August **2013**

· [W]e really couldn’t give a Hugo boss. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2016**

2 in football, a pass across the field [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cross*. Only recorded in the full form.

· i put in a good ball into the hugo boss. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Hugo Boss; Hugo

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Ross* [UK]

< German fashion house Hugo Boss, so named after its founder (1885–1948).

· I got the number from a mate of mine for Ross Monaghan. He’s a pal of mine. I know him as Hugo. It’s rhyming slang. Hugo Boss, Ross. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 27th April **2012**

Hugo Boss

verb

to abscond (from school) [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *doss*. < German fashion house Hugo Boss, so named after its founder (1885–1948).

· Lets Hugo Boss school. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st March **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

hugs and kisses; hugs; ugs

noun

one’s wife or partner [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *missus*. The short form *hugs* and its *h*-less variant *ugs* have been recorded in British usage.

· Hardly complimentary to refer to a wife as ‘the ugs’ but it is meant to be. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th January **2004**

· Got to keep the wife happy – or as they say back in Oz – the hugs and kisses (rhyming slang for *missus* (wife or g/f)). – *Slowtwitch* forum, 31st January **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

human rights; humans

noun

tights [UK]

· Making love to a woman who is still wearing her ‘humans’ will start her toes a-twitching. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

humperdinck

verb

▶ see ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

humphrey

noun

a car’s air conditioning system [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Humphrey B. Bear*, rhyming on *air*. < Humphrey B. Bear, a character in a popular Australian TV series for young children, first broadcast in 1965. Second-hand car dealers’ slang.

· Humphrey and hook: Humphrey is air-conditioning (rhyming-slang for *air*, as in *Humphrey B. Bear*); Hook is power steering, from power hook. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 17th April **1994**

· **Describing a Car** [...] ‘no humphrey’ – no air conditioning[.] – *blog.privatefleet.com.au*, blog, 18th October **2010**

Humphrey Bogart; humphrey

noun

a fart [UK/AUSTRALIA]

A forced rhyme. < American actor Humphrey Bogart (1899–1957). According to the available evidence, the full form is exclusively British, while its shortened version is confined to Australian English.

· One or two others. Humphrey Bogart, Fart. Barnet Fair, Hair. Chalfont St. Giles (or Farmer Giles) Piles. OHHH Me Chalfonts! – *www.giffgaff.com*, 12th April **2013**

· Melbourne Rhyming Slang: *bay trout* ‘gout’, *billy lids* ‘children, kids’, *blood blister* ‘sister’, *humphrey* ‘fart’ (from Humphrey Bogart)[.] – *alphalingua.net*, 22nd July **2016**

· Fwooaagh! Who dropped a humphrey? – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, ‘Australian Word Map’, accessed 31st October **2016**

Hun

noun

the *Herald Sun* newspaper (Melbourne)

A slang rhyme. Also known as the *CURRENT BUN* and the *Herald Scum*. ▶ see *SUNDAY HUN*

· [T]he largest Australian daily is the *Herald Sun* (nicknamed the Hun) with a circulation of 553,000[.] – B. Franklin et al., *Key Concepts*, p.36, **2005**

· Please STOP calling the Herald Sun “THE HUN”!!! – *The Melbourne Victory FC Community Forum*, 29th January **2006**

· On the first day of my placement, senior journalists and the editor of *The Hun* reviewed a piece about an overweight man who was endeavoring to lose 200kg through hypnosis. – *Farrago*, University of Melbourne's student magazine, July 2012

· [A]fter all, to me (and you) we follow his blog, and it is not practicle to subscribe to the Hun. – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 11th February 2013

hundred to thirty

adjective

dirty [UK]

< *one hundred to thirty*, an expression from horse-race betting; the odds of 100/30 are also called BURLINGTON BERTIE.

· I can't wear this shirt, it's hundred to thirty. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Hungerford Bridge

noun

a fridge [UK]

< Hungerford Bridge, one of the bridges that cross the Thames in London.

· – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, 2011

huntley and palmer; huntley

noun

1 karma (one's fate or inevitable destiny) [UK]

< Huntley and Palmers, an English biscuit manufacturer. Only recorded in the short form.

· Hello love, how's your huntley? – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *London*, spoken, social worker, 1987

· – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August 2014

2 a farmer [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Huntley and Palmers; huntleys

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *farmers*, the short version of FARMER GILES. < Huntley and Palmers, an English biscuit manufacturer.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

hurl and barf

noun

half an ounce of a drug [UK]

< *hurl and barf*, a phrase combining two slang synonyms for vomit (as a noun and a verb). ► *see* BARF

· – *b3ta* forum, 1st November 2007

hurricane deck; hurricane

noun

1 the neck [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 nerve, impudence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *neck*. Used in the phrase *have more hurricane than a giraffe*.

· Audacious people may have 'more hurricane than a giraffe'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Hurricane fighter

noun

1 a lighter [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Hurricane fighter* 'a type of fighter aircraft'.

· Hurricane fighter (lighter or shiter). – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January 2013

2 the anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shiter*.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January 2013

· [G]et the feeling after today's events with milliband, Tory mps & farage that north Britain is about to be pumped up the hurricane fighter!! – *twitter.com*, 19th September 2014

hurricane lamp; hurricane

noun

a tramp or vagrant [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· Yesterday I saw a Hurricane Lamp. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th August 2007

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

hurt and be mean; hurt

numeral

thirteen [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· 13 – Hurt (and be mean). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January 2010

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November 2010

husband and wife

noun

1 a knife [UK/US]

· "Wife" is "trouble and strife," and conversely "husband and wife" is "knife," an expression with a sharp moral. – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

2 life imprisonment [IRELAND]

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

hush puppy

noun

a well-paid middle-class or upper-middle-class young professional [UK]

Rhymes on *yuppie*, a keyword of the 1980s and early 1990s formed as an elaboration of the acronym for *young urban professional* (or *young upwardly-mobile professional*). < Hush Puppies, a brand of footwear.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

hutch*noun*

a sheep's crotch [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crutch*. A shearers' slang rhyme.· – L.G.D. Acland, 'A Sheep-Station Glossary', in *The Press*, Christchurch, 25th November **1933**· – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**· – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003****Hyde Park***noun***1** an actor's mark (an indicator of position) [UK]

< Hyde Park, one of the Royal Parks of London.

· Anyway, this is the milieu in which a Sexton Blake is a take, and a Hyde Park is an actor's mark[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971****2** an informer [UK]Rhymes on *nark*.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001****hydraulics***noun***1** nonsense; rubbish [UK/IRELAND]Rhymes on *bollocks* or its Irish cousin *bollix*.· What a load of hydraulics. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· It's BigWill that's talking hydraulics / (I'm too polite to say bollocks) / He writes every night / such a load of old shite / In passages frequently prolix! – *Amateur Photographer* forum, 10th March **2005**· Apart from that – what a load of hydraulics... – *Politics.ie* forum, 29th April **2014****2** the testicles [UK]Rhymes on *bollocks*. ▶ see DOG'S HYDRAULICS· Ouch! Me 'hydraulics'! – *www.noddleit.com*, 30th October **2009**· [Y]er mate deserves a good boot in the hydraulics lol[.] – *twitter.com*, 17th June **2011**· £32.60 winnings from layout of £90. Better than a boot in the hydraulics. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 30th March **2013****hydraulixed; hydraulixed; hydrollixed; hydrolixed***adjective***1** absolutely exhausted [IRELAND]Rhymes on *bollixed*.· Battered a running session today from the Aberdeen days. 18 yard line to half way line sprint. 5 seconds rest. Repeat 20 times. Hydrolixed. – *twitter.com*, 26th July **2011****2** doomed, defeated [IRELAND]Rhymes on *bollixed*.· If Flynn is not right we are DOOMED. HYDRAULIXED. BANJAXED. FCUCKED BUGGERED AND SHOT AT. End of story. No man is a team but Flynn is the glue that holds together how Dublin play. – *Reservoir Dubs* forum, 16th September **2011**· Hydrollixed with out me wing man. – *twitter.com*, 1st April **2012****3** damaged or ruined beyond repair [IRELAND]Rhymes on *bollixed*.· Totes hydraulixed. – *twitter.com*, 10th March **2012**· – YUK! It's wrong on so many levels. – Your tastebuds are hydraulixed from all the Indians. – *IrishKop* forum, 23rd January **2013**· Helens voice is hydrollixed. – *twitter.com*, 18th January **2014**

Iain Dowie

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on the North-East English slang word *cowie*. < English-born Northern Irish football player and manager Iain Dowie (b.1965). A synonym of DAVID BOWIE and IAN BOWIE.

· – RTG Sunderland forum, 14th February 2013

I am back

noun

▶ see I'LL BE BACK

Ian Beale; Ian Beal

noun

1 a wheel [UK]

< Ian Beale, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Adam Woodyatt (b.1968).

· The car comes with electronic air conditioning, [...] 16-inch alloy Ian Beales (wheels), front fog lamps, a leather steering wheel, and a wide-bottomed body styling kit. – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November 2003

2 a meal [IRELAND/UK]

· i m just goin for a ian beal with me moth later. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006

· Ian Beale meal. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

3 a small purchase or sale of drugs, especially marijuana or hashish [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *deal*.

· A deal of skunk. “You got an Ian Beal for me”. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 15th August 2011

· @_ianBeale_ Did you know your name is North East rhyming slang for an amount of money’s worth in drugs? – *twitter.com*, 6th March 2012

4 a bargain [UK]

Rhymes on *deal*.

· [D]oin biz with a white guy and he goes “dats a right old Ian Beale”. – *twitter.com*, 22nd September 2012

· £8 for a comedy show of this calibre is what you’d call a mad ‘Ian Beale’ (deal). – *twitter.com*, 31st August 2014

5 ■ **whit’s the big Ian Beale?** used for asking why something is important [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *deal*, used in the phrase *whit’s* (or *what’s*) *the big deal?*.

· – *twitter.com*, 26th February 2015

Ian Beale

adjective

1 real [UK]

< Ian Beale, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Adam Woodyatt (b.1968). Also used in the phrase *keep it Ian Beale!*

‘don’t be pretentious!’, the rhyming slang equivalent of *keep it real!*.

· Keep it Ian Beale (real). – *www.flickr.com*, 8th October 2007

· I’m keepin’ it Ian Beale innit. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th August 2009

· Leave it out! Jonny Wilkinson ain’t got a new motor. He’s got a reconditioned motor temporarily minus an Ian Beale warranty. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 9th November 2009

2 ideal [UK]

· [W]eather today was Ian Beale. – *twitter.com*, 15th October 2011

· Will be Ian Beale (Ideal) when u get there though hey!!!! – *twitter.com*, 8th May 2012

Ian Beale

verb

■ **Ian Beale with it** used as an invitation to accept an unpleasant situation or fact [UK]

Rhymes on *deal*, used in the phrase *Ian Beale with it*; usually imperative. < Ian Beale, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Adam Woodyatt (b.1968).

· I don’t like you. Ian Beale with it. – *twitter.com*, 12th February 2011

· [A]nd people will have to ian beale with it!!!! – *twitter.com*, 8th August 2011

· Shut up and Ian Beale with it. – *twitter.com*, 3rd May 2012

· [D]on’t pretend this wont happen Accept it, embrace it, Ian Beale with it. – *twitter.com*, 15th August 2015

Ian Bowie

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on the North-East English slang word *cowie*. A blend of IAIN DOWIE and DAVID BOWIE.

· cowies – ian bowies or gern johns[.] – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 16th August 2011

Ian Durrants

noun

men’s or women’s underpants [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pants*. < Scottish footballer Ian Durrant (b.1966).

· I ripped off her Ian Durrants. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June 2011

· [S]ent them an email after the phone number wasnt ringing! got a dispatch email but no sign of the “ian durrants” yet. – *www.hotukdeals.com*, 21st January 2012

Ian McLagan

noun

sexual intercourse [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shaggin*, the Scots form of *shagging*. < English rock keyboardist Ian McLagan (1945–2014).

· But whin ye start the Ian McLagan oan screen, that fairly gies ye the incentive tae keep thum off. – I. Welsh, *Reheated Cabbage*, p.262, **2009**

· Ah suppose it's his life, but the thing is, other cats' rooftop trysts are right borin, especially if you're no gittin any Ian McLagan in yirsel, likesay. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.370, **2012**

· So the whole day's taken up wi the Ian McLagan, n ah've a goat a big fuckin grin oan ma coupon like an oil slick oan a coral reef[.] – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.115, **2015**

Ian Rush; ian

noun

1 a paintbrush [UK]

< Welsh footballer Ian Rush (b.1961). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th July **2013**

2 genital thrush [UK/IRELAND]

· – Ian Rush is back - not sure the doc had much experience of it TBH as when i collected my prescription he'd given me 5 lots of internal cream and a lot of 3 pessaries. – [...] so Ian is back is he, hope you get it sorted. – *Fertility Friends* forum, 22nd July **2008**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang think I've a dose of the Ian Rush... – *twitter.com*, 28th August **2010**

3 a bus [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Ian Wright

noun

1 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < English footballer Ian Wright (b.1963).

· What a steam pile of Ian Wright [...] To be honest, though, it's hard to decide who I hate the most – Ian Wright (pundit or rhyming slang?) or Clive Tyldesley[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 17th June **2006**

· Your dad's Ian Wright. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2007**

· What a load of Ian Wright*. – *Bedlington Community* forum, 17th September **2007**

· I couldn't give an Ian Wright what my rating is!! – *Down At The Mac* forum, 30th May **2008**

2 fright; a fright [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· Right now, i need an Ian Wright. – *Cunts Corner* forum, 23rd October **2013**

ice cream cone; ice cream

noun

a telephone [UK]

· Some new(ish) rhyming slang. [...] ice cream (cone) – phone. – *alt.usage.english*, *Usenet Newsgroups*, 12th July **2003**

ice-cream freezer; ice-cream

noun

1 a man [UK]

Rhymes on *geezer*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· And what do ice-creams like us add up to? – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.20, **1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.34, **1973**

· Who – *me*? Nah, must be some other ice-cream who looks like me, Gawd help him. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.101 [1977], **1976**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· We were on our second pint when Dimmy the Hoister (professional shoplifter), masking his lips with his drink, said 'Have a cunnin' kick at the iccream on the 'aystack.' – *The Guardian*, London, 13th July **1991**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

2 an unpleasant or despicable man [UK]

Rhymes on *geezer*.

· Total fucking ice-creams by the looks of them. Toggled up in cheap suits, they're buying expensive drinks, always a bad sign. [...] 'Who's the three ice-creams in the C&A whistles?' – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, pp.205/207 [2012], **2004**

ice rink

noun

1 a drink [UK]

· I'm going down the Battle Cruiser for a coupla Ice Rinks. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th August **2007**

· That means we're delivering a discount of up to 78% on some mouth-watering ice rinks (drinks) at one of the East End's hippest Ringo Starrs (bars). – *www.quantico.uk*, 16th February **2012**

2 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· – Chinese have always been tiddlywinks in rhyming slang. – BULLS*IT I've been saying and hearing kitchen sinks for decades. – I used Ice rink. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**

ideal home

noun

a comb [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

I declare

noun

a chair [US]

Probably < British rhyming slang WELL I DECLARE.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Chair, I Declare. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**
 · – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
 · – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

I desire

noun

a domestic fire [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD*, **1859**
 · – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**
 · – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
 · – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
 · In a boozing ken in the Holy Land, a dunk-horned cutter – a cock-eyed clack box in flashy benjamin and blood red fancy – shed a tear by the I desire. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.16 [1995], **1966**

i-diddle-dee

noun

tea [UK]

< *hi-diddle-dee-dee!*, an optimistic exclamation, best known today through the song ‘Hi-Diddle-Dee-Dee (an Actor’s Life for Me)’ from the animated film *Pinocchio* (1940).

· The rot had begun 25 years ago. Tea was then almost always known as “char,” but even so I can well remember a sergeant’s saying he had got some “Tom Thumb in his i-diddle-dee” when he had scrounged some rum and put it in his tea. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946: *The Manchester Guardian*, October **1940**

iDog and Bone; iDog ’n’ Bone

noun

an iPhone (a type of smartphone designed and marketed by Apple Inc.) [UK]

Formed on DOG AND BONE. Recorded as a nonce word in early 2007, a few months before the first iPhone was released. ► see MOBILE DOG AND BONE and SMART DOG AND BONE

· So, if the iPhone ends up with a new name, what might it be called? Perhaps there may even be money to be made from registering a few speculative domains, before Apple has a chance to announce that the iPhone will henceforth be known as the iBlower, or the iDog-n-Bone. – *www.v3.co.uk*, *IT Sneak*, 18th January **2007**
 · In general it’s a lot more office-friendly than Apple’s hallowed iDog ’n’ Bone!.] – *www.stuff.tv*, 26th November **2007**

· Sent from my idog and bone using Tapatalk... – *VXRonline* forum, 24th October **2011**
 · Then the iDog’n’bone showed that an updated version of Aero Weather Pro is available, so I downloaded that. – *Flyer* forum, 6th April **2012**
 · The new i-dog and bone comes out tomorrow. – *ban-niNation* forum, 19th October **2013**

I don’t care

noun

a chair [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, **1942**
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
 · – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**
 · – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
 · She sat her bottle and glass on the I don’t care. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.65, **1968**

I don’t know about you

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-two [UK]

< ‘I don’t know about you / But I’m feeling 22’, a lyric from ‘22’, a 2012 song by Taylor Swift. One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

· And pop music also influenced the new number 22. Instead of ‘two little ducks’, it will be ‘I don’t know about you’[.] – *Daily Mail*, 30th December **2016**

I don’t suppose

noun

the nose [SOUTH AFRICA]

A variation of I SUPPOSE.

· Another time he may want to biff him on the “I don’t suppose”, which is only another name for “nose”. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**

if and and

noun

a music band [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

Iggy Pop; iggy

noun

a traffic police officer [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popneyrhymingslang on *cop*. < Iggy Pop, the stage name of American rock singer James Osterberg (b.1947).
 · Iggy Pop = Traffic cop (As in: “I was doing about 120kmh but up ahead I spotted a couple of Iggy’s so I slowed down to 100.”) – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

Iggy Pop

verb

to separate and shape a powdered drug into lines for inhalation [UK]

Rhymes on *chop*. < Iggy Pop, the stage name of American rock singer James Osterberg (b.1947).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

igloo

noun

a clue [UK]

· A conversation with a ticket tout, for example, might go thus: A deep sea (diver – fiver) for that? You haven't got an igloo (clue), our kid. – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 12th February **2004**

· But i aint got an igloo what causes it. – *TLZone* forum, 26th February **2004**

· I haven't got an igloo (clue) about this[.] – *PutneySW15.com* forum, 6th March **2009**

· You what, this is unintelligible drivel, I haven't got an igloo what you are saying, are you having a giraffe at us? – *EVE Online* forum, 25th November **2010**

· I haven't got an igloo what to write about myself. – *Mingle2* forum, 17th April **2015**

I hear you

noun

a woman's stocking [UK]

A shortening of *I hear you knocking*. < 'I Hear You Knocking', an R&B song published in 1955, recorded in that year by Smiley Lewis and covered by Gale Storm, but probably best remembered in the UK as the 1970 Christmas number one recording by Dave Edmunds's Rockpile.

· His Status Quo bandmate Rick Parfitt bends down but admits he can't tell whether she's wearing Alans, Wutherings or I Hear You's. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

Ike and Mike

noun

a hypodermic needle [us]

Rhymes on the slang *spike*. < a reversal of Mike and Ike, a brand of fruit-flavoured jelly beans.

· Pass me the Ike and Mike so I can do this thing. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.507, **1984**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

· [A] prisoner who asks for "Ike and Mike" (an inversion on the candy, "Mike and Ike") is asking for a "spike" (a hypodermic syringe – a safety pin and eyedropper make-shift will do in a pinch). – *www.positiveatheism.org*, accessed 28th September **2012**

Ike and Tinas

noun

cancer [UK: SCOTLAND]

A punning extension of PRIVATE DANCER. < Ike and Tina Turner, an American husband-and-wife duo of the 1960s and 1970s.

· [I]t's possible to use it [rhyming slang] as a tongue beyond the comprehension of any casual eavesdropper,

particularly when the once- and twice-removed extensions are employed; e.g. The Ike and Tinas = Tina Turner = 'Private Dancer' = Cancer. – *Personal correspondence*, Peter Kerr (Scottish writer), 7th April **2012**

ile

verb

to dance [UK]

A phonetic spelling of *isle*, itself a shortening of the noun ISLE OF FRANCE. Alternatively, this spelling may represent the French *île*, the first part of *Île-de-France*. · Can't he ile? – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

I lie down

noun

one pound sterling [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *poun'*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

Ilie Nastase; Ille Nastase; Ilya Nastase; ilie

noun

a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *khazi*. < Romanian tennis player Ilie Năstase (b.1946).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Francis Rossi says he has just spotted a Barry walking out of the Ilie. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

· American hearts will melt and we will be assured of another two invasions, perhaps a regime change or two, oil at \$100 a barrel, the middle east in flames and the economy lounging in the Ilya Nastase (karzy). – *Forumosa* forum, 30th August **2004**

· Any bin lid, given the fucking choice, is going to piss off down the parade and visit the local Ren and Stimpy or a local Colonel Gadaffi and stuff em' self full of Jimmy White, which is only fit for the nearest Ille Nastase. – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service, Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

· Our season's down the Ilie already. – *TMSB Exiles Forum*, 27th May **2011**

· – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

I'll be back; I am back

noun

1 in pre-decimalisation currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *zack*. Only recorded in the form *I'll be back*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 crack cocaine [UK]

Probably influenced by *I'll be back*, a catchphrase popularised by the character portrayed by Arnold Schwarzenegger in the film *The Terminator* (1984).

· **I Am Back Crack (Cocaine)**[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Rhyming slang is also employed – for instance, "I'll be back", for crack. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 7th November **2009**

I'll be done*numeral*

one [UK: LEEDS]

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:— One—I'll be done. Three—Rozy Lee. Five—herrings alive. — *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

I'll be there*noun*

a chair [UK]

- — J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- — B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.34, 1973

I love my mum*noun*

in bingo, the number fifty-one [UK/IRELAND]

- Imperfect rhyming slang.
- — *www.ildado.com*, 1st February 2002
- — *QI* forum, 24th January 2004
- — *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
- — *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

I'm afloat; eye me float; I'm a; ima; imer; I-me*noun*

1 a boat [UK/US]

Only evidenced in the form *I'm afloat*.

- — J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859
- — A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, 1889
- Some of the invented terms had an allegorical intention, such as “I'm afloat,” to represent the word “boat,” and “sorrowful tale,” to mean “three months in jail.” — *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915
- — J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931
- — A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- — D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944
- Some use rhyming slang. Examples of this are—“Lump of lead,” meaning the head; “I'm afloat,” which is rhyming cant for a boat, and a “snake in the grass,” standing for a looking glass. — *Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic*, Cheltenham, England, 22nd February 1947
- — B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.74, 1973

2 a coat; an overcoat [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The full form *I'm afloat* is common in all three locations of use. *Eye me float* and *I'm a*, also spelt *ima* or *imer*, have been recorded in British usage. *I-me* has been found in Australian usage.

- **Bucket afloat**, a coat. This is also called I'm AFLOAT, and is generally contracted to “cool his Imer,” or “nark his bucket.” [...] **I'm afloat**, a boat. This is also used for coat. — J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874
- *Eye me float* ... Coat. — J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.272, 1891
- I was wearing a leaky I'm afloat, / And it started to France and Spain[,] — J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187,

1896: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892

- He buys his “I'm afloat” (overcoat) “on the never,” which is his cynical interpretation of the term credit. — *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June 1893
- ‘I'm afloat’ is an overcoat, but lately it has been abbreviated to ‘I-me’. — *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March 1894
- Half a mo while I pop over the field o' wheat and buy a happy half-hour to put in my I'm afloat. — T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, 1898
- I 'ad a brown I'm afloat, a green Jacky Lancashire in me left 'andsky and tan daisy roots. — S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *Truth*, Sydney, 7th January 1900

· Coat—“I'm afloat.” — *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, 4th March 1909

- While “I'm afloat” represents “boat,” it also conveys the idea of “coat,” and if Tommy desires to direct attention to a man's outer garment he says “cool his imer”—“imer” for “I'm a”—being the natural contraction, and “cool” being “look,” backward. — *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915
- He had just washed his markises and Lucy's, and wore a new “I'm afloat”[.] — *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March 1920

· I'm AFLOAT.—A coat; sometimes a boat. — J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

[S]he was a bona looking polone and I'm not sprucing. Made up like a prize rabbit in a lovely fur I'm-a, some fur turtles and one of the latest tit-fors[.] — S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, ca 1937

- I'm afloat (I'm a) ... Overcoat. — Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- I'm takin' me *I'm afloat* orf, its proper *peas in the pot* in 'ere. [...] 'E must be in the *bees* 'cos 'e's got a new *ima*, a new *whistle wiv a Peckham* to go wiv it an' a new fancy *Jim Prescott*. — S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.11/19, 1969

· [G]imme me Charlie Prescot—that's my waistcoat—and now me I'm afloat. [...] Overcoat *Eye me Float*. — B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.12/81, 1973

· So just put on your I'm afloat / And grab your tit-for-tat[.] — *Rhyming Slang*, lyric, Robin Hunter, *The Good Old Days*, UK TV: BBC1, 18th March 1976

· **I'm afloat** Coat. — M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, 2006

3 the throat [UK]

Only recorded in the form *I'm afloat*.

- — L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.65, 1968

I'm all right, Jack; I'm alright*noun*

a person's back [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in *Confessions of a Milkman* (1976), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pseudonym Timothy Lea. < *I'm all right*,

Jack, a colloquial expression of self-satisfaction and lack of concern for others.

· I kneel down beside the bath and apply my Germans to the lady's I'm alright. (I'm all right, Jack: Back; Ed) – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.22, 1976

I'm a wreck

noun

a cheque [UK]

· A cheque, implying doubtless a great deal of money signed away, is described as "I'm a wreck." – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

I'm free

noun

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

< *I'm free!*, the camp comedy catchphrase associated with actor John Inman (1935–2007); coined for Mr Humphreys, the character Inman played in TV situation comedy *Are You Being Served?* (1972–85). In 2003 *I'm free!* was celebrated as the most popular BBC sitcom catchphrase.

- – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010
- – www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk, 11th June 2010
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012
- – www.newstalk.ie, 25th June 2013
- – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August 2013

I'm in a fix

numeral

six [UK: LEEDS]

· The "slanguage" of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I'll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. Six–I'm in a fix. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

I'm in heaven

noun

in bingo, the number seven [UK]

- Number seven, I'm in heaven, gazing at those legs eleven. – *Bingo! (I'm in Love)*, lyric, Dave Carey, 1961
- – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004

imitation leather

noun

weather [UK]

· Despite the inclement imitation leather I managed a smudge of a couple of greylags[.] – justindeguaquack.com, blog, 1st May 2014

Immanuel Kant; Immanuel

noun

the female genitals [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *cunt* and *Kant*. < German philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724–1804). Only recorded in the full form.

· I touched her Immanuel Kant. It was nice. – *twitter.com*, 31st March 2010

2 a despicable or obnoxious person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *cunt* and *Kant*.

· Sort of acting like some Immanuel (it's philosopher rhyming slang) in a local boozer who has had his ale knocked over. – www.offthepost.info, blog, 19th February 2011

· I feel like a right Immanuel Kant. I think a goblin might have cursed me. – *twitter.com*, 3rd July 2012

· Bunch of Immanuels. – *twitter.com*, 26th November 2014

· Batted and bowled like a bunch of Immanuels. – www.footyalmanac.com.au, 30th July 2015

I'm so frisky; I'm so; Imser

noun

whisky [UK]

· He stuck to the I'm so to drown his cares, / While I went for the far and near[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] I'm so (I'm so frisky), whiskey. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July 1900

· [W]hen asking a friend to have some liquid refreshment to be told that he will have "A Polly and I'm so" is chaos supreme till you understand that the rhyming phrase is "I'm so frisky," thought it certainly seems a roundabout way of asking for Apollinaris and whiskey. – J.M. Glover, *Jimmy Glover*, p.230, 1911

· Whisky is *I'm so*, from I'm so frisky; beer is *pig's ear* in full; the waiter is the *hot*, from *hot pertater*; and so forth. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November 1913

· The jargon of the "Tommy" returned from the front is a never-ending source of wonder to canteen workers and barmaids at the refreshment buffets. [...] A nip of "I'm so frisky" means a drop of whiskey. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 16th October 1916

· Whisky to a beer drinker naturally becomes "I'm so frisky," and too much of it will make a man "elephant's trunk." – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

· I left him to do that, wished them bona darcy and scarpered back to the letty, had a quick bite of strike-me and sweet evening, then a tumble of some hot I'm-so, and in a few minutes I was well away on the old Uncle. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.14, ca 1937

· No, s'orl right. I don't mind you an' me; rather have pig's ear or a Harry of Imser." – N. Jacob, *Me – Looking Back*, p.202, 1950

· Parliament intends to put up the price of pigs and I'm so, and Harrys as well. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, 1973

· Needless to say, it is Tommy Sucker who is despatched to buy the 'I'm so frisky' while Sid and Rogers practically hold hands under the table. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.32, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

I'm so funny

noun

money [UK]

· Here he orders a 'lord's worth' of 'finger and thumb,' but on putting his 'German' into his 'sky,' he finds he has left his 'I'm so funny' at home. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

I'm willing

noun

a shilling [UK]

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

in a fix

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK/IRELAND]

· – www.philbrodieband.com, **2006**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

in a flap

noun

a cap [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] cap – in a flap[.] – *h2g2 forum*, 15th August **2002**

in and out

noun

1 stout (beer) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Perhaps a play on the idea of drinking (*in*) and urinating (*out*). The continued use of the term may have been reinforced by the expressions *In and Out*, the nickname of the Naval and Military Club in Piccadilly, and *in and out*, a graphic slang term for sexual intercourse.

· Rather have some in-and-out, it's better for the Teddy Royce. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, **ca 1937**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· So I gets an 'arris of in-an'-out for the plates, picks up the cherry an' orf we scarpa. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.52, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the throat [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on standard English *spout*.

· Yer goin' t' hinvite me out t' ther parlor bar, 'n' plaster me in 'n' out with sixpenny drinks. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: E. Dyson, *Fact'ry 'Ands*, p.214, **1906**

3 gout [UK]

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.32, **1979**

4 in horse racing, a person who surreptitiously researches and sells racing tips [UK]

Rhymes on *tout*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

5 the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *snout*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

6 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *snout*. A play on inhalation and exhalation of smoke.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· 'ere mate, got any ins and outs? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

7 ■ **up the in and out** useless, wasted or spoilt; (of a woman) pregnant [UK]

Rhymes on *spout*, used in the phrase *up the spout*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

8 a German person [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*.

· They must be Ins and Outs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th March **2002**

9 a Brussels sprout [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

in a state

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-eight [UK/IRELAND]

Suggested by the link between *two and eight*, a traditional bingo call for twenty-eight, and the phrase *in a two and eight*, the rhyming slang equivalent of the colloquialism *in a state*. ► *see TWO AND EIGHT*

· – *QI forum*, 24th January **2004**

· – www.philbrodieband.com, **2006**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – www.twolittlefleas.co.uk, 11th April **2011**

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

· – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August **2013**

incemay iespay

noun

the eyes [US]

A pig Latin version of *mince pies*, the plural of *MINCE PIE*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

inch and a half

noun

a scarf [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.46, **1972**

Incredible Hulk

noun

1 a sulk [UK]

< The Incredible Hulk, a Marvel Comics superhero created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1962.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a person's bulk [IRELAND]

· [Y]ou going your incredible hulk ok? [...] You looked beefy too last time I saw you. – *twitter.com*, 12th November 2012

3 milk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *mulk*.

· [P]oppin' oot for a pint of incredible hulk. – *twitter.com*, 19th August 2015

Indiana Jones; indiana

noun

in scaffolding, a board [UK]

A covert pun on *Harrison Ford*. < Indiana Jones, a fictional adventurer-archeologist played by American actor Harrison Ford (b.1942) in a series of films (1981–2008) directed by Steven Spielberg. Scaffolders' slang. The short form is recorded in 2013.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November 2012

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 29th April 2013

Indian brave

noun

1 a wave [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a shave [UK]

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 3rd June 2008

Indian charm

noun

the arm [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Indian Joes

noun

the toes [IRELAND]

Probably < Indian Joe, an Irish greyhound that became a racing sensation in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', 1997–2005

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, 2007

inflatable doll; inflatable

noun

■ **have an inflatable doll; have an inflatable** to have a very good time [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *doll* as rhyming on *ball*. *Have an inflatable doll* is a rhyming equivalent of *have a ball*.

· A new one I heard the other day, which is quite apt for this thread "Was out the other night and had an inflatable" (doll = ball). – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 13th March 2010

in for a poo

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-two [UK]

· – *www.bingohideout.co.uk*, 3rd March 2008

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April 2011

Ingrid Pitt; ingrid

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Polish-British actress Ingrid Pitt (born Ingoushka Petrov; 1937–2010).

· [G]oes off for an Ingrid (that's Pitt to you, she of Hammer Horror film fame). – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 15th December 2004

· – I'm going for a dump. Please list as many slang terms for doing a doo-doo as you can. Thanking you kindly. – Going to Lay Some Clay and off for an Ingrid Pitt. – *Runner's World* forum, 27th November 2007

· What's wrong wae takin an Ingrid Pitt? – *Black and White Army* forum, 26th December 2008

2 a woman's breast [UK]

Rhymes on *tit*.

· That Madeline Smith's got a nice pair of Ingrids. – *z1.invisionfree.com, The Fall Online* forum, 3rd December 2009

· [S]he can't act and she has a cracking pair of Ingrid Pitts. – *UK Babe Channels* forum, 3rd May 2010

· I got the Ingrid Pitt. Tomorrow the Shereen Nanjiani. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 24th November 2010

ingstray and inetway

noun

wine [us]

A pig Latin version of STRING AND TWINE.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

inkeyday irtday

noun

a shirt [us]

A pig Latin version of *dinkey dirt*, one of the American variants of DICKEY DIRT.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

inky blue

noun

flu [UK]

· 'A touch of the inky blue' means flu[.] – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.85, 1980

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Then he got the *hangars* and a *frock* and felt completely *cream-crackered*, so he thought it was *inky blue*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, 2011

inky smudge; ink and smudge; inky

noun

a judge [UK]

The short form is first recorded by Dodson and Saczek (1972).

· And the Inky Smudge would have quite a few kind words to say. Give him a proper caning he would. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.146 [1947], 1936

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- If the crook is caught, ‘the ink & smudge’ (judge) will probably give him ‘bird’ (bird lime–time) in a flowery dell (cell) in ‘Joe Gurr’ (stir). [...] Judge *Inky Smudge* – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.2/79, 1973
- – *The Sweeney*, p.8, 1976
- – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.43, 1989
- But the old Inky’s giving me 6 months. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th March 2002
- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005
- He’s a very lucky boy, hopefully the judge saw that he’s growing up rather than seeing him as a spoilt rich Premiership footballer. – Or maybe the inky smudge was a Wet Spam fan...?? – *www.wba.vitalfootball.co.uk*, 20th November 2007

Innocent Mary

nickname

- Australian Rules footballer Len Incigneri (1884–1964)
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
 - Originally hailing from Hastings and a blacksmith by profession, Incigneri won a fearsome reputation as an uncompromising backman, earning the ironic moniker, Innocent Mary rhyming slang for his surname. – *Yellow and Black* forum, 19th August 2009

insects and ants; insects

noun

- 1 men’s or women’s underpants [UK]
Rhymes on *pants*.
- Insects and Ants (Insects) ... Pants. – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941
 - **insects and ants**; often simply *insects*. Trousers; knickers[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949
 - **insects and ants** *Pants* [...] men’s nether undergarments. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
 - **Insects & Ants** *Pants* Refers to underpants and, in brief, ‘insects’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - **Insects and Ants** – Pants; Underpants not “Ripsey rousers”. – *The Correspondent* magazine, Hong Kong, June 1993
 - I’m wearin’ my thermal insects. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015
- 2 trousers [UK/US?]
Rhymes on *pants*. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949
 - – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

inside right

noun

- **play inside right** to be mean with money [UK]
Functionally shifted from the adjective form.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

inside right

adjective

- mean with money [UK]
Rhymes on *tight*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Inspector Morse; inspector

noun

- 1 sauce [UK]
< *Inspector Morse*, a British TV series (1987–2000) and its eponymous hero, played by John Thaw (1942–2002); the series is based on novels by Colin Dexter.
- Got any Inspector? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January 2004
 - – *www.crash.net*, 23rd October 2008
 - – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October 2013
- 2 a horse [IRELAND]
Only evidenced in the full form.
- So heading down the cream cookies to put a bit of bugs bunny on an inspector morse. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November 2006

Inspector Taggart

noun

- a homosexual man [UK]
Rhymes on *faggot*. < Detective Chief Inspector Jim Taggart, a character in the ITV series *Taggart* (1983–2010), played by Scottish actor Mark McManus (1935–94).
▶ see JIM TAGGART
- I suppose you reckon you’re some sort of an ice cream freezer! More like an Inspector Taggart. – *GT40s.com* forum, 19th January 2004
 - – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006
 - [T]hey always thought he was an Inspector Taggart. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November 2009

Intercity

noun

- a shared fund of money [UK]
Rhymes on *kitty*. < InterCity, a high-speed British rail service.
- Everyone put a lady in the Intercity. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th February 2001
 - – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

in the book

noun

- a thief [US]
Rhymes on *hook*.
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944
 - – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

in the lurch

noun

▶ see LEFT IN THE LURCH

in the mood

noun

food [UK]

A possible mishearing of IN THE NUDE.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**in the nude**

noun

food [UK]

· [T]hose who are *taters in the mould*; those without any in the nude at all[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, 1979· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· So we scooted into Jim Brown, for a ship in full sail and to stuff our Jem Mace with some in the nude. – *www.sussexcanoes.co.uk*, October 1998· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 14th January 2013· [W]e'll let you go get some in the nude. – *hubpages.com*, 19th February 2014· [O]ur in the nude is Brad Pitt[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016**Invergarry**

noun

a cash and carry [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Invergarry, a village in the Scottish Highlands.

· Mind the shop fir me the noo, that's me awa' tae the Invergarry. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006**Inverness**

noun

stress [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Inverness, a city in the Scottish Highlands.

· Whit a day ah've hid. Ma Inverness levels are through the roof. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006**invitation**

noun

a railway station [UK]

· Going to a race meeting he betakes himself to the "invitation" (station), gets a "brief" (ticket), asks a letter "sorter" (porter) which platform, sees the "Christmas card" (railway guard), asks which is the "hail and rain" (train), and jumps in. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June 1893**in your prime**

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-nine [UK/IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**I.R.A.**

adjective

homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gay*. < *I.R.A.*, an acronym of *Irish Republican Army*, a terrorist organisation of Irish nationalists committed to the goal of a united Ireland independent of Britain.· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, 1983**Irene Handl; irene**

noun

a candle [UK]

< English actress Irene Handl (1901–87).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003· [T]he resulting darkness had people fumbling for 'irenes'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**Irish cheer**

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA]

· Hand us another neville of Irish Cheer, mate. – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, 'Australian Word Map', accessed 17th October 2016**Irish folly**

noun

an umbrella [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *broolly*.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Irish jig; irish**

noun

1 a dirty, greedy, ill-mannered or otherwise unpleasant person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pig*.· 'I'll shove yer head in if ya don't shut up,' boomed the big fellow. 'You will, ya big Irish Jig!' 'Who ya callin' a pig? I'll crush ya, ya little pest!' – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.95, 1968

2 a wig [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· I don't have an Irish jig. – *The Spokesman-Review*, Spokane, Washington, 9th March 1968· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.45, 1972· Well, the owner set it up. One who's disappeared. Him with the Irish. – S. Brett, *Not Dead, Only Resting*, p.51, 1984· I will have to take this Irish into custody. Have you got a plastic bag or something? – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.115, 1984· – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.93, 1995· A fine pair of Irish jigs sent in by our Wigfinder Generals this month. – *Viz* comic, June/July 2000· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, 2006· But then I never trust a man with a dodgy Irish. – G. Ison, *Lost or Found*, p.53 [2008], 2007· – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009· Does Declan Nerney wear an Irish jig? – *Boards.ie* forum, 29th March 2013

· ‘Nanti bona. I hope she vaggeried straight to the crimp-er.’ ‘Well, that’s where she’d just been. The palone tried to give her an irish.’ – *Putting on the Dish*, UK film, script by K. Eccleston and B. Fairbairn, **2015**

2 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *cig*.

· [I]nstead of using *Irish jigs* for ‘cigs’, you can just say *Get me a packet o’ coffin nails*.[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**

Irish Kirby; Irish Kerby

noun

a bowler hat [us]

Rhymes on *derby*, an Americanism for a bowler hat.

The variant with *-e-* is given by Maurer (1944).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Irish lasses; Irish lashes

noun

a pair of glasses [us]

The earliest recorded form is *Irish lasses*, listed by Sharpe (1928), Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962) and Cardozo-Freeman (1978). The imperfect rhyming slang *Irish lashes* is given by Cardozo-Freeman (1984).

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.508, **1984**

Irish rose; irish

noun

the nose [UK]

· Yes, touch your forehead with your tongue, by all means, and cover your Irish Rose with your lip. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.128, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Quite apart from accents, there is rhyming slang to contend with. “April Showers” means flowers, “Nelly Blighs” flies, “Mother Hubbard” cupboard, “Irish Rose” nose (especially a red one).[.] – D. de Villiers, *South African Way*, p.93, **1969**

· So Chalky got rorty, showed ’im an Oliver, ’it ’im in the north, Irish and minces, gave ’im one in the Auntie and messed up ’is new whistle. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.32, **1973**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

Irish stew; irish

adjective

1 true [UK]

Usually in the phrase *too Irish stew/too irish/too bloody irish* ‘too true’.

· Too Bloody Irish! – Of course. Almost exactly synonymous with *Not Half* (cf.). Variant: *too bloody right*. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBSI*, **1930**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Too bloody Irish, Fred, and the wood’s on fire too. – S. Berlin, *I am Lazarus*, p.69, **1961**

· Irish stew. True; always reduced to Irish, as in: All too Irish, i.e. ‘all too true’ (early 20th c.). [...] too Irish stew. Too true (reduced to ‘too Irish’). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· **TOO IRISH STEW** – Too Irish – **Too True**. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· ‘[T]oo Irish stew’ or for emphasis ‘too bloody Irish’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’m gonna let you live, but I need to know that what you’re telling me is Irish stew. [...] Then I want you to come back with your youngest brother so I’ll know that what you’ve been telling me is Irish, and you won’t end up brown bread. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.33, **2001**

· What!?! That’s not Irish stew! – *The Burning Process* forum, 13th April **2008**

· You will deny me. / That’s **Piccadilly!** / Three times, my son, / It’s **Irish stew** / From your own **north and south:** ‘Jesus – who?’ – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.30, **2009**

2 blue [UK]

Used as a synonym of *blue* in all its senses.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Irn Brus

noun

shoes [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Irn-Bru, the brand name of a popular fruit-flavoured soft drink manufactured by A. G. Barr plc.

· Wid ye pit yer irn brus back oan, yer feet are absolutely stinkin’. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

iron

adjective

homosexual; relating to homosexuals [UK]

An adjectival offshoot of *iron*, a shortening of IRON HOOF.

· Not long ago I joined in a conversation whose notional aim was to select an *iron* football team. – M. Amis, *The War Against Cliché*, [2010], **2001**

iron and brass

noun

▶ see OLD IRON AND BRASS

iron and press

noun

a dress [us]

A happy combination of rhyme and reason.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Dress, Iron and Press. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

iron band*noun*

the hand [UK]

· The rhymes get pretty complicated in the Army. Cockneys introduced the habit. You know most of them. Tit fer tat means “hat,” generally shortened to “titfer.” Plates of meat—feet; iron bands—hands. — *The Sunday Post*, Glasgow, 15th October **1944**

iron cruiser*noun*

a pub [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *boozier*.

· — *Lebanon Daily News*, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 24th May **1957**

iron duke*noun*

a lucky chance; hence, in billiards, snooker and darts, a lucky shot [UK]

Rhymes on *fluke*. < *Iron Duke*, the nickname of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington (1769–1852).

· — Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· Many of the additions are dated by reference to persons or incidents of long ago, such as Iron Duke for fluke[.] — *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 18th March **1954**

· — J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· — B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

· Why call a lucky shot a fluke – so dull and predictable – when you can add a bit of musicality with the rhyming slang of “iron duke”? — *www.eadt.co.uk*, 23rd June **2011**

Iron Duke*nickname*

English Labour politician Luke Hogan (1885–1954), who served as Lord Mayor of Liverpool in 1945–46

< *Iron Duke*, the nickname of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington (1769–1852). Used with the definite article.

· There was much that was Iron about Luke, educated in a Scotty Road slum school. [...] Still, it was only rhyming slang – Luke, Iron Duke. — F. Shaw, *My Liverpool*, p.143, **1971**

iron girder; iron*noun*

murder; a difficult or unpleasant situation; serious trouble [UK]

· There’ll be iron girders if the gaffer tumbles what you’re up to. — R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· **MURDER** – top, cap, done, whacked, iron (as in ‘iron girder’). — D. Courtney, *Little Black Book*, p.9, **2001**

· Iron girder – murder. Also used when there’s trouble eg there was pure iron girder in the alehouse last night. — *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

Iron Haig*noun*

a Roman Catholic [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Taig*, a derogatory slang term for a Catholic. Synonymous with EARL HAIG.

· Nah as Hedgers says that half of Dunmurry is all “Iron Haigs” now and sir Barry has the cheek to say we are the people he should prob change it to we were the people. — *NI Football* forum, 10th March **2003**

· In our area Pope Heads, Sally Rods and Iron Haigs. — *Belfast Forum*, 19th November **2008**

· [W]as Paddy a Sally Rod or an Iron Haig? — *Belfast Forum*, 24th August **2009**

iron hoof; iron; ironer*noun*

♂ a male homosexual, especially if effeminate [UK]

Rhymes on *poof*. The form *ironer* is rare. Thus *closet iron hoof* (often shortened to *closet iron*) ‘a closet homosexual male’, HALF IRON and RAVING IRON HOOF. ▶ see also IRON HUFF, JEREMY, MEG RYAN and MORPHY

· Of course most of the girls and irons would be out on the bash by now. [...] ‘Call yourself a man do you this morning, Queenie? Well you wasn’t one last night, see. You gets into bed and goes straight off to kip, never touched me you didn’t, you great iron.’ — J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, pp.28/65 [1947], **1936**

· The Janes, iron-hoofs (or hooves). Effeminate youths in blackmail gangs. — V. Davis, *Phenomena in Crime*, p.253, **1941**

· *Pouf, Iron hoof or Queer Fellow ...* Male pervert or sodomite. — R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.203, **1962**

· “Theo likes iron hoofs,” Johnnie explained. — R. Simpson, *April’s There*, p.28, **1973**

· When dem talk ’bout iron dem really meam batty man. — *Cockney Translation*, lyric, Smiley Culture, **1984**

· ‘e’s an iron I was in the shovel with. — *The Guardian*, London, 13th July **1991**

· Oh, she had heard about people like him: shirtlifters, shitstabbers and iron hoofs had been the nicknames used in the East End for homosexuals. — M. Cole, *The Runaway*, p.253 [2010], **1997**

· At my local sports club in Paddington, where I do most of my male bonding, there is much talk about *irons*. — M. Amis, *The War Against Cliché*, [2010], **2001**

· Why was Boy George dubbed “the Iron Hoof”? — *The Gazette*, Montreal, 9th February **2002**

· “Wot?” says she, “You ain’t no Perry are ya?” I ain’t Stoke On Trent (Ironer), but I gotta be level these two ain’t one time lookers if they’re comin’ together. — *Toy-town Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· ‘I was beginning to wonder if his bread wasn’t buttered on the other side, like.’ ‘He does come on like a bit of an iron hoof, granted,’ nodded Bream. — C. Unsworth, *Bad Penny Blues*, p.186, **2009**

· To be fair though, Brightons firm has never had any fudge packers. And it ain’t us coming on here pretending to be Brighton shirt lifters. [...] Lads, looks like you’ve got a closet iron hoof on the firm. — *Network54* forum, 30th July **2013**

· – I am a married man who has Fathered children. – Classic defence used by many closet irons. – *TeakDoor* forum, 7th August **2014**

2 a male prostitute [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Recorded in the forms *iron hoof* and *iron*. Partridge (1937) cites James Curtis's novel *The Gilt Kid* (1936) to support this usage. However, the first quotation above makes it clear Curtis used *iron* to mean 'a male homosexual'.

· **iron** [...] A male harlot[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· *Iron hoof*; male prostitute. (Usually abbreviated to *Iron*). – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.206, **1950**

iron hoofter

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *poofter*. Formed on IRON HOOF.

· [L]oad of iron hoofers trying to act the part nowadays... – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 29th October **2008**

· Anyway I think that he was a fucking iron hoofter. – M.J. Freeman, *I Pornographer*, p.175, **2011**

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 21st April **2011**

iron hoop

noun

soup [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

iron horse; iron

noun

1 a toss of a coin [UK]

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect. < *iron horse* 'a railway locomotive or train'. Used with the definite article. Criminal slang.

· Iron horse: The toss (tossing with coins). Sometimes abbreviated to 'the Iron,' or 'Ironing.' – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

2 a racecourse [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.65, **2011**

3 something of little or no value [UK]

A perfect rhyme on *toss* in traditional Cockney dialect. Used in the phrase *not give an iron horse* (or *not give an iron*) 'to not care at all'.

· Don't give an iron mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I couldn't give an iron horse mate tbh. – *twitter.com*, 21st November **2012**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

iron horse; iron

verb

to toss a coin [UK]

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect. < *iron horse* 'a railway locomotive or train'. Criminal slang.

· 'I'll iron you for it.' – 'I'll toss you for it.' – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

iron huff

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *puff*. Probably derived from a mishearing of IRON HOOF. ▶ see RAVING IRON HOOF

· "iron huff" for "puff" which means gay. – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, **1985**

· [Y]ou do love taking pics of me ya big iron huff. – *twitter.com*, 10th April **2015**

iron lean and fat

noun

a bowler hat [US]

An equivalent of the slang *iron hat*. Formed on LEAN AND FAT.

· Many football coaches are superstitious, and Howdy Harpster at Carnegie Tech is among 'em ... he wore a dark brown suit and derby hat when Tech beat Temple ... so he thought he'd try the same outfit against Notre Dame, and it worked so well he's going to save the "fiddle and flute" and the iron "lean and fat" for game days. – *Ames Daily Tribune-Times*, Ames, IA, 31st October **1933**

iron lung; iron

noun

1 a tip, a gratuity; a bribe [UK]

Rhymes on *bung*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· Iron Lung (Bung), as in drosy, bribe, backhander etc. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May **2007**

· When i lived in Leeds "Iron" was shortened from Iron Lung, slang for bung ie. A tip or money backhander. – *Forces Reunited* forum, 22nd April **2012**

2 the tongue [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th May **2009**

· This cheeky little Rwandan gorilla is aping entertainer Lionel Blair with its fine head of lustrous hair. And to keep the rhyming slang going, he's sticking out his "iron lung". – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 17th March **2016**

iron magnet

noun

a heterosexual male who is very attractive to homosexuals [UK]

From *iron*, a shortening of IRON HOOF, and *magnet* (as applied to a person), on the model of words such as *babe magnet* and *fanny magnet*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Iron Mike

noun

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*. < Iron Mike, one of the nicknames of American heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson (b.1966).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Iron Rod

noun

a Protestant [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *Prod*, a shortening of *Protestant*, the final *d* reflecting the common pronunciation of intervocalic /t/ as a voiced flap (i.e. *Prodestant*).

- I always found that the best way to suss out ‘Iron Rods’ was to make a joke about Daniel O’Donnell – the believers in the Reformation are a bit vague on him. – *GAA forum*, 27th May **2008**
- In Belfast/cockney speak, us Iron Rods and Chocolate Bickies are avin a giraffe... – *JA606 forum*, 17th October **2011**

iron rust

verb

to break [UK]

Rhymes on *bust*.

- A few nights ago Rory’s Roger iron rusted, so he has gone to the battle-cruiser to watch the end of a football game. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

iron tank; iron

noun

1 a bank [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

- A tram became “bread and jam,” a bank “iron tank,” and feet “plates of meat.” – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 25th November **1951**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- Rock and pop had killed off the stuff they knew best but they were all very jolly, plenty in the iron tank and nothing much to worry about[.] – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.73 [1977], **1976**
- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Just got to deposit a Gregory in the ol’ iron. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**
- 2 an American [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *Yank*.
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Irvine Welsh

verb

to belch [UK: SCOTLAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Scottish writer Irvine Welsh (b.1958).

- That chocolate cake disnae hauf come back on ye. Ah’ve don’ notin’ but Irvine Welsh aw nicht. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Isabella; Isabeller

noun

an umbrella [UK/US]

- – J. C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**
- – A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*, **1889**
- When these people go out in the rain they have an “Isabeller” (umbrella) to protect them in the “field of wheat,” (street,) and the man will light his “cherry ripe” (pipe) to warm his “I suppose,” (nose.) – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April **1915**
- During the war, also, the commingling of social classes brought to the surface a rich variety of words belonging to the speech of submerged classes in Great Britain [...] Words of this class which have been recently cited are: *daisy roots*, ‘boots’; *almond rocks*, ‘socks’; *artful dodger*, ‘lodger’; *isabeller*, ‘umbrella’[.] – G.H. McKnight, *English Words*, p.54, **1923**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

iser

noun

▶ see I SUPPOSE

is she in yet?

noun

in bingo, the number eight [UK/IRELAND]

- An oblique, punning reference to SHE’S ALWAYS LATE.
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**
- – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 25th October **2013**

ishfay and impshray

noun

a pimp [US]

- A pig Latin version of FISH AND SHRIMP.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

isle afloat

noun

a coat [UK]

- A distortion of ALL AFLOAT or a blend of I’M AFLOAT and ALL AFLOAT.
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

isleim

noun

a coat [UK]

- Possibly a compound of *isle* + *I’m*, the first elements of ISLE AFLOAT and I’M AFLOAT. The use of *isleim* in the late 19th century makes it possible to find a link with *I’m afloat*, first recorded in 1859, but not with *isle afloat*, whose only known use in print dates from 1981. However, given the inconspicuous nature of the processes apparently involved in the formation of *isle afloat* (a distortion of ALL AFLOAT or a blend of *I’m afloat* and *all afloat*), it is not unreasonable to conjecture that the word was in use for a long time (perhaps as long as a century) before being noticed by scholars.

· One day he walked straight into this kitchen clobbered in a black pair of rounds, tight to his legs, a black frock isleim, buttoned up to the chin, a white stoock, and 'alf a dollar round his bushell[.] – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.55, **1893**

Isle of Bute

adjective

mute [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Isle of Bute, an island in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland.
· Oh, so ye've lost yer tongue noo. Yer playin' the Isle O' Bute Card are ye? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Isle of France

noun

a dance [UK/US]

< *Isle of France*, an anglicised rendering of *Isle de France*, itself an alternative French form (also used in English) for the more common *Île-de-France*, the name of the province where Paris is located. The verb counterpart of *Isle of France* is recorded in the short form ILE. ▶ see DING

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· The rhyming slang of London vagabonds is another illustration; in this, "Abraham's willing" means shilling, and "Isle of France," dance. – *The Inlander*, University of Michigan student magazine, January **1896**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Cockney rhyming slang is of no little interest, as a folk thing, and calls for full record. That it has preserved as its term for "dance" the words "Isle of France" suggests a remote and possibly nautical origin. Is that so? – *Notes & Queries*, 26th December **1936**

isle of francer

noun

a dancer [UK]

A derivative of ISLE OF FRANCE.

· You capture the first liker at him in a snug artful fox at some chantin ken where there's a bona vardin serio comic, and Isle of Francer engaged.–From *Biography of the Staff Bundle Courier*, the gentleman who accompanies 'serio-comics' from music-hall to music-hall when 'doing turns'. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, s.v. *Artful Fox*, **1909**

Isle of Man

noun

1 a pan [UK]

< Isle of Man, a self-governing British Crown Dependency in the Irish Sea, west of England and east of Northern Ireland.

· Bung some bangers in the Isle of Man and I'll butter the Nat King Coles[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 an enthusiast, a fan [UK]

· That Melvyn is a right Isle of Man of yours, Cynthia. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 the bowl of a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *pan*.

· I dunno, the country's going right down the Isle of Man. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Isle of Skye

noun

1 pie; a pie [UK]

< Isle of Skye, an island in the Hebrides, off the north-west coast of Scotland. ▶ see ROURKE ISLE OF SKYE

· I'd like some Isle of Skye. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th February **2002**

2 the thigh [UK: SCOTLAND]

· It wiz goin' really well wi' Julie, then ah went an' ran ma Frankie Vaughans up her Isle O' Skye and she just flipped. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Isle of Wight; isle

noun

1 the right-hand side or direction; the part on the right side [UK]

< Isle of Wight, an island off the south coast of England, near Portsmouth. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I really don't have the right to choose who's gonna sit at me Isle and me left. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.99, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 an electric light; a light for a cigarette, cigar or pipe [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

3 a right [UK]

Hence *human Isle of Wights* 'human rights'.

· What Isle-of-Wight do you have to go around doing all this stuff? [...] Jesus answered then, 'Let me ask you lot a question first, and if you can give me an answer, I'll tell you all what Isle I have to do all these things. – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.102–103, **2001**

· She jam on the plates human Isle of Wights[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

4 something worthless [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [M]y holiday to the Isle of Wight was a complete fucking Isle of Wight. – *www.sickipedia.org*, 4th July **2009**

· People really should pay attention when these new posters appear on here and just slag us off all the time talking a load of Isle of Wight. – *Welling United Fans Forum*, 13th May **2013**

Isle of Wight; Isle of White; isle o'

adjective

1 all right, satisfactory [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Isle of Wight, an island off the south coast of England, near Portsmouth. Recorded in the forms *Isle of Wight* and *isle o'*; the latter is exclusively British. ▶ see ALL ISLE OF WIGHT

· Advancing to a table, round which were seated a half dozen very genteel-looking fellows in orthodox morning garb, the Captain introduced me as "Mr. Minchin, one of

the ‘Box of Toys,’ and ‘Isle of Wight.’” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Isle o’ (Isle of Wight), all right. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

2 drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *tight*. Recorded in the form *Isle of Wight*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.33, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.52, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 right, correct [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Isle of Wight* and *Isle of White*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· “Would you say that that interpretation is substantially correct, Mr Crumb?” “Oh yerst, yers. That’s Isle of White.” – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.188 [2009], **2005**

· The English supporters think the Wallabies are lemon squeezy and they’ll do it in a Glenn Hoddle. They could be Isle o’ Wight. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

· They will probably just think I am chicken oriental, just a rolls and butter. They’re probably Isle of Wight. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvo-man80’ on 16th July **2016**

4 unwilling to spend money [UK]

Rhymes on *tight*. Recorded in the form *Isle of Wight*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Isle of Wight

verb

to switch off a light [UK]

< Isle of Wight, an island off the south coast of England, near Portsmouth. Perhaps only used as an imperative.

· Isle of Wight Turn off the Light. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

Istanbul

noun

an act of masturbation [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pull*. < Istanbul, a major city in Turkey.

· [R]hyming slang, favourites. – toy tank. – Sherman tank or Istanbul. – *RTG Sunderland*, 14th March **2012**

isttway

noun

a girl or young woman [US]

A pig Latin version of *twist*, possibly a shortened form of TWIST AND TWIRL.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, s.v. *Twist*, **1935**

I suppose; i-sup; i-ser

noun

the nose [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

I suppose is common in all six locations of use. The clipped forms *i-sup* and *iser* have been recorded in British and Australian usage respectively. A South African variation of the word is I DON’T SUPPOSE.

· I gave him a blow with this neddy on the I-suppose. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· But I fired him out of the Rory quick, / And he fell on his I suppose. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· A man’s arm is his “false alarm”; his nose, “I suppose”[.] – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, **1917**

· It’s the rhyming slang [...] I suppose that’s a nose[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· Nose–I suppose. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· She’s got a gorgeous pair of minces, a terrific I-sup and as she smiled she showed a glorious set of Bexleys. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.13–14, **ca 1937**

· So, too, his “lump of lead” means his head; [...] his “I suppose” his nose[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, **1963**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, **1967**

· He was truly an ugly man – his north and south drooped, his mince pies were watery, and he had a big red I suppose. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· You won’t adam wot I sees: / Some geezer, an ooly ginger geezer, / A geezer wiv a hooter I suppose. – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, **1982**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, **1983**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.507, **1984**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· Another had apparently “copped one right in the I-suppose.” – *The Age*, Melbourne, 23rd March **2006**

· Your nose is your *iser*. – *tabloidbaby.blogspot.com*, Australian journalist Steve Dunleavy’s video masterclass on tabloid journalism, 30th September **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

I suspect

noun

the neck [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Formed on the model of I SUPPOSE.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Neck, I suspect. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

itch and scratch; itch

noun

a match (a vesta) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, **1989**

· The cheapest form of ignition is a ‘box of itches’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Got any itches on you? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Itchy Ring

nickname

Burger King, an international fast food restaurant chain; hence a meal at Burger King

< *itchy ring*, a slang equivalent of *itchy rectum*.

· I right fancy an Itchy Ring. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th January **2002**

· [A]s i left burger king (itchy ring) i was stunned by a shop selling booster seats for kids showing there product on a 3dr cossie passenger side front recaro, in good nik as well!! – *The Ford RS Owners Club* forum, 29th October **2006**

· McDonald’s is so much better than Itchy Ring. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· One Saturday, he was indulging in a dirty burger from Itchy Ring (Burger King) and took a shortcut through the lanes in Brighton. – *Easy on the Apple Drink* forum, 23rd November **2008**

itchy teeth

noun

1 beef [UK]

Relies on the Cockney and popular London pronunciation of *teeth* as *teef*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a complaint; a problem [UK]

Relies on the Cockney and popular London pronunciation of *teeth* as *teef*, thus rhyming on the slang *beef*.

· Itchy Teeth – Beef (as in “I’ve got beef with him”). – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

itsnay and iceslay

noun

among off-course gamblers, the morning betting odds on that day’s horse races [US]

A pig Latin version of NITS AND LICES.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Ivana Trump; ivana

noun

an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *dump*. < Czech-born celebrity millionairess

Ivana Trump (b.1949), first wife of Donald Trump. Synonymous with DONALD TRUMP.

· An Ivana Trump (Dump). – *Black and White Army* forum, ‘Top 5 Funny Names For Faeces’, 8th July **2003**

· Going for an Ivana. – *One Touch Football* forum, 10th August **2004**

· Who’s just done an Ivana? – *sausageNet Nostalgia Forums*, 17th October **2004**

· I thought you were going to, like, do an Ivana in one of his Dubes[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.88, **2005**

· – Curling one down? – Yes, taking an Ivana. Having a pony. – *Digital Spy* forum, 10th September **2008**

Ivan Sproule

noun

a school [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Northern Irish footballer Ivan Sproule (b.1981).

· If you can’t get a decent Shellsuit Bob, especially if you’ve just left Ivan Sproule, you probably like to stay home[.] – *Daily Record*, 11th November **2006**

iverlay and unglay

noun

the tongue [US]

A pig Latin version of LIVER AND LUNG.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Ivo den Bieman

adjective

drunk [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *steamin*, the Scots form of *steaming*. < Dutch footballer Ivo den Bieman, who played for several Scottish clubs from 1990 to 2000.

· I was Ivo Den Bieman when I left the Battle Cruiser last night. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

· [D]ont’ get Ivo den Bieman! – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

Ivor Novello; Ivor Novella; ivor

noun

in snooker, the yellow ball [UK]

< Welsh actor, composer and playwright Ivor Novello (1893–1951).

· [A]nnuva is an Ivor Novella. / A runner bean, well, that’s the green, / And the ivor, that’s the yella. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

ivory band; ivory

noun

the hand [US/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.508, **1984**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Ouch, I've hurt my ivory! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

ivory float; ivory afloat; ivory

noun

a coat; an overcoat [US]

Perhaps suggested by *Ivory*, a Procter & Gamble-branded soap, marketed in the late 19th century as 'the soap that *floats*'. Usually in the form *ivory float*. *Ivory afloat* and *ivory* are recorded in 1929 and 1949 respectively.

· An ivory float, that's a coat. – D. Ryan, *Angel's Flight*, p.20, **1927**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

ivory pearl; ivory

noun

a girl; a girlfriend or wife [UK]

· I met me ivory pearl and took 'er dahn the frog an' toad for a beanstalk. – *The Delmarva Star*, Willington, Delaware, 24th April **1932**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· Yesterday I tore my steam-packet with a Baden-Powell. The old ivory-pearl hasn't seen it yet, but when she does I'll get it in the mince-pie[.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· She was a beautiful ivory. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Chloe Coggin, a talented 16 year old ivory pearl (Cockney rhyming slang for girl) plays the old Joanna, painted in Cockney rhyming slang phrases and images for the British Library. – *www.streetpianos.com*, June **2009**

ivory towers

noun

flowers [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

J

Jabba the Hutt; Jabber the Hutt

verb

to shut [UK]

< Jabba the Hutt, a character from the *Star Wars* films.

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 7th May 2002

· [T]he Lollipop is Jabba the Hutt[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 16th February 2007

· [O]i theres nothing wrong with east london or the way we talk, so Jabba the Hutt your north and south, and go on up the old Dancing Bears[.] – *The Student Room* forum, 13th July 2007

· Bloody Jabber the Hutt your north & south and listen. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January 2012

jaborge

noun

criminal work [UK]

An alteration of *george*, the short version of GEORGE RAFT, rhyming on *graft*. Formed on the principle of backslang, but with some ad hoc modifications due to the peculiar orthographic and phonetic form of the original disguised word.

· ‘So. That jaborge...’ Here we go again with the back slang. Honestly. These southenders think they’re in their own secret garden talking in tongues that no outsider could ever begin to comprehend. They make me laugh. – K. Sampson, *The Killing Pool*, p.64, 2013

Jack

noun

lemon [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *lemon* and *Lemmon*. < American actor Jack Lemmon (1925–2001).

· – CPFC BBS forum, 15th April 2007

· Order this in the pub (it’s one drink): Vera, Phil, Vincent and Jack. – CPFC BBS forum, 2nd June 2009

Jack

noun

1 a member of the Permanent and Casual Waterside Workers’ Union [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of JACK McNAB. The Permanent and Casual Waterside Workers’ Union was originally a strike-breaking body.

· An air of strained expectancy pervades the great bleak shed. In the outer divisions–‘Jacks’, ‘Seconds’, ‘Un-attached’, ‘Blanks’–the bell is hardly heard over the babel of four thousand voices, the shuffle of eight thousand feet. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: J. Morrison, *Sailors Belong Ships*, p.29, 1947

· On the Melbourne waterfront in the 1930s, men assembled in the “Compound” – a huge galvanized-iron shed with a concrete floor – waiting for work. The Compound was divided into four parts – one for members of

the Waterside Workers’ Federation (WWF), one for the “Jacks,” one for “Second Preference” men, and one for the “Blanks.” [...] Jobs were allocated first to the Federation men and the Jacks, in a ratio of 60:40, before any work was offered to Seconds and finally the Blanks. – P. Turnbull, *Port Labor*, p.520, 2012

2 in pre-decimal currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]
A slang rhyme on *zack* or, perhaps, a shortening of JILL AND JACK.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, 1966

Jack-a-dandy; Jack Dandy; Jack the Dandy; Jack me dandy; Jack and Dandy; jack

noun

brandy [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

In British usage, recorded in the forms *Jack-a-dandy*, *Jack Dandy*, *Jack the Dandy*, *Jack me dandy* and *jack*.

In American and Australian English, recorded in the forms *Jack Dandy* and *Jack and Dandy* respectively.

· I will quit the Jack-a-dandy. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: F.F. Cooper, *Elbow-Shakers! I*, iv, 1828

· JACK-DANDY, *n.* Brandy. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· JACK DANDY, brandy. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: Brandy–Ydnary, andy-bra, Jack the Dandy. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June 1893

· In the same way no master of the language would ever give brandy or gin their primitive names, “Jack the dandy” or “Brian O’Lynn.” The one is always referred to as “Jack,” the other as “Brian.” – *The Times*, London, 29th July 1894

· JACK-A-DANDY, [...] (rhyming). Brandy. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1896

· [H]e was having a “Jack and Rosie,” and off it went. [...] “Jack-the-Dandy” (brandy), “Rosie Loader” (soda). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August 1910

· Brandy ... Jack the Dandy. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· **Jack Dandy**, brandy. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· A couple had just retired for the night when wifey said she felt ill and asked her spouse to go to the rubbadub for a deaner’s worth of brandy. [...] With the Jack-and-Dandy he recived 19/ change. – *The Western Argus*, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, 6th July 1937

· JACK DANDY. Brandy. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· My trouble and strife came the top of Rome elephant’s trunk from too much jack dandy. – D.T. Moore and M. Waller, *Cloak and Cipher*, p.181, 1962

· Jack me dandy = brandy. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.97, 1968

· **JACK-A-DANDY – Brandy.** – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· **Jack-A-Dandy Brandy.** – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Jack and Danny; Jackie Danny; Jacky Danny; jack noun

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *fanny*. < Jack and Danny, two characters in the Stanley Kubrick film *The Shining* (1980), played by Jack Nicholson (b.1937) and Danny Lloyd (b.1973).

· In London the cockneys have rhyming slang, using words like “Jack and Danny” for parts of the anatomy. – *Chicago Tribune*, 5th March 1972

· **Jack & Danny Fanny.** – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· **Jacky Danny** *rhym. slang.* James Hunt. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1999

· She’s got a lovely Jack. I could have stayed down there all day. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· The waiter puts tortilla chips between her toes – rest assured, her toes are very clean – and she dips them in a bowl next to her Jack-and-Danny [Cockney rhyming slang for ‘fanny’] before offering them to be eaten. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 13th February 2004

· The blonde offers Jackie Danny an’ the next ‘alf hour is goin’ at it like nuns an’ habits while these two sorts bite tit willow. Me flowers an’ frolics are achin’ when I finally get me Harry Monk out... – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· I think her jack and danny must be as loose as a wizard’s sleeve. – *Digital Spy* forum, 19th October 2008

· Helen just loves me to spend my wads, in the shop and up her Jack and Danny! – D. Taylor, *The Changing*, p.80, 2012

· Morris had been sacked from his own show for breaking into the Queen’s bedroom in the early hours of Christmas Day and shoving some cake right up her jacky-danny. – *www.youtube.com*, 22nd August 2013

· [S]urely we cannot be expected to take seriously a woman who sits on stage flashing her Jack and Danny. – *twitter.com*, 17th January 2017

2 sex with a woman [UK]

Rhymes on *fanny*. Only recorded in the form *Jack and Danny*.

· [E]veryone likes a bit of jack and danny (well if your a bloke anyway). – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 21st May 2005

· I caught him just in time as he was on his way out – probably another porno movie. He’s into that. And why not, I say. A bit of Jack and Danny and get paid for it. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.180, 2008

· I’d rather have a bit of Jack & Danny than a J Arthur! – *www.countryjoe.com*, accessed 4th July 2015

3 women regarded as sexual objects [UK]

Rhymes on *fanny*. Only recorded in the form *Jack and Danny*.

· Some mad bit of ‘jack and danny’ tried fackin hitting me in a knocking shop down in Lithuania or Latvia or

wherever the fuck it was, you cant. – *BoxingScene* forum, 27th September 2007

· Always lots of jack and danny at Chester aswell, mostly Scouse birds trying to push it up[.] – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 4th June 2008

· Thread: Bush... ah I was hoping for some “jack and danny” with that title. – *The Anglers Forum*, 18th December 2008

· Go to a strip club instead, cost you just as much and you’re at least guaranteed to see some jack and danny tonight. – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 12th September 2009

· I noticed later that the back door key was on the outside when Phil tweeted me to come up for a drink due to lots of “jack and danny” (a Cockney slang term for fanny). – *davesmusicantk.livejournal.com*, blog, 25th August 2012

· Holy shit there’s some jack and Danny about. – *twitter.com*, 1st September 2015

Jack and Jandy

noun

brandy [UK]

An alliterative variation of JACK-A-DANDY.

· They mixed ‘Jack and Jandy’ with what they had already been drinking and by now everyone was truly ‘elephants’ and began to ‘read and write’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, 1973

Jack and Jill; jack; jill

noun

1 a bill (an account) [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< ‘Jack and Jill’, a traditional English nursery rhyme, first published in the late 18th century, and its eponymous characters. Recorded in the forms *Jack and Jill* and *jack*. *Jack and Jill* is common in all three locations of use. *Jack* is confined to British usage.

· Bill ... Jack and Jill. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· Remembering the misfortunes of Jack and Jill, it is not surprising to find that they stand for “bill.” – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

· We paid the jack-and-jill. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.90, 1962

· Enjoy it fully before you have to pay the *Jack and Jill* ‘bill’[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.66, 1981

· She came in and led the ‘nut’ out, handing him a Jack and Jill for about \$200. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.134, 1986

· – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.32, 1987

· He’ll note down what jack-and-jills they want paying[.] – A. Nickolds, *Back to Basics*, p.55, 1994

· I’m going home – can I have my Jack? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Of course he’s not going to argue, is he, because it’s some big fooken gorilla in a tux who presents him with the Jack and Jill ... – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.151, 2006

· – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009

· **Jack and Jill (i will fix your):** to pay the bill. – L. Stewart, *ASD*, 2011

· The painful part of the evening, the old “Jack and Jill”, came with something to nicely lighten the load... a flaming fondue with marshmallows, something I have never seen before. – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, 8th April **2012**

2 a till [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form. Noted by Seal (2009) as current in Sydney in the 1970s.

· Till ... Jack and Jill. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· A cash till is a “jack and jill.” – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, ‘British can Really Murder the Language’, 30th April **1951**

· Among the words and phrases derived from rhyming slang are: jam-jar (car), Jack and Jill (till)[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], **1959**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· He ‘Half-hitched’ a ‘bee-hive’ from the ‘Jack and Jill’ behind the ‘Bazaar’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.39, **1973**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, **1983**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.508, **1984**

· But even though she’s my mum she don’t even sweep around the jack and jill. It’s too tempting innit – what with her background and everything? – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.15, **1985**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· [I]t was only a Jack and Jill with the equivalent of £680 in it. [...] United’s mob still contains its fair share of young grafters, but no longer has an elite that travels the world, selling swag, sneak-thieving, banging Jacks and picking pockets. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, pp.219/289, **2014**

3 a hill [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Suggested by the first line of the Jack and Jill nursery rhyme: ‘Jack and Jill went up the hill’. Recorded in the forms *Jack and Jill* and *jack*. *Jack and Jill* is common in all three locations of use. The elliptical form *jack* is confined to British usage.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o’ London’s Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· “I ’as to stagger up the Jack and Jill with the farmer’s daughter for the boss when he wants his Rosie Lee.” [...] I rather suspect that a more typical and less explicit workman would say: “Then I ’as to stagger up the Jack with the Boss’s farmer’s daughter when he wants his Rosie.” – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· [H]e never went up the hill. It was always up the jack and jill. – F.W.G. Miller, *Gold in the River*, p.37 [1969], **1946**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· Both armies were on top of a Jack, with a valley between ’em. [...] This great scrap between David and Goliath took place in the Jack and Jill country in the West. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.39, **2001**

· The store is up the jack. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Why would they want to be up a Jack and Jill in the dead of nacht? – *The Fair Intellectual Club*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 17th November **2016**

4 a pill, a tablet of a prescribed, illicit or recreational drug [US/NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Hence JJ. Perhaps the source of *jack* ‘a tablet of heroin’, first recorded in *OED2* in 1967. Looser (1999) notes that, in New Zealand slang, *jack* refers specifically to a depressant or tranquillising drug, that is, a ‘downer’, while *jill* applies to an amphetamine or ‘upper’. According to the available evidence, the short form *jill* is also found in Australia and Britain, but there the examples of usage show that the word is invariably used to refer to a tablet of MDMA, an ‘upper’ drug popularly known as *ecstasy*.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.249, **1982**

· Nobody tries to die on purpose from an overdose round here. What happens really is that you’re sitting in the park hung over, sober, when somebody pulls out the Jack and Jills – you take a few, of course, then later on, just to be sociable, you take another few[.] – J. Healy, *The Grass Arena*, p.156 [2008], **1988**

· **JACK** [...] (UK) heroin; from the rhyming slang Jack and Jill = pill. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· Ah should really leave the jack n jills tae the stomach. Brain and vein are too fragile tae carry that stuff direct. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.222 [1994], **1993**

· **jacks pills** medical not narcotic (rhyming slang: *Jack and Jills* = pills). – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.32, 1999: Christchurch Women’s Prison, September **1997**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *www.esds.ac.uk*, ‘Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People ’03. User Guide’, **2003**

· Our terminology for Pills: Jack and Jills (or just Jills, or even JJ’s) Bubble-o-bills Bingers[.] – *Bluelight* forum, 20th February **2004**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· For a headache, one didn’t take a pill but a “Jack and Jill.” – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

· Colloquial names for MDMA include: [...] Jack and Jills–Cockney rhyming slang. – B.K. Puri and I.H. Treasaden, *Emergencies*, p.167 **2008**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· [I]t kinda made me wanna go an pop a couple of jills tonight!!! – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 1st May **2009**

· [M]ephadrone is meant to be the business actually. I’m glad I dont go near the old jack and jills anymore though. – *Irish Poker Boards*, forum, 26th January **2010**

· Corrections staff have developed a “dictionary” of slang prisoners use to describe drugs. [...] Jacks (and Jills) –

pills. – *The Press*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 24th October **2011**

· i haven't done a jill in years. i just assume they're gonna be shit. – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 11th July **2013**

· Was tweeting as if I had been on the Jack and Jills. – *twitter.com*, 26th February **2014**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

5 a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dill*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· Ahhh! yer right again, Shirk, he is just a jack 'n jill! – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.21 [1987], **1973**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

6 a contraceptive pill [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Recorded in the forms *Jack and Jill* and *jack*. *Jack and Jill* is common in all three locations of use. *Jack* is confined to British usage.

· She's wantin tae come aff the jack. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· Me girlfriend's on the Jack and Jill at last. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· She's on the Jack. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Men going on the Jack and Jill. Scientists have been working for years on a new contraceptive for men. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 8th May **2004**

· I go to grab a raincoat for Columbo, but she goes, 'There's no need,' and I'm thinking, she's on the Jack and Jill – happy fucking days. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.229, **2007**

· She doesnt want kids yet. But just to be safe she's on the jack and jill and I'll be taking the necessary precautions. – *Excoboard.com: Health and Lifestyle Forum*, 7th January **2008**

· Could be your friend was talking about Australian contraception. [...] "she's a fine sheila, mate and she's on the Jack and Jill so she don't get a belly full of arms and legs" ahh the eloquence. – *Chowhound* forum, 21st October **2009**

7 the police [UK]

Rhymes on *the Bill*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Jack and Jones

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Jack and Jones* [UK]

A variation of JACK JONES. < Jack and Jones, a Danish clothing brand.

· Now life is rosey as he either compromised or he was out on his jack and jones. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th July **2008**

· [H]aha leaving me on me jack and jones. – *twitter.com*, 4th April **2013**

Jackanory; Jack-a-nory; Jackinory; Jack and Nory; jack noun

1 a story; a tall tale, a lie [UK/IRELAND]

< *Jackanory*, a British TV programme first broadcast in 1965, featuring celebrities telling children's stories; ultimately from 'I'll tell you a story / About Jackanory[.]', the opening lines of an English nursery rhyme first recorded in the 18th century. Hence the allusive use of *jackanory* to refer to a liar or teller of tall tales, a sense recorded by Noel 'Razor' Smith in *The Criminal Alphabet* (2015). No evidence of use in the short form.

· An excuse for being late in to the creative factory is a Jackanory, namely a story. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· And this is where the Green Goddess enters our jackanory. – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.28, **1984**

· A person who lies or tells tall stories in order to impress 'doesn't half tell Jackanorys'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· However, I got very frustrated that the majority of the book was a Jackanory about telephones and how Bell beat someone else to the patent. – *www.amazon.co.uk*, 10th September **2002**

· Dan say's it's only a jack and nory!!! – *Monster Fish Keepers* forum, 15th July **2005**

· The old man told me the Jackanory the day they had that sale in Terroirs and him and Hennessy ended up getting mullered in the study. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.109, **2007**

· They contact you, pretending to be the original seller, giving you a jackanory about the winning bidder not paying, or having a second item to sell. – *Scuba Community* forum, 7th June **2007**

· I knew I'd get a few jack and norys from yez[.] – *Dublin.ie* forum, 4th February **2009**

· Jackanory – story (tall tale). – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

· Yes, Danish Ken, many a jackanory about him spoken about town. – *Udonmap* forum, 10th April **2010**

· A great night and thoroughly recommended to any one who loves a jackanory about a period of time and music that has left their mark on not only Manchester but the world. – *patnevin.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th April **2010**

2 the facts about a particular situation; the state of affairs [IRELAND/UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *story*. Also used in the phrase *what's the Jackanory?* (and variant forms) 'what's happening?'. The short form has been recorded in Irish usage.

· I want to place a new element at the position 'index' (integer). The item is actually put at the end of the array. What's the Jack 'n' Nory? – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th August **2004**

· I'm there, 'What's the Jackanory, JP? Are you not having a shower?' – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.139, **2005**

· Roysh so I like put a few comments on the site, like, and hey I get called an orsehole about 11 or 12 times a day,

like what's the Jackinory? – *Weddings Online.ie* forum, 1st December **2006**

· What's the jackanory with her? – L. Roche, *The Companion*, p.109, **2007**

· I'm there, 'What's the fucking Jack?' – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.219, **2008**

· What's the Jackanory with him and Rab Hart? – T. Black, *Gutted*, p.108 [2010], **2009**

· So does anyone know what the jackanory is with Eoin Reddan? – *Leinsterfans.com* forum, 27th August **2009**

· What's the jackanory big dog? – *The Stalking Directory* forum, 23rd May **2012**

Jack and Scratch

noun

▶ see JACK SCRATCH

Jack and Vera

nickname

the *Daily Mirror* newspaper (London)

< Jack and Vera, the husband and wife characters Jack and Vera Duckworth, played by Bill Tarmey (1941–2012) and Elizabeth Dawn (b.1939) in the ITV soap opera *Coronation Street*. Tarmey first played the role of Jack in 1979, though he only appeared regularly from 1983 to 2010; Dawn portrayed Vera from 1974 to 2008.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jack Bash

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· ‘Won't appen. Same again? Here's a score. Get them in. I'm goin' for a Jack Bash’. As Harper disappeared from view towards the Gents, his two colleagues looked at each other. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.353–354, **2014**

Jack Bauer

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [IRELAND]

< Jack Bauer, the leading character in the American TV series *24*, first broadcast in 2001; portrayed by Kiefer Sutherland (b.1966).

· I grab a quick Jack Bauer, then we're suddenly on the freeway on the way to wherever it is we're going. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Rhino*, p.49, **2009**

· I get, like, a text while Regina's in the old Jack Bauer. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.247, **2011**

· [R]ight, im off for a brad pitt, a jack bauer and a dave the rave. – *www.reddit.com/r/funny*, 23rd June **2014**

Jack Benny

noun

a penny (in pre-decimal currency) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American comedian Jack Benny (born Benjamin Kubelsky; 1894–1974), whose act was to play a penny-pinching miser.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Jack Brit

noun

excrement; an act of defecation [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *shit*. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Jack Dancer

noun

▶ see JACK THE DANCER

Jack Dandy

noun

▶ see JACK-A-DANDY

Jack Dash; Jackie Dash; jackie

noun

1 an act of urination [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *slash*. In British English, < English political activist and unofficial leader of London's dockers Jack Dash (1907–89), also popularly known as Jackie Dash. The source of the Irish usage is not clear. Recorded in the forms *Jack Dash* (UK, Ireland), *Jackie Dash* (UK) and *jackie* (UK).

· Just let us have a jack dash then we're off. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· **Jackie Dash Slash (Urinate)**. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I need a Jack Dash. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st September **2003**

· Lord Strathclyde had an eppy and called Baroness Hayman a 'dozy slag' and then buggered off for a Jack Dash in the bog[.] – *www.theonion.com*, 9th November **2007**

· He is commemorated by Jack Dash House in Docklands and in Cockney rhyming slang for the function once memorably described by Barry Humphries as 'pointing Percy at the porcelain': Jack Dash: slash. – C. Nevin, *Jack*, [2013], **2008**

· If you go down to the woods today your sure... to see me having a jack dash against a tree[.] – *statigr.am*, 18th August **2012**

· I'm desperate for a jack dash. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 21st December **2013**

2 ready money [UK]

Rhymes on *cash*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the originally American word *jack* 'money', itself recorded in British usage from the 1940s. Only recorded in the form *Jack Dash*.

· We will be hosting a one day pop up called Sugar Plum Bakery to raise funds for the special care baby unit at Bolton Royal Hospital. Not only do we plan to raise some jack dash, but the plan is to have a bit of fun whilst we are doing it! – *www.dollybakes.co.uk*, 15th July **2012**

· What we have in our sky is some jack... in our sky rocket, Jack Dash[.] – *Mid-Morning Show*, 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Mar-

ko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

jackdaw

noun

the jaw [UK]

· In this curious language did they defy each other, speaking of the jaw as a “jackdaw,” calling an arm a “five-acre farm,” and terming a nose an “I suppose,” and in fact never making use of the word they intended, but employing in its stead some expression which rhymed with it. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**

· I don't want me jackdaw broke, do I? – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.188 [2009], **2005**

· My dentist says I'm clenching my jackdaw. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

jackdaw

verb

to gossip [UK]

Rhymes on *jaw*.

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

jackdaw and rook; jackdaw

noun

1 the script of a play [UK]

Rhymes on *book*. Theatrical usage. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a book [UK]

· Anyway it concluded a quiet day out on the River Ouse and it also concludes this ‘Jackdaw and Rook’. I hope it has been enjoyed and I have had fun writing it[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· I love to rabbit and pork in cockney, my dad used to have a jackdaw and rook on it. – *RuneScape* forum, 22nd June **2012**

· Are all of you readers enjoying your jackdaws? – *www.librarything.com*, 27th June **2013**

Jack Dee

noun

1 urine; an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < English comedian Jack Dee (b.1961).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [R]ight now I am off for a Jack Dee! – *Just Chat* forum, 1st August **2006**

· [Y]ou think he's going for a jack dee but no.... *clunk* down goes the seat... open stays the door. – *Trance Ad-dict* forum, 10th May **2008**

· – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

2 a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *E*.

· **Ecstasy. Common Names:** E, pills, doves, X, disco biscuits, bruce lee's, jack dee[.] – K. Parnell, *Street Smart*, p.30, **2002**

· – *www.esds.ac.uk*, ‘Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People ’03. User Guide’, **2003**

· – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 27th August **2005**

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· Ecstasy. Stimulant and hallucinogen. Known in the streets as *X*, *doves*, *bruce lees*, *jack dees*, *jack & jills* or *burgers*. Comes in tablet form. – *curetocancer.wordpress.com*, blog, 15th June **2010**

3 tea [UK]

· [H]e's probably doin what im doin and havin a good ol cup of Jack Dee. – *CTG Music Community* forum, 7th August **2006**

· You can even wash it down with a jug of Bloody Mary or if you're still suffering, a jack dee (cup of tea). – *www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk*, 15th May **2010**

· That was until sometime last year when, over a cup of Jack Dee, the pair decided to do one last tour and say goodbye properly. – *Buzz* magazine, Cardiff, April **2011**

· [R]ather you bought me a cup of Jack Dee. – *twitter.com*, 4th Decembe **2012**

Jack Doyle

noun

a boil [UK]

< Irish boxer Jack Doyle (1913–78).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· There's a big Jack Doyle on his Gregory Peck[.] – *spreadthewordevents.wordpress.com*, blog, S. Tasane, ‘My Old China’, **2011**

Jacket and Vest; Old Jacket and Vest; Jacket

nickname

the West End of London

Always with the definite article.

· Besides, this bloke you're meeting up the Old Jacket and Vest to-night, let him push the boat out, the bastard. [...] You make him spin out the time a bit down in the Old Jacket and Vest. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, pp.34/55 [1938], **1937**

· His drum and fife was loaded with tomfoolery and he had bags of bees and honey from flogging these and those in the jacket and vest. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· The ‘jacket’ is a reference to the West End of London. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm goin' up the jacket termorrer. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [H]e's going up the jacket this afternoon. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jack Flash

noun

1 hashish [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *hash*. Probably < ‘Jumpin’ Jack Flash’, a song by the Rolling Stones, originally released as a single in 1968.

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

· I haven't bought any Jack Flash or Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, Mickey Duff or slippery slope since me boy was born[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November 2005

· – www.krakatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September 2012

· 'Do you remember the name?' Leaman asked. 'Of the student? It's difficult enough to hold in one's head the names of all one's present intake.' Becoming more flip-pant by the minute, Diamond couldn't resist saying, 'Jack Flash'? Poke looked out of his depth, and was. 'Rhyming slang for hash.' – P. Lovesey, *The Stone Wife*, p.319, 2014

2 a road traffic accident [UK]

Rhymes on *crash* and *smash*.

· There's been another Jack Flash on the M25. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Jack Holt

noun

salt [UK]

American actor Jack Holt (1888–1951).

· Below is a selection of those I have, and still use (some references date back to the early part of the last century since I first heard them from my grandfather. [...]) Jack Holt – salt. – *SE23.com* forum, 3rd July 2007

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th October 2014

Jack Horner; Little Jack Horner; Jackie Horner; jack

noun

1 a corner (an angle); a street corner; a corner in a building [AUSTRALIA/UK/US/NEW ZEALAND]

< 'Little Jack Horner / Sat in the corner', the opening lines of the English nursery rhyme 'Little Jack Horner', first recorded in 1725. According to the available evidence, the different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *Jack Horner* (Australia, UK, US, New Zealand), *Little Jack Horner* (Australia, UK), *Jackie Honer* (UK, US), *jack* (UK).

· Sometimes a single but compound phrase is used to supply the rhyme; thus, a corner is a Jack Horner[.] – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

· Most of us—thanks to the motion pictures and Mr. Sinclair Lewis—have at least a nodding acquaintance with American “slanguage,” and now that the “talkies” have come to town, our acquaintance is likely to be considerably extended. As though to help us over initial difficulties, the “Manchester Guardian” published on Thursday an up-to-date list of current words and phrases, taken from the pages of “Transition,” an American magazine published in Paris. [...] “Weeping willow” is given for “pillow,” for instance, “Spanish guitar” for “cigar,” “Jackie Horner” for “corner,” and “rats and mice” for “dice.” These have been current in English theatrical circles certainly since I was a youth. – *The Burnley News*, 21st September 1929

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· SHAPE [...] Jack Horner, *a corner*; belly, *a bulge*. [...] PARTS OF HOUSES. [...] show window, *a window through which a prostitute solicits*; Jack Horner, *a corner*; shovel and broom, *a room*[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, 1942

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· Upper class Australians deny it, but the taxi drivers still lay off some of the rhyming slang on you. Johnny Hopper is the copper on the Little Jack Horner which is the corner. – *Chicago Tribune*, 10th November 1968

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· [T]he sheet was being held by its four Jack Horners. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.83, 2002

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

· Mr Crumb has testified that he saw Sister Monica Joan take a couple of handkerchiefs – bread and cheese is the usual expression for handkerchiefs – off his sparrow, or barrow, and set off round the Jack Horner – corner[.] – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], 2005

· Look in the Jack at the lovely Bottle and Bristols. – www.walthamstowmemories.net, ‘Confessions of a Wanker’ by Alan Wills, p.46, 2010

· Come on get yerself round the Jack Horner and down the Bank[.] – www.football.co.uk, 12th February 2011

· If you're a bit Peter Purvis (*Nervous*) about taking a Bowl of Chalk (*Walk*) around London then jump in your Kareem Abdul Jabbar (*Car*) or catch an Uncle Gus (*Bus*) from any Little Jack Horner (*Corner*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July 2012

· I couldn't *Adam and Eve* my *Mince Pies*, this *lemon Squeezer* with his *Jumping Jack* to me in the *Jack Horner* was playing the *Joanna*[.] – www.suffolklearning.co.uk, 26th February 2014

· Right, I'm going down the Arthur on the jack to sausage a bushel. – www.theguardian.com, 4th July 2014

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

2 in football, a corner kick [UK]

Recorded in the form *Jack Horner*.

· The Imps have just defended a Jack Horner – corner – poorly and conceded a goal[.] – www.football.co.uk, 23rd February 2011

Jackie Bird; Jackie Burd

noun

an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *turd*. < Scottish journalist and newsreader Jackie Bird (b.1962).

· The only danger is, you're off to the Deacon Blue for a Jackie Bird – you know, a case of the old Robert Carlyles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November 2006

· im away for a jackie burd. – www.facebook.com, 2nd February 2013

Jackie Brambles*noun*

▶ see JACKIE BRAMBLES

Jackie Broom*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Glasgow or Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, Scots for *town*. A Scots form of JACKIE BROWN. Also used in the phrase *hit the Jackie Broom*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

· Out to the Jackie Broom tonight, the Alfie Moon, the Nana Moon, The Pa' Broom ... Should be good. – *twitter.com*, 20th November 2010

· Sitting in my kitchen getting skulled...Then I'm hitting the jackie broom. – *twitter.com*, 25th March 2011

· [G]ood night Seags? Up the jackie broom? – *twitter.com*, 24th June 2012

· [Y]ou going up the jackie broom ya malester? – *twitter.com*, 16th September 2012

Jackie Brown; jackie*noun*

1 a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Dublin [IRELAND]

< *Jackie Brown*, a 1997 American film written and directed by Quentin Tarantino.

· – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October 2012

2 ■ on the jackie enjoying a town or city's nightlife [IRELAND]

An equivalent of *on the town*.

· [O]ut on the Jackie tonight. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October 2012

Jackie Burd*noun*

▶ see JACKIE BIRD

Jackie Chan; jackie*noun*

1 food [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scran*. < Chinese martial arts expert and actor Jackie Chan (b.1954).

· Jackie Chan. Scran (food). I'm Hank Marvin. I could use some top Jackie for me Michael Winner. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Just gonna take a bimble to the colonel gaddafi to grab some jackie chan!!!!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 7th May 2013

2 a plan [UK]

· I've a Jackie. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th August 2006

· So, what's the Jackie for tonight? – *Television Without Pity* forum, 31st August 2006

· [L]isten, don't worry, I've got a... Jackie Chan. – *Taking the Flak*, UK TV: BBC2, 15th July 2009

3 a pan [IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· While I'm waiting for the old Jackie Chan to heat up, I send a quick text to Ro. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.59, 2008

4 a can of drink, usually beer [UK]

· Fancy a few Jackie Chans? – *UD(.com)*, 10th July 2008

· Jackie Chan is Cockney slang for Can (of beer). "You want to come around to my gaf for a few Jackies to-night?" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd August 2009

Jackie Danny*noun*

▶ see JACK AND DANNY

Jackie Dash; jackie*noun*

▶ see JACK DASH

Jackie Horner*noun*

▶ see JACK HORNER

Jackie Trent*adjective*

1 dishonest; corrupt [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*. < English singer Jackie Trent (born Yvonne Burgess; 1940–2015).

· They're all at it. Every one of them, he says, raising his voice in rage, – fucking Jackie Trent. The lot of them, they're all fucking Jackie Trent. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.64 [1999], 1998

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.109, 2002

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 curved or having a bend [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

3 manipulated, rigged [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

4 stolen [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

5 homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*.

· [H]e's Jackie Trent tho. – *twitter.com*, 9th May 2014

Jackinory*noun*

▶ see JACKANORY

jack in the box; jack*noun*

1 syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection [UK/AUSTRALIA/US?]

Rhymes on *the pox*. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of words that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming

slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· The venereal disease – the pox: “Jack-in-the-Box” [...] “You know I’ve got the ‘Horse and Trap’”. “Have you?” says the other, “well, I’ve got the ‘Jack!’”. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, pp.45/46 [1901], **1898**

· Penicillin’ll take care of that! They reckon they just pump you full of it, and bingo! No more jack! – T.A.G. Hungerford, *Sowers of the Wind*, p.3, **1954**

· **Jack-in-the-box** (t) Pox (syphilis)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· JACK IN THE BOX – For pox (syphilis). – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [H]e was dragging his rifle and looked a proper drop of misery ... like a kid whose old man’s gone crook at him ... he had the jack ... he said. – R. Parkin, *The Sword and the Blossom*, p.22, **1968**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, s.v. *Jack*, **1984**

· It was a year ago the last young one, and well she gave the jack to about three or four of ’em. – K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.22 [1993], **1987**

· **JACK**; [...] 14. venereal disease. – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· **jack in the box** pox. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· **Jack-in-the-box** – pox, meaning sexually transmissible infection, usually syphilis. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 socks [US]

Always used in full.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

jack joner

noun

a loner [UK]

Formed on JACK JONES.

· Look at that Jack Joner. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st January **2003**

· [M]y friend is always like ‘you left me sitting like a jack joner!’ – *The DIS Discussion Forums*, 26th January **2010**

· He’s a right Jack Joner. – *londontouristassociation.co.uk*, 26th March **2014**

Jack Jones; Jacky Jones; Jacks Jones; Jay Jones; jack; jacks; jacksy; J’s; jays

noun

1 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one’s Jack Jones* (or *one one’s Jacky Jones/Jacks Jones/Jay Jones*), often shortened to *on one’s jack* (or *on one’s jacks/jacksy/J’s/jays*) [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Probably < Jack Jones, the subject of “E Dunno Where ‘E Are”, a music-hall song written about 1890 by Harry Wright (lyric) and Fred Eplett (music) and originally sung by Gus Elen. The song tells the story of a man who has come into some money and now thinks of himself above his friends.

The first four lines of the chorus go: ‘When ’e’s up at Covent Garden, / You can see ’im standin’ all alone, / Won’t join in a quiet Tommy Dodd, / Drinking Scotch and Sodas on ’is own.’

The forms *Jack Jones* and *jack* have been recorded in all four locations of use. *Jacky Jones*, *Jacks Jones*, *Jay Jones*, *jacksy*, *J’s* and *jays* are exclusively British. *Jacks* is British and Irish. ▶ see JACK JONER, JACK JONESOME, JACK MALONE, JACK SLOAN and TOD JONES

· On his Jack ... alone. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.119, **1930**

· Jack, on his ... on his own. – P. Davison, *The Complete Works of George Orwell*, p.231, 1998: diary entry, **1931**

· [A]in’t it a bloody treat to ’ave a good night’s kip all alone once in a way? Wish I could. All on our Jack Jones with no bloody great man’s feet shoving you about. – G. Orwell, *A Clergyman’s Daughter*, p.159 [1960], **1935**

· You ’ave a crack at doin’ the job on yer Jack Jones[.] – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.110, **1938**

· Well, me an’ ole ’Itler’s goin’ to ’ave a bit of ancient ’istry on our Jack Jones. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.19, **1943**

· But you can be with thousands of people and still be on your jack. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.21, **1959**

· When my old man ... turned his toes up I was left on me jack there. – J.B. Smith, *Tradition and Language*, p.5, **1975**

· Next time one ay us ur walkin hame oan oor Jack Jones, wi git hassle fi these wee radges. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.5 [1994], **1993**

· im off to THAILAND to make em SMILE! :) :) :))) :)))) :)))) on THURSDAY for 2 weeks on me jacksy (own) see ya in 2!!! – *Ax Muay Thai* forum, 28th November **2001**

· You well out of order, digging me out like I’m on my jacks here. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.226, **2002**

· Trainers by the truck load, trainers by the tonne, / Don’t feel dazed when I catch you by your jays, / Chump, best to act like Forrest Gump, best to run! – *Fix Up, Look Sharp*, lyric, Dizzee Rascal, **2003**

· [H]e’s telling me how he’s having a pint at the bar on his Jack ’cos no fucker is talking to him[.] – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.24, **2004**

· I won’t be there as don’t fancy it on my jack jones[.] – *Fishing.net.nz* forum, 22nd July **2005**

· [I]f this sunday is not good for many members pls let me know, as i don’t want to drive all the way there and be on my jacks. – *Boards.ie* forum, 23rd February **2007**

· [I]ts fairly simple just a case of replacing one with the other but *&%^\$ heavy to lift the block on your jacky jones. – *The Series 2 Club* forum, 6th August **2007**

· i been saying On My Jays for ages, before even heard it from anyone... from the cockney JACK JONES, as in on your own.... shorten J to on my jays is on my jack jones... – *Drum&Bass Arena* forum, 2nd April **2007**

· Die Hard’Ammer, born and bred! Hate Millwall of course. Was at the old Den, in the Millwall end on me

jacky jones when we done them 1–0 in cup. – *BBC 606* forum, 19th September **2007**

· Anyway I am on my jacksy (alone for those who don't know) and I spot a wasp trying to nick my drink. – *Football Forums.net*, 30th September **2007**

· Why was it that women always ventured down these streets late into the night on their jacky jones? – *z11.invisionfree.com, The Origin of Species* forum, 24th April **2008**

· Are you on yer jacksy? – *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 14th May **2008**

· Who wants to go to the museum today? Not me mate, you're on your J's. – *UD(.com)*, 7th September **2008**

· You can go round Lisa's house on your jays... – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 10th September **2008**

· I am in Europe and thinking about hitting up Global Gathering - problem is i am all on my jack jones. Any aussies going to this want to meet up and hang out with a lonely Perth boy for a bit of the time at all? – *Inthemix* forum, 22nd April **2009**

· And yeah, I'm all excited about the album and everything but there's not a lot to do while I'm hiding out here, all on my Jack Jones... – *www.mtv.com.au*, 7th March **2010**

· [Y]'all no im a freak and refuse to go on my jay jones! – *twitter.com*, 14th June **2010**

· on your jays – alone. – *Saga Woteva* iPhone app, **2011**

· I take it I am allowed to amble in on my jack jones at 1.30pm? – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th May **2011**

· [Y]ou'll end up waiting at a dark ghost like station on your jacks jones with the rats. – *Prince.org* forum, 18th May **2011**

· He was a right billy-no-mates has he travelled up by train – nobody else fancied the gig, so it was his fucking birthday and he was on his jacks. – A. Cronshaw, *Wednesday*, p.99, **2012**

· [B]ut Richard Herring has mellowed out; and on his jack/tobler/tod has carved himself out a comedy career to rival the acerbic, older-brother style Lee. – *dublin.lecool.com*, 6th April **2013**

· [L]oving the hate, out tonight 13 to 17 knt wnw on the new zephyr all on my jack[.] – *Seabreeze.com.au* forum, 9th May **2013**

· I was living in a place called Kingstanding, it was a nice place, and my two mates got called up, because they were that little bit older than me, and I was on me Jacks ('Jack Jones' – Alone). – *www.2ndroyalberkshire.co.uk*, accessed 15th November **2013**

2 ■ **in a class on one's jack** (of a person) very different from others, especially in a good way [UK]

An idiomatic development of the previous usage.

Formed as an equivalent of *in a class of one's own*.

· I knew that she wasn't a bit like the others, she was all in a class on her jack. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.185, **1959**

3 bones [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Jack Jones*.

· – *alldownunder.com*, 2nd February **2005**

· [T]hen I can rest my Jack Jones. – *allpoetry.com*, 5th June **2012**

Jack Jones; jacks

adjective/adverb

alone, on one's own [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Probably < Jack Jones, the subject of "E Dunno Where 'E Are", a music-hall song written about 1890 by Harry Wright (lyric) and Fred Eplett (music) and originally sung by Gus Elen. The word appears to have been coined independently from the adjective *jack* 'alone', which first occurs in the poem 'Fanny Flukem's Ball', published anonymously in the early 1890s in the Sydney newspaper *Dead Bird* (renamed *Bird o' Freedom* in 1891): 'The Tempe blokes just stopped one each / And then they guyed a whack. / "It isn't on our programme / And, Gor' bli'me we are jack.'" The elliptical form *jacks* has been recorded in British usage.

· I am going out Jack Jones to-night. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· And me here – Jack Jones. – C. Wood, *Prisoner and Escort*, sc. iii, p.29, **1965**

· It wasn't so bad in my flowery dell. The old bucket and pail didn't get me down. I was Jack Jones, but once the lads discovered I was hearts of oak, we were china plates. – E. Layton, *The Bird of Paradise*, p.33, **1992**

· While Kevin was out kicking back somewhere, I was at home, jacks as usual. – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *London*, spoken, female university student, March **1996**

· I know HIM, barring being wed but living jack-jones & not having a shed load of Wonga but enough to get by ON. – *The Longside* forum, 12th October **2013**

jack jonesome; jonesome

noun

used as a substitute for *lonesome* in the phrase *on one's jack jonesome* [UK]

Formed by blending JACK JONES (or just *jones*) and *lonesome*.

· As I'm the only SW fan in my house, I'm being forced to go the 3 days all on my Jack Jonesome[.] – *Jedi Council Forums*, 1st June **2007**

· [I]t'd be cool to try out some stuff with you rather than run around exclusively on my jonesome. – *Preys-World.com* forum, 20th February **2008**

· His use of pedals (big muff, digitech whammy, mxr microamp...) is at a near-Hendrix level and allows him to produce incredible guitar sounds all-on-his-jonesome. – *www.dooyoo.co.uk*, 28th March **2009**

· Ah thought ah did a no bad job aw on ma jack jonesome in just two days.... – *UKbothies* forum, 30th October **2009**

· So, here I am; all on my Jack Jonesome again. – *bigbad-bobsblog.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th October **2015**

Jack Ketch*noun*

a period in prison [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *stretch*. < Jack Ketch (d.1686), who was public executioner during the reign of Charles II; his name later became generic for a hangman.

· You hope you'll beat the Law but if you don't, well there's another Jack Ketch out of your life. But you'll be out again one day. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.111, **1959**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Jack Lancaster*noun*

a handkerchief [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *hankecher*, a colloquial pronunciation of *handkerchief*.

· The Jack Lancaster round his three-quarter-peck required some wiping out. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**

Jack Lang; jack*noun*

slang; rhyming slang; specifically Australian slang or Australian rhyming slang [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Labour politician John Thomas 'Jack' Lang (1876–1975). Often as *the Jack Lang*, *the old Jack Lang* or *the jack*.

· For the first time the real drum on Aussie Jack Lang. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· A man's stone yarra to be coming clean he's from Victoria but it just struck me how different the Jack Lang is down there from here in Steak and Kidney. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**

· Titled *The Great Australian Slangue* it provides numerous gems of slang from the shearing sheds and the city pushes, yet again, not one example of what is known in the argot as "Old Jack Lang". – J. Meredith, *Learn to Talk Old Jack Lang*, pp.7–8, **1984**

· [T]he Jack. – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.22, 1987: *The Sunday Telegraph*, Sydney, **1984**

· In fact, I can't remember a woman with a good command of the Jack Lang since Mum's days. – *AAP General News*, Australia, 23rd January **2001**

· There is some life in the Old Jack Lang. – *Lingua Franca*, Australian radio: ABC Radio National, 25th September **2004**

· Are you comin' the raw prawn or what you bloody poser? No seppo could possibly talk the oz Jack Lang like a dinki di antipodeon. – *Ajarn* forum, 7th March **2013**

Jack McGinns*noun*

cigarette papers [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *skins*.

· Hire a couple of log cabins, get about a dozen of the troops together, 24 microdots, a farmers daughter, a cannabis plant, 1000 fags, 12 packets of jack McGinns, 500 beers, 6 bottles of vodka, 4 bottles of jack Daniels, 3 Bottles of coke (1 diet) and a 6 pack of crisps. – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 1st November **2005**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

· 10 snout n a packet of jack mcginns been at a counter terrorism awarness day at pitt st cop shop all day need a chill. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 30th April **2013**

Jack McGrath*noun*

a bra [IRELAND]

< Irish rugby player Jack McGrath (b.1989).

· The plan is just to get her away from Caleb for ten minutes to see does he pop upstairs to grab some more of my wife's Jack McGraths. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Game of Throw-ins*, p.183, **2016**

Jack McNab; jacky*noun*

a worker who refuses to join a strike or who replaces a union worker during a strike [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *scab*. Thus JACK.

· It is of interest that imposed on many rhyming groups we have the Australian love of the truncated term, so that *Jack McNab*, 'scab', becomes *Jacky*[.] – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, **1970**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.228, **2002**

Jack Malone*noun*

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Jack Malone* [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

A blend of JACK JONES and PAT MALONE.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Your own part in Christmas is up to you, but the haunted fish-tank in the corner can be a worthwhile part of it, whether you're spending the holidays with one other person, a whole family, a bunch of pals, or simply on your Jack Malone. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 24th December **1994**

· Three or four other men stopped, eager to offer assistance. You're never on your Jack Malone in Liverpool! – *Liverpool Echo*, 9th November **2006**

· I may be on my Jack Malone here... but I'm not convinced that Davey is worth a second round pick – at least to our team. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 30th July **2008**

· The NZ fireservice, in particular the volunteers provided unmeasurable assistance to me in the cold dark of night when they knew I was on my jack malone, which was the case 80% of the time. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 16th January **2013**

· It's after midnight and I'm just in... Where are you all? Da*n, does that mean I'm here on my Jack Malone again? – *Jamieoliver.com* forum, 6th November **2013**

Jack me dandy

noun

▶ see JACK-A-DANDY

Jack Mohoffey

noun

coffee [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.508, **1984****Jack Nash**

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.· **Pat Cash** – Modern Rhyming Slang for ‘slash’ (to urinate). A modern version of ‘Jack/Frasier Nash’. – www.london slang.com, accessed 10th June **2000**· I gotta take a Jack Nash[.] – *The Escapist* forum, 24th September **2009****jack of spades; jacks**

noun

sunglasses [UK]

Rhymes on *shades*. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****Jack Palance**

noun

[1] a dance [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

< Jack Palance, the stage name of American actor Walter Jack Palahnuik (1919–2006).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· Where will we go for a Jack Palance? – *Dublin*, spoken, female, ca 40, March **2003**· Now how about a Jack Palance, just watch me ones and twos!! – *Biante Model Cars* forum, 24th February **2004**· Even Sorcha’s, like, throwing her eyes up to heaven and she and Amie with an ie head off for a Jack Palance. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.178, **2005**· The goggles went on after a few more britneys though, so off I went with her for an owl Jack Palance[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**· I’d take her up for a jack Palance if I met her at a Russell Harty! – *Harmony Central* forum, 29th December **2009**· In the evening you could go for a night out on the Joe Brown (*Town*) and visit a club for a Jack Palance (*Dance*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

[2] a chance, a possibility [UK: SHEFFIELD, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL]

Usually in the phrase *no Jack Palance*, the direct equivalent of *no chance*.· He’s got no Jack Palance. – *Digital Spy* forum, 8th June **2007**· – Simple can we get 4-5 wins out of 9? [...] – No Jack Palance. – *The-Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 18th March **2008**· If you are a single woman with no kiddies, and asking for a 3-bedroomed house, then you’ve no “jack-palance”, pretty much, however long you have accumulated in waiting time... – *Sheffield Forum*, 8th October **2008**· Any jack palance we will get a music games section folks? – *PlayStation Forum*, 14th April **2009**· Not a jack palance, going to a 40th tonight so will be on the beer tomorrow for the hangover cure. – *Tilers Forum*, 15th October **2011**· Not a Jack Palance. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 1st December **2012**· Blackburn rovers clueless classless laughing stock of a club and gutless deluded arrogant supporters. PROMOTION HA HA HA NOT A JACK PALANCE. – www.lan-cashiretelegraph.co.uk, 16th August **2013****Jack Palance**

verb

to dance [IRELAND/UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form. Mainly used in the gerund.

· What will you do? Go Jack Palancing? – *Castlebar, County Mayo*, spoken, male, 37, February **2000**· It depends ... generally I only indulge in some Jack Palancin’ when entertaining young ladies ... dancing for the sake of dancing ... meh. – *Boards.ie* forum, 21st May **2008**· And with the *Meryl Streep* (cheap) door price of 3 *saucepan lid* (quid) before midnight, plus B.O.R. resident **The Filth Wizard** making you *Jack Palance* (dance) and the cheap *Tom Cruise* (booze) behind the *Ringo Starr* (bar), it makes complete sense to GET INVOLVED and have a right knees up (mother brown, etc). – *myspace.com*, **2009**· Me and Sarah, Jack Palancing. – *youandmebothkid.wordpress.com*, blog, 3rd January **2012**· Cuppa Rosie Lee and we’ll go Jack Palancing. – www.the42.ie, 14th May **2013**· I didn’t win a cockle, but I pulled a muscle Jack Palancing in the Borough last night. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 6th October **2013**· Music:Rock/Indie/Alternative etc., too auld for Jack Palancing! – *twitter.com*, Irish adult male, accessed 6th October **2014****Jack Palancing; Jack Palancin**

noun

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancing* (or *the dancin*). < Jack Palance, the stage name of American actor Walter Jack Palahnuik (1919–2006). ▶ see JACK PALANCE· [S]o she went oot tae the jack palancin and got her nat king cole. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 31st May **2008**

· Ah mind wiz bout 3 wks ago ah got oh dolled up to hit the jack palancing when ah noticed that ah hud a dirty great big ladder up ma tight[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 18th October **2010**

jack rabbit

noun

a drug habit [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Possibly influenced by the slang verb jack up 'to inject oneself with a drug'.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Jack Randall; Jack Randle

noun

a candle [UK/US]

< English boxer Jack Randall (1794–1828). The form *Jack Randall* is recorded in 1935 (US) and 1949 (UK).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· Other popular rhyming slang terms are "Jack Randall" for candle. – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Jack Rees

noun

fleas [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Jack Rowell

noun

a towel [IRELAND]

< England rugby coach Jack Rowell (b.1937).

· I tell the birds they're going to have to excuse me, roysh, that there's babes downstairs wanting me to bring pleasure into their lives and I climb out of the tub and grab an old Jack Rowell to dry myself off. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.292, **2005**

Jack Rubys

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *boobies*. < *Jack Ruby*, the popular name of Jack Leon Rubenstein (1911–67), an American nightclub owner with gangster connections who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who is believed to have assassinated American president John F. Kennedy in 1963. Thus LEE HARVEYS.

· – *alt.usage.english*, Google Groups, 10th June **1994**

Jack Russells; Jack Russells

noun

a person's muscles [IRELAND]

< *Jack Russell* 'a short-legged breed of terrier'.

· Look at the Jack Russells on Yer Man. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 27th August **2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.33, **2007**

Jack Sack

noun

a person's back [UK]

· I got a pine (pain) in me Jack Sack. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.66, **1968**

Jack Sack

adjective

black [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.66, **1968**

Jack's alive; Jacks alive; Jack alive; jack's; jacks; jack

noun

1 in bingo, the number five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Only evidenced in the full forms, the commonest of which is *Jack's alive*, first recorded by Franklyn (1960) and listed in all the 21st-century sources cited below. *Jack alive* is given by Dodson and Saczek (1972) and Wright (1981). *Jacks alive* is listed by Brophy and Partridge (1931) and Puxley (2008).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DSCRS*, **1972**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

2 five pounds sterling [UK]

▶ see HOUSE OF WAX

· Mind you she couldn't put me up every night because sometimes she would get an allnighter for a jacks, and no brass turns down an allnighter even for a seventeen year old boy. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.20, **1959**

· **Jack's alive Five** (pounds sterling)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· *Handful, Jacks alive, Flim, Flimsy ...* £5. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.202, **1962**

· Jack alive. [...] also occasionally £5. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DSCRS*, **1972**

· **JACK** [...] five pounds. Usually used in the plural[.] – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· The commonest term for £5 is a 'Jacks'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Lend us a jacks, wilya. – S. Crancher, *Dijja Wanna Say Sumfing?*, p.34, **2002**

· I'll lend you a jack's until canteen day. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.359, **2015**

3 fifty pounds sterling [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Jack's alive*.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.195, **1989**

4 five o'clock [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Jack's alive*.
 · I'm cream crackered; I've been up since Jack's alive! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Jack Scratch; Jack and Scratch

noun

a match (a vesta) [US]

Jack and Scratch is recorded by Flores (1998). All other sources give the form *Jack Scratch*.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Match, Jack Scratch. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· A match is a jack scratch. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June 1936

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.97, 1968

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· An Irishman lit his “Margarit” with a “Jack Scratch.” – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.168, 2005

Jack Sharkey

adjective

(of weather) chilly [UK]

Rhymes on the British colloquialism *parky*. < Jack Sharkey, the ring name of American heavyweight boxer Joseph Paul Zukauskas (1902–94).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Jack Shay

verb

1 to murder (someone) [US]

Rhymes on *slay*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

2 to stay [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

Jack Skinner

noun

a dinner [UK]

· On Sunday the city's 40 pearly kings and queens will eat a big Jack Skinner with all the trimmings. – *Winnipeg Free Press*, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 26th September 1953

· I knock'd a couple back at Jack Skinner, so's I think I'm gonna Geoff Hurst. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

Jack Slatch; jack

noun

a match (a vesta) [SOUTH AFRICA]

▶ see SLATCH

· – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.11, 1974

· – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.11, 1992

Jack Sloane; Jack Sloane

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Jack Sloane* (sometimes with the spelling *Jack Sloane*) [UK]

A blend of JACK JONES and TOD SLOAN.

· [S]ittin' on yer jack. Jack Sloane = own. – *Bowland Central* forum, 21st October 2008

· I go to the cinema on my Jack Sloane. – *Empire* forum, 26th May 2009

Jackson Pollocks; jacksons

noun

1 the testicles [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. < American abstract expressionist painter Jackson Pollock (1912–56). The short form has been recorded in British and Irish usage. ▶ see DOG'S JACKSON POLLOCKS

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· Perfectly understandable phrases like “I'm just popping out for a quick salmon” or “Can you turn the Ronan on, love? I'm freezing my Jacksons off,” will find people looking at you as if you were talking total cobbler. – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd August 2005

· I've a pain in my Jacksons listening to her. [...] Anything – just let go of my Jackson Pollocks. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, pp.53/187, 2007

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Crazy was falling for your line at Sky Bar instead of taser-ing you in your Jackson Pollocks. – *Hot in Cleveland*, US TV: TV Land, 16th February 2011

· You'd quite possibly get a kick in the Jacksons. – *twitter.com*, 3rd July 2013

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· A Fine Arts tutor I had used to love winding up the class by saying that modern abstract art was mostly a load of Jackson Pollocks. – *iXor.com* forum, 22nd March 2003

· Of course, I could be talking a load of Jacksons! – *Amateur Photographer* forum, 31st July 2003

· [O]ne of the nuns at the Nymphomaniac College Conchita went to claimed it was a load of Jackson Pollocks. – *Foot.ie* forum, 6th January 2005

· It's a right old load of Jackson Pollocks. – *Contractor UK* forum, 29th June 2006

· Jackson Pollocks – clearly rhyming slang for “Modern Art”. – *Stampboards.com* forum, 30th March 2008

· Incidentally, about the “I don't know anything about Art but ...” syndrome, I feel the end should be changed to “but I know what I dislike”, as that's how it's usually expressed. “What a load of crap”, or “Call that Art?!” or our

very own “a load of Jackson Pollocks”. – *Sydney Socrates Cafe* forum, 19th March **2012**

Jack Sprat

noun

fat (of meat) [UK]

< ‘Jack Sprat could eat no fat’, the first line of a traditional English nursery rhyme.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jack Sprat

adjective

fat [UK]

< ‘Jack Sprat could eat no fat’, the first line of a traditional English nursery rhyme.

· ‘Ow jack sprat is the lemon with the fancy barnet?’ – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Jack Straw; jackstraw

noun

marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *draw*. < English Labour politician and former Home Secretary Jack Straw, whose son William was infamously caught trying to sell cannabis resin to an undercover journalist in December 1997. The form *jackstraw* is recorded in 2003. ▶ see BILLY STRAW

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: **1998**

· Up and down the country, dope-crazed people ask each other ‘Got any Jack Straw?’ [.]. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 19th November **2000**

· – *Planet Tolkien* forum, 14th March **2003**

· Apparently the modern cockney runs a comb through his Tony Blair before going out in search of some Jack Straw (draw, or cannabis). – *The Sunday Times*, London, 19th June **2005**

Jack Surpass

noun

1 a glass (of alcoholic drink) [UK/US]

· Splodger, will you have a Jack-surpass of finger-and-thumb, and blow your yard of tripe of nosey me knacker, and have a touch of the broads with me and the other heaps of coke at my drum. – *The Morning Chronicle*, London, ‘Labour and the Poor’, unsigned article by Henry Mayhew, 31st January **1850**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 the buttocks or anus [US]

Rhymes on *ass*.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Jack Tar; jack

noun

1 a bar [UK]

< *Jack Tar*, an informal name for a sailor.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· ‘e’s in the Jack. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.189, **1977**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· During their whirlwind of intoxication and fornication, they had encountered cockney rhyming slang, where “going to the Jack Tar” meant “going to the bar,” and “having Oedipus Rex with a twist and twirl” meant “having sex with a girl”[.] – L. Light, *Make Me Rich*, p.142, **2007**

· We’re off down the Jack Tar. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· ‘Allo me old china – wot say we pop round the Jack. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2013**

2 ten shillings [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *half a bar*, pre-decimal currency slang for ten shillings (equal to 50 pence after decimalisation in 1971).

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.34, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, **1973**

Jack the Bear

noun

■ **like Jack the Bear** among (especially black) jazz musicians, worthless, frustrated, in a state of obscurity [US]

Rhymes on *nowhere*. < ‘Jack the Bear’, a 1940 song by Duke Ellington, originally written as a tribute to an obscure Harlem stride pianist of that name, but also playing on *bear*, which Gold (1962) and Lighter (1994) record in the early 1940s in idiomatic similes like ‘Oh, just like the bear—I ain’t nowhere’. *Jack the Bear* conveys the ideas of ‘nowhere-ness’, ‘invisibility’ and ‘nonentity’, hence its use as a nickname for the first-person narrator of Ralph Ellison’s *Invisible Man* (1952), who lives in a state of bear-like ‘hibernation’.

▶ see BEAR

· Like Jack the Bear: *worthless, no-account, broke, insignificant*. – M. Mezzrow and B. Wolfe, *Really the Blues*, p.376 [1999], **1946**

· And he [Charlie Parker] knew about the rhyming slang in which “jack the bear” meant “nowhere,” which in turn meant off the “scene” or out of it. – N. Leonard, *Jazzman*, p.152, **1986**

Jack the Dancer; Jack Dancer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects. The form *Jack the Dancer* is given by Meredith (1991) and Seal (2009). *Jack Dancer* is given by Spilsted (2003), Miller (2009) and Stewart (2011).

· A large Victorian town with its own television station was selected as the test area and extensive preliminary research done before developing an advertising theme referred to as ‘Jack The Dancer’ (idiomatic term for cancer). – *Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria – Annual Report 1976*, June **1976**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· He died of the jack the dancer / on his pat malone. – A. Witting, ‘Quality of Life’, in *Beauty is the Straw*, p.64, **1991**

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**
- To many people, it's the 'Big C'. To rhyming slang aficionados, or perhaps older generations, it's 'Jack Dancer'. – B. Leigh, *Men Surviving Cancer*, [2013], **2007**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- *Waltzing with Jack Dancer: A Slow Dance with Cancer* – A collection of narrative poems by Geoff Goodfellow, **2011**
- – L. Stewart, *ASD*, **2011**

Jack the Dandy

noun

▶ see JACK-A-DANDY

Jack the Dandy

adjective

sexually aroused, lustful [UK]

- Rhymes on *randy*. < Jack the Dandy, an ersatz nickname for Gioacchino Parisi (1899–1982), better known as Jack 'the Dandy' Parisi, an Italian-born American mobster accused of being a gunman for the criminal syndicate Murder, Inc.
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.57, **1969**

Jack the Lad

adjective

(of food and drink) off, no longer fresh [UK]

- Rhymes on *bad*.
- This Jack the Ripper is Jack the lad. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 - [I]t's a fair bet that green-coloured milk has turned 'jack the lad'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jack the Ripper; jack

noun

- 1 a kipper (a smoked herring) [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]
 < Jack the Ripper, the unidentified murderer who terrorised the Whitechapel area of London in 1888. To be kippered a herring has to be cut open and gutted, which is precisely what the Ripper did to his victims. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The shortened form, given by Hayward (1973), is exclusively British.
- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
 - – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.286, **1948**
 - [I]f you were offered a Jack the Ripper, you might fight shy of the intended kipper. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 'The

Other English Language. Cockneys' Rhyming Slang', 19th April **1952**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- I had a Jack the Ripper for breakfast and it's made me raspberry tart. – F. Hardy, *Foolgarah*, p.28, **1971**
- I 'ad a pair o' jacks, some strike me, Joe and Rosie. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**
- Whoever gets the water can have a bit of me Jack the Ripper. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.163, **1976**
- – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.75, **1984**
- – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.117, **1985**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- After 1888, East Enders often referred to a kipper in rhyming slang as a "Jack the Ripper". – L.P. Curtis, *Jack the Ripper*, p.317, **2001**
- [A] nice jack the ripper for breakfast. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- 2 a slipper [UK]
 Also used by prisoners to refer to a prison-issue slipper.
- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- Oi! Mutt fetch my Jack the Rippers. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th June **2002**
- – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, **2006**
- One thing that had me smiling is that he said when asking what he got for Christmas, "Another pair of Jacks for my plates from the skinny". – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**
- Slip ya Plates o' Meat into ya Jacks[.] – *hellopoetry.com*, 14th September **2012**
- Anyone who wears **Jack the Rippers** in prison is considered to be institutionalized and no longer aware of the dangers that may be lurking. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.219, **2015**
- 3 a striptease performer [UK]
 Rhymes on *stripper*. Only recorded in the full form.
- – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.117, **1985**
- Rhyming slang heard for first time last night 'Jack the Ripper' (= Stripper). – *The Motley Fool* forum, 20th June **2000**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**
- And we have got a party planned for you, my man! We got a couple of grammes of hurry up and four Jack the Rippers. – *RocknRolla*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **2008**
- 5/10 for the pub 10/10 for the jack the rippers (strip-pers). – *www.beerinevening.com*, 10th May **2008**
- Whats wrong with having a few Jack-the-Rippers in on a Saturday anyway – if you don't want to see it you don't have to go! – *www.ipswichstar.co.uk*, 7th April **2011**

· The fact that they are loaded means they are surrounded by a flock of Jack The Rippers as soon as they enter the establishment, thus setting the scene for an awkward dance where they shuffle off to get lap dances as few times as will allow them not to be labelled as gay by the wider group. – *officebantbant.com*, 19th January **2013**

4 in club cricket, the captain of a team [UK]

Rhymes on *skipper*. Only recorded in the short form.

· – *www.pitchvision.com*, 18th September **2006**

5 a fish-and-chip shop [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *chipper*. Only recorded in the full form.

· **I like it alot** All my friends there all a dime a dozen..! Man United, Poker, PS3, Badminton I play 3 times a week & I love it, Microwave curry chips [...] Jack the Ripper (Chipper) Half Life Orange Box. – *www.bebo.com*, January **2008**

· I'm goin' down the Jack the Ripper for a bag of jockey's whips. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October **2012**

6 a ship's captain [UK]

Rhymes on *skipper*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Many thanks to WO Bob Mortimer for passing that pearl of wisdom onto the Chicken Dipper (Jack the Ripper; Skipper; Captain; Commanding Officer). – *davedoesrichmond.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd March **2009**

Jack Warner

noun

a corner [UK]

< English actor Jack Warner (1895–1981), best remembered for his portrayals of police constable George Dixon in the film *The Blue Lamp* (1950) and the TV series *Dixon of Dock Green* (1955–76).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jack White

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < American rock musician and record producer Jack White (b.1975).

· Outta my way, I need a Jack White! – *UD(.com)*, 2nd May **2006**

· Time I was off for a Jack White but before I go here's one I made earlier... – *Amazon.co.uk* forum, 22nd June **2010**

2 something worthless or inferior; nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· Even a flying carpet, or any other old Jack White (rhyming slang) [...] and any other old Jack White (rhyming slang) he could think of for today. – *twitter.com*, 5th and 9th November **2016**

Jacky Danny

noun

▶ see JACK AND DANNY

Jacky Lancashire

noun

a handkerchief [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *hankercher*, a colloquial pronunciation of *handkerchief*.

· I 'ad a brown I'm afloat, a green Jacky Lancashire in me left 'andsky and tan daisy roots. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *Truth*, Sydney, 7th January **1900**

Jacky White

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Recorded later than JACK WHITE, but probably not derived from it.

· If ya don't stand up to wipe ya arse after a jacky white your a freak. – *twitter.com*, 25th January **2014**

· [S]ome people say am going for a jacky white when they need a shite[.] – *twitter.com*, 19th July **2016**

Jacob's crackered; jacobed; jacobbed

adjective

▶ see JACOB'S CREAM CRACKERED

Jacob's crackers

noun

▶ see JACOB'S CREAM CRACKERS

Jacob's cream cracker; jacob

noun

a delinquent, tracksuit-wearing youth from Dublin's north side; hence, an uncouth working-class person, often specifically one from Dublin's north side; a lout or chav [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *knacker*. An elaboration of CREAM CRACKER. < *Jacob's cream cracker*, formed on Jacob's, a well-known brand of cream crackers, a type of crisp savoury biscuit.

· I've been using Jacob's for years. (Jacob's Cream Crackers). You can call a chav a Jacob without him realising what you mean. – *Boards.ie* forum, 10th November **2006**

Jacob's cream crackered; Jacob's cream cracker'd;

Jacobs crackered; jacobed; jacobbed

noun

completely exhausted; worn out [UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*. An elaboration of the earlier CREAM CRACKERED. < *Jacob's cream crackers*, formed on Jacob's, a well-known brand of cream crackers, a type of crisp savoury biscuit.

· As my car was coming upto it's 160,000 mile birthday, it was about time I changed my Jacobed (read cream crackered) hydraulic engine mountings. – *Bavarian-Board.co.uk* forum, 17th April **2005**

· I is well Jacobbed (Sorry is that allowed?) I mean't cream crackered Dave! – *Naim Audio* forum, 25th October **2006**

· Slightly tedious in parts, but that probably had something to do with the fact I was Jacob's Cream Crackered and wanted to go to sleep. – *Toontastic* forum, 6th September **2007**

· "...cream crakered – knakered..." By extension, "Jacobed" as in Jacobs Cream Crackers. – *Mudcat Café* forum, 25th October **2007**

· Some of my family say "I'm Jacobed" after Jacobs cream crackers. – *www.davedavies.com*, forum, 1st September **2008**

· [T]hey were a fair way out but yet unperturbed by the surfers and were obviously Jacobbed (Cream Crackered) from their journey. – *imagecreated.com*, blog, 21st December **2008**

· My brakes are Jacobs Crackered and the vibration from the rear is so bad when they get hot it shakes the car that much the cd stops! – *Volvo Performance Club UK* forum, 30th September **2009**

· [J]ust got in now, im absolutely jacobs crackered, legs and arms are killing me, il be in bed til friday... – *myspace.com*, **2010**

· [H]e has to drive to AD office often and those days are a pain – he gets home late and totally jacobbed and he's driven thousands of miles in his lifetime... – *ExpatWoman* forum, 4th June **2013**

· So, obviously, as a direct consequence of this malarkey, yer actual Keith Telly Topping was totally Jacob's Cream Cracker'd and was fit for nowt for the rest of the day. – *keithtopping.blogspot.com*, 28th August **2013**

Jacob's cream crackers; Jacobs cream crackers; Jacob's crackers; jacob's, jacos

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *knackers*. < *Jacob's cream crackers*, formed on Jacob's, a well-known brand of cream crackers, a type of crisp savoury biscuit. ► *see* DOG'S JACOB'S

· If I throw a dog a bone, I don't want to know if it tastes good or not. You stop me again whilst I'm walking and I'll cut your fucking Jacobs off. – *Snatch*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **2000**

· Jacobs: rhyming slang for 'Jacobs' cream crackers', ie, 'knackers', slang for 'testicles'. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 20th November **2000**

· Jacobs Crackers. Knackers (testicles). That toe-rag kicked me in the Jacobs. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· He's a throwback, even down to his schoolboyish obsession with what he calls his "Jacobs" (Jacobs Cream Crackers – knackers – geddit?). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 6th December **2004**

· Going out of Europe last week was as big a boot in the Jacob's as he has taken in his four-and-a-half years in Scotland. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 12th December **2004**

· If you check the thru'penny bits, there ain't no chapel hat pegs there. It hasn't got a grumble and grunt, it's a pair of Jacob's with a Tilbury Dock dragged half way up its uncle Jack. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 22nd June **2009**

· Tolofua didn't even flinch even as the foot was being driven into his Jacob's crackers. – *Rugbydump.com* forum, 31st January **2012**

· To be snubbed yet again is one thing, but to be snubbed in favour of Status Quo is a particularly nasty kick in

the Jacob's Cream Crackers. – *www.thedailymash.co.uk*, **2014**

Jacob's Creek

noun

an act of urinating [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *leak*. < Jacob's Creek, an Australian wine brand.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Jade Goody

noun

a hooded top such as a sweatshirt or fleece; a young person who wears such an item with the hood up (and is socially defined thereby) [UK]

Rhymes on *hoody*. < English television personality Jade Goody (1981–2009).

· So here's our first stab at possible entries for a 2006 Dictionary of Rhyming Slang. [...] A Jade Goody – a hoodie. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 3rd June **2006**

· – *The Word* magazine, London March **2009**

· – *www.anorak.co.uk*, 7th April **2009**

Jaffa cake; jaffa

noun

a mistake [UK]

< *Jaffa cake* 'a small sponge cake coated in chocolate and with an orange-flavoured jelly filling; often mistakenly thought to be a biscuit'.

· That was a bit of a Jaffa... – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th March **2003**

· [T]here must be some kind of jaffa cake. – *www.londonolympicguide.net*, **2008**

· Fair enough, we made a 'jaffa'[,] – *www.prweek.com*, 7th November **2008**

· If you have a bit of a Constantino Rocca (*Shocker*) and visit an area you shouldn't you could be making a Jaffa Cake (*Mistake*)[,] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Jagger's lip; jagger's

noun

a chip (a deep-fried chipped potato) [UK]

< *Jagger's lip*, a reference to a prominent feature of the Rolling Stones' lead singer Mick Jagger (b.1943). ► *see* MICKEY'S

· If brains were made of dripping you wouldn't have enough to fry a Jagger's. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· "Dinner's ready, boys. Egg, bacon, and chips!" said Jasper's mother, as she emerged from the kitchen carrying three plates. "Tent pegs and Jagger's lips, my favourite, Evie," said his father[,] – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.36, **2012**

· A pint of Nelson and some Jagger's lips, guv. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

· Also Jasin's does a good plate of Lillian Gish and Jagger's lips if you feel a bit pecko. [...] Very fresh cod beautifully cooked with double fried Jagger's. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 28th January and 13th March **2014**

jaggy nettle; jaggy*noun*

a kettle [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < *jaggy nettle*, the Scots equivalent of *stinging nettle*.
- Stick the jaggy on for a coffee. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**
- Jaggy/Jaggy Nettle = The Kettle. – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**
- Ahm jis sticking ona the jaggy nettle. – *Not606* forum, 10th September **2013**
- Away and put the Jaggy on for a cup of tea. – *www.bub-blews.com*, 15th October **2014**

Jah Rule; Ja Rule; jah*noun*

a school [UK]

- < Ja Rule, the stage name of American rapper Jeffrey Atkins (b.1976).
- I'm quittin Jah cos it's a James Hunt. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January **2002**
- Now all I had to do was go and get me tea pot lids (kids) from the Jah Rule (school) then I can put me feet up an' 'av' a nice cuppa sticky toffee (coffee). – *my.opera.com/BIGDADGIB*, blog, 5th June **2007**
- [A]ctually 'e was taught by this Coles fridge (freezer – geezer) and is now a 'pie and liqour' (vicar) himself and has used the Cockney 'Slander and Libel' (Bible) at Jah Rule (school) assemblies with great 'string vests' (success). – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**
- Cockney rhyming slang should be taught at jah Rule (school). – *twitter.com*, 2nd December **2012**
- And amid all the morning glories (stories) about Jah rule (school) there were some familiar boats (boat race: face – keep up!) and even a pic of Xuan on her Starskies (Starsky and Hutch: crutch). – M. Joy et al., *St. Mallory's Forever*, p.243, **2013**
- I'll walk you to Ja Rule. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Jaidyn Leskie; Jayden Leskie; Jaydyn Leskie; Jayden Leski; Jayden Leske; jaidyn; jayden*noun*

a portable cooler for food and drink [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *Esky*, a registered trademark that, as *esky*, is used generically. < Jaidyn Leskie, a thirteen-month-old Australian child who disappeared in June 1997, while in the care of his mother's boyfriend. His body was found in a dam six months later. The subsequent court trials and inquests kept the undoubted murder in the public eye for many years after.
- There's shitloads of pig's ears in the Jayden Leski mate. – *Titled Forum Project* forum, 16th October **2004**
- – An absolute tragedy, I see an esky that contains no beer. Shame Huggy shame. – You beat me to it. A beerless Jaidyn is a felony. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 4th October **2005**

- We have some rhyming slang of our own, the most tasteless being "Jaidyn Leskie" which is slang for "esky". – *fatramblings.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th May **2006**
- Oh, and I notice that a 'jaidyn' is an esky. – *commason-theopath.blogspot.com*, 9th October **2006**
- [G]rab another beer from the jaidyn[.] – *www.messand-noise.com*, **2007**
- We hadda six pack of VB stubbies in the Jayden. – *UD(.com)*, 7th January **2008**
- Or if you sick in the head you can run with "grab us a couple Sarah speirs out the jayden leske". – *www.facebook.com*, 8th February **2012**
- [P]lenty more in the Jaydyn Leskie. – *twitter.com*, 11th August **2012**
- Put some rats n mice in the Jayden Leskie and have a few colonel Clinks. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

Jailhouse Rock; jailhouse*noun*

the penis [UK]

- Rhymes on *cock*. < *Jailhouse Rock* (1957), an Elvis Presley film and song.
- [I]mproper use of the 'jailhouse' will land you in the nick. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jake La Motta*noun*

a horse bred or trained for harness racing [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *trotter*. < American boxer Jake LaMotta (born Giacobbe LaMotta, 1921), also known during his career as the Bronx Bull and the Raging Bull.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

jake the rape*verb*

to escape [AUSTRALIA]

- Prison use.
- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Jake the Ripper*noun*

a small child [UK: WALES]

- Rhymes on *nipper*. < Jack the Ripper, the unidentified murderer who terrorised the Whitechapel area of London in 1888.
- – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May **2011**

Jakki Brambles; Jackie Brambles*noun*

a scene or state of great confusion and disorder; hence an extremely disorganised or inefficient person or thing [UK]

- Rhymes on *shambles*. < English TV and radio presenter Jakki Brambles (b.1967), since 1999 rebranded as Jackie Brambles.
- Jakki Brambles is Cockney slang for Shambles. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**
- Shame Ian Brown is a complete Jackie Brambles live. – *Digital Spy* forum, 18th April **2005**

· Former Everton coach Archie Knox had a way with words. Economic is perhaps the best description, but his manner of describing a below par performance by a player was also memorable. “Jakki Brambles,” he would growl, before striding off purposefully in search of his baseball bat. – *Liverpool Echo*, 21st January **2008**

· The midfield is a Jakki Brambles. – *DonsTalk* forum, 6th February **2008**

· The south suburban and rail-link to the airport are no-brainers that will not cost that much – so of course they won’t be acted upon, while the tram will replace one of the best, most frequent Lothian buses services, the 22. Total Jackie Brambles. – *Digital Spy* forum, 26th June **2011**

· A complete and utter Jackie Brambles, as they would say in my home town[.] – *www.scrum-five.co.uk*, 14th March **2016**

Jakki Degg

noun

the leg [IRELAND]

< English model Jakki Degg (b.1978).

· She has un-fucking-believable Jakki Deggs, in fairness to her, smooth and tanned[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Rhino*, p.20, **2009**

jalfrezi

adjective

▶ see CHICKEN JALFREZI

Jamaica rum; jamaica

noun

the thumb [UK]

Also used in the phrase *have it on the Jamaica rum* (or *have it on the jamaica*) ‘to hitchhike’. ▶ see OLD JAMAICA

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· There’s a splinter in me Jamaica. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

jam and honey

noun

a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *dunny*.

· – *www.whitehat.com.au*, 10th February **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

jam and jelly

noun

the belly [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.66, **1968**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· This was followed by a breakfast of “dummy and cackles” or toast with eggs to fill his “jam and jelly” or belly. – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

Jambette

noun

a female supporter of Heart of Midlothian FC [UK]

From *Jambo*, itself a shortened variant of JAM TART.

· Brand new, Angie, even if she is a Jambo fae Sighthill! Or mibbe a Jambette if that’s what ye call lassie Jambos.

– I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.369, **2012**

· How soon before Mr Jackson issues an appeal for all Jambettes to rally to the cause by selling themselves on the streets of Sighthill and Parkhead? – *Hibs.net* forum, 26th February **2014**

Jambo

noun

▶ see JAM TART

Jamboish

adjective

relating to or characteristic of Heart of Midlothian FC or their fan base [UK]

A derivative of *Jambo* or *Jambos*, themselves variants of JAM TART and JAM TARTS respectively.

· Re: Turncoat support. Our fans are turning very Jamboish IMHO[.] – *HibeasBounce* forum, 29th September **2007**

· Tactics were very Jamboish, small strikers and welly long balls at them with giant defenders winning everything. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 12th October **2008**

· Anyway this discussion is all too jamboish for me. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 23rd August **2011**

Jambos

nickname

▶ see JAM TARTS

jam duff

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *puff*.

· “If you mean homosexual,” murmured Diamond, “why don’t you say so?” [...] “Say it, John,” said Halliwell. “The man’s a jam duff.” – P. Lovesey, *Bloodhounds*, p.115 [2004], **1996**

· – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**

· btw jam duff means puf ya big homo[.] – *twitter.com*, 13th December **2011**

· Singing to erasure in pub and hoping nobody thinks your a jam duff (not that there’s anything wrong with that) I’m not gay my boyfriend is. – *twitter.com*, 8th July **2014**

· Being a Jam Duff he should stick to knitting. – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

jam duff

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *puff*.

· I’m sick of putting the leg work in, I may turn jam duff. – *twitter.com*, 18th November **2016**

James Beattie

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

Rhymes on *sweetie*. < English footballer James Beattie (b.1978).

· – ‘Gary Ablett’ was very popular in nightclubs in the North West in the mid to late 90’s... – On a similar vein, James Beatties - Sweeties[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 10th August **2010**

James Blunt; Jim Blunt; Jimmy Blunt; james

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person; a despicable fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < James Blunt, the stage name of English pop singer James Blount (b.1974). At the time of writing (January 2015), the singer’s Twitter profile reads ‘James Blunt @JamesBlunt Cockney rhyming slang for the good stuff; Proof that one song is all you need’. ▶ see JAMES CUCKING FUNT and JAMES CUNT

· [Y]ou’re such a james blunt! – *UD(.com)*, 1st August **2005**

· [A] complete piece of Brad Pitt (shit), and everyone who appeared on it looked a right James Blunt. – *The Guardian*, London, 24th September **2005**

· James Blunt! James Blunt! I’m a James Blunt! – *The Guardian*, London, 28th January **2006**

· I’m a right James. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 2nd June **2006**

· You take me for a right James Blunt, don’t you? – *Skins*, UK TV: E4, 25th January **2007**

· Yet the Lord continues to behave like a total “James Blunt”, and he’s even started phoning in his flesh-creeping performances to BBC1. – *The Sun*, London, 25th April **2008**

· What a Jimmy Blunt. – *idontknowdoi.typepad.com*, blog, 16th October **2008**

· Thought you were a James myself (James Blunt) but maybe I’m Pete Tong. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 12th December **2008**

· Bunch of fuckin James’s the lot of ‘em. – *TeakDoor* forum, 5th April **2013**

· BLUNT became a household/housewives’ choice; the husbands’ choice – at least in East London – was the newly-coined cockney rhyming slang “a right James”. – *www.greatrockbible.com*, November **2013**

· [S]omeone will have to get Adebayor and the rest of the Jimmy Blunts out of bed before the game. – *theboy-hotspur.com*, 6th May **2014**

· Got love mad Phil making a jim blunt of himself, good times. – *twitter.com*, 31st December **2014**

· Danny Dyer is a talentless James Blunt who looks out of his depth on a daily soap. – *Fark* forum, 27th September **2015**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a James Blunt/Jim Blunt/Jimmy Blunt of (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’.

· An old-fashioned big useless lump of a centre-half making an absolute James Blunt of a clearance. – *coloneknowledge.blogspot.com*, blog, 6th June **2006**

· He made a James Blunt of it today. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 1st September **2008**

· [S]orry made a james blunt of the thread...the videos up now! – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 1st April **2010**

· [Y]ou’ve made a jim blunt of it. – *AVForums*, 10th June **2013**

· Hopefully the big man will get a squad number soon so I don’t make a jimmy blunt of it. – *twicsy.com*, 6th June **2014**

· If he edited it, he still made a James blunt of it. – *Footy-mad* forum, 6th March **2016**

3 the female genitals [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the form *James Blunt*.

· Is the colour of her hair the same colour as the hairs on her ‘James Blunt’ (cunt)[.] – *www.bitterwallet.com*, 11th June **2009**

· Stick your finger in her james blunt woooo. – *twitter.com*, 26th February **2013**

· This cunt CHERYL COLE or what ever her name is needs a toe punt up her James Blunt. – *twitter.com*, 13th September **2014**

james blunted

adjective

very drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *cunted*. < James Blunt, the stage name of English pop singer James Blount (b.1974).

· I got so james blunted the other night I tried to hump a goose. – *UD(.com)*, 14th September **2007**

· Went out and got James blunted last night and am recovering. – *twitter.com*, 26th July **2013**

· Work done for the term, now to play a bit of footy and then get absolutely James blunted later on. – *twitter.com*, 2nd April **2014**

james bluntish

adjective

objectionable; unpleasant; stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *cuntish*. < James Blunt, the stage name of English pop singer James Blount (b.1974).

· Orange has sort of helped soothe the situation, offering to sell her a backdated data bundle for the bargain price of just £400. Which is a bit of a James Blunt-ish thing to do. – *www.gizmodo.co.uk*, 15th April **2014**

· Government to give £3m to Chinese grass roots football [...] typical of our james bluntish govt. total disgrace. – *The AFC Forum*, 27th September **2015**

James Broon; Jamesy Broon; Jamie Broon; james

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; often specifically Edinburgh or Newcastle [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots and north-eastern English form of *town*. Probably < American singer and entertainer James Brown (1933–2006). Also used in the phrase *hit the James Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*). According to the available evidence, the forms *Jamesy Broon* and *Jamie Broon* are exclusively Scottish; they may have originated as variants of *James Brown* or *JIM BROON*.

- [N]jee idea yet lad, likely up the james broon somewhere though. – *twitter.com*, 5th October **2011**
- Get Me To The James Broon... – *twitter.com*, 19th November **2011**
- Back from Vegas...in the James Broon the neet after the match. – *twitter.com*, 15th June **2012**
- Away up the jamesy broon for a bit shopping! – *twitter.com*, 3rd January **2013**
- [A]m not working early sunday mornings and a can start hitting the james broon on a saturday again. – *twitter.com*, 23rd February **2013**
- Gawn tae the James that's for sure. – *twitter.com*, 28th May **2013**
- – [W]hat you doing tomorrow sonny? – away up the James bud! – *twitter.com*, 28th June **2013**
- Cunt, folk banging on about drama last night in the James broon must of been on a different planet from those helmets[.] – *twitter.com*, 26th January **2014**
- Buzzing to wet the bairns heed the morn up the Jamesy broon! – *twitter.com*, 6th March **2015**
- Up the Jamie Broon the now pub crawl staying in Tra-nent so I'll see!! – *twitter.com*, 23rd May **2015**

James Brown

noun

a frown [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American singer and entertainer James Brown (1933–2006).

- You gotta turn that James Brown upside down! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December **2001**
- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
- [W]ipe that James Brown off your face. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

James Burke

noun

an act of male masturbation [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *jerk*. < Northern Irish-born historian and broadcaster James Burke (b.1936).

- – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

James C U Next Tuesday

nickname

English pop singer James Blount (b.1974), known professionally as James Blunt

An offshoot of *JAMES CUNT*, with the second element replaced by a common euphemism.

- The only thing he has in common with that James C U Next Tuesday is he is a young male. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 5th October **2006**

James Cucking Funt

nickname

English pop singer James Blount (b.1974), known professionally as James Blunt

A spoonerism of *Fucking Cunt*, triggered by the noun *JAMES BLUNT*. Other alternative sobriquets include *JAMES CUNT*, *JAMES C U NEXT TUESDAY*, *James Rhyming Slang* and *MR RHYMING SLANG*.

- His short-notice billing at a major summer festival, ousting Declan O'Rourke, led the latter to refer to him as 'James Cucking Funt' live on-air on an Irish radio station. – *www.tourdates.co.uk*, 9th February **2006**
- Am changing my name to James Cucking Funt. – *twitter.com*, tweet by James Blunt, 31st May **2014**
- Blunt, who attended Harrow school and whose first album sold over 11 million copies, responded: "Dear Chris Bryant MP [...] Perhaps it protected me from your kind of narrow-minded, self-defeating, lead-us-to-a-dead-end, remove-the-'G'-from-'GB' thinking, which is to look at others' success and say, 'it's not fair.' Up yours, James Cucking Funt". – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 19th January **2015**

James Cunt; Jimmy Cunt; Mr Cunt

nickname

English pop singer James Blount (b.1974), known professionally as James Blunt

A rhyme suggested or influenced by the rhyming slang *JAMES BLUNT*. Other alternative sobriquets are *JAMES C U NEXT TUESDAY*, *JAMES CUCKING FUNT*, *James Rhyming Slang* and *MR RHYMING SLANG*.

- James Cunt: "My life is great, my life is pure". – *urban75* forum, 24th August **2005**
- I doubt very much that Jimmy Cunt will reascend to #1. – *ilXor.com* forum, 25th August **2005**
- [D]idn't they ask him to play with james cunt and he said he'd rather eat shit? – *Sidewalk* forum, 16th February **2006**
- [Y]ou'll be getting close to what the music of David Gray and James Cunt is like. – *MX Trax* forum, 6th September **2006**
- During a video tribute to his manager at the Music Managers Roll of Honour in London earlier this year, a jovial Blunt introduced himself as "James Cunt." – *Billboard* magazine, New York, 21st July **2007**
- And slagging off jimmy cunt is far more fun... – *Thumped* forum, 31st October **2007**
- [I]t's so strange how the only british music the general public in america tend to pick up on are the sobby whiners...mr. cunt, coldplay... – *ohnotheydidnt.livejournal.com*, blog, 26th February **2008**
- [D]o people still listen to Mr. Cunt? – *www.youtube.com*, **2009**

James Dean

noun

a screen [UK]

< American actor James Dean (1931–55). ► see *CHAS 'N' DAVER*

- – *Perfect Day* forum, 7th December 2007
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 6th August 2010

James Dean

adjective

keen, enthusiastic [UK]

- < American actor James Dean (1931–55).
- You're a bit James Dean in't ya? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June 2004
- But, these two are James Dean and not 'ot cross buns neither, and I don't want to end on me Jack Jones tonight. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005
- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007
- We couldn't Adam and Eve that surfers from London were less James Dean than surfers by the coast[.] – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April 2009
- – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 27th June 2012

James Dean

verb

to clean [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- < American actor James Dean (1931–55).
- JAMES DEANED MY WARRENPOINT AND OMEATH. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April 2007

James Fox

noun

▶ see CHARLES JAMES FOX

James Hird; Jimmy Hird; jimmy

noun

- a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *turd*. < Australian Rules footballer James Hird (b.1973).
- I'm off for a "Jimmy" (Hird). – *I Seek Golf* forum, 19th July 2006
- Excuse me, I gotta go take a James Hird (Turd)[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January 2011
- Better that it was a Royce Hart rather than a James Hird... – *www.facebook.com*, 1st March 2012
- I think that the most disturbing thing about this is that after a brilliant career as both a player and coach the only rhyming slang that we can come up with for James Hird is 'turd!'[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd March 2012

James Hunt; Jimmy Hunt; jimmy

noun

- 1** boldness, confidence, especially in the face of a challenge or trying situation [UK]
- Rhymes on *front*. < English racing driver James Hunt (1947–93). Only recorded in the form *James Hunt*.
- [A] person may have 'more James Hunt than Brighton'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- You ain't 'alf got some James Hunt! – G. Tibballs, *UCG-GRS*, 2008
- 2** the vagina [UK]
- Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the form *James Hunt*.
- – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, 1999

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

- I mean, he said he "Did not have sex with that woman". Which technically, although he shoved a cigar up her James Hunt and knocked one out over her dress, is true. – *TeakDoor* forum, 6th June 2013
- 3** a stupid or obnoxious person; hence, a difficult or unpleasant task or situation; a foul-up [UK/IRELAND]
- Rhymes on *cunt*. Also used in the phrase *make a James Hunt of (something)/make a Jimmy Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.
- Many sportsmen have lent their names to rhyming slang. Bobby Moore was a score. Geoff Hurst was a first. And James Hunt wasn't the easiest man to get on with. – *News of the World*, London, 12th August 2001
- I'm quittin Jah cos it's a James Hunt. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January 2002
- Made a james hunt of editing there. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 21st September 2006
- James hunt (or Jimmy, or bit of a jimmy) = c**t. – *Is God Imaginary?* forum, 13th January 2009
- Hope @Prof_Hindsight isn't going to tell me I've made a James Hunt of myself. – *twitter.com*, 24th March 2011
- [S]tart up a new clone account yi huv made a right jimmy hunt of this one. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 6th November 2012
- [I]f she can be as ignorant as that to a man as sound as Parky she must be a right jimmy hunt in real life. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 25th April 2013
- Neymar has ALWAYS been a bit of a "James Hunt". When he first broke into the Brazil squad he accused Scotland fans of racism towards him. – *twitter.com*, 23rd November 2016
- Jamesie Cotter; Jamsie Cotter**
- noun
- 1** a daughter [UK: SCOTLAND]
- < Jamesie Cotter, a character in the TV comedy series *Rab C. Nesbitt*, set in Govan, Glasgow; portrayed by Scottish actor Tony Roper (b.1941).
- Aye, the family's growing right enough. W'iv 2 sons and 1 Jamsie Cotter noo. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006
- 2** a lump or drop of nasal mucus [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on the slang *snotter*. Also in the phrase *the Jamesie Cotters are tripping me* (with grammatical variations), said when one has a runny nose.
- I've got a Jamsie Cotter dangling from my nose. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007
- The Jamesie Cotters are tripping me now. – *GaGaJoyJoy* forum, 3rd December 2009
- He had a Jamsie Cotter dangling from his nose. – *My Writers Circle* forum, 25th January 2014
- James Joyce; Jimmy Joyce**
- noun
- a voice; the human voice [UK/IRELAND]
- < Irish writer James Joyce (1882–1941). The form *James Joyce* is common in both locations of use. The variant

Jimmy Joyce, recorded by Coughlan (www.irishslang.co.za, 1997–2005) and Coughlan and Hughes (2007), is exclusively Irish.

- Elisabeth lets go of my arms and starts massaging Margaret's barnet and I am practically pushed off the bed. 'Look, madam, do you mind!' I say, making no attempt to keep the peeved note out of my James Joyce. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.95, **1976**
- – www.irishslang.co.za, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**
- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

James Mace

noun

▶ see JEM MACE

James Nitties

noun

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *titties*. < Australian golfer James Nitties (b.1982).
- Now "James Nitties" has been picked up by some members of Newcastle's sporting community as a replacement for "Bristol cities", which is rhyming slang for, well, "James Nitties". – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 26th January **2004**
 - [I]magine if he said he would only date rich birds with big james nitties? – twitter.com, 21st July **2014**
 - She has got a great pair of "James Nitties"!!! – www.facebook.com, 16th January **2015**

James Riddle; James R.; james

noun

▶ see JIMMY RIDDLE

James Whales; james

noun

scales (for weighing drugs) [UK]

- < English radio and TV presenter James Whale (b.1951).
- There are loads, I have proly forgotten more than I have remembered tbh, oh: Iron: poof (iron hoof) Rhythms: shoes (rhythm & blues) [...] & of course, James: scales (James Whales). – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

Jamesy Broon

noun

▶ see JAMES BROON

Jam Farts

nickname

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

- Rhymes on *Hearts*, a popular nickname for this club. A variation of JAM TARTS mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC. They also refer to them derogatorily as *the Scum*, *the Scumbos*, the FARTS, the SMELLY FARTS, the WATERY FARTS and the WET FARTS.

· Whos Romanov sacked today then? have jam farts got 11 staff left for tomorrow? – *Caithness.org* forum, 4th November **2005**

- Just look at AEK Athens results in their group games if you want a proper perspective of how far off the elite the Jam Farts are. – www.vitalfootball.co.uk, 17th October **2006**
- [H]e is as well know'n for his Celtic leanings as is for his connection with the jam farts. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 17th November **2006**
- Administration for the Bumpers To the tune of temptation by the Human League for the Jam Farts. – *Hibs.net* forum, 4th July **2013**

Jamie Broon

noun

▶ see JAMES BROON

Jamie Dalrymple; jamie

noun

a pimple [UK]

- < Kenyan-born former England cricketer Jamie Dalrymple (b.1981).
- [A] 'jamie' on the 'fireman's' will knock for six your chances of pulling. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jamie Mole

noun

sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *hole*. < English footballer Jamie Mole (b.1988). Used in the phrase *get one's Jamie Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.
- I got my Jamie Mole there on a stag-do many years ago. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 5th January **2010**
 - Virtually all of my funniest/best nights have been when I've been out on the bevy ... some of these nights just can't be done sober! Plus I'd probably still be waiting to get my Jamie Mole for the first time without bevy. – *Hibs.net* forum, 7th May **2010**
 - It's the equivalent of going out up town with your mate and him bagging off with some stunning bird then bragging about it for 40 years whilst never actually managing to get their Jamie Mole ever again during that time. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 2nd January **2013**

Jamie Ollie; jamie

noun

a stupid person [UK]

- Rhymes on *wally*. < *Jamie Ollie*, a shortened version of the name of English celebrity chef Jamie Oliver (b.1975).
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, p.179, **2008**

Jamie Pollocks

noun

1 the testicles [UK]

- Rhymes on *bollocks*. < English footballer Jamie Pollock (b.1974).

· [Y]ou can bet your Jamie Pollocks they'll be supporting Sevilla tonight. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 10th May **2006**

· St Pauli's Thorandt gets hit straight in the Jamie Pollocks... – *twitter.com*, 1st April **2011**

· At the match freezing my Jamie Pollocks off. – *twitter.com*, 6th March **2012**

· I'd hit him in the jamie pollocks now though... – *FM-TTM* forum, 26th September **2012**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· Despite me thinking the game is a load of Jamie Pollocks I am gonna upload some tactics[.] – *Sports Forum*, 23rd April **2007**

· Villa fans can have the pleasure of hearing a complete load of Jamie Pollocks for 90 minutes. – *BBC 606* forum, 25th August **2008**

· Its all Jamie Pollocks, if you ask me. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th March **2011**

Jamie Redknapp; jamie

noun

excrement; a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < English footballer Jamie Redknapp (b.1973), son of Harry Redknapp. ▶ see HARRY REDKNAPP

· What about alternative names for what people do when they are in the Dunny (Australia!). There is "Barry White", "Scooby Doo" and "Jamie Redknapp" plus "Jimmy Riddle", "Riddle and Kiss", "Single Fish" (Glasgow) and "watering the horse". – *h2g2* forum, 3rd August **1999**

· Who didn't flush & left a massive Jamie? – *twitter.com*, December **2011**

jam jar; jam; jammer; jammy; jammie

noun

1 a tramcar [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Jam jar ... a car, motor car, tram car. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.119, **1930**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· In the days when trolley cars competed, the British term *tramcar* became the rhyming equivalent *jam jar*. – N.W. Schur, *English English*, p.298, **1980**

2 a car [UK/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Jam jar is recorded in all five locations of use. According to the available evidence, this is the only form used in New Zealand and Australian English. The short forms are geographically distributed as follows: *jam* (UK), *jammer* (Ireland), *jammy/jammie* (South Africa).

· – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.119, **1930**

· "These legs cost me a whole lot of gelt," he explained. "I leave 'em in the jam-jar when I'm grafting. I'm all right on me pins as far as walking goes, but of course I can't handle the jam. Bit of a nuisance, but I've got a kid wot drives me about. It's the only way to do it. You

ought to get a jam-jar." – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.164, **1934**

· Cars are "jam jars" and those who steal them have the title "van-draggers." – *Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, England, 15th January **1938**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· Thus, a motor car becomes a "jam jar." – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 'British can Really Murder the Language', 30th April **1951**

· I hear a jam-jar pull up behind me. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**

· And we'll be out of it, miles away then, in the jam-jar. – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.85, **1956**

· A motor-car is referred to as a *jammie* and a *scope* (from bioscope) is a cinema show. – J.M.Z Huthwaite, *The Problem of the "Ducktail"*, p.75, **1961**

· [S]o we hop into the jam and have it away over there very smartly. [...] Then we fled into the street and hurled ourselves into the jamjar. – R. Cook, *Crust*, pp.55/90, **1962**

· We 'scaled jam-jars' (stole cars). [...] His friends used to invite him to "scale a jam" (steal a car), and he would "chaff them a shot", and be with them. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.104, **1963**

· If my friends could see me now, / Driving round just like a film star, / In a chauffeur-driven jam jar, they would laugh. – *Sitting in My Hotel*, lyric, The Kinks, **1972**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· We squeezed into my *jam-jar* / And drove back to my gaff. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.21, **1979**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, **1982**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.102, **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009: heard in Perth in **2007**

· My jam jar has a 3 litre engine so I get it easier to overtake than most. – *Politics.ie* forum, 12th February **2008**

· **Jammer** *n.* shortened from *jam-jar* – rhyming slang for a car. – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.119, **2009**

· The old bill pulled us out of the jammer and tore us asunder lookin for persians. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 1st March **2013**

· My jam jar as it is at the minute. It's just waiting on final polish, various chrome bits and some interior detail. – *Aircooled VW South Africa* forum, 6th March **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a farthing [UK]

This usage is believed to be based on the rhyme on *far*, a shortening of *farthing*. However, it is perhaps more likely to have originated as a reference to the amount of money one once could get for returning a jam jar to the shop.

· A penny a ride or two jam jars. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: M.F. Caulfield, *The Black City*, p.122, **1952**

· I remember my gran telling me about farthings and getting in to the cinema for two jam jars. – *Walton Angling Club* forum, 30th December **2012**

4 a bar [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

- A knife and fork (walk) to the nearest jam jar (bar). – *New York Post*, ‘Aussie Slang Bang: Avoiding a Noah’s Ark’, 17th September **2000**

jammer

noun

- ▶ see JAM JAR and JAM TART

Jammie Tarts; Jammies

nickname

- ▶ see JAM TARTS

jammy dodger

noun

an old man, especially an eccentric one [UK]

Rhymes on *codger*. Used in the phrase *old jammy dodger*. < *jammy dodger* ‘a very lucky person’ or *jammy dodger* ‘a shortbread biscuit with a jam filling, better known by the brand name *Jammie Dodgers*’. Hence probably influenced by the popular belief that old people smell of biscuits.

- I must confess I was rather taken aback at how seemingly obsessed a bunch of old “jammy dodgers” (that’s cock-a-knee rhyming slang for codgers) could be with weather forecasting. – *www.stoneleighdeerparkgolfclub.com*, 15th June **2015**

jammy dodger; jammie dodger

verb

(of a man) to have sex (with someone) [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *roger*. < *jammy dodger* ‘a very lucky person’ or *jammy dodger* ‘a shortbread biscuit with a jam filling, better known by the brand name *Jammie Dodgers*’. Thus *jammy dodgering* ‘an act of sexual intercourse’. The spelling with *-ie* is given by Tibballs (2008).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

jammy dodgered; jammie dodgered

adjective

1 defeated, beaten, in serious trouble, in a difficult situation, done for [UK]

Rhymes on *rogered*. From the verb JAMMY DODGER.

- We need to get someone tonight or tomorrow or we’re jammy-dodgered. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th February **2008**
- Alright, now I’m really Jammy-Dodgered. I no longer crash in-game which is great! But whenever I set my settings and relog they appear to reset themselves. – *Los Santos Role Play* forum, 1st May **2013**

2 drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *rogered*.

- A mate and me have a penchant for reading documents and drinking whisky. We’ll get completely jammy-dodgered and read documents, and one evening it was a document on catering in prisons. – *VeggieBoards* forum, 7th May **2008**

- – hahha ur no jkn a actually look really fucked eh. – pure jammy dodgered out your pus. – *www.bebo.com*, 11th and 12th June **2009**

- On my birthday, I’m going to get absolutely jammy dodgered, to the point where I can’t operate my own body or remember my name. – *twitter.com*, 17th April **2014**

3 bothered, willing to make the effort (to do something) [UK]

Rhymes on *rogered*. Only in the phrase *couldn’t be jammie dodgered*, the direct equivalent of *couldn’t be rogered*.

- I couldn’t be jammie Dodgered to take more pics as the transfer from Cam to PC is ages. – *Neoseeker* forum, 1st May **2009**

jammy roll

noun

1 unemployment benefit [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dole*. A dialect variant of JAM ROLL.

- ‘Och, fucksake ... they’re slicing into the jammy roll now,’ I said. Mac’s attention shifted: ‘The dole’s being cut?’ – T. Black, *Loss*, p.205, **2010**

2 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. A dialect variant of JAM ROLL. Used in the phrase *get one’s jammy roll* ‘(especially of a man) to have sexual intercourse’.

- Because I got my jammy roll, now on route to the beach. – *www.facebook.com*, 18th August **2012**

Jammy Tarts

nickname

- ▶ see JAM TARTS

jam on the plate

noun

hate [UK]

Probably a nonce usage.

- They call Babe Ruth jam on the plate and pork pies Babe Ruth. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

jam on the plate

verb

to hate [UK]

Probably a nonce usage.

- Great Britain is a drum ‘n’ bass that jam on the plates the Babe Ruth [...] I’m glad the scratch and itch Hampton Wicks jam on the plate me and my videos. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

jam pies

noun

the eyes [UK]

- ‘Is that like a proposal Nicky?’ she goes with her jam pies making my guts roll over. – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.31, **1995**

jam roll; jam role; jam

noun

1 parole [UK]

< *jam roll* 'a sponge cake spread with jam and rolled'. *Jam* is recorded by Spiegl (1989), Devlin (1996) and Buller (2013).

- – J. Campbell, *Gate Fever*, p.16, **1986**
- I got me jam roll. – F. Spiegl, *LYS4*, **1989**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- He's out on jam roll/up for his jam roll. – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**
- There I was, did my time, came out on jam roll, got a nice new gaff courtesy of my mates[.] – J. Cameron, *It Was an Accident*, p.47, **1996**
- Each year he tells his nick pals he's getting out, and each year the authorities knock back his jam roll. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.5 [2012], **2004**
- *Jam-roll* Not a pastry-based pudding, but a rhyming slang reference to parole. – N. Harper, *Man Skills*, p.87, **2006**
- He got some jam role (parole) and got shot by a trigger-happy copper. – C. Bronson and S. Richards, *The Good Prison Guide*, p.52, **2007**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**
- – *www.englishproject.org*, 'A Glossary of HMP Winchester Lingo' by Christopher Mulvey, 2012: October **2010**

2 unemployment benefit [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the dole*. No evidence of use in the short form. ▶ see JAMMY ROLL

- [B]eing on the jam roll. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I just go'a sort my jam roll. Nood signin'? – N. Barlay, *Curvy Lovebox*, p.83, **1997**
- If only he would leave her she could get herself on the jam roll and sort herself out from there. At least with the dole she would have a budget, know what was coming in each week so she could spend accordingly. – M. Cole, *Two Women*, [2008], **1999**
- If matey was on the jam role they probably wouldn't give him the time of day. – S. Drake, *A Cry for Help*, p.4, **2006**
- I'm on the Jam Roll & whilst the DWP very kindly pay my mortgage interest, there's a shortfall of over £300 per month. – *THCTalk.com* forum, 18th February **2010**
- While I did manage to find another one after a while, I found that being on the jam roll made it harder for me to even get interviews. – *Boards.ie* forum, 30th November **2010**

3 a stupid, unpleasant or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *arsehole*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- So, calm as a coma, he stands and picks up a fire extinguisher and he walks straight past the jam rolls who are ready for action; then he plonks it outside the entrance. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· That geezer is a right jam roll. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· The revelers, who hadn't bothered to bid hello to Russ or thank him for the lift home from the airport, suddenly started calling the driver "jam roll". – L. Light, *Make Me Rich*, p.142, **2007**

· [J]ust shows what a fickle bunch of jam roles some football fans are! – *North Stand Chat* forum, 22nd December **2008**

· [Y]ou sound a right jam role. – *The Farming Forum*, 12th August **2013**

· Oi Bosingwa you jam roll; do one back to Chelsea. – *We Are The Rangers Boys* forum, 16th June **2014**

4 a pole [UK/IRELAND]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – Lots of Czechs and Poles though... – Your Dad's not a Jam Roll is he? – *Visordown* forum, 27th April **2002**

· I feel sorry for the Jam Rolls having to work there. – *Deva Chat* forum, 24th October **2007**

· [C]lose behind according to the staff are Poles, which rather explodes my image of the jam rolls as yer honest to goodness salt of the earth tradesmen. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 6th February **2010**

· Well seeing as london is now full of mechanical diggers, lucozades, half ounces of baccies, jam roles and other assorted non white foreign scum there aint that many white people let who would speak der Cockernee as we know it. – *Stormfront* forum, 29th March **2012**

· I'm not judging anyone, i'd rather live with a thousand jam rolls than spend 5 minutes with ANY Free P crackpot bore. – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th March **2013**

5 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *get one's jam roll* '(especially of a man) to have sexual intercourse'. No evidence of use in the short form. ▶ see JAMMY ROLL

· I'll be gettin ma jam roll tonight. – *UD(.com)*, 13th October **2003**

· [C]an I get ma jam roll. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 31st May **2008**

· Look on the bright side Savo, there's alway tommorow to not get your jam role. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th January **2009**

· OOTL was where you went when you were much too drunk to get in anywhere good. Once you had most of your teeth and only the one abscess you could be fairly sure of getting your jam roll. – *Gaire* forum, 12th December **2010**

· I got me jam roll mate. – *Liveleak Forums*, 2nd February **2014**

6 the anus [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole* and *arsehole*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· Yeah, work that up your jam roll! – *UD(.com)*, 2nd May **2005**

· Anyway, I said to the lemon, don't keep kicking me up the jam roll just because I fancy a quick Forsythe with

me old china on a Monday. – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.46, **2006**

· In parts of the US, it is also known as the “corn hole”, and in Cockney rhyming slang it is a jam role. – *comments.gmane.org*, 29th January **2010**

· Frodo, ramming part of my anatomy up your jam roll would actually do something for me on a quasi-philosophical level. – *Gaire* forum, 20th June **2010**

· Just say tell him to shut up nicely and that you’ve in a pain in your ‘jam roll’ with him talking about this all the time. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th July **2010**

· [F]irst time on a bike in 16 years downhill bike aint meant for long journeys my jam role is aching and is a week on. – *ScoobyIreland.com* forum, 20th September **2012**

Jamsie Cotter

noun

► see JAMESIE COTTER

jam spoon

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*.

· Coloured Jockeys are referred to as “Oil Riggers” and “Jam Spoons”[.] – *Caithness.org* forum, 28th July **2006**

· Check out that table of jam spoons over there! – *UD (.com)*, 12th May **2007**

· I like to play mind games with the jam spoons, its my new hobby. – *Stormfront* forum, 20th March **2008**

· The rhyming slang is ‘Jam Spoon’ and has been since I can remember. – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 9th October **2010**

jam tart; jammer

noun

1 a place of trade [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mart*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [He] filled [the pawnbroker’s tickets] all in with prominent names, and then carefully dropped them one by one in likely places – in a tram-car, one or two in a big club, and others at a jam-tart ‘small and early.’ – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 9th August **1890**

2 a stock market; the stock exchange [UK]

Rhymes on *mart*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1896**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

3 the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person’s emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSl*, **1941**

· Then ‘e shoves the micascope agin me chest, and listens ter me jam-tart. Not a knock. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.53, **1943**

· I open my eyes and see a sight that strikes terror into my jam tart. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.145, **1975**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.33, **1979**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· Don’t listen to ya loaf, listen to yer jam tart. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Well, my jam tart was racing[.] – R.W. Todd, *Much Ado*, p.67, **2006**

· Me jam tart’s beating so fast. – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

· This morning while I was out exercising, an old neighbour and friend jokingly called-out, “Blimey, there he goes for his Bowl of chalk, again” ... To which I answered back, “you gotta look after your Jam-tart, matey”. – *Daily Mail* forum, 21st February **2013**

4 a girlfriend; a young woman [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *sweetheart*. Perhaps an elaboration of the slang *jam*, defined by Farmer and Henley (1896) as ‘[a] sweetheart; a mistress’. Only recorded in the full form.

When used to refer to a promiscuous woman, *jam tart* may well be an elaboration of the slang *tart*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

5 in a deck of playing cards, a heart [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.247, **2002**

6 a fart [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Ok, Who did it; who dropped that jam tart? – K.P. Rowe, *WAI*, s.v. *wind*, **2005**

· “Well, that may be, but when a Glasgow man says he just ‘had a jam tart,’ he doesn’t mean he just ate.” “What *does* it mean, then?” [...] “Means he just farted.” – A. Stemple, *Steward of Song*, pp.80–81, **2008**

· He said that, without doubt, farting made people all over the world “urinate themselves with laughter”. There is no doubt that the “bottom cough” crosses the language barrier. I have never heard a “Jam Tart” with an accent of any sort. – *Caithness.org* forum, 22nd February **2008**

· On the SWEENEY we called it a Jam Tart. “The geezers just had a Jammer”. – *The Sweeney Lounge* forum, 14th December **2012**

Jam Tart; Jambo

noun

a supporter of Heart of Midlothian FC [UK]

A semantic extension of JAM TARTS. ► see WET FART

· He seemed an okay guy, a bit slow and bewildered, but harmless. A typical Jambo in fact. – I. Welsh, *Marabou Stork*, p.246, **1995**

· The guy played for Hibs in the fifties but to this day (and he made it quite clear) he has always been a Jam Tart through and through. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 15th February **2008**

jam tart*verb*

to fart [UK]

- Jam tarted = farted. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 12th April **2007**
- Sleeping, unexpected burping and anyone noisily jam-tarting (except in a lift). – *Brainfog* forum, 18th October **2009**
- Moki, Pulco said you've been jam tarting. – *AlfaOwner* forum, 23rd June **2011**
- Bloke in the back has jam tarted 3 times and its forced me into driving with my head out the window. – *twitter.com*, 28th March **2013**

jam tart attack*noun*

a heart attack [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Formed on the noun JAM TART.

- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- [T]hey have ambulance officers on stand bye in case of a jam tart attack. – *sombrerosummer.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th March **2006**
- Re: Do I need to lay off the Roids? – Yes, if you're on them. At your age you're risking a jam tart attack. – *Les Paul Forum*, 10th June **2010**
- Nearly having a jam tart attack, he sees the geezers mince pie staring back at him. – *The British Airborne Forces Club* forum, 13th February **2013**
- The late, great Effendi Bohong died of an alcohol induced Jam Tart Attack on New Year's Eve, but an autopsy showed his lungs were healthy. – *Topix* forum, 30th January **2014**

jam tarting*noun*

farting [UK]

Formed on the verb JAM TART.

- Till our pubs are clear of the smelly smokers, I can't wait, of course there'll still be some jam tarting but that's minor in comparison to the foul odour of your weed addicts. – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 1st June **2007**
- And my personal favourite, "no jam tarting in the van". – *davidbridger.com*, blog, 27th September **2012**

Jam Tarts; Jammy Tarts; Jammie Tarts; Jambos; Jammies
nickname

- 1 Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team
Rhymes on *Hearts*, a popular nickname for this club.
▶ see FARTS, HOMER AND BARTS, JAM FARTS, SMELLY FARTS, WET FARTS and WATERY FARTS
- Sing high, sing low / Wherever we go / We'll follow the Jam Tarts / Wherever they go. – J.T.R. Ritchie, *The Singing Street*, 'Songs and Chants of the 1950s', p.128, **1964**
- **Jammies** Alternative nickname of the Scottish football club HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN. Sometimes given as 'Jambos', Jammies is derived from 'Jam Tarts'[,] – D. Pickering, *Soccer Companion*, **1994**
- Yes, the Jambos have chosen Cowdenbeath boss Craig Levein to be their new head coach. – *The Guardian*, London, 1st December **2000**

- Promises of more jam tomorrow for the Jam Tarts, however, are unlikely to win over sceptical shareholders and supporters who are entitled to ask the directors how they plan to address far more pressing matters in the here and now. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 22nd December **2000**
- And if Hearts had beaten Dundee by 67 clear goals, and the SPL had decreed such a victory was also worth a bonus 34 points, the Jammies would have snatched the title from under the noses of the Old Firm. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 31st May **2003**
- However if the Jammie Tarts win I won't be too bothered. – *Black and White Army* forum, 19th May **2012**
- Will not be surprised if the jammy tarts wriggle off the hook as well. – *DoTheBouncy* forum, 30th July **2013**
- 2 Kelty Hearts FC, a football team based in Kelty, Fife, in the east of Scotland [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Jam Tarts* and *Jambos*.

- The equiliser gave Port the jolt they needed to get back into the match but Kelty were equal to it. [...] It was easy to see why the Jam Tarts are joint top leaders as the closing ten minutes had them once again running in on the Port goal constantly threatening. – *eastfifefc0.tripod.com*, 11th October **2003**
- Super League title dreams begin to fade for Jambos. Games are running out fast for Kelty Hearts after a home draw with bottom of the league Bathgate Thistle severely dented their title hopes. – *www.dunfermlinepress.com*, 19th March **2009**

Jane*nickname*

used by Honda car owners as a pet name for their car

A shortening of *Jane Fonda*. < American actress Jane Fonda (b.1937).

- [M]y Civic was named Jane (Jane Honda, get it?). – *NA-SIOC* forum, 31st July **2006**

Jane Birkin*verb*

lurking [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation *lurkin'*. < English actress Jane Birkin (b.1946).

- The handsome garganey was still Jane Birkin in the reeds to the left of the scrape. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 17th April **2014**

Jane Fonda; jane*noun*

a wanderer [UK]

< American actress Jane Fonda (b.1937).

- Off for a Jane Fonda on the dancefloor. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**
- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- I went for a Jane Fonda on me Jack Jones[.] – *www.argot-istonline.co.uk*, **2011**
- I had a Jane down the frog with a septic, his trouble and their dustbin lid. – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

· [G]o for a Jane Fonda along the Kermits of our fair Bobby Brown[.] – *whatcanpossiblygowrong.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th June **2012**

· I'm just going down the road for a bit of a Jane Fonda. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

Jane Goss

noun

a brothel madam [US]

Rhymes on *boss*. Coined as a female counterpart to JOE Goss.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.69, **1968**

Jane Russell

noun

a mussel [UK]

< American actress Jane Russell (1921–2011).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Jane Russell – on a seafood platter? – *Hard Facts* forum, 22nd May **2006**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

Jane Shore; Jane Shaw

noun

a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *whore*. < Jane Shore, Edward IV's mistress (ca 1445–1527). Reinforced by the consequent figurative use of *Jane Shore*, first recorded in one of Horace Walpole's letters to George Montagu, dated 28th January 1760 (Walpole 1842), which predates the earliest evidence of rhyming slang by more than seventy years. The word is very rare today; it is sometimes used in an attempt to recreate old Cockney speech.

· Members of the unfortunate class are referred to as Jane Shores or twos and fours, so that Slap Bang is frequently an attempt at euphonism. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· [I]n 1914–18, soldiers used *Jane Shore* for that wretched class which in 1870 was known as either *sloop of war* or *Rory o' More*. – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, **1933**

· – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· The knock on the door was from a *Jane Shaw* (whore)[.] – C. Simpson, *Wake Up*, p.298, **1960**

· "There've been murders on these fields of wheat the last few weeks," Cobb continued. "Some Jane Shores cut up.[]" – S. Petrucha, *Shadow*, p.79, **2006**

· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, **2014**

Janet Street-Porter; janet

noun

█ a quarter of an ounce of a drug, especially cannabis [UK]

< English TV presenter and journalist Janet Street-Porter (b.1946). The short form is given by Green (1998), Lillo (2001), Bushell (2004) and Dalzell and Victor (2005).

· – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – A. Lillo, *Junkie*, p.41, **2001**

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.xiv, **2004**

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

█ water [UK]

· Women's names seem inextricably linked with drink. "Vera Lynn" used to mean "gin". More up to date we have... Germaine – beer (Germaine Greer) Janet – water (Janet Street-Porter). – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

Jan Hammered; Jan'd

noun

very drunk [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hammered* and *Hammered*, the latter an alteration of the surname *Hammer*. < Czech-born jazz-rock keyboardist and composer Jan Hammer (b.1948).

· – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 20th March **2002**

Jan Juc

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Jan Juc, a small seaside town in Victoria.

· – *Bomberblitz* forum, 6th October **2015**

Jan Leeming; Jan Leaming

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *steaming*. < English TV presenter and newsreader Jan Leeming (b.1942).

· Let's get Jan Leeming! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

· [S]omething at the back of my mind was saying 'do a test first before you go and get jan leeming'!! – *Fertility Friends* forum, 22nd May **2005**

· Another stopped using the Glasgow rhyming slang of Jan Leeming (steaming) when he realised his girlfriend was barely old enough to remember her from I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 8th August **2011**

· Jan Leeming = steaming [...] Used to work with a cockney lad who always used it. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th October **2014**

· [G]ot a few looks in bars when I've described myself as Jan Leeming and asked for a cab. – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

· [O]h boys I was absolutely jan leeming last night. – *twitter.com*, 26th January **2016**

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

noun

a drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Dutch footballer Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (b.1978).

· You may even order in an Andy Murray. It may well put you in the mood for another Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Jarkko Wiss; Jarko Wiss; jarkko; jarko

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Finnish footballer and coach Jarkko Wiss (b.1972). Also used in the phrase *take the Jarkko Wiss* (or *take the jarkko*).

· I'm bursting for a Jarko Wiss. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 24th April **2004**

· Are you taking the Jarko Wiss? – *LiveLions* forum, 6th August **2007**

· I'm going for a Jarkko. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 28th January **2008**

· He reckons there will be bother in pubs with people nicking 3d glasses from people when they go for a Jarkko Wiss. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 30th January **2010**

jar of glue

noun

a clue [UK: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND, EAST MIDLANDS, WALES]

· [Y]ou really honestly, truly, overwhelmingly have no jar of glue what the f*** you are on about[.] – *Fruit-Emu* forum, 12th July **2006**

· By the way Mancini hasn't got a jar of glue. Italian tactics MY FUCKIN ARSE. – *Bluemoon* forum, 6th February **2010**

· i havent got a jar of glue how you do it. – *FoxesTalk* forum, 7th January **2012**

· Still have absolutley no jar of glue how to work twitter! – *twitter.com*, 10th August **2015**

· Not a jar of glue wtf is going on? – *twitter.com*, 6th February **2016**

jar of jam

noun

1 a tram (streetcar) [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.11, **1938**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a pram [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

jar of pickles

noun

five-cent coins [US]

Rhymes on *nickels*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.66, **1968**

jarrah blocks

noun

socks [AUSTRALIA]

< *jarrah blocks* 'wooden blocks made of jarrah, a durable, reddish-brown hardwood indigenous to the south-west corner of Western Australia'.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

J. Arthur Rank; Jay Arthur Rank; JR Rank; Arthur Rank; Arthur J. Rank; j. arthur; jay arthur; arthur; JR

noun

1 a bank [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< English film magnate J. Arthur Rank (1888–1972). Usually in the forms *J. Arthur Rank* and *j. arthur*. In British English, also recorded in the forms *jay arthur*, *Arthur Rank* and *arthur*.

· Recently we have taken the Road to Roundabout when we want to refer to our "bank," which has become the "J. Arthur Rank." – *The Times*, London, 17th June **1957**

· **J. Arthur Rank**. A bank (financial) [...] Mostly shortened to *Jay Arthur*. – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

· J. Arthur (Rank) (a) A bank[.] – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.189, **1977**

· **J ARTHUR** [...] bank. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· **J. Arthur Rank** (J. Arthur) Used literally – 'I'm going to the J. Arthur' or figuratively by punters – 'I'll put that (winnings) in the J. Arthur.' – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· I always saugaged my gregorys (gregories?) at the J. Arthur. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 2nd December **2004**

· Arthur Rank ... Bank. – C. Rigby, *Book of Lists*, p.61, **2005**

· I'm off down the arthur. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Terry (Hardiker) and his one and t'other Andy (Treadaway) are apple bobbing the J Arthur Rank. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

· Cockney rhyming slang(s) for bank are: J. Arthur Rank and Tommy Tank (which have dual meaning these days) Tin Tank Iron Tank Fish Tank Pedal & Crank. – *If Music Could Talk* forum, 17th December **2012**

· Right, I'm going down the Arthur on the jack to sausage a bushel. – *www.theguardian.com*, 4th July **2014**

2 an act of masturbation, especially male masturbation [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Usually in the forms *J. Arthur Rank* and *j. arthur*. The variants *JR Rank*, *JR*, *Arthur J. Rank* and *arthur* have been recorded in British usage. Thus ARTHUR'S EROTICA.

· (ROWE has his face to the wall, lying on his bed.) FEATHERSTONE (quietly): Here, he's having a crafty J. Arthur. – J. McGrath, *Bofors Gun*, I.i, p.21, **1966**

- You had a quick J. Arthur, didn't you, Presto? – A. Buzo, *The Front Room Boys*, sc. i, p.22, **1970**
- I remember an Arab geezer who was always on about Gentlemen's Relish. For a long time, I thought he was talking about a J Arthur. – T. Lea, *Plumber's Mate*, p.87, **1975**
- [Y]ou'd end up taking some scrubber down Edmon-ton and walking all the way back to Commercial Road at three in the morning with as often as not, nothing to show for it except a J. Arthur reluctantly given at the point of a seven inch honed and sharpened shiv menac-ing her jugular. – S. Berkoff, *East*, sc. xvi, p.44, **1977**
- RITA (*impressed*) Honest? I couldn't even get through one poem. I tried to read this thing he wrote called 'J. Ar-thur Prufrock'; I couldn't finish it. FRANK 'J. Alfred'. RITA What? FRANK I think you'll find it was 'J. Alfred Prufrock', Rita. J. Arthur is something else altogether. – W. Russell, *Educating Rita*, I.i, p.7, **1981**
- **J. Arthur Rank**: a wank. – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**
- He treats girls right, comes ten times a night / And his pistol don't fire blanks. / He's done it every way but, no matter what you say, / He won't admit to an Ar-thur J. Rank. – *Moustaches, Aftershave & Fights*, lyric, Schwartzeneggar, **1994**
- [O]r even have an Arthur Rank. – *alt.tasteless.jokes*, *Google Groups*, 9th June **1994**
- They were DIY merchants, preferring a J Arthur Rank to sex with a woman. – J. King, *Headhunters*, p.103, **1997**
- I had an arthur last night. – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**
- I drove along the frog & toad in a jam jar with my old china plate after calling a brass flute on the dog and bone because I'd had a fight with the trouble and strife. [...] But when I opened the door there was nobody there so I just had an Arthur instead. – *Model Mayhem* forum, 30th October **2007**
- She's a sinewy old trout and I would rather have an Arthur J Rank. – *aishamusic.wordpress.com*, blog, 23rd April **2008**
- Right I am off to have an Arthur Rank over my 1978 FA cup final video. – *Wrath of the Barclay* forum, 22nd May **2008**
- He was having a Jay Arthur all over you and me? – *bastardoldholborn.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st March **2009**
- [W]hy would a dose of nurofen-plus give anyone the urge to have a j arthur rank, let alone in a public place? – *Politics.ie*, 3rd November **2010**
- The University of Dublin spent €3.50 over a period of 3 and a half minutes to determine why a mans penis is bul-bous at the end and they came to the conclusion it was to stop your hand slipping off while having a Jay Arthur Rank. – *The Stalking Directory* forum, 9th April **2011**
- I don't have a problem with anyone having a JR Rank just not on my TV thank-You very much[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 25th September **2011**
- Might take me a while to Harry Monk though cause I had a quick J. Arthur Rank 20 minutes ago. – *NeoGAF* forum, 22nd April **2012**
- Re: Euphemisms for masturbating. a J. R., as in J. Arthur Rank...! – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 1st July **2013**
- Dappy getting girls going with each other and some one having a jay Arthur in the toilet[.] – *twitter.com*, 6th Janu-ary **2014**
- **J. Arthur** noun J. ARTHUR RANK (ellipsis); an act of male masturbation. **J. Arthur Rank** noun WANK (rhym-ing slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- 3 something of little or no value [UK]
 - Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the forms *J. Arthur Rank*, *Jay Arthur Rank*, *j. arthur* and *jay arthur*. Used in the phrases *not worth a J. Arthur Rank* 'worth-less; useless' and *not give a J. Arthur Rank* 'to not care at all'.
- What happened after the fortnight was over didn't mat-ter a J. Arthur. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.139, **1970**
- [J. Arthur Rank] Wank. Usually in the sense "not worth a ..." rather than masturbation. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; R. Daniells, letter, **1980**
- 'That lot aren't worth a J. Arthur Rank,' said Hampshire in his best Cockney rhyming slang. – C. Brown, *Bovver*, p.130, **2001**
- Actually my dear I don't give a J. Arthur. – *Visordown* forum, 28th January **2008**
- This is not Liverpool where you get into the team be-cause the alternatives are J. Arthur Rank. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 20th May **2012**
- Under current legislation when a firm goes broke all guarantees arnt worth a Jay Arthur. – *Deerstalking-UK* forum, 1st November **2012**
- – Wots the job been like. – not worth a jay arthur rank. – *twitter.com*, 9th July **2013**
- 4 a fool [UK]
 - Rhymes on *wank*. Only recorded in the short form *j. ar-thur*.
- J. Arthur (Rank) [...] 'What a J. Arthur he is!' – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.189, **1977**
- He's a j. arthur and an overrated actor. – *London*, spo-ken, male, ca 40, September **1989**
- The salesman said the Merc dealers on the IOW are a bunch of J-Arthurs and are treating him like a muppet[.] – *Toyota Owners Club* forum, 29th July **2003**
- Bloke at table next to us is a real J Arthur. – *twitter.com*, 7th June **2009**
- What a J Arthur! – *theboyhotspur.com*, blog, 17th August **2013**
- Balls to that he's a right J Arthur. – *Ducati Forum* 29th November **2013**
- 5 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]
 - Rhymes on the technical word *shank*. Recorded in the forms *J. Arthur Rank* and *j. arthur*. Used euphemistical-ly, the word *shank* having taboo status among golfers. Thus the verb *j. arthur*.
- Now I understood why the British professionals of the day used cockney rhyming slang to describe the shank

as a cab rank, a J Arthur (on Rank) – after the filmmaking tycoon – or even a septic tank, in short anything to avoid the public mention of the dreaded word. A socket became a Lucy Locket or a Davy Crockett. – *Financial Times*, London, 28th May **1988**

· [W]hen a golfer hits such a shot, it's naturally called a "J. Arthur." – L. Rubenstein, *Links*, p.144, **1991**

· "Shank" is to golfers what Macbeth is to actors: It is considered bad form to utter the word. Hence the variety of euphemisms, including: [...] "El Hosél," "the shot that dare not speak its name," and the Cockney rhyming slang, "merchant bank," "Sherman tank," and "J. Arthur" (short for "J. Arthur Rank"). – J. Winokur, *How to Win at Golf*, pp.46–47, **2001**

· I've already committed the sin of writing the word [shank]. When Cabrera sent his approach to the eighth green scuttling wildly off to the right, the commentator Peter Alliss took pains to avoid saying it. He referred to it using cockney rhyming slang, as a "J. Arthur Rank". [...] In a round that contained two J. Arthurs, several hit trees and about eight three-putts, I returned a wretched 112. – *The Independent*, London, 19th April **2009**

· I am sure many of you will be familiar with the dreaded J Arthur Ranks. Out of the blue come the shanks, all of your confidence disappears and before you know it you are running up eights, nines and even tens. – F. Mitchell, *The Cranky Old Chef*, p.158, **2014**

6 rubbish, nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the forms *J. Arthur Rank* and *j. arthur*.

· What a load of old J Arthur Rank... – *Just Kampers* forum, 11th April **2005**

· *Angels and Demons* – What a load of J Arthur. – *TES* forum, 25th December **2009**

· Well I think this thread is a load of J. Arthur Rank. – *Midsummer's Eve* forum, 22nd December **2013**

7 an act of self-indulgence [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the form *J. Arthur Rank*.

· A black and white film about film – now that's a real J. Arthur Rank. – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 6th August **2009**

J. Arthur Rank; j. arthur; jay arthur; j. arthur off; JR

verb

1 to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the forms *J. Arthur Rank*, *j. arthur*, *jay arthur* and *j. arthur off*.

· To wank (masturbate) was, for a long time to "J. Arthur" (J. Arthur Rank), or to "Levy" (i.e. Levy and Frank, the Brewers). – *New Society* magazine, London, 13th June **1963**

· In due course they will form their own club, complete with an admissions test that determines your PC quotient. "Have you ever J. Arthur Ranked in front of an Aunt Jemima Pancake box???" etc etc. And similar questions for the males. – *uk.org.mensa*, *Google Groups*, 20th September **1998**

· [H]ave any of you had any similar disastrous occurrences whilst J Arthuring? – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 5th August **2005**

· If you're J Arthur Ranking it all away then maybe it's time to take a little break, save walking Willie the One Eyed Wonder Worm for a special occasion. – *www.avitable.com*, blog, 25th April **2008**

· She wouldnae even gie us a blow job, though she did J. Arthur me off, focused oan ma cock like a scientist conducting an experiment. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.130, **2012**

· The "trouble" caught me J Arthur Ranking in the bathroom for the 2nd time in as many days. – *The British Airborne Forces Club* forum, 11th March **2012**

· [O]ne time I was so horny that I jay arthured in the school bathrooms. – *dream-cafe-manga.tumblr.com*, 18th February **2014**

2 in golf, to mishit the ball on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on *shank*, a taboo word among golfers. Only recorded in the forms *j. arthur* and *JR*. In the latter form, the *R* is a phonetic spelling of the first syllable of *Arthur*; perhaps influenced by *J.R.*, the popular name of John Ross Ewing, Jr, a villainous character portrayed by Larry Hagman (1931–2012) in the American TV series *Dallas*, originally broadcast from 1978 to 1991, and its spin-offs.

· You really JR'd that one mate. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I've just seen Henrik Stenson shank a shot on the eighth. He hit one out of bounds then stood up to his provisional and J. Arthured it thirty yards right of the green. – *www.golf-monthly.co.uk*, 20th July **2007**

j. arthur ranker; j. arfer ranker

noun

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of J. ARTHUR RANK.

· Don't lissen ter 'im, yer 'ighness. 'E's 'avin' a male mennerporse, the silly J Arfer Ranker. – *unitedheroes.net*, **2001**

· Or are you and Bondy just a couple of J. Arthur Rankers on the make? – *Qlocal.co.uk* forum, 17th July **2006**

· Homebase and Candy are truly J Arthur Rankers of the first order! – *Land Rover Addict* forum, 5th January **2008**

· [B]et you've heard this one a lot – J. Arthur Ranker. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 4th January **2011**

· Bunch of J Arthur Rankers the whole effin' lot of them! – *www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com*, 10th August **2013**

J. Arturoing

adjective

masturbatory [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. A half-Spanish rendering of *j. arthuring*, itself formed on the verb J. ARTHUR RANK.

· So she's become a friend, which instantly knocks her off my J. Arturoing jukebox. Ye cannae wank about

mates, even ones with tits and fannies: it just disnae work for me. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.476, **2012**

Ja Rule

noun

► see JAH RULE

Jarvis Cocker; jarvis

noun

1 ■ **off one's Jarvis Cocker; off one's jarvis** crazy, insane [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *rocker*, used in the colloquial phrase *off one's rocker*. < English musician Jarvis Cocker (b.1963), best known as the lead singer of the Sheffield-based Britpop band Pulp. The short form has been recorded in British usage. In Irish English, occasionally spelt *Jarvis Cocker* to reflect its stereotypical South Dublin pronunciation.

· Danny is... how can I put this? Danny is a f***ing nutter. Off his Jarvis Cocker, totally Radio Rental, Grade A, 24-carat headcase. – *Melody Maker*, London, 20th May **1995**

· Off his Jarvis. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 11th January **2001**

· I have one of those moments when I'm wondering am I off my Jorvis Cocker here – am I bored, am I lonely or am I just homesick? – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.198, **2008**

· After all she had to have fallen out of her pram onto her head to come up with that one. She is off her Jarvis. – *Boards.ie* forum, 7th November **2009**

· @BillieFaiers is looking at bobby and thinking your off your Jarvis cocker[.] – *twitter.com*, 24th March **2013**

2 a very bad day, a shockingly poor performance [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shocker*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· Did anyone else think that Craig Thomson had a Jarvis Cocker on Saturday? – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

Jarvis Cocker; jarvis

adjective

crazy, insane [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on the colloquial phrase *off one's rocker*. < English musician Jarvis Cocker (b.1963), best known as the lead singer of the Britpop band Pulp. The chronological gap between the first citation of this adjective (2001) and the earliest recorded use of the noun form (1995) in the expression *off one's Jarvis Cocker* suggests that each usage may have been coined independently.

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· To those not in the know, the writers who invented a new rhyming slang over a few Britney Spears must have seemed a bit Jarvis Cocker. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**

· “Jarvis Cocker” – off his rocker[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd March **2001**

· You must be Jarvis Cocker. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

· The old trouble and strife (wife)'s gone totally Jarvis (Cocker = off her rocker). You know that tom (tomfoolery = jewellery) I gave her last week for her birthday? Cost me a monkey.[?] – *Songfacts* forum, 19th October **2009**

· So, if we were to tell you to cut The Edge before you plop yourself in front of the telly with a few Britneys, you'd think we'd gone Jarvis, wouldn't you? – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

Jarvis Cockers; jarvises

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *knockers*. < English musician Jarvis Cocker (b.1963), best known as the lead singer of the Sheffield-based Britpop band Pulp.

· Oi oi, she's got a nice pair of Jarvises on 'er. – *ilXor.com* forum, 16th October **2002**

· Look at the Jarvis Cockers on that! – *b3ta* forum, 9th February **2003**

jasmines

noun

► see YASMINE BLEETH

Jason Ferris

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang on *werris*, the short version of WERRIS CREEK. < Australian rugby league player Jason Ferris (b.1976).

· – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 10th August **2003**

Jason McAteer; Jason Macateer

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< English footballer Jason McAteer (b.1971).

· – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 10th August **2003**

· I was having a few Jason McAteers last night down the pub[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 24th March **2004**

· [A]fter a few Jason McAteers anything is possible with Kenna. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2015**

· [G]ood stuff mate have a few Jason macateers with the boys. – *twitter.com*, 13th February **2016**

Jason Peake

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *leak*. < English footballer Jason Peake (b.1971).

· Just bizarrely excused myself from a meeting to go for a 'Jason Peake' – leak. – *twitter.com*, 25th November **2011**

Jasper Carrott; Jasper Carrot

noun

a parrot [UK]

- < Jasper Carrott, the stage name of English comedian Robert Davis (b.1945). First recorded in 1998 with the spelling *Jasper Carrot*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
 - – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

jatz crackered; jatzed*adjective***1** exhausted, worn out [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *knackered*. < Jatz crackers, a brand of savoury biscuits manufactured by Arnott's.
- Last time I put anything up when I'm jatz crackered. – *SFFWorld.com* forum, 3rd February **2004**
 - – What reed do you use for your tenor Link STM? – Plasticover 3's, or 2.5's when I'm jatz crackered. – *Sax on the Web* forum, 7th March **2006**
 - Up Mt Everest though, that hill up Blues Point Road and Miller Street will have you absolutely Jatz crackered. – *SFCU.com.au* forum, 25th June **2008**
 - I'm learning lots and enjoying it, but coming home absolutely jatzed every night. – *theloadedblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th November **2008**
 - After four consecutive days of workshops, I was totally Jatz Crackered. – *www.timpegler.com.au*, blog, 2nd September, **2009**
 - 5+ hrs with a 10month old have totally banjaxed me! Feet up; see you Thursday... phew. I'm Jatzed. – *twitter.com*, 27th November **2012**

2 worn out; broken; ruined [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *knackered*. Only recorded in the full form.
- The boat had a windscreen through the front but as that was jatz crackered off it came. – *Strike & Hook* forum, 17th September **2011**
 - TV Surround sound system that I hook my iPod up to and get quality TEAC sound - free because DVD player was Jatz crackered. – *Model Engineer* forum, 28th May **2013**

jatz crackers; jatz*noun*

the testicles [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *knackers*. < Jatz crackers, a brand of savoury biscuits manufactured by Arnott's.
- He arranged himself to make his Jatz crackers comfortable. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.90, **1995**
 - This drongo sounds like he needs a swift bash in the jatz crackers with a heavy object, possibly a billabong. – Australian musician Nick Cave, writing in *Latest 7* magazine, Brighton and Hove, 17th–23rd April **2007**
 - Watch your jatz crackers. – *Brisbane Times*, 27th June **2009**
 - I don't see what you've got to lose since she's already got you by the Jatz crackers. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 19th January **2010**
 - I am going to kick you in the Jatz. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2010**

- It's always funny when someone gets one right in the Jatz crackers! – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2013**
- He was really kicking goals until he copped one in the jatz and spent the third quarter on the bench. – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, 'Australian Word Map', accessed 18th August **2016**

jay arthur; Jay Arthur Rank*noun*

▶ see J. ARTHUR RANK

jay arthur*verb*

▶ see J. ARTHUR RANK

Jayden Leskie; Jaydyn Leskie; Jayden Leski; Jayden Leske; jayden*noun*

▶ see JAIDYN LESKIE

Jayes Fluid*noun*

▶ see JEYES FLUID

Jay Jones*noun*

▶ see JACK JONES

Jay Kay; jay*noun*

a takeaway meal [E-ANGLOSHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < Jay Kay, the stage name of Jason Kay (b.1969), best known as the lead singer of the funk band Jamiroquai.
- I really can't be bothered to cook tonight. Let's just grab a Jay on the way home. – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 10th January **2001**
 - After a couple of Britneys (beers) a Jay Kay (takeaway) might be S Club 7 (heaven). – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**
 - [N]ipping out in your Wu Tang Clan – Transit van – for a Jay Kay – takeaway. – *www.mcarchives.com*, 14th January **2001**
 - Oh, and do you want to scoff it there or shall we just get a Jay Kay? – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**
 - – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**
 - Let's order a Jay Kay on the way home. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

Jay Leno*noun*

in football, a penalty [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on the Irish slang *peno*. < American comedian and TV personality James Douglas Muir 'Jay' Leno (b.1950).
- i scored a jay leno. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**
 - Haha, that's the new name for a peno... a jay leno! – *You Boys in Green* forum, 6th May **2009**
 - Thats a stonewall jay leno. – *The Football Net* forum, 24th February **2010**

· The face on Gerrard when Jones gave away that Jay Leno, fucking hell it was scary. – *LiquidFootball* forum, 10th April **2012**

· Jay Leno (peno) for Ireland. – *twitter.com*, 16th November **2015**

jays

noun

► see JACK JONES

Jay-Z

noun

tea [UK]

< Jay-Z (pronounced *Jay-Zee*), the stage name of American rapper and producer Shawn Carter (b.1969).

· Make me a Jay-Z. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th June **2004**

· Could you make us a Jay-Z. – *UD(.com)*, 7th October **2004**

· In the '70s, Londoners used the name of singer-songwriter Kiki Dee to refer to tea, while these days cafes are more likely to dole out cups of Jay-Z. – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

jazz band; jazz

noun

the hand [UK/IRELAND]

· She got her jazz bands round me three card trick and started giving it six nowt. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, s.v. *three card trick*, **1998**

· Get yer jazz bands off me. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Sh*t it's all over me jazz bands. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October **2012**

jazz drummer

noun

threepence, a threepenny bit [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *thrummer* 'a pre-decimalisation (1971) coin with a value of three pence'.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.157, **1994**

jazz singer

noun

an ugly person [UK]

Rhymes on *inger*.

· And ended up in bed with a right Jazzsinger! – *b3ta* forum, 7th February **2003**

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 21st March **2013**

Jazzy Jeff; jazzy

adjective

deaf [UK]

< DJ Jazzy Jeff, the stage name of American DJ and actor Jeffrey Townes (b.1965).

· That musics rather loud, you'll end up jazzy. Jazzy = jazzy jeff = deaf. – *PistonHeads* forum, 21st January **2010**

JB

noun

► see JODRELL BANK

J. Carroll Naish; J. Carroll Nash; j. carroll

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < J. Carroll Naish, the professional name of American actor Joseph Patrick Carrol Naish (1897–1973).

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.41, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Hold me pint, I'm just going for a J. Carroll. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Zero once told me that he has to stop every ten minutes for a J Carroll Nash. – *Car4play* forum, 6th February **2014**

2 cash [AUSTRALIA]

The full form is only attested in the spelling *J. Carroll Nash*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

JD

noun

► see JOHN DORY

jean luca

noun

► see GIANLUCA VIALLI

Jean Michel; Jean Michell

noun

a glass of beer [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *jar* and *Jarre*. < French electronic music composer and producer Jean Michel Jarre (b.1948).

· Fancy a few Jean Michells later. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd January **2004**

· [Y]ou could order a Jean Michel while standing at the Jean Michel. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jean Michel Jarre; jean michel

noun

a bar [UK]

< French electronic music composer and producer Jean Michel Jarre (b.1948).

· Oi, Simon, get up to the Jean Michel, will ya? – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jean-Pierre

nickname

a Can-Am dirt bike, originally manufactured in the 1970s by Canadian firm Bombardier

Relies on the pronunciation of *Jean-Pierre* as *John Peer*, thus rhyming on *Bombardier*. Used by American motorcycle dealers. The nickname is an acknowledgement of the machine's Canadian origins.

· – L. Poteet and J. Poteet, *Car Talk*, s.v. *Bombardier*, **1997**

Jean-Claude Van Damme; jean-claude

noun

1 ham [UK]

< Jean-Claude Van Damme, the stage name of Belgian martial artist and actor Jean-Claude Van Varenberg

(b.1960). Perhaps also a derisory pun on *ham* ‘an overly expressive actor’.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 17th November **2000**

2 spam (email) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• Argh, I can’t check me emails for all this Jean-Claude van Damme! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th May **2012**

Jeckell and Hydes

noun

▶ see JEKYL AND HYDES

Jeckyll; Jeckyl; Jeckle

noun

▶ see JEKYL

jeckyll; jeckyl; jeckle

adjective

▶ see JEKYL AND HYDE

jeckyls

noun

▶ see JEKYL AND HYDES

J. Edgar

noun

a vacuum cleaner [IRELAND/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hoover*, a generic term for a vacuum cleaner (itself derived from the brand *Hoover*), and *Hoover*. < J. Edgar Hoover (1895–1972), director of the FBI.

• I’m, like, running the J. Edgar over the corpet in the sitting-room. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.226, **2006**

• C’mon Rodney, this place is a mess. You get out the J Edgar while I get a Ruby. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

• Right, a list of what I use regularly. [...] J Edgar = Hoover. – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

Jedi Knight; jedi

noun

1 an act of defecation; a piece of excrement [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Jedi Knight, one of an order of warrior characters in the *Star Wars* films.

• Max, hurry up and get out the toilet. I’m bursting for a jedi. – *UD(.com)*, 31st March **2005**

• *Jedi rhym. slang*. A *turd*. From Jedi Knight = shite. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: The Magna Farta*, **2007**

• In any big event like a marathon the throngs usually turn a blind eye to participants stopping for a discrete pish behind a bush. During the Edinburgh Marathon 2005 though I saw a bloke stop right beside the route for a jedi knight (making no attempt to conceal himself). – *www.b3ta.com*, ‘b3ta qotw’, 25th June **2007**

• Always whistle the Imperial stormtroopers tune from *Star Wars* when I am off for a Jedi Knight. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 6th August **2012**

2 the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

A covert pun on *obi-wan*, itself a shortening of *OBI-WAN KENOBI*. Only recorded in the full form.

• [S]he likes the jedi knight. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th May **2008**

jeely jar; jeelie jar; jeelie

noun

1 a car [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *jeely jar* ‘a jam jar’ (*jeely* is the Scots form of *jelly*). A Scottish version of *JAM JAR*.

• Is this the new jeely jar, eh? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

• Tam, get oot the jeely jar – we’re gaun oot tae dinner! – *The Bogey Man: Chinatoon 2*, comic book, **1993**

• Did I see this jeely jar turning west out of Maybury road almost on 2 wheels around midday on Saturday then again heading down Lothian road later, Driver had a naff light brown (I think) woolly hat on his napper? – *Talk Photography* forum, 9th June **2008**

• *jeelie* car (rhyming slang ‘jeelie jar’) “This and other rhyming slang originated around the 1960s.[”] – *www.edinphoto.org.uk*, 19th November **2009**

• The Lord Provost of Edinburgh’s oot for a birl in his jeely jar. – *www.polaroidblipfoto.com*, 3rd February **2012**

2 a tramcar [UK: SCOTLAND]

• – *www.edinphoto.org.uk*, 2nd January **2010**

jeff

noun

▶ see GEOFF

Jeff Beck

noun

1 the neck [UK/IRELAND]

< English rock guitarist Jeff Beck (b.1944).

• I’ll continue my health report by letting you know that my Jeff Beck is fine[.] – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August **2002**

• Oh and his scorf of course, wrapped twice around his Jeff Beck. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.137, **2008**

• I always use ‘Gregory Peck’ for Cheque, but ‘neck’ works. The other one for ‘neck’ of course is ‘Jeff Beck’. – *www.noddleit.com*, 29th October **2009**

• I can feel the hairs on my Jeff Beck suddenly standing to attention. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Seedless*, p.85, **2015**

2 a cheque [UK/IRELAND]

• I’ll send you a Jeff Beck. – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• I look inside and there it is, roysh, a Jeff Beck. And it’s for, like, five hundred snots. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.110, **2011**

Jeff Duke; Jeffery Duke; jeff; jefferys; jefferies

noun

▶ see GEOFF DUKE

Jeff Hurst

noun

▶ see GEOFF HURST

Jeff Hurst*adjective*

burst [IRELAND]

- < English footballer Geoff Hurst (b.1941).
- [T]hat football is jeff hurst. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Jeff Kenna*noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds; a ten-euro note or the sum of ten euros [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *tenner*. < Irish footballer Jeff Kenna (b.1970).
- – *Shacknet* forum, 29th January **2007**
- Wonder what the odds are. worth a cheeky punt I reckon. Gonna stick a Jeff Kenna on it @ lunch. – *BBC 606* forum, 20th March **2009**
- I just found out a Jeff Kenna is a tenner. – *www.face-book.com*, 9th February **2012**
- Donation €10.00 Here's a Jeff Kenna for your troubles... – *www.mycharity.ie*, **2013**
- [D]efo worth a Jeff kenna. – *twitter.com*, 29th April **2014**

Jeff Martin*noun*

farting [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *fartin'*. Probably < Irish musician Jeff Martin; possibly < Canadian musician Jeff Martin.
- A David Kitt and plenty of Jeff Martin on the Josh Ritter. – *Thumped*, forum, 21st July **2005**

Jeff Mills; jeffs*noun*tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

- Rhymes on *pills*. < American techno DJ and producer Jeff Mills (b.1963).
- A cruel irony, then, that Colin Faver's long-running "Abstrakt Dance" show on London's KISS FM was terminated in the spring of 1997 in order to make room for happy hardcore (the cheesy-and-cheerful sound of rave fundamentalism at its most defiantly Ecstatic), while "have you got any Jeff Mills?" has become UK rhyming slang for "have you got any pills?" – S. Reynolds, *Generation Ecstasy*, p.235, **1999**
- [F]ancy a line of andy farley. got any jeffs[.] – *Harder-Faster* forum, 29th March **2006**
- Sort me out some of those Jeff Mills bruv. – *NuSkool-Breaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**
- Amongst Glasgow's clubbing intelligentsia, 'jeff mills' are slang for pills, AKA Ecstasy, since Mills has become a cult figure amongst clubbers in glasgow[.] – *Uncollected.co.uk* forum, 10th September **2009**

Jeffrey*noun*

a second-class honours degree, also known as a 2:1 ('two-one') [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang playing on the similar-sounding words *deux un*, a literal rendering of the French for *two-one*, and *Dujon*. < Jamaican cricketer Jeffrey Dujon (b.1956).

- In my day degrees were named 1st Geoff (as in Hurst) 2.1 Jeffrey (as in Dujon) 2.2 Desmond (as Above) 3rd Douglas (as in Hurd). – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April **2013**

Jeffrey Dahmer; jeffrey*noun*

a charmer [UK]

- < American serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer (1960–94).
- He's quite a Jeffrey, your boyfriend. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th March **2005**
- I gives 'er the old banter, an' sure enuff she falls fer me. Prob coz I'm a bit of a Jeffrey Dahmer. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- Dane Hunnerup's a bit of a Jeffrey Dahmer. – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

Jeffrey Juke; Jeffy Duke; jeffrey; jeffries*noun*

▶ see GEOFF DUKE

Jekyll; Jeckyll; Jeckyl; Jeckle*noun*

a concealed shelter for observing birds [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hide* (as in *bird hide*) and *Hyde*. < Jekyll and Hyde, the split-personality character in the 1886 novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Birdwatchers' slang. Synonymous with MOTHER'S PRIDE and WOE BETIDE.
- [I]t was really Mork & Mindy in the Jekyll this mornig. [...] By the time I reached the Jeckle the current had gone and a cold wind blew across the Cabernet. [...] I enclose a Barnaby of one of the little egrets as it floated gracefully in front of the Jeckyl. [...] I was joined in the jeckyll by my chums Bernie, Duncan and Ellie. – *justin-dequack.com*, blog, 8th April, 26th April, 17th June and 1st July **2014**

Jekyll and Hyde; jekyll*noun*

1 a dishonest, untrustworthy person [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *snide*. Influenced by the standard English use of *Jekyll and Hyde* to refer to a two-sided person. < Jekyll and Hyde, the split-personality character in the 1886 novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Synonymous with MR HYDE.
- Jekyll: a snide; a no good. – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, **1968**
- He's a right Jekyll. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**
- Jack came over and shook my hand, telling me: 'You're doing the right thing.' But I didn't trust him, I never had, as I knew he was a Jekyll [Jekyll and Hyde – snide]. – B. Teale, *Bringing Down the Krays*, **2012**

2 pride [UK]

· ‘That Brett never cleans it proper. Got no Jekyll.’ Jekyll and Hyde, I thought: pride. – D. Francis, *Driving Force*, p.24, **1992**

· You lost your jekyll or something? – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

3 a forgery, a fake [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *snide*.

· A copied painting, a moody Rolex, a dodgy bank not. They’re all ‘Jekylls’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· He unzipped the bags, which were stuffed with new £20 and £10 notes. [...] Lovely job, these Jekylls,’ called Harry. – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.80, **2004**

· I just used one – I forgot it as its just part of my vocab. Jekyll – meaning dodgy gear / knock offs (from Jekyll and Hyde = Snide). – *The Rev Counter* forum, 16th April **2008**

· First Arnie went to a jeweller he knew and had some Jekylls (Jekyll and Hyde – snide) made up. – M. Glückstad, *The Devil Shook My Hand*, p.39, **2012**

4 a sexually appealing person; a sex partner [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *ride*.

· “Hey, Hazel, who’s the new Jekyll?” Francey’s worst fears were confirmed as a drunk at the counter teetered around on his stool and leered in their direction. [...] She inched across the seat and threw her arms around his neck. “You got it in one, Francey. Jekyll and Hyde, *ride*–geddit? “It’s this.” She planted her lips on his. – D. Purcell, *Roses After Rain*, pp.108/113, **1996**

5 a guide (providing information about a particular subject or activity) [UK]

The short form is given by Thorne (2005).

· Our Jekyll and Hyde (Guide) to the Secret Language of Young Britain. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS*, **2005**

6 a ride in or on a vehicle [UK]

· Jekyll – Jekyll and Hyde – ride. [...] “Talwar, I’m so glad you showed up me old sunshine. You can come along for the Jekyll.” “I don’t do action boss,” Talwar protested. “Everyone has to start somewhere. You can ride in the front car with me, Eddie and Tony. Right, lets shift it out!” – T.J. Jackson, *Gang Lords of London*, n.p./p.181, **2009**

Jekyll and Hyde; jekyll; jeckyl; jeckle

adjective

counterfeit, false, bogus; fake; dishonest, two-faced [UK]

Rhymes on *snide*. < Jekyll and Hyde, the split-personality character in the 1886 novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. The variant *jeckle* is given by Smith (1989).

· “Jekyll” is snide (crooked) from Jekyll & Hyde[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.233, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Cody’s game was deception and he’d worked his way up from kiting, lying down Jekyll paper with a cheque

card, through credit cards, and into something a whole lot more sophisticated. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.96 [2001], **2000**

· Bought a Jekyll watch down the market. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2000**

· ‘e’s a bit Jeckyll. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· ‘Hello, Billy,’ he says, dismissing the two birds with a wave of a fat pink hand, dripping in jeckyl tom[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.15 [2012], **2004**

· It’s Jekyll! We’ve risked getting beaten in a Korea prison cell for a load of Jekyll tom. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.241, **2014**

· If something is classed as **Jekyll**, it means it is false, a fake, not the real thing. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.81, **2015**

Jekyll and Hydes; Jekkyl and Hydes; Jeckell and Hydes; jekylls; jekkyls; jeckyls

noun

trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *strides*. < Jekyll and Hyde, the central character in Robert Louis Stevenson’s novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1886).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· And Richard felt by now that the earl – in concert with these terrible jekylls – was finally winning. How the strides burned, and cringed, and miserably itched. – M. Amis, *The Information*, p.278, **1995**

· There follows a blur of fabric, off comes me Peckham, me Uncle Bert, me rhythm an’ blues, me Tilbury Docks, an’ me Jeckell an’ Hydes. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· [L]et me get my jekyll and hydes on. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· ‘My jekylys are a bit tight Georgie,’ the O’sh said, tugging at his waistband. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.105, **2007**

· Jekkyl and Hydes – Strides (Trousers) ‘Ees flyin’ ’is jekylys at haff mast’. – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**

· [H]owever, I’ve always talked about my favourite tailors in London where I get my jekyll and hydes cut or even where I get my off-the-peg tennis rackets altered[.] – *www.vogue.co.uk*, blog, 23rd July **2012**

jellied eel; jelly

noun

1 a deal [UK]

< *jellied eels* ‘a traditional English dish associated with London’s East End’. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *what’s the jellied eel?* ‘what is going on?’.

· I’ll give ya a great jelly on it. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd April **2002**

· What’s the jellied eel here? – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· From today, gadget loving car buyers all over the UK are being encouraged to ditch their Bernard Langer by using their Uncle Toby or pistol and shooter to get the best

jellied eel on their La-Di- Dah or jamjar. – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [M]aking a jellied eel (deal)[.] – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

· You want a jellied eel, you'll have to talk to the magistrate. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

2 a pedal steel guitar [UK]

Always in full.

· I 'ad a great gig at the Red Cow with Steve on fillet o' plaice, & Pete on jellied-eel, but we had a bit o' trouble with the guvner. – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 10th September **2007**

jellied eel

verb

to feel [UK]

< *jellied eels* 'a traditional English dish associated with London's East End'. Probably a nonce usage.

· Does anyone else jellied eel embarrassed to be English at the moment? – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

jellied eels

noun

a private vehicle [UK]

Rhymes on *wheels*. < *jellied eels* 'a traditional English dish associated with London's East End'.

· Have you got jellied eels? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· How are you getting home? Have you got jellied eels? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

jellybone; jelly bone; jelly

noun

a telephone [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· True Bright-Ling (I wear one of your watches, by the way!) but you don't always have a computer available to you. So it has to be the jelly bone. WAP is what you need! – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 14th October **2000**

· I owe a few people calls on the jellybone[.] – *YNOT* forum, 12th January **2005**

· Aw me Jelly's vibrating. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st November **2006**

· I am going to use the jellybone. – F. Mikdadi, *Return*, p.225, **2008**

· Just overheard my other half talking to her mummy on the jelly-bone. – *Sheffield Forum*, 10th March **2008**

jelly cone

noun

a telephone [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.66, **1968**

jelly pud

adjective

pretty good [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

jelly roll

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < *jelly roll*, an American English name for a jam roll often used as a sexual metaphor.

· I'm on the Nat King Cole, you know, the jelly roll, the old rock n roll if you will. In fact I'm on the sausage roll. i.e on the fuckin dole. – *twitter.com*, 2nd May **2013**

Jelly Roll Blues

noun

news; the news [UK]

< 'Jelly Roll Blues', or 'Original Jelly Roll Blues', a jazz classic written by Ferdinand Joseph 'Jelly Roll Morton' LaMothe in the mid-1900s (copyrighted in 1915). *Jelly roll*, an American English name for a jam roll, is used in the song and elsewhere as a sexual metaphor.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th January **2002**

· This is Robin Hood Jelly Roll Blues so lets 'ave a Moriarty. – *WetCanvas* forum, 3rd November **2009**

· The Jelly Roll Blues is also full of Brad Pitt, as is the government. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

jelly tot; jelly

noun

1 a girl; a girlfriend or wife [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *mot*. < Jelly Tots, a brand of sweets produced by Rowntree's since 1967. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· In the cot again with the jelly tot... Time for bo peep again... – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2010**

· What a hole, just dropping off a jelly tot to it[.] – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 17th May **2010**

2 a spot, a pimple [UK]

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 12th April **2007**

· [T]his is how acne sufferers get to be covered in 'jellies'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jem Mace; Jim Mace; James Mace; jem

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< English boxer Jem Mace (1831–1910). The variants *Jim Mace*, *James Mace* and *jem* have been recorded in British usage.

· "I'll swear the --- shot was a blank," said another, who might have been a parson, judged by the cut of his "Jem Mace." – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· I hardly recognised his James Mace at first[.] – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· Jem Mace ... face. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.119, **1930**

· Face ... Jim Mace. [...] Hand over a "Jack's alive" or I'll plaster yer "Jim Mace" so's yer "one and t'other" won't know yer. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

- Face ... Jem Mace. [...] I'll plaster yer "Jim Mace"[.] – P.P., *RS*, 1932
- Just then she crossed over to our side of the frog and I vardered her Jim Mace[.] – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, ca 1937
- Say wot yer like be'ind 'is back, but say 'sorry, sir' ter 'is Jem Mace. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.114, 1938
- I simply adore your Jem Mace (face), your neat little I suppose (nose), and your blonde Barnet Fair (hair). – *Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania, 22nd November 1947
- Yer Jem Mace is filthy[.] – N. Jacob, *Me – Looking Back*, p.219, 1950
- So I slammed the *Rory O' More* in 'is Jem[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.22, 1969
- Use your loaf, a Jem has a North, an Irish and minces. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.53, 1973
- Terry's well-defined lips are hovering before the identical feature on my own Jem Mace[.] – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.21, 1975
- This produced a strangled curse and I turned to see a malevolent old jem mace glaring at me. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, pp.88–89, 1991
- Face = Boat (Boat race), but I've heard Cod (Cod and plaice), Chevy (Chevy Chase) and Jem (Jem Mace). – *Town Germany* forum, 18th November 2005

Jemmy O'Goblin

noun

▶ see JIMMY O'GOBLIN

Jennie Lee; jennie

noun

▶ see JENNY LEE

Jennifer

noun

in cricket, a score of one hundred runs (also called a *century* or a *ton*) [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *a nice ton* and *Aniston*. < American actress Jennifer Aniston (b.1969).
- Batsmen, meanwhile, are aspiring to acquire a Jennifer. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 13th September 1998

Jennifer Kyte

noun

a night [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian journalist and broadcaster Jennifer Keyte (b.1960).
- Had a few Brittany Spears last night. Fell over and smashed up the hale and pace. Got a left jab home and now the old loaf of bread is hurting. Wasn't a bad Jennifer Kyte. – www.facebook.com, 17th January 2015

Jennifer Rush

noun

genital thrush [UK]

- < Jennifer Rush, the stage name of American pop singer Heidi Stern (b.1960).

- Red scarring / pain / itching on the Penis 5 days after sexual intercourse.? – [...] Sounds like Jennifer Rush (thrush) to me. – answers.yahoo.com, 26th November 2009

Jenny Hills; jennies

noun

testicles [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *pills*. < Jenny Hill, the stage name of English music-hall performer Elizabeth Jane Woodley (1851–96), also known by the publicity legends 'The Vital Spark' and 'The Queen of the Halls'.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- Jenny Hills (c. 1870) gave us *Jennies* for pills (also suggesting "testi-kills," balls, nonsense—as do the more modern *Beecham's Pills*)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.134, 1977

Jenny Lee; Jenny Lea; Jennie Lee; jennie

noun

1 a flea [UK]

- Recorded in the forms *Jenny Lee* and *Jennie Lee*.
- Then a bow-wow by her side, / Who till then had stood and tried / A 'Jenny Lee' to banish, / Which was on his 'Jonah's whale,' / Gave a hydrophobia bark, / (She cried, 'What a Noah's Ark!') / And right through my 'rank and riches' / Did my 'cribbage pegs' assail. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887
- Fleas ... Jenny Lees. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- Flea (or key) ... Jenny Lee. – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- **Jennie Lee** [...] 3 flea[.] – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

2 tea [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- Recorded in the forms *Jenny Lee*, *Jenny Lea* and *Jennie Lee*.
- JENNY LEE.–Tea. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931
- Tea ... Jenny Lea[.] – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- See if my china-plate is in the Duke-of-Kent and ask him to get some mother-and-daughter in the knock-me-silly, get an oh-Maria going and make some Jenny Lee! – *The Western Mail*, Perth, 7th August 1941
- Jenny Lea. Tea[.] – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- Mum's making me Jenny Lee! – *The Sweeney*, p.9, 1976
- **Jennie Lee 1** tea[.] – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- **Jenny Lee – tea**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- **Jenny Lee** Tea. – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014
- 3 a key (for operating locks) [UK]
- Recorded in the forms *Jenny Lee*, *Jennie Lee* and *jennie*
- Keys ... Jenny Lee's. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- Jenny Lee [...] Key. – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- So I goes along wiv 'im an' 'e gets aht a *Jennie* an' in we goes into this 'ere *birch* 'es got. [...] So I goes along wiv 'im an' 'e gets aht a *Jennie Lee* an' in we goes into this 'ere *birch broom* 'es got. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, 1969
- **Jennie Lee** [...] 2 key[.] – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

Jenny Lind*noun*

1 wind [UK]

< Jenny Lind, the stage name of Swedish soprano Johanna Maria Lind (1820–87), popularly known as ‘The Swedish Nightingale’.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 flatulence [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

jenny linder; jenny linda; jenny*noun*

a window [UK/US]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *window* as *winder*. < Jenny Lind, the stage name of Swedish soprano Johanna Maria Lind (1820–87), popularly known as ‘The Swedish Nightingale’. The form *Jenny Linder* (with initial capitals) is given by Anglicus (1857), Hotten (1859), Ashley (1968) and Klein (2009). *Jenny Linda* (with initial capitals too) is recorded by Matsell (1859), Trumble (1880) and Kray (1989).

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859
- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, 1859
- – A. Trumble, *SDNYLP*, 1880
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] window (Jenny Linder); hat (lean and fat); baker (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939
- In a Cockney’s speech a *Jenny* can be a “window.” – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.240, 1968
- – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, 1989
- Open the Jenny Linder. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

jenny lindy*adjective*

windy [UK]

A derivative of JENNY LIND.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Jenny Wren; jenny*noun*

Ben Truman beer [UK]

- [A] ‘pint of Jenny’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- I have had a pint of Jenny Wren, and off to the pub shortly to try some more ales...mmmmmm. – *twitter.com*, 24th December 2012

j. enochs*noun*

▶ see ENOCH POWELLS

Jenolan Cave; jenolan*noun*

a shave [AUSTRALIA]

< Jenolan Caves, a cave system in the Blue Mountains, in New South Wales.

- 1. “a Dad and Dave” or “a Jenolan Cave” ... for a shave
- 2. “an Eiffel Tower” ... for a shower
- 3. “an Edgar Britt” for a (guess?), and
- 4. for all three at once which is a common practice after breakfast, the abbreviation of “an Edgar, Jenolan and Eiffel”. – *www.theherald.com.au*, 10th May 2013

Jenson*noun*

■ on the Jenson (of an angler’s cast) accurate [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *button*, used in the phrase *on the button*, and *Button*. < English racing driver Jenson Button (b.1980). Angling slang.

- On the Jenson = An accurate cast on the “Button”. – *The Anglers Forum*, 8th May 2005
- “on the Jenson” is a fave of mine.. basically meaning i have cast out and landed it on the ‘Button’[.] – *North West Carp Forum*, 15th April 2008

Jenson Button; jenson*noun*

a middle-aged or old woman dressed in a younger fashion [UK]

Rhymes on *mutton*. Generally in the phrase *Jenson Button dressed as lamb*. < English racing driver Jenson Button (b.1980).

- Ah, mate, she’s Jenson! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th July 2009
- She’s Jenson Button dressed as lamb I reckon. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May 2012
- Lots of people out, half of them Jenson Button (*Mutton*) dressed as lamb. – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July 2012

Jeremiah; Gerry Meier; Gerry Myer; Jerry Myer; jerry*noun*

a fire (in a fireplace or brazier) [UK]

- – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, 1937: *John o’ London’s Weekly*, 9th June 1934
- [W]hen I’ve got my mince-pies properly open I goes down the apples and pears and lights the Jeremiah for my trouble and strife. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- Three Owen Nares wiv *Chalk Farms* ’n’all ’n’ a ’lectric *Dickory Dock* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. [...] I was sitting in front of the *Jeremiah* / A-warming me *plates of meat*[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.20–21/22, 1969
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.35, 1973
- Cor! ’andsome jerry, a pint o’ pig’s, and me trouble’s smilin’. Wot a turn up! – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.66, 1973
- Just as we had got totally immersed in an episode of Bert’s sea life, he would say, ‘Here, look at the Jeremiah. Gi’us that Lord Lovell, and I’ll put some more coke on.’ – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.162, 1976
- When the man arrived home, his daughter was sitting by the Jeremiah on her favourite Lionel Blair. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976

- With thanks to our friend and neighbour Tony Shephard, here are a few uncommon examples of Cockney rhyming slang: Jeremiah = fire; Gawd forbids = kids[.] – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, **2005**
- Gerry Myre – Fire (from the old days of a coal fire in the house). – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**
- Gerry Meier (sp?) = Fire. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April **2007**
- Tony – some interesting boats on display and I can only hope their saucepans keep the Jeremiah burning! – *Talk Photography* forum, 8th June **2009**
- I might put the bottle and glass by the old Jerry Myer[.] – *www.reuters.com*, 19th July **2012**

Jeremy

noun

a male homosexual, especially if effeminate [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang based on a punning interpretation of *iron*: the elliptical form of IRON HOOF and an s-less version of the surname *Irons*. < English actor Jeremy Irons (b.1948).
- Iron Hoof = poof. Sometimes convoluted further to Jeremy (Irons). – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 27th March **1995**
 - I once heard someone being called a Jermemy: Jeremy = jeremy Irons = iron hoof = poof = homosexual. – *Forums* forum, 28th July **2004**

Jeremy Beadle; jeremy

noun

1 a feeling of irritation or annoyance [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *needle*. Always used with the definite article. < English television personality and professional prankster Jeremy Beadle (1948–2008).
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - And if a bloke doesn't give his girlfriend the Jeremy Beadle (needle) he might get into her Alan Whickers (knickers). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 3rd October **2002**
 - We can 'ave a nice Frank and Pat down there without you givin' me the jeremy, right? – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**
- 2 a needle [UK]
- There is, for example, a section on Royal College of Surgeons Rhyming Slang, including such words as a "jeremy" (Jeremy Beadle – needle)[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 24th July **2002**
 - He's got the right Jeremy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th November **2002**
 - Jeremy Beadle was my Cockney Rhyming slang for 'needle' so I'm very sad that he has died. I will think of him every time I say 'Carl, could you get me a new Jeremy for my pen'. Carl, could you get me a new Jeremy for my pen'. – *Cystic Fibrosis Trust* forum, 30th January **2008**
 - They used tae say that it wis just poofs that goat it, no that ah'm sayin poofs deserve it like, but it worries us thit ye kin git it jist fir bangin up wi the Jeremy Beadles n that. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.495, **2012**

- Just pricked my finger with a Jeremy Beadle! – *www.friendsreunited.co.uk*, accessed 15th March **2012**

Jeremy Hunt; jeremy

noun

a contemptible fool [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. < English politician Jeremy Hunt (b.1966). The word's popularity was boosted by a slip of the tongue by radio presenter Jim Naughtie, who announced 'Jeremy Cunt' when introducing the then Culture Secretary on the *Today* programme on BBC Radio 4 on 6th December 2010. During *Start the Week*, the following programme, presenter Andrew Marr repeated and reinforced the accidental slip. ▶ see SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RHYMING SLANG
- On the upside: Jeremy Hunt, our new minister for Culture Olympics Media & Sport will be a boon for rhyming slangsters – oh what a Jeremy. – *www.facebook.com*, 12th May **2010**
 - Her name's Margot, but she'd be so thrilled if you'd call her an absolute Jeremy. – *Belfast Telegraph*, 9th December **2010**
 - I feel like a right Jeremy. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 30th March **2012**
 - – You look like an old raspberry. – Haha, thanks, you utter Jeremy. – *CycleChat* forum, 18th September **2012**
 - If I may be entirely blunt / You're a right pair of Jeremy Hunts. – *15 Minute Musical*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 27th December **2012**
 - This geezer's a right jeremy, ain't he? – *Daily Star*, London, 13th February **2016**

Jeremy Kyles; jeremys

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- Rhymes on *piles*. < English radio and TV presenter Jeremy Kyle (b.1965).
- I also got my jeremy Kyles checked out[.] – *Pregnancy Forum*, 11th May **2007**
 - I used to rub that into my Jeremy Kyles. – *The Royle Family*, UK TV: BBC1, 25th December **2009**
 - The one on the right has a serious case of the Jeremy Kyles. – *Cemex Angling* forum, 14th January **2010**
 - [S]itting there tempts the s(h)itter to the extra push or two, which may lead to a case of the Jeremys (Kyles), you have been warned. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 23rd December **2011**
 - Re the Jeremy Kyles, I had them a couple of times when I was in my late teens but never since. Probably coincides with me stopping going to the Gay Village. – *Not606* forum, 12th October **2012**
 - Tell you what Steve, me old Jeremy's are bloody killing me. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

Jerk in bed; Jerkinbed

nickname

the town of Birkenhead in the north-west of England, near Liverpool

A slang rhyme.

· But have a major soft spot for the old school trance, used to go the Drome in Jerkinbed (Birkenhead) back in the day. – *UKB* forum, 17th August **2004**

· i have not criticised anyone from the wirral i simply asked the question of why we are becoming infested with ear ring wearers “is it because we have opened two shop in jerk in bed”. – *Network54* forum, 23rd November **2004**

· A view of the Liverpool water front is definately better than a view of ‘Jerk-in-Bed’. – *Runner’s World*, forum, 1st May **2009**

· And so eventually I arrived from the wastes of Jerkinbed to the hostile big city of Liverpool to work in an office in Castle Chambers. – *scouselandplonky.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th January **2010**

· We have Scouse town, (Liverpool) and Jerk in bed (Birkenhead). – *Karl’s Forums*, 12th October, **2010**

· Man in Birkenhead Aka Jerk In Bed, North West, UK. – *www.fabguys.com*, December **2015**

Jerkin bedder

noun

a native or inhabitant of Birkenhead, a town in the north-west of England, near Liverpool [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A slang rhyme on *Birkenheader*. Formed on JERK IN BED.

· [W]hat a fuckin awful movie. jerk in bedders with blag scouse accents. – *www.youtube.com*, **2013**

· Good Lord, not Paul O’Grady. You’ll end up sounding like a jerk in bedder. – *www.reddit.com/r/britishproblems*, 23rd February **2014**

Jermain Defoe

noun

the toe [IRELAND]

< English footballer Jermain Defoe (b.1982).

· i have a sore jermain defoe. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Jermaine Jenas; Jermain Jenas

noun

1 the penis [UK]

< English footballer Jermaine Jenas (b.1983).

· Ill kick ye in the Jermaine Jenas. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 11th December **2008**

· Thread: Football rhyming slang – Jermaine Jenas = pen’s. – *WFC Forums*, 22nd May **2009**

· Round my way Jermain Jenas has become a bit of rhyming slang for the old fella living down stairs, Mr John Thomas[,] – *dml23.squarespace.com*, blog, 25th February **2010**

2 a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *penis*.

· He’s a bit of a Jermain Jenas. – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th August **2009**

Jermyn Street

noun

in darts, a double four [UK]

A covert pun based on, and synonymous with, TWO WHORES. < Jermyn Street, a street that runs off Haymarket in central London, once known as a den of prostitution. ▶ see EUSTON ROAD

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.51, **2011**

Jerry Blake

noun

a cake [UK: WALES]

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

jerrydiddle; Jerry Diddle; jerry

noun

1 a violin [US]

Rhymes on *fiddle*. < *jerrydiddle*, an Australian slang term for ‘a drink on the house’. Recorded in the forms *jerrydiddle* (Maurer 1944) and *Jerry Diddle* (Franklyn 1960; Prewitt and Schaeffer 1961–1962).

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

2 a dishonest arrangement; an act of fraud [UK]

Rhymes on *fiddle*. An elaboration of the slang *diddle* ‘a deception’. Used in the phrase *on the Jerry Diddle* (or *on the jerry*) ‘engaged in a fraudulent or illegal undertaking’, the direct equivalent of *on the fiddle*. Recorded in the forms *Jerry Diddle* and *jerry*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Jerry Halls

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < American celebrity model and actress Jerry Hall (b.1956).

· Bobby Davro dropping from the 7.5m diving platform produced the best line of the whole week, as the Aussie commentator winced: “He’s landed on his Jerry Halls.” Classic! – *Evening Chronicle*, Newcastle, England, 13th September **2003**

· Bet they didn’t have M&S, Mountain Horse, or padded cycling shorts, but I just never thought about the ‘Jerry Halls’ problem! – *New Rider* forum, 6th May **2004**

· – That would be no good rattler, have you never heard the term “A kick in the Henrys”. – What about the “Jerry Halls”. – *Belfast Forum*, 18th July **2007**

Jerry Horner

noun

a street corner [AUSTRALIA]

· Australians in time will be known in other parts of the world just the same as Americans are known now. The racing fraternity and the spierler use more cockney slang than any other class, and very often the rhyming slang, such as, ‘Lets go up the field of wheat, turn the jerry horner, and get out of the crazy jane.’ Which is nothing more or less than an invitation to go up the street, turn

the corner, and get out of the rain. – *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March **1894**

Jerry Lee

noun

1 a key [us]

Probably < American rock and roll singer and pianist Jerry Lee Lewis (b.1935).

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 urination; an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Jerry Lee Luas; Jerry Lee

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Lewis*. < American rock and roll singer and pianist Jerry Lee Lewis (b.1935).

▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, C.S., DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS and REBECCA

· Already I have heard talk of taking “the Jerry Lee” and “the Daniel Day”. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 3rd July **2004**

· – J. Ayto and I. Crofton, *BDMPPF*, s.v. *Daniel Day*, *The*, **2006**

· Mark said the people of Dublin call it the Jerry Lee LUAS because it ‘Shakes, Rattles and Rolls’. – *cbaireland2006.blogspot.com*, blog, 10th March **2006**

· We'll get the Jerry Lee[.] – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th February **2007**

· “Is this the Daniel Day or the Jerry Lee?” grinned the burly youth at the head of a posse of red-and-white St Pat's fans who rolled on to the Luas at the Suir Road stop on Saturday afternoon. “It's the Jerry Lee, the other one is for the rugger buggers,” replied a bearded Bohs supporter. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 19th May **2010**

· So I set about doing a bit of research on the old tram line that used to cover Dublin, long before the Jerry Lee Luas came to town. – *www.news4.ie*, 11th April **2011**

Jerry McGinn

noun

the chin [us]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Jerry McNabs

noun

pubic lice [us]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Jerry Myer; Jerry

noun

▶ see JEREMIAH

Jerry O'Goblin

noun

a sovereign coin [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. A variation of the more common JIMMY O'GOBLIN.

· The equivalent of two thousand golden jerry o' goblins, in twenty excellent crisp bank notes. – *The Evening Star*, Dunedin, New Zealand, J.K. Prothero, ‘An Eye for an Eye’, 14th September **1907**

· Thank Gawd I 'ad a tidy win too, five goldin' jerry o' goblins, an' make no bloomin' error! [...] I was a very modest punter in those days; but I had my humble “Jerry o' Goblin” on The Squirrel at 50–1. – H. Cox, *Chasing and Racing*, pp.144/260, **1922**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] penny (kilkenny); sovereign (Jerry O'Goblin). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

Jerry O'Gorman

noun

a Mormon [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Didn't she marry a Jerry O'Gorman? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Jerry Quarry

noun

a lorry [UK]

< American boxer Jerry Quarry (1945–99).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Jerry Riddle; Jerry Riddell; Gerry Riddle

noun

an act of urination; urine [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. A variation of JIMMY RIDDLE. Probably suggested by the colloquialism *jerry* ‘a chamber pot’. *Jerry Riddle* is the usual British form. The spelling variant *Jerry Riddell*, given by Partridge (1961), is rare. The only American record (spelt *Jerry Riddle*) is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. However, the material in this vocabulary should be used with caution: according to etymologist Peter

Tamony, it includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. In Australia, *Jerry Riddle* is also recorded only once, in a 1967 short story by Frank Hardy. Interestingly, in his novel *The Outcasts of Foolgarah*, published in 1971, Hardy uses *Gerry Riddle*, which is the usual form in Australian English; it is not recorded in British and American usage.

· **Jerry Riddle** *Piddle* (urination). – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· **Jerry Riddle** (or **Riddell**), n. and v. Urination; to urinate[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

· JERRY RIDDLE – For piddle (urinate). – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· Tell you what we’ll do: we’ll wait ’til he goes out for a Jerry Riddle, foller him, knock him down from behind[.]

– F. Hardy, *Australian Lover*, p.56, 1967

· Chilla was squatted on the dunny having a Gerry Riddle and an Edgar Britt. – F. Hardy, *Foolgarah*, p.209, 1971

· **Gerry Riddle**: a piddle. – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

· [S]o i’m in the loo avin a jerry riddle, this geezer comes in, next thing I know he’s got his oliver twist in my face lookin for a read n write! – *Tribe* forum, 17th May 2004

· **Gerry Riddle** – **piddle, as in urinate**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Jerry Riddle; Jerry Riddell

verb

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

– E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

jerryrumble

verb

to discover, to understand [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *tumble*. The precise etymology of the word is uncertain. It may be rhyming slang or a compound comprising *jerry* ‘to understand, to realise’ and *rumble* ‘to discover, to find out’. Note also the (originally American) adjective *jerry*, as used in the phrase *to be jerry (to)* ‘to be “wise” (to), to be aware (of)’.

· At first he thought he must be a very poor spruiker or an unconvincing tale-teller, or lacked magnetism or something, but by and by he jerryrumbled that he was known too well and that the people of the prohib. cold corner were taking mental lunars at him when he tried to sell ’em booze. – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 27th October 1906

· It is safe to say that Christie was under the impression that he would be able to deal with Darcy as he had dealt with “Knock-out” Marchand, but he soon “jerryrumbled” to the difference. – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 21st November 1914

Jerry Springer; jerry

noun

■ an ugly person [UK]

Rhymes on *minger*. < British-born American talk show host Jerry Springer (b.1944).

· [T]here is no excuse for parents to look baffled when their sons and daughters ask for a scan before they go out on the lash in the hope of getting a zig a zig ah – but not with a Jerry Springer, you understand. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th December 2000

· She’s a Jerry Springer Mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th June 2002

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005

· She is such a Jerry. – *Digital Spy* forum, 23rd November 2006

· Haha!! I saw it in the newspapers yesterday, who would want to have it with that bitter bitter jerry. – *Girls Aloud Media* forum, 8th December 2008

2 the finger [UK: LIVERPOOL, SCOTLAND]

Springer and *finger* rhyme perfectly in the accents of Merseyside and Scotland. In the dialect area of Liverpool the shortened form is used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the jerry*, the direct equivalent of *give someone the finger*. In Scotland the term has only been recorded in the full form.

· [E]res a few used by all the boys these days: [...] jerry = finger (jerry springer, give him/her the finger, middle finger)[.] – *y2u.co.uk*, ‘Scouse’, 28th June 2009

· – He’ll likely have a “jew’s wish” while he’s at it. – I hope he remembers to wash his “jerry springer’s” after it. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September 2009

Jersey City

noun

a woman’s breast [US]

Rhymes on *titty*. < Jersey City, a city in the American state of New Jersey.

· **Jersey Cities**, a woman’s breast. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· JERSEY CITIES. Titties (breasts). – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944

· JERSEY CITY – For titty (female breasts). – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· **Jersey City** breast[.] – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.116, 1987

Jersey Flegg

noun

a keg of beer [AUSTRALIA]

< English-born Australian rugby league personality Henry ‘Jersey’ Flegg (1878–1960), a prominent figure in the game both as a player and an administrator.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· [T]hey’ve got a few jersey fleggs in for tonight. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Jerusalem artichoke

noun

a donkey [UK]

Rhymes on *make*. Probably an elaboration of the earlier *Jerusalem* ‘a donkey’, a word that occurs, for exam-

ple, in an 1893 music-hall song written and composed by Brian Daly and John Crook and recorded by Albert Chevalier.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

Jessica Ennis; jessica

noun

tennis [UK]

< Jessica Ennis, the maiden name of English Olympic athlete Jessica Ennis-Hill (b.1986). Coined before Ennis married in 2013.

- Fancy a game of Jessica? (Jessica Ennis, Tennis). – *twitter.com*, 14th January 2012
- Watson is playing fantastic Jessica Ennis[.] – *twitter.com*, 3rd July 2015

Jessie J

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Jessie J, the stage name of English singer Jessica Ellen Cornish (b.1988). With a side glance at the slang *jessie* ‘an effeminate man’. Partly triggered by media interest in the singer’s sexual orientation.

- [H]e’s jessie j. – *Roblox.com* forum, 18th July 2012
- – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: Hail Swearly*, 2013

Jessie’s dream

noun

methylated spirits as an alcoholic drink [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the New Zealand slang *steam*. Probably < Jessie’s Dream, a legend from the Siege of Lucknow (1857), celebrated in painting and song; or < ‘Jessie’s Dream’ (also known as ‘Aunt Jessie’s Dream’), a piece of incidental music used in the Beatles’ *Magical Mystery Tour* film (1967), but otherwise unreleased.

- Round the World for Ninepence, Jessie’s Dream, Fix Bayonets, devotees called methylated spirits, recommending orange juice as a dilutant. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Times*, 10th June 1984

Jester

nickname

1 Chester, a city in Cheshire, in the north-west of England

A slang rhyme.

- We bin a trip ter ther Jester Zoo. – L. Lane, *LYS2*, 1966

2 Chester City FC, a now defunct football team based in Chester, in the north-west of England; Chester FC, formed in 2010 as the successor to Chester City FC

A slang rhyme used by supporters of Chester’s traditional arch-rival, Wrexham AFC. ▶ see JESTER CITY

- Jester are a tiny tiny little club with a tiny tiny little stadium, and will soon be in the Conference, if not this season then next. – *Deva Chat* forum, 10th March 2005
- I remember us doing it, ironically, against Jester in an early round Leyland Daf game. – *Total Tranmere* forum, 14th February 2016

• – [H]opefully it’ll be 643 minutes by the time we’ve played Jester Pity next week! – Jester Pity are no more only Jester. – *twitter.com*, 14th March 2016

Jester Pity

nickname

Chester FC, a now defunct football team based in Chester, in the north-west of England

A slang rhyme punning on *just a pity*. Used by supporters of Chester’s traditional arch-rival, Wrexham AFC. Sometimes also as JESTER.

- Ugarte almost definitely will not be at wxm next year, but he certainly wouldn’t go to Jester Pity. – *Deva Chat* forum, 10th March 2005
- Wrexham also use many colourful profanities to describe Chester, the least offensive being ‘Jester Pity’. – *www.fourfourtwo.com*, 1st June 2006
- Anyway Jester Pity’s home kit for this season is the same style as that Naftovik away kit you did earlier[.] – *Soccer Gaming* forum, 7th October 2007

jet fighter

noun

an event or task that continues for the whole night [UK]

Rhymes on *all-nighter*.

- We’re going on a Jet Fighter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th March 2002
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- It took five long years of study, including the occasional jet fighter (all nighter), but I’m finally a Tom Sawyer (lawyer). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October 2011
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

Jethro Tull; jethro

noun

the skull [UK]

A piece of popney rhyming slang that has made its way into British usage. < English rock band Jethro Tull, so named after English agriculturist Jethro Tull (1674–1741).

- I bust an Aristotle over his Jethro. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd January 2004
- Jethro Tull = skull[.] – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007

• Old Uncle Jeff fell down the apples last week and nearly split ‘is Jethro straight open. – *blogs.herald.com*, blog, 27th November 2007

- [T]hey were out of their ‘jethro’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008
- Well, first I get a stone, / I put it in this sling, / I swing it round and round / And sling it at your ‘ead! / E double D, edd! / Cracked ‘is **Jethro!** – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.18, 2009

jet lag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th February 2002
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Jet Li*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < Jet Li, the stage name of Chinese-born martial artist and actor Li Lianjie (b.1963).· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd April **2012****jeuk***noun*

▶ see GEOFF DUKE

Jew chum*noun*

a tramp [US]

Rhymes on *bum*.· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962****Jewish joanna***noun*

a cash register [UK]

A variation of the slang *Jewish piano*, itself a visual metaphor tainted with a racial stereotype. Formed on JOANNA.· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.189, **1977****Jews***noun*

in darts, a double two [UK]

A slang rhyme on *twos*. ▶ see TWO JEWS· In England the game of darts has an idiom of its own similar to that which the soldiers used when playing crown and anchor. [...] Rhyming slang is used sometimes—fives are “bee-hives,” two’s are “Jews”[.] – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 28th August **1937**· A hundred is a ‘ton’, of course, all over England. Two twos is Jews[.] – J. Moore, *Brensham Village*, p.96 [1948], **1946**· JEWS twos. – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.21, **1980**· Jews - Double two. – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011****Jew’s wish; Jews wish***noun*

[1] something worthless; nonsense; rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*, the Scots form of *piss*.· I’d say that Ferguson or Thompson would easily have put in superior performances to Donati who, while sometimes looking like a good footballer, has been “Jews wish” on too many occasions. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2008**

[2] an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *pish*.· He’ll likely have a “jew’s wish” while he’s at it. – *Talk-Celtic* forum, 17th September **2009**· I’ll be back the now i’m away for a Jews Wish. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**· [H]ad to get home to let dog out for a Jews wish. – *twitter.com*, 20th May **2016****Jeyes Fluid; Jayes Fluid; jeyes***noun*

the state of being naked [IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme on *nude* in Irish English. < Jeyes Fluid, a brand of disinfectant. Used in the phrases *in the Jeyes Fluid/in the jeyes* and *in one’s Jeyes Fluid/in one’s jeyes*.· He was running about in his Jeyes Fluid. – *Dublin*, spoken, December **2003**· – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 27th August **2005**· There’s a mot on the TV in her jeyes fluid. – *Irish Gaelic Translator.com* forum, 11th February **2006**· The goggles went on after a few more britneys though, so off I went with her for an owl Jack Palance, a ruby then a schnakey joer home to get her in the Jeyes and have me Nat King. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**· I reckon he’d look like a Ken doll in his Jeyes Fluid. – *MagicMum.com* forum, 27th March **2009**· [H]e won’t know if you haven’t got your false eyelashes on or if you’re in the jeyes fluid. – *Dublinforum.net*, 11th May **2011**· I stood at me front gate in the jeyes fluid, with me bits swinging in the wind. – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th March **2012**· [M]y colleague was on the fire escape taking a piss in his Jayes Fluid. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 23rd March **2012**· Except when some Meath man decides to tweet a pic of himself in the Jeyes! – *twitter.com*, 27th February **2013**· [W]ill we go for a swim in our Jayes Fluid later? – *twitter.com*, 25th December **2014****jig and prance***noun*

a dance [US]

A happy combination of rhyme and reason.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962****jig and prance***verb*

to dance [US]

An apposite rhyme.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935****jiggle and jog; jiggle***noun*

a French person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *Frog*.· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.23, **1979**· Among the racist dysphemisms of English, are: *mick* for Irish person (or in Australia, a Roman Catholic), *frog* (Cockney *jiggle and jog*) for a French person[.] – K. Allan and K. Burridge, *Euphemism & Dysphemism*, p.121, **1991**

· Ill bet you are either a dusbin lid, or a grocer’s shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or

a spotty dog, or a widow's wink, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July **1996**

· Jiggle. A Frenchman (jiggle and jog=frog). – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.XIV, **2004**

jill

noun

▶ see JACK AND JILL

Jill and Jack

noun

in pre-decimal currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *zack*. ▶ see JACK

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**

Jim and Jack

noun

a person's back [UK/IRELAND]

· Well, I see Samson as huge and all butch, with great bulging thews and whopping great lallies, with long blond riah hanging right down his Jim and Jack. – *Round the Home*, UK radio: BBC Light Programme, 16th April **1967**

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

Jim Benner

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *temer*.

· Lovely just seen someone contemplating buying one of these new iRiver mp3 playing devices via the site... please do, that'll earn me a jim benner! – *clarkeology.com*, blog, 16th March **2004**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

Jim Blunt

noun

▶ see JAMES BLUNT

Jim Bowen

verb

leaving; departing [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *goin'*. Used as a present participle in the phrase *be Jim Bowen*. < English comedian Jim Bowen (b.1937).

· I'm Jim Bowen[.] – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· I'm Jim Bowen for a Barry White. – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 15th December **2004**

Jim Brits

noun

▶ see JIMMY BRITTS

Jim Broon; Jimmy Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh or Dumferline [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Probably < Scottish footballer Jim Brown (b.1950). Also used in the phrase *hit the Jim Broon/hit the Jimmy Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*). ▶ see JAMES BROON

· [U] gon up the jim broon like? Is it black friday? – *twitter.com*, 11th December **2011**

· [H]e claims he's ill. The muufuckka is up the jim broon. – *twitter.com*, 18th April **2012**

· Good luck and ill catch u later in the week for a few jars up the jimmy broon. – *twitter.com*, 24th November **2012**

· HITTING THE JIM BROON. – *twitter.com*, 30th March **2013**

· When you pick up the parents from the Jimmy broon... – *twitter.com*, 2nd April **2015**

· Bet when ozturk hits the Jimmy Broon he's the biggest creep. – *twitter.com*, 5th April **2015**

Jim Brown

noun

a town or city; sometimes specifically the West End of London [UK]

Rhymes on *town*.

· "When did you come into Eine?" they asked. "Into what?" says the Tambo. "Well, into Jim Brown?" – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.11, **1893**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Jim Crow

noun

1 among itinerant entertainers, an actor [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pro*. < *Jim Crow* 'a black-faced minstrel; a black person'.

· He suggested that the young men, who were as English as a coronation parade, should tell us English vaudeville slang. [...] They know all the involutions of cockney vernacular. They started impetuously. "A dance act is a clod wallop, a dancer a clod walloper," said one. "Actors are pros," said another, "rhyming with Jim Crows." – *The San Francisco Call*, 9th July **1911**

· In the meantime, however, we had made a real start as "Jim Crows," Tom going to Southport to join Adeler & Sutton, while I went to St. Leonards to work on the promenade with "The Lyrics," each commencing on the same day. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.3, **ca 1937**

2 a street clown or busker [UK]

A forced rhyme on *saltimbanco* 'an itinerant seller of medicines who relied on public performance to mask the dubious qualities of the remedies'.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 the toe [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.67, **1968**

Jim dandy

noun

candy [us]

From the scanty evidence available, it is impossible to determine in what sense the word *candy* is to be understood: it could be interpreted in the standard sense ‘confectionery, sweets’ or in the slang sense ‘excellent’ (a usage dating to the late 1900s), or perhaps both. This is compounded by the fact that *jim dandy* is recorded as an adjective meaning ‘excellent’ as early as the 1880s. If the word under discussion here is taken to mean ‘excellent’ too, then the rhyme with *candy* may be purely coincidental and the word may not qualify as rhyming slang.

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Jim Delahunt

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Scottish TV sports presenter Jim Delahunt (b.1962).

• What a Jim Delahunt that guy was. – J. Richmond, *The Birds Call Me Seb*, p.19, 2008

• I like it, it makes Murdo Mcleod and the SFA look an even bigger bunch of Jim Delahunts. – *We Are Perth* forum, 11th July 2009

• [T]he presenters are a bunch of Jim Delahunts. – *www.petitiononline.com*, 2012

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Jim Delahunt of (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’.

• His shooting is a joke. He has cut inside too often and made a Jim Delahunt of it. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th October 2009

• I made a Jim Delahunt of it last weekend mate. Far too much Swally! – *twitter.com*, 25th April 2013

3 the vagina [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

• Al boot you rite in the jim delahunt lol. – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January 2013

Jim Fenner; jim

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Jim Fenner, a character in the ITV drama series *Bad Girls* (1999–2006). The character was played by the English actor Jack Ellis (b.1955).

• Where’s that Jim you owe me? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th May 2003

• i’ll bet you a jim fenner that i wont play. – *Newcastle United Fans Forum*, 2nd August 2008

• Can anyone lend me a Jim Fenner? – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April 2013

Jim Gerald

nickname

the *Herald* newspaper (Melbourne)

< Australian comedian Jim Gerald (1891–1971).

• I see there’s a bloke who claims to be thirty-third cousin of the Tsar, and says he’s an authority in Russia, writ-

ing his memoirs for the Jim Gerald. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Overland* journal, vi, 1956

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

• The afternoon newspaper in Melbourne is known as the Jim Gerald, after the Tivoli artist. Half the kids using the expression these days don’t even know who he was. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January 1980

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, 1983

• For the past couple of years Douglas has written for “the Jim Gerald” an occasional column dubbed ‘Table Manners’[.] – *The Age*, Melbourne, 7th April 1989

• You’ll read about some of that in an interview I did with Lionel some years ago, originally for the afternoon broadsheet *The Herald* – that Lionel always called in rhyming slang ‘the Jim Gerald’. – *www.independentaustalia.net*, 16th May 2011

Jimi

noun

a Hendrickson fly [US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *Hendrickson* and *Hendrix*. < American rock singer and guitarist Jimi Hendrix (1942–70). Used by fly fishermen.

• – J. Dunn, *Idiom Savant*, p.172, 1997

Jimi Hendrix; Jimmi Hendrix; jimi

noun

the appendix [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Imperfect popney rhyming slang. < American rock singer and guitarist Jimi Hendrix (1942–70).

• I just ‘ad mi Jimmi Hendrix taken out. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd January 2004

• Yer Jimi Hendrix could blow. I don’t care. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

• Jimi Hendrix = appendix[.] – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007

• Sadly however, Dunc had more fun having his Jimi removed than listening to this record. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th October 2008

• I’ve got a grumbling Jimi Hendrix. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February 2014

Jiminy Cricket; Jiminy

noun

the game of cricket [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *cricket* and *Cricket*. < Jiminy Cricket, a character in Walt Disney’s animated film *Pinocchio* (1940).

• ‘Gorblimey, girl, I’m getting all excited again, don’t say things like that when I’ve got a game of Jiminy Cricket to be getting on with.’ [...] Alfie, a good straight bat is a bit of cricket talk, a bit of the old Jiminy Rabbit. [...] ‘Blimey, all the games of Jiminy I’ve played and I’ve never scored a bleedin’ six in me life,’ Donald confessed to the buxom official. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, pp.110/154/158, 1983

Jiminy Cricket; jiminy

noun

1 in cricket, the wicket [UK]

< Jiminy Cricket, a character in Walt Disney's animated film *Pinocchio* (1940). Only evidenced in the shortened form.

· 'Go on, my son!' yelled Pumps Parker. 'Keep the old Jiminy intact, Slogger.' – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.106, **1983**

2 a ticket [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, **1983**

Jim McColl

noun

a brawl [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish engineering entrepreneur Jim McColl (b.1951).

· Whit a cerry oan. Chairs wir flying and aw sorts. It wiz a right Jim McColl. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Jim Mace

noun

▶ see JEM MACE

Jim McLean

noun

a pain [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Jim McLean (b.1937).

· Yer like a be'r wi' a sore heid the day. Yer a right Jim McLean. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Jim Magee

noun

a key [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

Jim Mason

noun

▶ see JIMMY MASON

Jimmie Dancer

noun

▶ see JIMMY DANCER

Jimmie Hicks; Jimmie Hicks from the Sticks; Jimmie Hix from the Sticks

noun

▶ see JIMMY HICKS

Jimmie the Dancer

noun

▶ see JIMMY DANCER

Jimmie White; jimmie

noun

▶ see JIMMY WHITE

Jimmi Hendrix

noun

▶ see JIMI HENDRIX

Jimmy Blair

noun

the hair [UK: WALES]

< Scottish footballer Jimmy Blair (1918–83), who played for Cardiff City in the 1930s.

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

Jimmy Blunt

noun

▶ see JAMES BLUNT

Jimmy Boyle; jimmy

noun

foil (for smoking heroin) [UK]

< Scottish convicted murderer-turned-sculptor Jimmy Boyle (b.1944).

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· The buyer empties his joey onto a small sheet of 'jimmy' (Jimmy Boyle = silver foil), and lights a taper under it, sucking up the fumes via a pen tube. – *The Guardian*, London, 24th September **1997**

· The actors have very helpfully provided a glossary of terms that they'll use. [...] "Jimmy Boyle" is "rhyming slang for silver foil" [...] – *The Birmingham Post*, 9th October **1999**

· Got any Jimmy? – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· As in "pass the jimmy". [...] "You've got no jimmy? You're having a radox". – *h2g2* forum, 19th March **2009**

· In England all police station cells come equipped with a hatch that spares the cops from having to open the door to serve meals; that means you can whisper through them. After checking to make sure that no one was around I loudly whispered to Driscoll, "Got any Jimmy?" – *www.thefix.com*, 2nd December **2011**

· [H]e got out some Jimmy Boyle [foil] and started smoking heroin. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.115, **2014**

Jimmy Britt; Jimmy Brit

noun

an act of defecation [US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < American boxer Jimmy Britt (1879–1940); he toured Australia in the early 20th century. The word is remembered by Corrigan (2005) as part of the slang of first- and second-generation Irish living in the Mission District of San Francisco in the first half of the 20th century. First recorded with the spelling *Jimmy Brit*.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I'm going to take a Jimmy Britt. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.67, **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· I'm buggered if I know, / Kick a dead dingo, / Going for a Jimmy Britt, / You Pommy twit! – *Pommy*, lyric, *The Hates*, **2004**

· Using the bathroom would be described as either "taking a hit and miss" or a "Jimmy Britt." – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

· [H]e'd love to let me know he was off to the gravy bowl for a Jimmy Britt, mostly to annoy my mum. – *Bus Australia* forum, 16th July **2010**

· "Jimmy Britt", another earlier version of a "Brad Pitt". – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 26th July **2011**

· Woke up at 4am for a Jimmy Brit. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 30th August **2011**

Jimmy Britt; Jimmy Brit; jimmy
adjective

very good; excellent [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *shit*. < American boxer Jimmy Britt (1879–1940), who toured Australia in the early 20th century. An offshoot of the noun JIMMY BRITT. The short form is recorded by Factor (2000). Children's slang.

· Those pants are jimmy brit. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**
· **Jimmy Britt (2) – good, as in 'not shit'**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Jimmy Britts; Jimmy Brits; Jim Brits; jimmys; jimmies
noun

diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < American boxer Jimmy Britt (1879–1940), who toured Australia in the early 20th century. According to the available evidence, the full form *Jimmy Britts* (also spelt *Jimmy Brits*) is common in all three locations of use, while *jimmies* is confined to Australian and British usage. The variant *Jim Brits* has only been recorded in Australia. The term is also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the Jimmy Britts* (or *the jimmys/jimmies*) 'to make someone very angry or annoyed'.

· Other instances from Australian slang are *Oscar* for cash, cut back from *Oscar Asche* [...]. *To have the jimmies* is to suffer from diarrhoea, by an obscure rhyme on Jimmy Britts, a prizefighter, who toured Australia in the early years of the 20th century. These terms have not been encountered by this writer in the United States. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.188, **1944**

· All the staff have got the Jimmys. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Certo Insana*, unofficial organ of the 5th Australian Division Signals, 3, **1945**

· Must be a touch of the Jim-brits. [...] Anyway, he gives me the Jim-brits—it's not him I worry about, it's the section! – T.A.G. Hungerford, *Ridge*, pp.116/191, **1952**

· Malaria and the jimmy britz have sucked him dry. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: J. Cleary, *The Climate of Courage*, p.292, **1954**

· **Jimmy Britts Shits** Reduced to the 'Jimmys' meaning diarrhoea[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Work gives me the 'Jimmy Brits' too sometimes, but I'd never openly sabotage the joint! – *Wings Over New Zealand* forum, 8th January **2009**

· Well I'd stay close to a toilet if I were you. It sounds like you're in for a dose of the Jimmy Britts or Tijuana Cha Cha. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 27th January **2009**

· Jax, people like that give me the Jimmy Britts. – *Anne McCaffrey Fans Forum*, 17th November **2011**

· Grrr this is giving me the "Jimmy Brits"! – *Gibson Guitar Board*, 11th June **2013**

· **Jimmy Britts** noun SHITS (rhyming slang); diarrhoea. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Jimmy Broon
noun

▶ see JIM BROON

Jimmy Carter
noun

the anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *farther*. < Jimmy Carter (b.1924), the 39th President of the United States. Perhaps influenced by a lyric from the rugby song 'The Good Ship Venus' (also known as 'Friggin' in the Riggin'): 'The first mate's name was Carter, / By God, he was a farther. / When the wind wouldn't blow / And the ship wouldn't go, / Then Carter the farther would start her.'

· [Y]ou can stick that RIGHT up yer jimmy carter. – *Anglers' Net* forum, 3rd April **2007**

Jimmy Choo; jimmy
noun

1 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *loo*. < Malaysian-born, London-based footwear designer Jimmy Choo (b.1952), co-founder of the eponymous luxury shoe brand. Only evidenced in the full form.

· [T]his month's Elle magazine notifies us that the latest chic speak for socks is Patricks, as in Cox. A Manolo is a chick, as in Blahnik and someone nipping off to the Jimmy Choo is, in all likelihood, about to do a Jimmy Riddle. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 17th January **2001**

· Inside the Jimmy Choo (a new take on cockney rhyming slang) for the Loo aka toilet aka bathroom. – *alexisdaily-makeupmaestro.tumblr.com*, 12th June **2013**

2 in bingo, the number thirty-two [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· Butlins said it wanted to respond to fresh interest in bingo by replacing some of the terms first used more than 50 years ago. [...] Among the new changes are 32 will go from being "buckle my shoe" to "Jimmy Choo" [...] – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 5th May **2003**

· "Thirty-two, buckle my shoe" will give way to "Jimmy Choo". – *The Guardian*, 8th May **2003**

· Take Butlin's. Last year, they called in a bingo expert to revamp the names given to numbers to pander to a younger audience. The guy binned Buckle My Shoe for 32 and made it Jimmy Choo instead. – *The Sun*, London, 1st December **2004**

· – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**

3 a shoe [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

· [T]he Choo brand is now so well known that "Jimmy Choo" has even become rhyming slang for "shoe"! – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 3rd June **2003**

· 'You mean my new Jimmys out in the hall?' 'Jimmys?' 'It's the new Cockney rhyming slang. You know – Jimmy Choos, shoes?' – J. Summers, *Fluffy*, p.132, **2008**

· As far as I can tell, Nigel (and who can tell anything about Nigel?), was using the term 'Jimmy Choo's' as

rhyiming slang for shoes though, as I could have told him, the correct phrase is 'Jimmies'. – *Highgate Cemetery – Telling Tales* forum, 2nd April **2012**

· I'm gonna give you back a bit of your pie and take a random guess and say you're from the North Shore where parents abandon kids while shopping for jimmy choos and mistresses. – *www.whaleoil.co.nz*, blog, 11th September **2013**

4 a clue [UK/IRELAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· [T]hese southern shandy drinking, london village inhabiting, carp infested layabouts won't have a jimmy choo what you are talking about! – *The Anglers Forum*, 17th March **2005**

· It's for that reason, and because of the way in which Apple present themselves that your gran will know what an iCloud is, yet she won't have a Jimmy Choo what Google Docs is. – *theboyellis.co.uk*, blog, 8th June **2011**

· I avven't got a Jimmy Choo, mate. – *www.bedrock.org.uk*, forum, June **2013**

· I haven't got a Jimmy Choo where this is going! – *twitter.com*, 16th January **2013**

5 excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· For poo, you need a Jimmy Choo, or an Eartha Kitt/Brad Pitt, or a Forrest Gump. – *Triumph Sprint Owners Club* forum, 10th October **2007**

· Gagging for a jimmy choo. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th August **2010**

· Going for a Jimmy Choo. – *Cardiff*, spoken, male, mid-20s, December **2014**

6 a Jew [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· Beef Stew is Shropshire Rhyming slang for Jew SO IS JIMMY CHOO. – *ask.fm*, May **2013**

Jimmy Cliff; jimmy

noun

a cannabis cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *spliff*. < Jamaican reggae singer Jimmy Cliff (b.1948).

· Cant beat smoking a jimmy cliff and watching a good kung fu movie. – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 3rd September **2003**

· Lookin bee's knees i must say rofl!, Im off to blaze a jimmy cliff. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 28th August **2006**

· – What word do u use?! – Bifta, skin, joint, or a Jimmy, as in Jimmy Cliff. – *Drum & Bass Forum*, 18th June **2008**

· So if I'd smoked a Jimmy Cliff & chopped a few lines out tonight, I'd be breaking the law. – *twitter.com*, 3rd June **2012**

Jimmy Cliff; jimmy

verb

to smell unpleasantly [UK]

Rhymes on *whiff* and *niff*. < Jamaican reggae singer Jimmy Cliff (b.1948).

· Cor, it don't half Jimmy round here. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th September **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· He don't half Jimmy Cliff! – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

Jimmy Connors

noun

■ **do the Jimmy Connors** to assume responsibility for pouring drinks or serving food at a social occasion [UK]

Rhymes on *honours*, used in the phrase *do the honours*.

< American tennis player Jimmy Connors (b.1952).

· Do the Jimmy Connors, mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th June **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jimmy Dalt

noun

salt [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.509, **1984**

Jimmy Dancer; Jimmie Dancer; Jimmy the Dancer; Jimmie the Dancer; jimmy

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

· He has just completed shooting the straight television drama Jimmy Dancer for the ABC, as part of that network's Spring and Fall series. Written by Robert Caswell, Jimmy Dancer (rhyming slang for cancer) was described by McDonald as "the most exciting thing I've been involved with." – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 4th November **1981**

· McDonald played a comedian stricken with cancer (Jimmy Dancer, in rhyming slang). – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 23rd September **1986**

· Jimmy Dancer: Malignancy. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· Jimmy Dancer is rhyming slang for cancer[.] – A.J. Has-sall, *Hot Macadam*, p.221, **1998**

· You're hard and you're cruel, Jimmy Dancer, / You just don't take life, but dignity as well. – *Jimmy Dancer*, lyric, Eric Bogle, **2000**

· The husband was not long dead, having died from what 'Mud' called 'Jimmy the Dancer'. – J. Bassett, *The Facing Island*, p.38, **2002**

· **Jimmie Dancer / Jimmy Dancer** – cancer (rhyming slang). [...] **Jimmie the Dancer / Jimmy the Dancer** – cancer (rhyming slang). – *receptidocs.ru*, 6th January **2002**

· If you're more poetic than promiscuous, the joys of rhyming slang await you. There are dozens of examples to defuse dangers and make light of threat. Like after dark for shark, Jimmy Dancer for cancer and Joe Blake for snake. – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August **2006**

· He's got the Jimmy! – *www.jacklacton.com*, blog, 26th March **2009**

· In truth you're back at square one / minus some gut & arse, no wisdom felt, / no sweet Eurymedea sung back up from / suffering nor duende dealt from Jimmy / Dancer's sado-touch. – *peterlachnewinsky.wordpress.com*, blog, 1st March 2013: P. Lach-Newinsky, 'Five Storeys Down. A Travelogue', a poem shortlisted for the Newcastle Poetry Prize, **2012**

· I wonder what form of the jimmy dancer she had? – *twitter.com*, 8th March **2014**

Jimmy Denner

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *tenner*.

· I'd been charged a Jimmy Denner for the privilege of watching telly in an NHS hospital my taxes had helped fund. – T. Black, *Long Time Dead*, pp.98–99, **2010**

· He ferreted in his jeans, produced a Jimmy Denner. – T. Black, *Loss*, p.30, **2010**

· I pulled a couple of Jimmy Denners out and headed up the road to a drinker I knew well. – T. Black, *Last Orders*, p.135, **2013**

Jimmy Durantes

noun

female underpants [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *panties*. < American entertainer Jimmy Durante (1893–1980). Thus BIG JIMMIES.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

Jimmy Flint

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < English actor Jimmy Flint (b.1952). – OK, forgive me ignorance, but what is skint? [...] – jimmy flint. skint!! i.e got no money. broke! – *New Order Online* forum, 23rd May **2006**

· I'm Jimmy Flint. – *compu-smart.hubpages.com*, 8th December **2013**

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink; Jimmy Hasselbaink; jimmy floyd

noun

an act of masturbation [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, the popular name of Dutch footballer Jerrel Hasselbaink (b.1972). In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *jimmy floyd*.

· [W]hat's the best time of the day for a "Jimmy Floyd"? – *Boards.ie* forum, 16th December **2004**

· The (Cockney) Rhyming slang dictionary [...] Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink :) – *CPFC BBS* forum, 4th March **2005**

· My brother used to work laying railway tracks in the middle of nowhere at weekends, most of the guys would sit off in the van drinking tea and having Jimmy Floyds over the pictures in the Daily Star and Sport. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 19th September **2008**

· Jaysus, some pic that, well worth havin a jimmy floyd after seein that!! – *You Boys in Green* forum, 3rd July **2009**

· I bet somebody is having a Jimmy Hasselbaink over this thread. – *Charlton Life* forum, 20th October **2015**

jimmyful

noun

a large amount [UK]

Derived from *jimmy*, a shortening of JIMMY MASON.

Thus formed on the analogy of *basinful*. Synonymous with CHARLIE MASONFULL.

· To have a portion of something is to have a basinful or a 'jimmyful'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Jim/Jimmy Mason*, **2003**

Jimmy Giles

noun

haemorrhoids [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. In British English, < English footballer Jimmy Giles (b.1946). The source of the Irish usage is not clear.

· [T]ry Anusol cream for the jimmy-giles – unfortunately I got one of them (not sure i think its only one, never had them before) after the birth and the anusol cream has it gone now, less than six days later. – *eumom* forum, 23rd June **2004**

· My Jimmy Giles are giving me gip. – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th October **2015**

Jimmy Giraffe; jimmy

noun

a laugh [UK]

< Jimmy Giraffe, ultimately a character from a traditional two-ball rhyme ('Jimmy Giraffe, you made me laugh, walking down the garden path'). Generally in the phrase *you're having a Jimmy Giraffe* or *you're having a jimmy* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· Your 'avin a Jimmy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th March **2002**

· £745 they just quoted me.....They must be having a Jimmy Giraffe or smoking crack or something.....!! – *XPower Forum*, 29th January **2010**

· 4-0 win and we're second to last? Your editor must be having a jimmy giraffe!? – *twitter.com*, 29th March **2014**

Jimmy Goblin; jimmy; jim

noun

▶ see JIMMY O'GOBLIN

jimmygrant; Jimmy Grant; jimmigrant; jemmygrant; Jemmy Grant; jimmy; jemmy

noun

a British (especially English) immigrant to Australia or New Zealand [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme on *immigrant* and *emigrant*. Hence POMMYGRANT.

· [T]he profound contempt which the whaler expresses for the “lubber of a *jimmy-grant*,” as he calls the emigrant[.] – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: E.J. Wakefield, *Adventure in New Zealand*, p.337, **1845**

· The more sedate “jemmygrants,” or emigrants, collected in the old English style, determined to enjoy the glass, the song, the toast, and the joke, until Morpheus bid them “repair to his arms for sweet repose.” – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 10th January **1855**

· ‘Hallo! my lads,’ says Price, ‘I think I know you. Isn’t that the mark of my fist on your face, Jemmy?’ [...] Price isn’t a bad sort for a right down old bard, but he doesn’t like a jemmygrant! – *Colonial Times and Tasmanian*, Hobart, 29th January **1857**

· In ’59 the place was inundated with “jimmies” as they were called, and about that time the Bank, the only Bank, the Union, put on the screw, and the balloon was pricked. – W.E. Burke, manuscript, Christchurch City Libraries, **ca 1860**

· A gentleman who was well acquainted with the Port had told him the other day that when immigrants were being landed from the vessels which brought them out, the boatmen used to go swearing at the “jimmigrants” – as they called them – for coming here[.] – *The South Australian Advertiser*, Adelaide, 6th August **1861**

· I wasn’t like one of these ‘Jemmy Grants’ (cant term for ‘emigrants’)[.] – E.E. Morris, *Austral English*, s.v. *Vandemonian*, 1898: *Cassell’s Magazine*, p.440, **1867**

· [W]hen the first boat-load landed, dressed in their best clothes (all wrinkled and tumbled with the long rest in their owners’ boxes), and laden with bundles, band-boxes, cloaks, shawls, baskets, &c., there were we children tailing on behind, with all sorts of jeers and jests at the “jimmies.” – *Oxford Observer*, East Oxford, New Zealand, 1st March **1890**

· [T]he country was worth living in, – not like now, overstocked with “jimmies” and foreign trash. – R. Boldrewood, *Babes*, p.270, **1900**

· He claims to have been in at the birth of this word when 47 years ago the children of new arrivals were dubbed “immigrants,” “jemmygrants” and “pommygrants” by the Sydney children[.] – *Sunday Times*, Sydney, 17th September **1922**

· Another term that possibly overlapped from the pre-1840 period was **jimmygrant**, for an immigrant. – S.J. Baker, *NZS*, p.23, **1941**

· ‘jimmigrant’ or ‘Jimmy Grant’ was a half-jocular, half-contemptuous name for a free immigrant, especially an Englishman, used in the same way as ‘New Chum’ or the later ‘Pommy’. – R. Ward and J. Robertson, *Such Was Life*, p.248, **1969**

Jimmy Greaves

noun

1 thieves [UK]

< English footballer and pundit Jimmy Greaves (b.1940).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th November **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 in scaffolding, a metal clamp used for joining tubes end to end [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *sleeve*.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

Jimmy Griff

adjective

drunk [US]

Rhymes on *stiff*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.68, **1968**

Jimmy Grit

noun

excrement [US]

Rhymes on *shit*. Possibly by misspelling or mishearing of JIMMY BRITT.

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

Jimmy Hasselbaink

noun

▶ see JIMMY FLOYD HASSLEBAINK

Jimmy Hicks; Jimmie Hicks; Jimmy Hix; Jimmy Hicks from the Sticks; Jimmie Hicks from the Sticks; Jimmy Hix from the Sticks; Jimmie Hix from the Sticks; Captain Jimmy Hicks; Captain Hicks; jimmy; hicks

noun

1 in craps, a roll of six [US]

No evidence of use in the short form *jimmy*. Synonymous with BABY HICKS, MAMMA HICKS and SISTER HICKS.

· ‘Jimmy Hicks, take my gal to Memphis!’ “Big Dick is mine!” “Come, Little Joe!” These expressions are a part of the vocabulary which accompanies any well-arranged sitting of the Southern darcy’s great game of craps. [...] Nearly all the points on the dice are named. Four is called “Little Joe,” five is called “Phoebe” or “fever,” six is known as “Jimmy Hicks,” nine is “Liz,” and ten is “Big Dick,” sometimes also called “Big Tom.” – *The Sun*, New York, 7th November **1897**

· ‘Little Jo’ is fou’, maybe two 2’s, o’ a 3 an’ 1; dey neb-bah call de numbahs, ’cept seven an’ ’leben, deys got names fo’ ’em; five is ‘fever,’ six is ‘Jimmy Hicks,’ nine is ‘Liz,’ an’ ten is ‘big Dick.’ – F. Mather, *In the Louisiana Lowlands*, p.7, 1900; first published in *Forest and Stream* magazine, New York, 24th September **1898**

· Hicks [a 6 in craps]. – J.E. Lighter, *RHHDAS*, 1994: Wilkins, *Co. Fund*, p.45, **1919**

· CAPTAIN HICKS (N) Six on a pair of dice. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· JIMMY HICKS. Point six on dice. – D.W. Maurer, *The Argot of the Dice Gambler*, p.126, **1950**

· His strawberry-blond hair fell across his pug face, a cigarette dangled insolently from his lips, and he brought the dice, cupped into his left hand, to his mouth. “Oh, baby,” he said. “Jimmy Hicks, Captain Hicks, Captain

Jimmy Hicks [...] oh, baby, baby, baby, you do what Daddy says, you sweet, sweet baby six!" – S. Hunter, *Hot Springs*, p.42 [2001], **2000**

· **Jimmy Hicks.** In craps, slang for the number 6. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.200, **2000**

· He also knew that 'Jimmy Hix from the Sticks' was a term for a six because he had heard it called that in a crap game in the back room of the pool hall in Big Elk. – J.G. Hicks, *Eight, Skate and Donate*, p.256, **2001**

· Six could be "Jimmie Hicks" or "Jimmie Hix from the Sticks." – *www.crapspub.com*, blog, 14th December **2011**

· **Six** may be referred to as "Jimmie Hicks," "Jimmy Hix," or "Jimmie Hicks from the Sticks," all examples of rhyming slang. – *dicechuckingladyloving.wordpress.com*, blog, 18th April **2012**

· "Up pops the devil!", "Jimmie Hicks from the Sticks!", "Ace caught a deuce!" – *www.silveroakcasino.com*, blog, 27th March **2013**

② an injection of drugs [US/CANADA/UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. Recorded in the forms *Jimmy Hicks*, *Jimmy Hix* and *Jimmy*.

· American dope addicts, however, have their own slang. One or two words give a comparison with our own rhyming slang. An injection of any of the principal drugs is called a 'fix', or, in rhyming slang, a 'Jimmy Hix'. – P. Tempest, *LL*, s.v. *dope*, **1950**

· **JIMMY**, n. Skin injection of drug. – W.C. de Lannoy and E. Masterson, *Teen-Age Hophead Jargon*, p.27, **1952**

· **JIMMY**; [...] (Can) an injection of narcotic. [...] **JIMMY HIX**; (CRS) a fix of drugs. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· Injection may be described as a *deck*, *cranking up*, *jack-ing up*, a *jag*, or a *Jimmy*. – S. McConville, *Prison Language*, p.526, **1990**

· **Jimmy** [...] **fix** (a dose, often an injection of drugs)[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· **Jimmy Hicks Fix** A drugs-related piece. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Kitty and I fell into a routine. We kept vampire hours. Every day we woke to the setting sun, did a jimmy-hix; then she put on her high heels and painted her mouth target-red. – S. Reid, *Junkie*, in *Out of Bounds* prison magazine, William Head Institution, Metchosin, British Columbia, summer **2005**

③ in poker, a six [us]

Recorded in the forms *Jimmy Hicks* and *Jimmy Hix*.

· **JIMMY HICKS.** Any six-spot. This name was probably borrowed from the vocabulary of dice. – S.A. Larsen, *The Vocabulary of Poker*, p.99, **1951**

· He answered as he flipped a card face down in front of the six men, then dealt one card face up around the table. "Jimmy Hix from the sticks bets," Clint said. It was a gambling expression for the number six. – J.G. Hicks, *Eight, Skate and Donate*, p.141, **2001**

· **Jimmy Hix** [...] In lowball, a 6-high hand. – *www.planetpoker.com*, 'Poker Dictionary', 1st February **2001**

Jimmy Hill; jimmy

noun

① a pill, a tablet of a prescribed, illicit or recreational drug [UK]

< English footballer and television sports presenter Jimmy Hill (1928–2015).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· I was working in a bar the first time I took a Jimmy Hill and ended up on the floor of the keg room grinning like a baboon. – *Well Cool Stuff* forum, 15th May **2003**

· **jimmys** – pills. – *HarderFaster* forum, 29th March **2006**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

· So Gurning Clown is on the Jimmy Hills. A few eckies here, a bit of e there, maybe some prozac[.] – *www.blog-topsites.com*, 28th September **2009**

· Get yourself tickets for this stereosonic and we will get full a jimmy hills coz we're nuts. – *JA606* forum, 9th July **2013**

② a bill (an account) [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Have we paid the Jimmy Hill yet? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Have we paid the Jimmy? – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· Pay the Jimmy for this curry will ya and let's get outta 'ere. – *www.catflapfootball.com*, 11th March **2009**

③ a chill [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· There's a bit of a Jimmy Hill in the air today. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jimmy Hird; jimmy

noun

▶ see JAMES HIRD

Jimmy Hope

noun

soap [us]

< American bank robber Jimmy Hope (1836–1905).

· The "Jimmy Hope" soap furnished is such as is ordinarily used for scrubbing floors and other coarse cleaning.

– D. Lowrie, *My Life in Prison*, p.52, **1912**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.509, **1984**

Jimmy Hunt; jimmy

noun

▶ see JAMES HUNT

Jimmy Joyce

noun

▶ see JAMES JOYCE

Jimmy Krankie*noun*

a handkerchief [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hanky*. < Jimmy Krankie, best known as Wee Jimmy Krankie, the popular pint-sized comedy character played by Scottish actress Janette Tough (b.1947). ▶ see WEE JIMMY

· Pass me a Jimmy Krankie. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· In Scottish rhyming slang you masturbate into a Jimmy Krankie (hankie). – *twitter.com*, 14th October **2011**

Jimmy Krankies; Jimmy Crankies; Wee Jimmy Krankies*nickname*

Clydebank FC, a football team based in Clydebank, near Glasgow

Rhymes on *Bankies*, the traditional nickname for this football club. < Jimmy Krankie, best known as Wee Jimmy Krankie, the popular pint-sized comedy character played by Scottish actress Janette Tough (b.1947).

▶ see HAM SHANKIES, KILLIECRANKIES, PAPER HANKIES and SHERMAN TANKIES

· Clydebank away to Petershill tomorrow in the Scottish cup 1/4 finals. C'mon the wee Jimmy Krankies! – *Tartan Army* forum, 13th March **2009**

· Football Rhyming Slang [...] the killiecrankies the jimmy crankies[.] – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2009**

· So ashfield in the final on tuesday c'mon the jimmy krankies. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 28th May **2010**

Jimmy Lee*noun*

1 tea [AUSTRALIA]

▶ see JINNY LEE

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· [L]ast nite afta my happy hour dad askd me if i wanted a cup of jimmy Lee. – *www.bebo.com*, 7th June **2008**

2 the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*.

· Ther was some waft comin outta me mots jimmy lee last night. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October **2012**

Jimmy linger*noun*

a finger [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.69, **1968**

Jimmy Logie*noun*

a piece of nasal mucus [UK]

Rhymes on *bogey*. < Scottish footballer Jimmy Logie (1919–84), who played for Arsenal from 1939 to 1955.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.112, **2011**

Jimmy Low*verb*

to go slow [US]

< *Jimmy Low*, an old Australian folk name for the tree known as *Eucalyptus resinifera*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Jimmy Magee*noun*

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. < American-born Irish sports broadcaster Jimmy Magee (b.1935).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

Jimmy Mason; Jim Mason*noun*

a basin [UK]

Possibly < *Jimmy Mason* or *Jim Mason*, a hypocoristic version of the name of English actor James Mason (1909–84). First recorded in 1992 in the form *Jimmy Mason*. Thus JIMMYFUL.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Jimmy Miss*noun*

an act of urination [US]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Jimmy Nail; jimmy*noun*

1 hell [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Jimmy Nail, the stage name of actor and singer James Bradford (b.1954). Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I think you just posted music that I actually really like. As in I'm going to listen to those songs again AND I'm probably going to bandcamp the jimmy nail out of **Marcy Prospects**. – *katvspat.wordpress.com*, blog, 9th February **2012**

2 a sale [UK]

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· When prices are down there must be a 'Jimmy' on. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 mail [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

4 a jail [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th October **2003**

· [H]es a broken man, he wont last in the jimmy nail this time[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 21st October **2014**

· JIMMY NAIL, 62. Star of Auf Wiedersehen, Pet, the Newcastle-born actor and singer, whose name has become cockney rhyming slang for 'jail', spent a short spell in Strangeways prison in his youth for assault. – *Daily Mail*, London, 16th March **2016**

5 email; an email [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November **2003**

· I wonder whether Jonno tin tacked them by dog and bone, or in a Sir Clive moment, by Jimmy Nail? – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

· [A]nd if you haven't got a Scooby what I'm on about, / feel free to fire me off a Jimmy Nail / and tell me it's a load of old cobblers. – *hellopoetry.com*, 14th September **2012**

Jimmy Nail

nickname

Castle Vale, an area of north-east Birmingham

< Jimmy Nail, the stage name of actor and singer James Bradford (b.1954).

· You don't want to go through Jimmy Nail at this time. – *twitter.com*, 26th January **2015**

Jimmy Nail

adjective

(of food) stale [UK]

< Jimmy Nail, the stage name of actor and singer James Bradford (b.1954).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Jimmy Ned

noun

a bed [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· GOT OUT OF JIMMY NED AFTER A ROBIN HOOD BO PEEP. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Jimmy O'Goblin; Jimmy Goblin; Jimmy O'Gobbling;

Jemmy O'Goblin; Jimmy O'Gob

noun

a sovereign coin; hence a pound [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *sovereign* and *sov*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *jemmy* (or *james*)

'a sovereign' or, perhaps, a tautological conflation of *jemmy* and GOBLIN, also meaning 'a sovereign'. Both *jemmy* (or *james*) and *goblin* are first recorded in the second half of the 19th century. ▶ see JERRY O'GOBLIN

· **Jemmy O'goblin**, *subs. phr.* (theatrical). – A sovereign. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1896**

· Suffice it to say that the promise to bring 5,000 "Jimmy o' Gobblins" on the morrow (which was the sum I was supposed to have been entrusted with to lay out at 2 to 1) to cut up between six of us, caused me to be admitted a bosom pal of that select (?) little lot known as "The Box of Toys." – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· **£1 (and in many cases formerly = £1 1s)** = [...] Jack; James; Jane; Jemmy o'-Goblin (rhyming)[.] – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *rhino*, **1903**

· "The very next mornin'," he continued, "the parson went rushin' down ter the p'leece-stashun-'e 'ad to walk this time, an' I'll tell yer w'y in 'arf a mo'– to lay hin-formashun agen some person or persons unknown wot

'ad broke into 'is 'ouse in the night an' stole 'is bysickle, forty jimmy o-goblins (sovereigns), an' 'is gold ticker and chain which 'ad bin give ter 'im by 'is kongregashun. – F. Ludlow, *Tales and Sketches of Old and New Bristol*, p.269, **ca 1905**

· A 'undred t' twenty in Jimmy O'Gobs. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: E. Dyson, *Benno and Some of the Push*, p.119, **1911**

· A sovereign, which not long since was a "jimmy goblin" or simple "jimmy," is now merely a "quid," or occasionally a "nicker." – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

· [T]o the more old-fashioned among us it will be cheerful to get back to what was called in rhyming slang the "Jimmy o' goblin," in our waistcoat pockets or even our sovereign purses. – *The Devon and Exeter Gazette*, Exeter, 23rd January **1925**

· The old chap was in his dotage, but what a lovely dotage to be in, to just do nothing but sit all day playing with new yellow "Jimmy Gobblins," to absorb their glitter and harken to their click and clink. – G. Meudell, *The Pleasant Career of a Spendthrift*, p.2, **1929**

· [B]y learning that his arrival, far from rescuing Saxon from a crook, was imperilling his obtaining the forty thousand jimmy-o-gobs. – A.S.M. Hutchinson, *Big Business*, p.262, **1932**

· The President added a personal tribute, and said there was no more difficult job of getting together of what a Cockney once described to him as the "Jimmy O'Gobblings." – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, 6th February **1936**

· [A] little bird told me that you was hoping to collect a bit of that two thousand pound reward that Sammy Garnet was offering. Two thousand Jimmy O'Gobblins, eh? – *Evening Express*, Aberdeen, 5th November **1953**

· But it is a very different thing to attack as 'a pathetic little mouse' a Budget which has reduced taxation by a hundred and eight million jimmy o'goblins a year. – *The Spectator*, London, 24th April **1958**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· And there has been more than enough for my needs, fair play, never trusted the banks, you'll find a bag of three hundred and twenty-five sovereigns, jimmyogoblins as they do call them, tucked nice and safe under the watertank in the cockloft. – A. Burgess, *Any Old Iron*, p.24 [1992], **1989**

· In Thurles yesterday Quel Esprit had a school around and received 18,525 jimmy o goblins for so doing. – *Bet-fair Community* forum, 8th January **2012**

Jimmy Page; jimmy

noun

1 a bird cage [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < English guitarist Jimmy Page (b.1944).

· It's amazing how that bird just hops round and round his Jimmy all day long and never gets bored! – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

- – *BrynmawrScene* forum, 27th October **2007**
- Have you seen all the poo on the bottom of the Jimmy Page? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 2 age [AUSTRALIA]
- [H]e's Jimmy Page is starting to show. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Jimmy Pike

noun

a bicycle [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bike*. < Australian jockey Jim Pike (1892–1969). ▶ see JIM PIKE

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Jimmy Prescott; Jimmy Prescott

noun

▶ see JIM PRESCOTT

Jimmy Riddle; James Riddle; James R.; jimmy; james; JR

noun

1 an act of urination; urine [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND/

NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. Originally triggered by the former word, *widdle* not being recorded until the 1950s. Usually in the forms *Jimmy Riddle* and *jimmy*. Thus JIMMY RIDDLES. The less common variants *James Riddle*, *James R.*, *james* and *JR* have been recorded in British usage. ▶ see JIMMY RISS

- To do a jimmy = to urinate. – M.A. Mügge, *War Diary*, p.220, **1920**
- Now I'm here, I might as well pop in for a Jimmy Riddle. – J.J. Marric, *Gideon's Night*, p.410, **1957**
- I'm just going off for a Jimmy. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- 'I suddenly wanted a Jimmy Riddle', said the young fellow. – F. Shaw, *My Liverpool*, p.126, **1971**
- 'We must go to P.' 'Funny you should say that,' says Sid. 'I was just feeling like a gypsy's kiss.' 'She's not talking about a Jimmy Riddle!' I say. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.102, **1975**
- Arthur stops, prepares to have a J.R. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: A. Payne, 'You Need Hands', in *Minder*, TV script, p.57, **1981**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- 'Any chance of having a Jimmy in there?' asked a desperate voice. – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.62, **1985**
- [T]he most likely reason for me being 'away from my desk' is that I've gone for a Jimmy Riddle. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 29th December **1999**
- "In case anyone was wondering where I was, I was having a Jimmy Riddle" explained Frances, as she eventually took to the stage. – *www.cluas.com*, 30th August **2000**
- I'm off for a Jimmy (or James). – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 6th February **2004**
- Has the LTSA been spying on us as we go for a Jimmy Riddle? – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 18th September **2004**
- I'm off for a jimmy. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 29th May **2008**

- Considering that there were going to be 2500 Hull City fans here today, the majority of them male, I was pleased that I had not found a pub because if I needed to go for a James Riddle at half-time it was going to be a right scrum. – *www.footballgroundguide.com*, 22nd November **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

- Nor do you expect, when you walk into the local town on New Year's Eve to hear the Piper (a Dorset Piper, obviously) with your husband, to walk up a quiet street and see your obviously blutered son having a James R against a wall which isn't as dark as he imagines. – *All About You* forum, 14th May **2009**

- Topic: Cockney rhyming slang. – james for a pee. james = jimmy = jimmy riddle = piddle. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

- [N]ot having a james riddle behind your sheds[.] – *The Anglers Forum*, 21st June **2011**

- Yes, I bore friends with stories of how I told the Belfast legend about one of his earliest newspaper reviews; how I once carried his bag from a gig and how I had a Jimmy Riddle beside him in a loo. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 3rd August **2013**

2 ■ at the Jimmy Riddle; on the Jimmy Riddle engaged in a fraudulent or illegal undertaking [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *fiddle*, used in the phrase *at (or on) the fiddle*. Only recorded in the full form *Jimmy Riddle*.

- At the Jimmy Riddle ... same as "at the fiddle". – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.118, **1930**
- But when you get the leader of a party on the jimmy riddle as Gordon Clown has done then that's the ultimate insult to the British public. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th May **2009**

3 a lavatory [UK]

Extended from sense 1. Only recorded in the form *Jimmy Riddle*, but this is perhaps the source of the Irish slang RIDDLE.

- 'Can I have one of your Jimmy Riddles?' (= 'May I use your toilet?')[.] – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.11, **1980**

4 ■ take the Jimmy Riddle; take the jimmy to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piddle*, used in the phrase *take the piddle*. Recorded in the forms *Jimmy Riddle* and *jimmy*.

- He decided to expand the site to, as the very lovely Shazzy so eloquently put it, take the Jimmy Riddle out of all things dooyooish. – *www.dooyoo.co.uk*, 29th April **2002**

- I was actually only taking the jimmy riddle out of you. – *Politics.ie* forum, 9th April **2005**

- I know how to say the word NO, but appreciate you taking the jimmy out of me. – *Huggies.com.au* forum, 19th April **2010**

- Are you taking the Jimmy Riddle? – *twitter.com*, 13th October **2016**

5 ■ **on the Jimmy Riddle** on a drinking binge [IRE-
LAND/UK]

Rhymes on *piddle*, used in the phrase *on the piddle* (an equivalent of *on the piss*). Only recorded in the full form *Jimmy Riddle*.

- **Happiest When** out wi the lads on the jimmy riddle, playing golf, swimming, thinking about oz, meeting new people... – *www.bebo.com*, male from Downings, County Donegal, **2005**
- – *twitter.com*, 24th May **2013**
- – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 3rd December **2016**

Jimmy Riddle

verb

1 to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. Originally triggered by the former word, *widdle* not being recorded until the 1950s.

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
- **Eddie** Not that he's actually Jimmy Riddling in there. Well, he might be Jimmy Riddling in there, but Jimmy Riddling is not the primary purpose of his visit. **Paul** Cocaine? – A. Beaton, *Feelgood*, act I, p.20, **2001**
- "I jimmy riddled all over their stuff," he told me on our drive back to the hotel. – J. McNally, *After the Workshop*, p.73, **2010**
- Maybe she's jimmy riddling in the pool? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th October **2013**

2 ■ **Jimmy Riddle all over** to defeat thoroughly [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle*, used in the phrase *piddle all over*.

- But as it is, the lads are Jimmy Riddling all over poncy old Robbie Redford and his whispering mares. – *The Guardian*, London, 11th September **1998**
- It seems like we're jimmy riddling all over them at the moment. – *Football Chatter* forum, 27th September **2008**
- If this show was on ITV it would be super massive, and jimmy riddle all over I'm a Celebrity. – *Digital Spy* forum, 15th September **2012**

3 ■ **Jimmy Riddle into the wind** to waste time on a futile or impossible task [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piddle*, used in the phrase *piddle into the wind*.

- If the agent/manager/lawyer policy is about filtering material, well, yeah, you're Jimmy riddling into the wind[,] – *Done Deal Pro Forums*, 10th November **2005**
- I would love to make an offer, as guys on this forum will tell you!!! But in Ireland I think you could be jimmy riddling into the wind. – *Drumming Ireland* forum, 6th February **2011**

4 to rain [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *piddle*. ▶ see JIMMY RIDDLE DOWN

- The heavens opened up too and it jimmy riddled for the rest of the afternoon so I can't say I'm left with fond memories. – *Mustang Owners Club of Great Britain* forum, 13th November **2006**

jimmy riddled

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *piddled* and *tiddled*. Formed on the verb JIMMY RIDDLE.

- It's as if Sarah Kennedy is asking for trouble, unless she is deliberately trying to get the sack? Or was she Jimmy Riddled? – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th July **2009**
- "You're all so lucky with your men," Myrna said, tossing her head and sniffing. "That Algie just can't get it up... always Jimmy Riddled... haven't had a Harry Wragg for years, have I?" – R. Little, *The Jock Connection*, p.40, **2010**

Jimmy Riddle down; Jimmy Riddle it down

verb

to rain heavily [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *piddle down* or *piddle it down*.

Formed on the verb JIMMY RIDDLE.

- Was outside at 06.30 a.m. and it was absolutely 'jimmy riddling' it down. – *Netweather* forum, 28th October **2004**
- It's been, it is, and will be jimmy riddling it down for ages! – *Liverpool FC* forum, 29th April **2012**
- Why is it jimmy riddlin' it down outside in May? – *twitter.com*, 28th May **2013**
- [I]ts not a nice day its jimmy riddling it down[,] – *Funky Pool* forum, 28th July **2013**
- Well it's jimmy riddled down here all evening[,] – *www.instagram.com*, 17th May **2015**

Jimmy Riddle off

verb

to annoy someone [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle off* and *widdle off*. Formed on the verb JIMMY RIDDLE.

- The problem this bloke has got is that sooner or later he's going to bump into someone off this message board who he's antagonised or just generally jimmy riddled off when a pint or two has been supped[,] – *Bob's Board – Chesterfield FC* forum, 28th November **2013**

Jimmy Riddles

noun

a condition of urinary incontinence [UK]

Rhymes on *piddles* and *widdles*. From the noun JIMMY RIDDLE. Used in the phrase *have the Jimmy Riddles*, the direct equivalent of *have the piddles/widdles*.

- Said of a person with a weak bladder: '**e's got ther jimmy riddles**'. – L. Lane, *LYS2*, **1966**
- "Got a touch of the jimmy riddles?" "Delhi belly and we haven't even left France yet. What a lightweight." – *www.cathykeir.co.uk*, blog, 18th April **2007**

Jimmy Rill

noun

a till, a cash register [US]

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

Jimmy Riss*noun*

■ **take the Jimmy Riss** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*. Possibly a folk-etymological elaboration of *jimmy*, the short form of JIMMY RIDDLE.

· [N]ever mind I was just taking the Jimmy Riss with my last post and all that. – *Ajarn* forum, 4th April **2008**

· Lol, Phil, you must be taking the jimmy riss Ha ha. – *UKSignBoards* forum, 19th September **2009**

Jimmy Rollocks*noun*

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· Anybody else agree with my sentiments, or am I talking a load of Jimmy Rollocks? – *New 606* forum, 4th November **2011**

· [H]aving read the shooting script, i can confirm that the OP is talking complete and utter Jimmy Rollocks. – *Digital Spy* forum, 15th January **2012**

· These kind of scaremongering articles always appear when something new arrives on the scene. It's complete and utter Jimmy Rollocks. – *GameFAQs* forum, 17th May **2014**

Jimmy Sangster*noun*

a gangster [AUSTRALIA]

< Welsh screenwriter, producer and director of horror films Jimmy Sangster (1927–2011).

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.32, **1983**

Jimmy Savaged*adjective*

intoxicated by drugs, especially ecstasy [IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *cabbaged*.

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

Jimmy Savile*noun*

gravel [UK]

< English DJ and television presenter Jimmy Savile (1926–2011).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jimmy Savile*verb*

to travel [UK]

< English DJ and television presenter Jimmy Savile (1926–2011). Suggested by the BBC Radio 1 programme *Savile's Travels*, aired weekly from 1968 to 1973, in which Savile travelled across the United Kingdom interviewing the public.

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: **1983**

· Now Ken has to Jimmy Savile on the OXO cube. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 7th December **2011**

Jimmy Shand; jimmy*noun*

the hand [UK]

< Scottish accordionist and dance band leader Jimmy Shand (1908–2000).

· Shaken by the Jimmy = Jimmy Shand *a form of greeting* – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.202, **1983**

· Put yer Jimmy Shands in yer Davy Crockett, it's only a Pam Shriver. – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2003**

· On the way back the brunette has her Jimmy Shand's in my strides feelin' me old Black and Decker[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Take your Jimmy Shands out of your Davey[.] – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August **2009**

Jimmy Shand*verb*

banned [UK]

< Scottish accordionist and dance band leader Jimmy Shand (1908–2000). Used as a past participle.

· [S]omeone banned for drink-driving is said to have been 'Jimmy Shand'. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Jimmy Skinner; Jim Skinner; jim*noun*

a dinner [UK/US]

Jimmy Skinner and *Jim Skinner* are recorded in both locations of use. *Jim* is exclusively British.

· "Jimmy Skinner" stands for dinner. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

· Jimmy Skinner ... Dinner. – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.271, **1891**

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as "needle and thread" for bread, "you and me" for tea, "Jim Skinner" for dinner[.] – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, **1911**

· **Jimmy Skinner**, dinner. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· "The jim is on the cane." "The jim skinner (dinner) is on the Cain and Abel (table)." – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 7th January **1938**

· Jimmy Skinner is served! – F. Willis, *London Yesterdays*, p.73, **1960**

· JIMMY SKINNER – For dinner. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I just had a "bowl of chalk" with my "storm and strife" and told her that I wasn't coming home for "Jim Skinner"[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June **1966**

· Dinner *Jim Skinner*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.76, **1973**

· A *Jimmy Skinner* (dinner), starting with *loop the loop* (soup), might include *jockey's whips* (chips), *stand at ease* (cheese) and a *cup of you an' me* (tea). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· Philip has just rolled in from the *rub-a-dub*, and is in a right old *two-and-eight*, thinking he has missed his *Jim Skinner*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, **1979**

· Jimmy Skinner Dinner. – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

· Now i must leave you as Phillip has just roled in from the rub-a-dub and is in a right old two and eight thinking he has missed his Jim Skinner. – *TruckNet UK* forum, 7th December **2004**

· Jim Skinner = dinner.[.] – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, **2005**

Jimmy Smits

noun

1 diarrhoea [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < American actor Jimmy Smits (b.1955).

· I've never got the Jimmy Smits from a curry... – *WWII Reenacting.co.uk* forum, 6th October **2006**

· Mum had the Jimmy Smits. Dad had the Jimmy Smits. Kid definitely had the Jimmy Smits. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 21st February **2009**

· [H]e's got the Jimmy Smits. – *www.theherald.com.au*, 10th May **2013**

2 a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Used in the phrases *give someone the Jimmy Smits* and *get/have the Jimmy Smits*.

· [T]o be honest trying to watch highlights and interviews has been giving me the Jimmy Smits, even when i only view them on medium quality. – *Foxes Talk* forum, 31st July **2007**

· It always seems they are trying to down play any life that may exist in the universe - and that really gives me the Jimmy Smitts!! – *Above Top Secret* forum, 16th February **2009**

· [I]f you really get the Jimmy Smits with them, just cut the tops off and buy new ones. – *Australian Ford Forums*, 16th November **2013**

Jimmy the Dancer

noun

▶ see JIMMY DANCER

Jimmy White; Jimmie White; jimmy; jimmie

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < English snooker player Jimmy White (b.1962).

· I'm dying for a Jimmy White! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th April **2002**

· I'm fed up with this silly thread. I'm off for a Jimmy (White)! – *Non League UK* forum, 22nd April **2004**

· “tom” (< Tom Kite) and “jimmie” (< Jimmie White) standing for “shite,” the latter of which, when used in cursing or denoting an activity, can be “fly a kite,” “shine a light” or “Turkish delight.” – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· Perhaps he needed a Jimmy White. – *Boards.ie* forum, 12th January **2013**

· Even when I pee I say i'm off for a Jimmy White, Reading time. – *twitter.com*, 23rd January **2013**

2 rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· What a load of jimmy white. – *TeenSpot.com* forum, 28th August **2003**

· [O]k, that whole paragraph is a pile of Jimmy White, and i'll just get to the point. – *MKIH Forums*, 4th August **2005**

· Talk a load of Jimmy White yay lad. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 10th May **2013**

3 a cheque [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *kite*. Remembered in use in the 1980s.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Jimmy Wilde

noun

mild beer [UK]

< Welsh boxer Jimmy Wilde (1892–1969).

· From the old boxer's names come *Jem Mace* (face) and *Jimmy Wilde* (glass of mild)[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· “Jimmy Wilde”, going even further back, was “mild”, as in mild beer, but not many people remember Jimmy Wilde, and not many people, I'm afraid to say, remember mild beer. – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

Jimmy Young; jimmy

noun

1 the tongue [UK]

< Jimmy Young, the stage name of English singer-turned-radio DJ Leslie Ronald Young (1921–2016).

· ‘Stop flapping your Jimmy’ means keep quiet. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a bribe [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bung*.

· I gave the gatekeeper a Jimmy so we'll be alright. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Jim Pike

noun

in horse racing, a person who finances illegal betting operations [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mike*. < Australian jockey Jim Pike (1892–1969). ▶ see JIMMY PIKE

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

Jim Prescott; Jimmy Prescott; Jimmy Prescot

noun

a waistcoat [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *weskit*. The earliest forms are *Jimmy Prescot*, recorded by Lester (1937), and *Jimmy Prescott*, recorded by Fabian (1950) and Phillips (1953). The latter is also one of the forms listed by Puxley (2003). All other sources only give *Jim Prescott*.

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, **ca 1937**

- – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.206, **1950**
- – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.34, **1969**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Jim Raki

noun

a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]

- Rhymes on *Paki*.
- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

Jim Rockfords; jims

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- A covert pun on ROCKFORD FILES. < Jim Rockford, the hero of the TV series *The Rockford Files*, played by James Garner (1928–2014).
- Me Jim Rockford’s are giving me gip! – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Piles (hemorrhoids) I would always say ‘Farmers’ (Farmer Giles), but I’ve heard [...] Jims or Rockfords (Rockford Files), Sieg Heils and Slay ’em in the aisles. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- I also have problems with my Jim Rockfords. – *United Forum*, 7th September **2009**
- I’ve had Jim Rockfords, ****ing painful i tell thee. – *Not606* forum, 12th October **2012**

Jim Skinner

noun

▶ see JIMMY SKINNER

Jim Spence

noun

pence [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Scottish sports broadcaster Jim Spence.
- Excuse me pal, can you spare a few Jim Spence for a cup of Mark McGhee? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Jim Taggart

noun

a homosexual man [UK]

- Rhymes on *faggot*. < Detective Chief Inspector Jim Taggart, a character in the long-running ITV crime drama *Taggart*, played by Scottish actor Mark McManus (1935–94). ▶ see INSPECTOR TAGGART
- That emsaeb is a right Jim Taggart. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th March **2012**

jing-a-ling

noun

a ring (for the finger) [UK]

- A jing-a-ling is a ring. – D. Ryan, *Angel’s Flight*, p.20, **1927**

jingle and moan

noun

a telephone [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.69, **1968**

Jingle Bells; Jinglebells

nickname

Ingoldmells, a village in Lincolnshire, England

A slang rhyme. < ‘Jingle Bells’, originally titled ‘One-Horse Open Sleigh’, a winter song written by American composer James Lord Pierpont in 1857.

- Thursday, 27th July was the fourth consecutive day of good soaring weather at Camphill and as the wind was westerly I declared, in company with about eight others, for the, by now, well-worn tramline to Jingle Bells (Ingoldmells Aerodrome, just North of Skegness) as my goal. – *Gliding*, magazine of the British Gliding association, London, autumn **1950**
- [W]hy dont we have a meet for everyone from the forum who is in ingoldmells this weekend? we will fill jinglebells with all this lot[.] – *Sheffield Forum*, 23rd August **2007**
- I have memories of spending many unhappy hours in traffic jams trying to get from Ingoldmells (or Jingle Bells as my daughter called it) into Skeg on Easter weekends when we used to holiday up that way. – *skipperthequarterhorse.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th April **2009**
- Chapel St. Leonards (Chapel) Ingoldmells (Jinglebells) So which did you prefer? – *Nottstalgia* forum, 18th January **2012**

jingle jumble

noun

a ramble [IRELAND]

An alteration of *jingle-jangle*.

- Said he was going for a jingle jumble to the tin of brawn with his nuts and screws. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

Jinny Lee

noun

tea [AUSTRALIA]

- Possibly a misprint. The word occurs in a letter by Australian shearer and folk singer Duke Tritton (1886–1965) reproduced by John Meredith in *Duke of the Outback* (1983). However, in the version of the manuscript that Meredith reproduced in *Learn to Talk Old Jack Lang* (1984), he rendered this word as JIMMY LEE.
- So I gathered some do me good, got out the Jack Scratches and lit the Barney McGuire, put on the knock me silly and made a pot of Jinny Lee. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

JJ

noun

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug, often specifically MDMA [AUSTRALIA]

An acronym of JACK AND JILL.

· Our terminology for Pills: Jack and Jills (or just Jills, or even JJ's) Bubble-o-bills Bingers[,] – *Bluelight* forum, 20th February **2004**

JJ Cale

noun

a jail [UK: LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

< JJ Cale, the stage name of American singer and musician John Weldon Cale (1938–2013).

· It's into court in front of the old Vanilla Fudge and Billy Fury where he gets a couple of britneys in JJ Cale. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

J. K. Rowling

noun

bowling [UK]

< J. K. Rowling, the pen name of English novelist Joanne Rowling (b.1965). Also used as a gerund.

· Are you going J. K. Rowling on Thursday? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

J-Lo's bum

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-one [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *J-Lo's bum*, a reference to the voluptuous rear end of American singer and actress Jennifer Lopez (b.1969), also known by the stage name J-Lo.

· Bingo calls are getting a 21st century revamp using modern rhyming slang like “J-Lo's bum” for 71 and “Gareth Gates” as eight. – *The Sun*, London, 5th May **2003**

· “Seventy-one, bang on the drum” will become “J-Lo's bum”. – *The Guardian*, London, 8th May **2003**

· *Three and five, thirty-five, J Lo's Bum, seventy-one. Tony's Den, number ten. Blind eighty.* No one was shouting house. – L. Welsh, *The Bullet Trick*, p.301, **2006**

· – *Daily Mirror*, London, 28th August **2007**

J. M. Barrie

verb

to marry [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish writer J. M. Barrie (1860–1937).

· They've bin go'n oot fir 5 years noo and he's still no' asked her tae J M Barrie. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Joan Baez

noun

the eyes [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < American folk singer Joan Baez (b.1941).

· If I'd hung on here that dirty rotten stinkin' Viet grenade shouldn't have bugged me Joan Baez. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.11, **1988**

Joanna; Joanner; Joano; Johanna; Jo Anna; jo

noun

■ a piano [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. The earliest known use of the word is in the form *joano* (with a lower-case *j*), which is otherwise unrecorded. The commonest form is *joanna* (usually lower-cased), first recorded in 1900. *Jo* is exclusively British. ► see GOANNA

· As a sort of whipper-in, music is provided – viz., [...] a joano. – *OED2*, 1989/J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Swell's Night Guide*, p.34, **1846**

· Mrs. Blinker played the joanna lurvly. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Marvel XIV*, 16th June **1900**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, **1930**

· I've been wondering who we can get to play the joanna. – M. Benney, *The Scapegoat Dances*, pp.200–201, **1938**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Piano (Johanna)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

· I was sleeping on the jo in the garden – the pianna – when a leather omnibus draws up[.] – *The Goon Show*, UK radio: BBC Light Programme, 7th February **1957**

· I had a couple of drinks and played sad songs on the Joanna. – C. Williams, *The Richard Burton Diaries*, p.145, 2012: diary entry dated 3rd November **1966**

· Up on the stage Gloria was bashing out all the latest pop numbers on the joanna and everyone was shanted up enough to want to sing. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.46, **1970**

· Joanna Piano A Jo. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**

· Always welcome at parties and that if you can play the old Johanna. – B. Keefe, *Gimme Shelter*, p.25 [1979], **1977**

· [R]hyming slang itself can have a precarious existence in the battle for survival. A few examples which might remind you of others are: Joan of Arc (shark) vies with Noah's Arc which is also rhyming slang for a 'nark'. Joanna or Jo Anna (piano, also represented by 'goanna')[.] – *Annals Australasia*, J. Gunn, 'Fair Dinkum English', May **1982**

· Then 'e played it on the joanner. – M.J. Staples, *Doorstep*, p.117 [1993], **1992**

· They do a lovely drop of pigs and my mate Nobby plays the joanna. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

· Fred can play a jo like that Liberace. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· December 1954, NYC, this session. Brown himself is on trumpet, Herbie Mann flautist (“even Mann doesn't disgrace himself” snorts the Penguin), Paul Quinichette t/s, Jimmy Jones on the joanner, bassist Joe Benjamin and Roy Haynes on skins. – *somedisco.blogspot.co.uk*, blog, 29th March **2004**

· – I forgot to add that...some will say you probably play the bagpipes. – I only play the Jo-Anna. – *uk.local.cornwall.narkive.com*, 10th March **2005**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.119, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Mum was the church organist in Kihikihi and my Auntie June was great on the “Joanna” at parties and commu-

nity functions. – *Ponsonby News* magazine, Ponsonby, Auckland, February **2011**

· I once played the Joanna for him singing Noel Coward songs in a castle in Ireland. – *twitter.com*, 20th July **2012**

2 a spanner or wrench [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. Recorded in the forms *Joanna* and *Johanna*. In use among scaffolders.

· What have i told you before, get some w.d.40 on your joannas. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 17th May **2011**

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

Joan of Arc; joan

noun

1 a shark (the fish) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< French heroine and saint Joan of Arc (ca 1412–31). Only recorded in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· Sharks were rarely called sharks; they were either Noah's Arcs or Joan of Arcs. – D. Fraser and H. Gordon, *Below the Surface*, p.127, **1965**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

2 a lark [UK]

Used in the phrase *sod/blow this for a Joan of Arc*, the direct equivalent of *sod/blow/fuck this for a lark*, an exclamation expressing annoyance, exasperation or impatience with a situation. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 an unscrupulous and predatory person [UK]

Rhymes on *shark*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 a park [UK]

· Even in the best kept Joan of Arc there's a piece of dog's shit. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· After I'd gone into *mother brown*, I walked home via the joan. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

5 a car park [UK]

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

Joan Rivers; joans

noun

the shivers [UK]

< Joan Rivers, the stage name of American actress and comedienne Joan Alexandra Molinsky (1933–2014).

· He gives me the Joans. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Jochen Rindt; jochen

adjective

penniless [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *skint*. < German-born Austrian motor-racing driver Jochen Rindt (1942–70).

· – Brassic tends to be the one that comes out of my mouth most often. – Jochen (Rindt) has a more PH feel to it. – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

· When they asked if a was goin up the toon... naw, am Jochen Rindt... – *DAFC.net* forum, 12th March **2014**

jockey's whip; jockey's; jockeys; jockies; jockey

noun

1 a sleep, the act of sleeping; a bed [UK]

Rhymes on *kip*. Recorded in the forms *jockey's whip*, *jockey's* and *jockeys*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· To snatch a little bit of 'jockeys' is to have forty snooze-winks. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· To catch a little bit of 'jockeys' is to get a 'bit of blink' – get some sleep. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a nip (of spirits) [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Daily Star*, London, 'New Way of Leith Walking; It's Jockey', 26th January **2001**

· – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 11th May **2007**

3 a gratuity [UK]

Rhymes on *tip*.

· – [T]hey would talk about how much "JOCKIES" they made at the end of the night[.] – If you thank a player for the Jockey's then you are bound to get a player asking what a jockey is. Then when you explain that it is cockney rhyming slang for tips ie jockey's whip, you have a great opportunity to mention tips without offending anybody. – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd and 24th April **2011**

· I've given a "jockeys" to all kinds of people, taxi drivers, waiters, barmen, porters, barbers and many others. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th September **2011**

· I've always used "a jockey" for a tip (ie to a waiter/cabbie). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

jockey's whips; jockeys' whips; jockeys whips; jockeys and whips; jockey's; jockeys

noun

1 chips (deep-fried chipped potatoes) [UK/IRELAND]

The variant *jockeys and whips*, recorded in British usage, is rare.

· Any Jockey's Whips in that dish? – W. Mitford, *Lovely She Goes!*, p.102, **1969**

· A plater jockeys. *A portion of French Fried potatoes*. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.52, **1972**

· Further to your last answers (August 30; September 2), rhyming slang was certainly in use on Tyneside in the 1950s and 1960s. I remember hearing "Gene Tunney" for money, and "jockeys' whips" for chips[.] – *The Times*, London, 3rd September **2004**

· Gotta agree with MtK here – Steak & Chips that's it! Or, where I come from (London), Sexton & Jockey's. – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 31st January **2007**

· Jockeys & whips – Chips. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 16th April **2007**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang In Jo maxi with oil rigger at tommy steel ... bag of jockeys in my north strand [...] Just had giant ricky lake with jockey's whips and few pigs ears... – *twitter.com*, 16th April and 11th May **2010**

· [T]hey do nice jockeys in that Jack the Ripper. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October **2012**

2 LSD [UK]

Rhymes on *trips*. Only evidenced in the form *jockeys' whips*.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

3 in scaffolding, metal clamps used for joining putlogs or transom tubes to ledgers [UK]

Rhymes on *clips*, used specifically to refer to *single couplers*. Only evidenced in the form *jockeys whips*.

· – *Scaffolders forum*, 6th November **2012**

Jock Mackay

noun

a pie; specifically, a Scotch pie [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Ah hud a couple a Jock Mackays fur ma tea. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Jocks Lodge

verb

to dodge [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Jock's Lodge, an area of Edinburgh and the pub of that name in that location.

· It wisnae much fun last night when ah had tae Jocks Lodge aw they glasses an' chairs. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Jock Stein

adjective

very envious [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *green*. < Scottish football player and manager Jock Stein (1922–85).

· Ah'll be honest, when ah saw the size o' her en-suite, ah wiz a bit Jock Stein. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

jod; joddie

noun

▶ see JODRELL BANK

jo dack; jodack; jodak; Jo Daki; jodaki; Jo Dakie

noun

▶ see JOE DAKI

Jodie Marsh; Jody Marsh

adjective

harsh [UK/IRELAND]

< English glamour model Jodie Marsh (b.1978). The spelling *Jodie Morsh* in the 2010 quotation reflects the South Dublin pronunciation of the word.

· Thats a bit jodie marsh mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August **2004**

· [H]e got sent off for that tackel that was a bit jody marsh. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· There are some geezers who reckon that if your Mickey Mouse isn't close to the sea, you can't be a proper surfer, and if you live in the Big Smoke, you must be a kook and you're probably Sandy Bay. But we've always thought this is a bit Jodie Marsh. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

· It feels a bit Jodie Morsh saying it to him[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.125, **2010**

· That last yellow card was a bit Jodie Marsh[.] – *twitter.com*, 18th June **2012**

Jodrell Bank; Joddrell Bank; jodrell; joddrell; jod; joddie; JB

noun

1 a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Jodrell Bank, a radio observatory in Cheshire, near Manchester in the north-west of England. Recorded in the forms *Jodrell Bank* and *jodrell*; the latter form may also be a shortening of JODRELL BANKER.

· I can call somebody a Jodrell[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· You rant on about someone being an 'absolute disgrace'.... *because of the way he/she/they dress?* You're a Jodrell..... – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 20th September **2004**

· They sound like a right bunch of Jodrells. – *AVForums*, 13th September **2005**

· I thought T13 was an utter 'Jodrell bank'. But you are a complete 'grumble and grunt'. – *Close Protection World* forum, 16th August **2012**

· A right Jodrell (bank), or maybe a Merchant/Barclays (banker)... – *The Last Bass Outpost* forum, 16th August **2012**

2 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. The forms *jod*, *joddie* and *JB* are exclusively British.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.63, **1973**

· Having a crafty Joddrell. Didn't your dad ever have a talk with you about stunting your growth? – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.66, **1976**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· Of course, once upon a time having a Jodrell Bank was somewhat shameful. – M. Simpson, *Sex Terror*, p.93, **2002**

· I'm off for a Jod[.] – *Mountain Bike Review* forum, 3rd January **2004**

· Trouble with those big butch chronometer jobs is they can catch you under the bell when yer having a left-handed Jodrell ... – *Hifi WigWam* forum, 1st February **2006**

· MASTURBATION RHYMING SLANG – [...] J. Arthur Rank, JB (Jodrell Bank)[.] – S. Arnott, *Sex*, **2010**

· When she wants sex, refuse on the grounds that you've already had a 'Joddrell Bank' over her sisters honeymoon photos. – *PistonHeads* forum, 9th June **2010**

· Those f**king English b****ds at it again. Spiking our media celebrities so that they would have a Jodrell on a plane thus destroying the fabric of modern Irish society. – *Munsterfans* forum, 3rd November **2010**

· Re: Euphemisms for masturbating. Having a Joddie (Jodrell Bank). – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 30th June **2013**

· [T]he missus might get a bit put off if you scoot off for a Jodrell Bank when she is cooking the dinner. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 23rd May **2015**

3 an American [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Yank*. Recorded in the form *Jodrell Bank*.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the forms *Jodrell Bank* and *jodrell*.

· You lot on here are not worth a Jodrell. – *Betfair Community* forum, 5th February **2010**

· After South Africa last summer, I really couldn't give a jodrell bank about England and who does or doesn't captain them. – *BBC 606* forum, 28th March **2011**

Jodrell Bank; jodrell

verb

to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Jodrell Bank, a radio observatory in Cheshire, near Manchester in the north-west of England.

· To wank (masturbate) was, for a long time to “J. Arthur” (J. Arthur Rank), or to “Levy” (i.e. Levy and Frank, the Brewers). Recently however these have been superseded by to “Jodrell” (Jodrell Bank). – *New Society* magazine, London, 13th June **1963**

· How soft are your hands? – I'd probably give mine a 7 if going comparing to all humans but for a man I'd give them a 10. – about an eight - lost 2 marks due to a couple of rough patches caused by excessive jodrelling. – *United Forum*, 18th February **2010**

· What would have tired you out, dear boy? Jodrell banking? – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 11th July **2011**

jodrell banker; joddrell banker; jodrell; jodreller

noun

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of JODRELL BANK. *Jodrell* may be a clipping of *jodrell banker* or *Jodrell Bank*.

· That bleedin' bowler, he's a right Jodrell Banker if you ask me. – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.139, **1983**

· Stuart always came across as a bit of a joddrell banker. – *Sheffield Forum*, 14th November **2003**

· You're a Berkshire Hunt and a Jodrell Banker. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 12th May **2004**

· I do get International calls so answer all of them. Some are the usual Jodrell Bankers! – *Plusnet Community Site* forum, 21st March **2013**

· He sounds quite a Jodreller (*****). – *Pink Fish Media* forum, 9th December **2014**

· Pro-Brexit Racist UKIP Guy Nigel Farage Quits Like A Common Palin [...] What a Jodrell. – *wonkette.com*, 5th July **2016**

Joe Baksi; Joe Baxi; Joe Baxie; Jo Baksi; Jo Baxi; Jo Baxie; joe

noun

a taxi [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

< American heavyweight boxer Joe Baksi (1922–77). All seven variants have been recorded in British usage, especially in northern England and Scotland. Outside Britain, only recorded in the forms *Joe Baksi*, *Joe Baxi* (New Zealand) and *Joe Baxie* (Australia).

· Less gerra Joe Baksi. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.22, **1972**

· You could have left whatever it is in the bus into town, or in the Joe Baxie back. – *The Glasgow Herald*, 16th July **1982**

· Mind if ah share yir Joe Baxi? – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.138 [1994], **1993**

· I'm just going to call for a **Joe Baxi** to pick up my visitors and take them home. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· joe: taxi cab (manchester only). – *Planet Tolkien* forum, 14th March **2003**

· What we're thinking is – we'll play some tunes and make her a brew and that, sort her a Joe Baxi. – H. Walsh, *Brass*, p.13, **2004**

· Gets a jo baxi home. – *Matt Hardwick* forum, 22nd December **2005**

· It is about ten minute from Pymont in a Jo Baksi (taxi). – *Ships Nostalgia* forum, 8th January **2006**

· A 19-year-old Cockney girl, staying in Hertfordshire, wanted a taxi to take her to Bristol airport. She rang directory enquiries and, using rhyming slang, said “I'm lookin' for a Joe Baxi.” The operator told her there was no listing in that name. “It ain't a person,” said the girl, “It's a cab, innit?” – *The Independent*, London, 12th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· I'm waiting for me mate to arrive in a Joe Baksi as it is persisting down... – *Liverpool FC* forum, 11th June **2009**

· [M]e going home in a Jo Baxie. – *RMweb* forum, 25th December **2010**

· So Dylan and Nogger got off in a Joe into town. – G. Johnson, *Gang War*, p.47, **2011**

· The road out to Porty was chokka with cars and Joe Baxis[.] – T. Black, *Last Orders*, p.144, **2013**

· **Joe Baksi/Baxi** [...] a taxi (rhyming slang). – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Joe Blake; joe

noun

1 a snake [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Jock finds a Joe Blake—We fight snakes—Elusive reports “hungry country.” – M. Terry, *Through a Land of Promise*, p.114, **1927**

· A fair proportion of Australian slang is modelled on the famous Cockney rhyming slang, and can be just as

mysterious and incomprehensible to the uninitiated. “Joe Blake” is a snake[.] – *The Murrumburrah Signal and Harden Advocate*, NSW, 30th April **1942**

· He looked like a ballet-dancer making sure he wouldn't plant a foot on a Joe Blake. – E. Worrell, *Song of the Snake*, p.187, **1958**

· Old Joe Blake (the bushman's sobriquet for a snake) employs different ways for moving forward, according to his species. – *Walkabout* magazine, Australian National Travel Association, February **1964**

· I saw a lot of Joe Blakes, but don't know if they were dinkum or just the after effects of the grog. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· The sound of your approach reaches the ‘Joe Blake’ through vibrations long before you do and he'll slip quietly away. – I. Hickey, *Grass Parrot Tales*, p.87, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· I really don't think the Russian knew the Joe Blake was in there when he passed you the pannikin at Kelly's Bore. – P. Wilson, *Faces*, p.7, **2007**

· These tattoos, Joe Blakes? – *The Librarians*, US TV: TNT, 21st December **2014**

2 a steak (usually beef); a rump steak [UK/US]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· The proprietor of a small City restaurant rattled off the following nicknames: “Joe Blake,” rump steak; “stewdles,” stewed eels[.] – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, 4th August **1928**

· Supper ... Tommy Tucker. [...] Get me a “Joe Blake” for “Tom Tucker[.]” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I've asked the *baked* for a *Joe an'* some *rosebuds*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.10, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

3 a cake [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**

· – *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 23rd December **1940**

· – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.206, **1950**

· – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, **1953**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· I 'ad a pair o' jacks, some strike me, Joe and Rosie. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· Winner gets a Joe Blake. – *The Escapist* forum, 24th September **2009**

4 a gambling stake [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

5 a wooden stake [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Joe Blakes; joes

noun

a fit of trembling or shivering, sometimes associated with delirium tremens [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. According to the available evidence, the full form is common in both Australian and New Zealand slang, while the elliptical form is restricted to Australian usage.

· *Joe Blakes or joes* – the d.t.'s; or the blues. – Special Service Division, Service of Supply, United States Army, *Instructions*, p.53 [2006], **1942**

· He had rejected..the possibility of rain, leaking pipes, or a sudden call by that ubiquitous family, the Joe Blakes. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *The N.Z.E.F. Times*, 6th April **1942**

· When the Digger says “oscar,” he is harking back to Oscar Ash, or cash. [...] The “joes” are the Joe Blakes, meaning shakes. – J. Lardner, *Southwest Passage*, p.232, **1943**

· Now and then someone would say he had the Joes (Joe Blakes), meaning the shakes[.] – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October **1949**

· He went through a spell of the “Joes” (Joe Blakes, meaning shakes), and of the “Hawkesburys” (Hawkesbury Rivers, meaning shivers). – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 18th July **1955**

· I tell you, Jack me boy, it gave a man the Joe Blakes just to look at it. – B. Crump, *Hang On a Minute*, p.27, **1961**

· It's a dangerous thing for anyone in this business to admit that he's gotten a lump on his head, because, like the neurosurgeon admitting that he's got a terrible case of the Joe Blakes, it robs the customer of confidence. – *Reading Eagle*, Reading, PA, 8th June **1963**

· “You blokes had better take your blankets—I won't need them tonight.” “Well, just yell out if you get the Joe-Blakes and we'll chuck them over.” – R. Parkin, *The Sword and the Blossom*, p.14, **1968**

· In Australia, if you have ‘the Joe Blakes’, you have delirium tremens[.] – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.112, **2007**

· I managed a couple of pics last night and I might have had the “joe blakes” (probably late for a scotch?) so the flower pic isn't as sharp as it could be on macro[.] – *Kayak Fishing Down Under* forum, 23rd February **2010**

· **Joe Blakes** [...] the (alcoholic) shakes (rhyming slang). – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Joe Bonce

noun

a pimp [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*.

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.104, **2002**

Joe Brady*noun*

a straw boater [UK]

Rhymes on *cady*, an old slang term for a hat. < Joe Brady (1857–83), a member of the Irish National Invincibles, a small republican organisation that gained notoriety in 1882 by assassinating the chief secretary for Ireland, Lord Frederick Cavendish, and his under-secretary, Thomas Burke.

• It seemed to become noticeable amongst racing men, with whom I was well acquainted years ago, the most familiar rhymes being “Johnny Horner” for corner, “Joe Brady” for “straw cady,” as the straw hat was then called. – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 7th June 1935

Joe Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; often specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Joe Broon, a character in *The Broons*, a comic strip published in Scotland since 1936.

• I fancy the Joe Broon but no sure. – *twitter.com*, 16th March 2013

• My taxi driver asked me if I’ve been up the ‘joe broon’ lately. – *twitter.com*, 1st February 2014

• Who’s away up the joe broon the night. – *twitter.com*, 8th February 2014

Joe Brown*noun*

1 a town [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960: P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, 1893

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

• He put some ‘Oscar’ into the ‘Tank’, bought six new ‘whistles’ and then went on the ‘River Ouse’, visiting all the ‘Rubbbers’ in the ‘Joe Brown’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.40, 1973

• – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, 1989

• Which Joe Brown are we in this week? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

• Going up the joe brown with Taiwan Tony tonight. – *twitter.com*, 29th August 2012

2 ■ on the Joe Brown enjoying a town or city’s night-life [UK]

An equivalent of *on the town*.

• [A]fter being out all night on the Joe Brown[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.91 [2012], 2004

• In the evening you could go for a night out on the Joe Brown (*Town*) and visit a club for a Jack Palance (*Dance*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July 2012

• [Y]ou on the joe brown tonight? – *twitter.com*, 4th May 2014

Joe Brown*adverb*

down [UK]

Used with a preposition in reference to a location.

• He was Joe Brown at ‘Jim’s’ by the bereaved and breft of the Roary O’More, resting his plates and enjoying a snout, when me and my china plate balled by and done him. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘Gangster Lingo in London Based on Rhyming Words’, 10th December 1951

Joe Burke; Joe*noun*

a Turk [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

• The Gaza battle revealed...that ‘Joe Burke’ (as Johnny Turk is now called by our mounted boys) was in considerable strength. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *Chronicles of the N.Z.E.F.*, 13th June 1917

• All the Turkish food consisted in sparse supplies of dried legumes. There is, of course, the national difference in diet to be reckoned with. But if you base your comparison on quantity alone, you will see how well the German fed by comparison with “Joe Burke.” – H. Dinning, *Nile to Aleppo*, p.214, 1920

• I further found that I bore the Turk no trace of enmity – nor for that matter did any of us; he was to us ‘Johnny Turk’ or ‘Joe Burke’, almost a fellow sufferer. – A. Aitken, *Gallipoli to the Somme*, p.34, 1963

• The use [of ‘Jack’] was carried over to the Boer War as ‘Jacky’, a Boer opponent, to Gallipoli as ‘Jacko’, or the more ironically polite ‘Johnny Turk’, for a Turkish opponent, competing there with ‘Abdul’, the rhyming slang ‘Joe’ (‘Burke’), and various other nicknames. – I. McGibbon, *New Zealand Military History*, p.329, 2000

• Turkish soldiers were given various nicknames, including Abdul, Turko, Joe Burke, Asia, Jacko, Johnny, John, Johnny Turk[.] – J. King, *Gallipoli Diaries*, p.276, 2003

Joe Cocker*noun*

a person or thing that is shockingly bad or offensive [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shocker*. < English rock singer John Robert ‘Joe’ Cocker (1944–2014).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Joe Cockers; joes*noun*

a woman’s breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *knockers*. < English rock singer John Robert 'Joe' Cocker (1944–2014).

- “Look at the Joes on her” – Joe Cockers! – *The Motley Fool* forum, 15th January **2004**
- As long as she’s got blonde hair, a great body or a cracking pair of Joe Cockers, I reckon any female can get a crack at reading out the football results. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 9th September **2006**
- The following week, incidentally, I started accusing Hazel Irvine of having silicone implants in her Joe Cockers. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 2nd June **2007**

Joe Cole

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < English footballer Joe Cole (b.1981).

- I thought, blimey, this going to cost a Red Rom (bomb) and I’m on the Joe Cole (dole). – *The Sun*, London, 1st September **2003**

Joe Daki; Joe Dakie; Joe Dacky; Jo Daki; jodaki; Jo Dakie; Joey Daki; Joe Raki; Joe Rakie; Jo Raki; jo dack; jodack; jodak; joe; joey

noun

a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Paki*. In Australian English, only recorded in the form *Jo Dakie*.

- **Joe Daki Paki**. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Joe. A Pakistani man (Joe Daki=Paki). – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.XIV, **2004**
- i agree, fuck all the jo dakis off[.] – *chubbysworld.com*, 14th July **2006**
- Mr X:Sanjib will be there.. Mr Z:Oh, that Jodaki. – *UD (.com)*, 25th November **2006**
- Would our friend Cude be allowed to use the term Jo Raki? – *WFC Forums*, 4th January **2007**
- [I]ts full of the mill town nob heads and jo rakis just looking for a fight. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 22nd August **2007**
- [W]hite mc and not a jo-raki. – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 19th October **2007**
- That stupid Jo-dack. – *UD(.com)*, 29th April **2008**
- [A]round my old neighbourhood in the West End of Glasgow I literally saw hundreds of Joe Dakies listening to tupac[.] – *BoxingScene* forum, 18th November **2008**
- Has anyone here ever smashed a darkie/joe dacky? – *BTTOS.com* forum, 22nd November **2008**
- I just saw on the news that the fellow Harry was referring to was a Pakistani, in which case calling a Pakistani a Joe Daki is no different than calling a British person a Brit. – *British Democracy* forum, 11th January **2009**
- I remember in school using Paki, Joe-Raki and Bacon-Sarnie. We didn’t use it in a friendly manner to mates. Most of the time I think it was said to Indians rather than bacon-sarnies which must have had double impact. – *Hua Hin Forum*, 27th January **2009**

· [S]till full of jodaks round ilford though. – *www.youtube.com*, **2010**

· [C]alled an Asian baby “Joe Daki”, rhyming slang for “P**i”, and threw crying tots around the room if they would not do what she told them, it is alleged. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd March **2010**

· He’s a jo daki. – *Boxing Asylum* forum, 24th February **2011**

· Poms are bloody lucky to survive upto now we should take care of the Jo Dakies Saturday we are 4.20 2nd fav now India 4.10. – *Perth Turf Talk* forum, 18th March **2011**

· Did that Joe rakie get nicked for assault?? – *www.youtube.com*, **2013**

· Hahaha didn’t know jodacks had technology. – *350Z & 370Z UK Owners Club* forum, 15th July **2013**

· Any time a crimes done by a black person it’s ‘Them bastard coons again’, for an Asian they call them ‘Joe Dakis’. – *Bluemoon* forum, 30th July **2013**

· A what? A joey, a joey? – *Mid-Morning Show: ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’*, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

· We’ve got all kinds of lads on the firm, joey dakis, shirt lifters, you name it we’ve got it. – *Network54* forum, 24th July **2014**

· Turks, Albanians, Romanians, Polski’s, Jodaki’s, irish... – *Getbig* forum, 31st March **2015**

· What a dirty cunt I could smell his pits through my iMac the dirty jodaki. – *www.youtube.com*, January **2016**

Joe Daki; Joe Dacky; joe dack

adjective

Pakistani; loosely, relating to any of the countries of the Indian subcontinent or their natives [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*.

· Got the little Joe Daki chavvie? – *The Football Factory*, UK film, script by Nick Love, **2004**

· Fit ‘Joe Dacky’ birds on TV?! – *BTTOS.com* forum, 22nd November **2008**

· – All this Harab Joe dack stuff doesnt help in todays climate. – Is that some sort of reference to his Pakistani heritage? – *BoxingScene* forum, 11th December **2008**

· Seen [Manchester] City routinely referred to in the past as a ‘Joe Daki’ club on their boards[.] – *Bluemoon* forum, 2nd September **2011**

· I remember Smudge. Racist ***** but strangely that didn’t stop him licking a Joe Daki bird out in Yates toilets. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 28th November **2012**

Joe Daki shop; Joe Dacky shop

noun

a corner shop operated by people of Pakistani or other South Asian background [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *Paki shop*. Synonymous with BACON SARNIE SHOP.

· I will be outside the Joe Daki shop in Green Street with a few beers and a bag of herb[.] – *z7.invisionfree.com, Bubble Blowers* forum, 31st May **2005**

- [J]ust nipped to the joe daki shop for some bog roll[.] – *The Hunting Life* forum, 6th May **2008**
- [T]he local joe dacky shop sold shed loads that summer[.] – *The Anglers Forum*, 7th January **2009**
- But yes I do shop at jewish shops/owned stores, arab shops, indian shops, english butchers and even the occasional polish shop but never ever at a joe daki shop[.] – *www.youtube.com*, 11th November **2010**

Joe Dillon

noun

a shilling [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shillin'*. A variation of JOHN DILLON.

- [C]olonial robert (a play on the word *bob*); *joe dillon* and *john dillon* (another rhyme on *shilling*)[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.109, **1945**

Joe Doak

noun

an act of smoking [UK]

Rhymes on *smoke*.

- I went back out onto the “field of wheat” (street) and had a Joe Doak (smoke)[.] – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

Joe Erk

noun

a fool [UK/CANADA]

Either compounded rhyming slang on *berk*, a shortening of BERKELEY HUNT, or a playful elongation of the common Americanism *jerk*, possibly influenced by JOE HUNT, JOE SOAP and *erk* ‘a contemptible person’. Trow (2013: 66) notes that the term was used in the Canadian army during World War II. Curiously enough, in Britain *Joe Erk* was also used at that time with reference to an aircraftsman of the RAF (Radford 1946: 66), yet it is not clear whether this is the ‘same’ word as *Joe Erk* ‘a fool’ or an independent coinage.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – M.J. Trow, *Swearing Like a Trooper*, p.66, **2013**

Joe Ghirr

noun

▶ see JOE GURR

Joe Goss; joe

noun

1 a boss [US/CANADA/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Probably < English heavyweight champion Joe Goss (1838–85). In Canada, the word is only recorded in ‘carnie’ slang, the distinctive slang of travelling fun-fair workers. The earliest evidence of the word’s use in Australia is from 1960. The short form *joe* is exclusively British. ▶ see JANE GOSS

- Joe Goss (that’s the boss). – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.50, 1993: *Wisconsin News*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 20th March **1923**
- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – *Playland Amusement Park Fact Sheet*, Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver, BC, **1958**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.69, **1968**

- In Vancouver it’s “always night” for Gerry Crawshaw, 48, soft-spoken general manager of Burrard Amusements Limited, which operates Playland – a nine-acre amusement park of rides and games 10 minutes by car from downtown Vancouver. Crawshaw is “Joe Goss” – carnival slang for the boss[.] – *The Ottawa Journal (Weekend Magazine)*, Ottawa, Ontario, 25th July **1970**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, **1978**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Some examples of rounder’s slang: [...] Joe Goss–The boss. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

· Never trust a joe. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· More obscure is Joe (Goss=boss), another boxer[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

- Not among those at the jackpots are the aldermen who are the stool pigeons for Joe Goss (the boss). – *www.the coastnews.com*, ‘Veteran Carnival Workers Speak Their Own Lingo’, 17th June **2010**

2 a politician [US]

A narrowing of the previous sense. Only recorded in the full form. Hotel slang.

· – W.S. Cornyn, *Hotel Slang*, p.239, **1939**

3 among professional cheque forgers, a credit manager or anyone who can authorise payment on a cheque [US]

A narrowing of sense 1. Only recorded in the full form.

- [S]he says to him right in front of the female Joe Goss, “Why, dear, can’t you write the lady a check to make up the difference?” – D.W. Maurer, *The Argot of Forgery*, p.248, **1941**

4 a policeman [US/AUSTRALIA]

A specialisation of sense 1. Only recorded in the full form.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, **1942**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.115, **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

5 a proprietor of a gambling house or casino [US]

A narrowing of sense 1. Only recorded in the full form.

Dice gamblers’ slang.

· – D.W. Maurer, *The Argot of the Dice Gambler*, p.126, **1950**

· – D. Carroll, *Treasury of Gambling*, p.45, **1977**

Joe Growl

noun

■ **on the Joe Growl** actively engaged in burglary [US]

- When a crook is on the Joe Growl, he’s on the prowl—he is engaged in burglary. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**

Joe Gurr; Joe Ghirr*noun*

prison [UK/US?]

Rhymes on the slang *stir*. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The variant *Joe Ghirr*, given by Morton (1989), is exclusively British.

- – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**
- – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.206, **1950**
- – *The Police Journal*, London, July/September **1951**
- [S]o, here I am in the Joe Gurr, guzzling skilly until I've done my stretch of bird. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**
- Don't mind me asking, mate; but you've just come out of Joe Gurr, haven't you? – M. McShane, *The Straight and Crooked*, p.74, **1960**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- *Jug, The Joe Gurr or Over the Wall ... Prison*. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.201, **1962**
- – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**
- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

Joe Hart; joe*noun*

a fart [UK]

- < English footballer Joe Hart (b.1987).
- 'Dropped a proper bad Joe' – Joe Hart = Dropped a proper bad fart. – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2012**

Joe Hoke*noun*

a cigarette, cigar or pipe [US]

- Rhymes on *smoke*.
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

Joe Hook*noun*

1 a crook [UK]

Suggested by the slang *hook* 'a pickpocket; a thief' (from *hook* 'to steal'), first recorded in 1863.

- – P.P., *RS*, **1932**
- 2 a book [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – *autonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010**

Joe Hope*noun*

soap [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Joe Hunt***noun*

1 a stupid or unpleasant person [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Perhaps originally a euphemistic rhyme on the military slang *Joe Cunt*.

· **The Joe Hunt**. The man who gets all the dirty work to do. – J.L. Hunt and A.G. Pringle, *Service Slang*, **1943**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangue of Sex*, **1984**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – D. McGill, *DKS*, **1988**

· The Opposition parties are making big Joe Hunts out of themselves. – *The Dominion Post*, Wellington, 3rd January **1998**

· In Cockney rhyming slang, 'John Hunt', 'James Hunt', 'Billy Hunt', 'Joe Hunt' [...] and 'Charlie Hunt' (abbreviated to 'Charlie') are all euphemisms for 'cunt'. – *www.matthewhunt.com*, 12th August **2003**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- [S]he's gone and I look like a proper Joe Hunt anyway. – *johnmyreb-ontheroad.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th June **2011**
- Your a right Joe Hunt!! – *twitter.com*, 6th November **2012**

· Joe Soap or Joe Hunt (Cunt) – a no-hoper who was given all the worst jobs because he was too stupid to refuse. – M.J. Trow, *Swearing Like a Trooper*, p.60, **2013**

- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *cunt*.
- Joe Hunt: female sex organ. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

Joe Kinnear*noun*

the ear [IRELAND]

- < Irish footballer and manager Joe Kinnear (b.1946).
- dar walsh has half a joe kinnear. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Joe Lang*noun*

slang; rhyming slang; sometimes specifically Irish slang or Irish rhyming slang [IRELAND]

- Synonymous with BARRY LANG and BEN LANG.
- Gav are you malahide to the joe lang? – *AlfaOwner* forum, 1st November **2011**

Joe Loss*noun*

1 something of little or no value [UK]

- Rhymes on *toss*. < English bandleader Joshua Alexander 'Joe' Loss (1909–90). Used in the phrase *not give a Joe Loss* 'to not care at all'.

- I couldn't give a Joe Loss[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I'm talking in particular about all the loudmouths who, until last Thursday, couldn't give a Joe Loss about what was happening at Tannadice or Brockville. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 5th February **2003**
- Am I the only one who could not give a Joe Loss about what is happening at Meydan? – *The Racing Post*, London, 1st February **2010**
- [M]aybe you can capitalise on this high expectations that many over here have of Munster – the exception being here in Belfast, who don't give a "Joe Loss" over the Munster/Leinster rivalry, as long as Ulster do well in the tournament and get to at least the Quarter Finals again[.] – *CricketNetwork* forum, 9th November **2011**
- [M]ost punters standing in the betting shops couldn't give a Joe Loss if it was Lucksin Downs. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 25th March **2011**
- I don't give a Joe Loss what your politics are. – *twitter.com*, 24th May **2013**
- 2** in cricket, 'the toss' (a toss of a coin, used to decide which team bats or bowls first) [AUSTRALIA]
 - – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- 3** sauce [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - A perfect rhyme in Scottish English.
 - Please pass the Joe Loss. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 20th April **2000**
- 4** gloss paint [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - Painter-decorators' slang.
 - We'll need another coupla gallon a Joe Loss. – M. Munro, *CP2*, **2001**
 - We got the shade matched and painted the room and it was lookin fine and we'd just started on the joe loss when her highness changed her mind. – A. Donovan, *Buddha Da*, p.45, **2003**
 - How did you find the Joe Loss? – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 20th April **2012**

Joe Loss

verb

to toss (a coin) [UK]

- < English bandleader Joshua Alexander 'Joe' Loss (1909–90).
- [T]o decide an outcome by Joe Lossing a coin. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Joe McBride

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *ride*. < Scottish footballer Joe McBride (1938–2012).
- If ye cannae git a Joe McBride in this place, ye might as well call it a day[.] – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, 130 [1993], **1994**
- She's right: aw ah'm interested in wi her is a Joe McBride. – I. Welsh, *Glue*, p.213, **2001**
- ST yet again failed to get a Joe McBride last night at The Citrus, despite charming girls with cigarettes. – *Hibees-Bounce* forum, 14th October **2006**

- Nae wonder I cannae get a Joe McBride for love nor money. – *Footymad* forum, 30th March **2010**

Joe McCree

noun

an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

Joe McNab

verb

to stab [NEW ZEALAND]

- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, **1982**

Joe Mangle; joseph

noun

in angling, a tangle (of lines) [UK/IRELAND]

- < Joe Mangel, a character in the long-running Australian soap opera *Neighbours* (1985–), played by Mark Little (b.1959). The variant *joseph* is exclusively Irish.
- Who goes in my rod bag between sessions and gives it the big quadruple Joe Mangle round all the rods and anything else in the rod bag... – *The Anglers Forum*, 18th July **2002**
- Always considered it uncastable (tendency to Joe Mangle)[.] – *The Anglers Forum*, 3rd February **2004**
- I got a hell of a Joseph (Joe Mangle – Tangle). – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June **2008**
- Helicopter rigs are especially useful given their tangle free nature. The last thing you need when trying to hit the spot at your limit is a joe mangle. – *www.carpwiki.com*, 31st October **2011**
- i would get some back leads for drayton or you will get in a right joe mangle korda 4.95 for 3 from tardis tackle. – *Sheffield Forum*, 5th May **2012**

Joe Mangle

verb

in angling, to tangle lines [UK]

- < Joe Mangel, a character in the long-running Australian soap opera *Neighbours* (1985–), played by Mark Little (b.1959).
- 8 anglers lines were joe mangled in his main line when he netted it. – *Sheffield Forum*, 8th May **2012**

Joe Mangled; Joe Manged; Joe'd

adjective

drunk [UK/IRELAND]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *mangled*, meaning 'drunk', and *Manged*, an adjectival adaptation of *Mangel*. < Joe Mangel, a character in the long-running Australian soap opera *Neighbours* (1985–), played by Mark Little (b.1959).
- I'm a non stop Party Animal and Live for the weekends, You'll most likely to find me out with 'Team Bang Bang' totally Joe Mangled[.] – *www.faceparty.com*, 12th August **2004**
- My mates hammer me for always putting the real dirty growler shots on DSI, its all part of the night get-

ting joe mangled!! – *Don't Stay In* forum, 10th October **2005**

· I was in Kavos – 2003 – First night – got joe mangled!!!

Pulled an average blonde[.] – *The Loop*, 9th March **2006**

· im going cold turkey till 16th, preparing myself for getting joe mangled... been drinking actimel and everything! – *Don't Stay In*, forum, 8th September **2006**

· [G]ot a bottle of bishops finger from lidl last week top dollar! Got Joe Manged on them last weekend. – *Munsterfans* forum, 14th July **2011**

· – I really wanna get through the qualifier and draw a German team. I love going to Germany. – [...] To get joe'd?? – Proper Joe'd!!! – *twitter.com*, 13th August **2013**

Joe Marks

noun

sharks [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**

· – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Joe Maxi

noun

▶ see JO MAXI

Joe Meek

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *beak*. < English record producer and songwriter Joe Meek (born Robert George Meek; 1929–67).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Joe mext

noun

a text message [UK: SCOTLAND]

Probably a mistyping of *Joe next* (the letters *m* and *n* are adjacent on a QWERTY keyboard).

· Joe mext (txt). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st January **2013**

Joe Morgan

noun

a street organ [AUSTRALIA]

According to Baker (1945), the word is recorded in Australian English as far back as 1898.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

Joe O'Gorman

noun

a foreman [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

Joe Palooka; Jo Palooka

noun

snooker [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Joe Palooka, a comic strip character created by American cartoonist Ham Fisher in 1921. In Australian usage, only recorded with the spelling *Joe Palooka*.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· One afternoon we were having tea and biscuits with Mr A. and shooting a little pool as Mr A.'s a fanatic for the poor man's Jo Palooka. [...] On the Joe Palooka af-

ternoon, Fred wore a soft grey flannel suit[.] – J. de Vileneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.119/121, **1986**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Joe palookad

adjective

trapped in a difficult situation [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *snookered*. < Joe Palooka, a comic strip character created by Ham Fisher in 1921.

· Am Joe Palookad. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.15, **1972**

· He had us trapped, snookered, well and truly Joe Palookad. – D. Joy, *My Family*, p.197, **2014**

Joe Raki; Joe Rakie

noun

▶ see JOE DAKI

Joe Rees

noun

fleas [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Possibly < Welsh rugby union player Joe Rees (1893–1950).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Joe Reid

noun

bread [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *breid*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

Joe Rocks; joes

noun

socks [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Joes has been recorded in British English in the phrase *pull one's joes up* 'to make a determined effort to do better', the direct equivalent of *pull one's socks up*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April **1968**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Pull yer Joe's up. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Joe Roke

noun

a cigarette, cigar or pipe [US]

Rhymes on *smoke*.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Joe Ronce; Jo Ronce; joe

noun

▶ a man who lives off a prostitute's earnings, a pimp [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*. ▶ see RONSON LIGHTER

· 'No,' he said, 'she ain't got no ponce. What'd she want a Jo Ronce for, she's a right flash brama.' – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.18 [1947], **1936**

· *A Few Indelicacies* [...] **Joe Ronce** Joe. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.63/64, **1969**

· Joe Ronce. Joe. Ponce. – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

· ‘So, not wanting to upset the other girls with pitches close to ours–’ ‘Or more to the point, their joe ronces,’ added Gracie. – P. Lecomber, *Mask of the Verdoy*, p.265, **2014**

2 a man who lives off another person’s earnings, a free-loader [UK]

Rhymes on *ponce*. Only recorded in the form *Joe Ronce*.

· That’s the probelm with You Swedes you like to be pampered and taking care of, just like a joe ronce = Ponce = free loader. – *www.thelocal.se*, 27th May **2006**

3 a sex offender, especially a child molester [UK]

Rhymes on *nonce*. Only recorded in the form *Joe Ronce*.

· [B]ig boys prison is all Little Wayne & shit, deeptech n house for the more dapper types, bit of Donny Osmond for the Joe Ronces on the enhanced wing... – *Underground Hip Hop* forum, 27th January **2015**

Joe Rook

noun

1 a very dishonest person; a criminal [UK/US?]

Rhymes on *crook*. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· [H]e was turning out a regular Joe Rook. – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· If the Hammers do go down, it is partly because of such decisions, although I understand the chap who owns Mascherano’s “economic rights” – what a term – is a bit of a joe rook. – *BigSoccer* forum, 31st January **2007**

· ‘Rarfer van insultin’ ’em I would say i’is be’er ter leave in da middle ov da night an’ not say a thing. Be’er off what way, nobody get insulted an’ there won’t be none barney rubble. Wantin’ a be’er life doesn’t make yew a Joe Rook. – *Principia Discordia* forum, 1st January **2008**

2 a book [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.35, **1973**

3 an on-course bookmaker’s book; hence, a bookmaker [UK/IRELAND]

Often in the plural.

· You can’t throw a brick on any racecourse in England without hitting a “character.” [...] In dealing with “the boys” you must know their language, which is mainly abbreviated rhyming slang. Thus a man who makes a “Joe” is one who makes a book, “Joe” being short for “Joe Rook,” meaning book. – *The Sporting Globe*, Melbourne, 18th November **1939**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· [T]o those of you who go to the ‘pair of braces’ either ‘Bottle of sauce’ or ‘Cherry ogs’, here’s wishing you always beat the ‘Joe Rooks’ [...] Old ‘Steak and Kidney’ (Sidney) my ‘China’ had his bet on the ‘Nanny Goat’ but I went up to a ‘Joe Rook’ and asked, “What price Lucky Jim?” – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.59/70, **1973**

· I am conscious of being under the baleful gaze of the Joe Rooks on the backbenches and must be mindful of what I say. – *oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie*, ‘Dáil Éireann Debate’, 23rd November **2000**

· The Joe Rooks [believed to be gamblers’ slang for ‘bookies’] were the tax evaders ... Deputy McCreevy and I were not tax evaders; it was the bookmakers who accepted the bets. – *Sunday Independent*, Dublin, 26th November **2000**

· In any case the money you would extract from the ‘joe rooks’ might not be worth the rule changes[.] – *An Fear Rua* forum, 10th May **2008**

Joe Rookie

noun

a bookmaker [UK]

Rhymes on *bookie*. A derivative of JOE ROOK.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Joe Root

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK: SHEFFIELD]

< Sheffield cricketer Joe Root (b.1990).

· – *twitter.com*, 24th August **2015**

Joe Rourke

noun

1 a pickpocket; loosely, a thief [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang *fork*.

· – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.331, **1938**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a fork [UK]

· You’d find a blue moon and a Joe Rourke here. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**

Joe Savage

noun

cabbage [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· He will devour a “Joe Savage” (cabbage) for his “glorious sinner,” (dinner,) and his favourite dish is “bonnets so blue,” (Irish stew,) washed down with a “tenip” (back slang for a pint) of “never fear,” (beer.) – *The New York*

Times, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April 1915

· An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: “Sugar candy,” brandy; “ship in full sail,” a pot of ale; “navigator Scot,” baked potatoes all hot; “Joe Savage,” a cabbage[.] – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, 4th August 1928

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933

· A glorious sinner. Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May 1950

· There was an alderman in chains, a Ben Flake, a neddy of Sharp’s Alley blood worms, with Irish apricots, Joe Savace and storrac. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.16 [1995], 1966

· – *The Sweeney*, p.8, 1976

· You might find kings and queens or a Joe Savage here. – www.tracetheplace.co.uk, 21st December 2015

Joe Skinner

noun

a dinner [UK/IRELAND]

· Going up the frog I met old Buff *eating his Joe Skinner*. – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March 1920

· Come on, boys, “rats and mice,” who pays for the “Joe Skinner” – it won’t be more than an “Oxford.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· An American would be just as baffled if he heard a Cockney holding forth in rhyming slang. As for example: “Someone ’arf-inched my Joe Skinner, so I went to the rub-a-dub an’ had a can of rough.[.]” – *Wodonga and Towong Sentinel*, Victoria, 23rd July 1937

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.81, 2007

· Need a good Joe Skinner and a Malahide... – *twitter.com*, 19th May 2010

· I’m havin a ruby murray for me joe skinner. – www.slang.ie, accessed 8th September 2013

Joe Soap

noun

■ muggins, a foolish person [UK]

Rhymes on *dope*. Sometimes used to refer to oneself.

· **Joe Soap**. The ‘dumb’ or not so intelligent members of the forces. The men who are ‘over-willing’ and therefore the usual ‘stooges’. – J.L. Hunt and A.G. Pringle, *Service Slang*, 1943

· And you’re the second one in here this afternoon after a cigar, and here am I, standing here like Joe Soap, and I can’t give you one. – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.35, 1943

· [W]hen you feel tired, who gets the blame? Joe Soap! – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.75, 1980

· A Joe Soap is someone who is considered stupid or credulous and who can be imposed upon as a dupe or object of ridicule. – M.H. Manser, *Melba Toast*, p.119, 1990

· Fred’s missing a ha’penny in the shilling – he’s a right Joe Soap. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· [S]o joe soap here ends up standing outside for half an hour, feeling a right charlie. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· Joe Soap or Joe Hunt (Cunt) – a no-hoper who was given all the worst jobs because he was too stupid to refuse. – M.J. Trow, *Swearing Like a Trooper*, p.60, 2013

■ the Pope [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Joe Strummer; joe

noun

an annoying or frustrating experience, a disappointment [UK]

Rhymes on *bummer*. < Joe Strummer, the stage name of English musician John Mellor (1952–2002), best known as the lead singer of the 1970s punk band The Clash.

· Another total downer is being skint, likesay. Pure Joe Strummer, man. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.120 [1994], 1993

· [W]hat a joe strummer. – *Choke Forum*, 12th October 2005

· It’s only us Cockney boys that are allowed to Rabbit and Pork in rhyming slang. It’s a bit of a Joe Strummer when the rest of the world joins in. – *Pickelhaubes.com* forum, 16th January 2006

· One hippie to another: “That’s a Joe, man”. – *twitter.com*, 8th February 2014

Joe Swartz

noun

shorts [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

Joe the Toff

adverb

off, away from a place [UK: SCOTLAND]

Used in the phrase *be Joe the Toff* ‘to leave, to depart’.

· Right, that’s me Joe the toff. Cheerybyes! – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· MILLER: I’M JOE THE TOFF. [...] Joe Miller is in line for a lucrative move to the American MSL to team up with Mo Johnston at Kansas City Wizard. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 26th September, 1999

· One minute I’m Joe the Toff[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 10th February 2004

· Anyway, I’m Joe the Toff, offski, catch ye later. – *ilXor.com* forum, 7th December 2005

· Later on, one of our local guys stood up and said, ‘Right, I’m Joe the Toff, nice meeting you all’ and walked out of the bar. – K. Smith, *The Herald Diary*, 2014

Joe Toss*noun*

gloss paint [UK: SCOTLAND]

Painter-decorators' slang. A variation of JOE LOSS.

· – *DIYnot* forum, 3rd May 2006**Joey Daki; joey***noun*

▶ see JOE DAKI

Joey Maxim; Joey*noun*

a maxim [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Pseudo-rhyming slang. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions of a Private Dick* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea. < Joey Maxim, the ring name of American boxer Giuseppe Antonio Berardinelli (1922–2001).

· That old Joey (Maxim. Ed.) about actions speaking louder than words was never truer than when applied to mothers of pearl. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.99, 1975

Joey Ramone*noun*

a telephone [UK]

< Joey Ramone, the stage name of American musician Jeffrey Ross Hyman (1951–2001), best known as the lead singer of the punk band Ramones.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th February 2007· – *www.lifedaily.com*, 15th May 2013**jog a mile***noun*

a crocodile [AUSTRALIA]

· Other phrases I've encountered up here are jog a mile (crocodile), dead horse (tomato sauce–sauce being pronounced more like “sorse” by those with extremely broad accents) and tifa[.] – C. Clampitt, *Waltzing Australia*, p.102, 2007

Johanna*noun*

▶ see JOANNA

john arne*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

A shortening of *John Arne Riise*, with the last word pronounced, or jocularly mispronounced, to rhyme with *piss*. < Norwegian footballer John Arne Riise (b.1980), who played for Liverpool (2001–08) and Fulham (2011–14). The proper Norwegian pronunciation of *Riise* is *Reece-ah*.

· I've got a mate who occasionally announces in the pub he is going for a “John Arne”... – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 23rd July 2015

John B.*adjective*

keen [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *keen* and *Keane*. < Irish writer John B. Keane (1928–2002).

· First up is Danielle. A bit too John B. for my liking. She basically tries to have sex with me. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.63, 2003

· I know Fionn's John B. on her and everything, but fock him. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.164, 2006

John Bardon*noun*

an erection [UK]

An eye rhyme on *hard-on*. < John Bardon, the stage name of English actor John Michael Jones (1939–2014), best known for his role as Jim Branning in the popular BBC soap *EastEnders*. *Bardon* is pronounced *Bard'n*.

· But when it came to the crunch, Steven couldn't get a John Bardon. – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th April 2008

John Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Probably < Queen Victoria's ghillie John Brown (1826–83).

· Want to go into 'eh toon' man [...] the John Broon. – *twitter.com*, 19th July 2013

· A jaunt up the John Broon early doors and back to it after the game, one of my favourite away days. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 28th May 2014

· [M]on up the John Broon – *twitter.com*, 30th May 2015

John Bull; john*noun*

1 a tug, a pull [UK]

< *John Bull*, a personification of England or a typical Englishman. No evidence of use in the short form.

· When Golly-Eyes, who had been waiting for just this moment, saw Harry's head appear above the top of the steps, he darted forward and gave the commissioner's sleeve a John Bull–i.e. pull–to distract him. [...] The moment he saw Harry's head pop out of the cab he gave the commissioner a John Bull, and, while the commissioner's nut was turned, Harry shot inside, down the stairs, into a phone box[.] – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, pp.37–38, 1956

2 an act of being stopped by the police; an arrest [UK]
Rhymes on the slang *pull*.

· We took care at the speed limits. The last thing we could afford was a john from a traffic cop. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.60, 1962

· **John** [...] 10. An arrest: since ca. 1945. c. >, by ca. 1965, also low s. Short for *John Bull*, rhyming on s. *pull*, an or to arrest. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· I was going down the road in my jam jar when I got a John Bull from the **ducks and geese** because I don't

have any beeswax. [...] I was going down the frog in my jam when I got a John from the ducks because I don't have any bees. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.4, **2015**

3 an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *pull*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Sounds like there's only one bloke having a John Bull in the David Gower mate. – *Ozgold.net* forum, 3rd October **2006**

· [I]s it just me or does it look like Joel and Stevie are having a 'John Bull' behind the rock? – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th September **2012**

4 an attempt to find a sexual partner [UK]

Rhymes on the British slang *pull*. Used in the phrase on the *John Bull*, the direct equivalent of *on the pull*.

· [T]o 'go on the John Bull' is to go out looking for company of the opposite sex. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Lee and Nigel were out on a night on the *john*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

John Bull

adjective

1 drunk [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *full*. < *John Bull* 'a personification of England or a typical Englishman'.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxv, **1967**

· He reckons you're a bit **John Bull** already! – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 full [UK]

· Anything from a stadium to a stomach can be 'John Bull' [.]. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

John Cale

noun

ale [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Welsh musician and composer John Cale (b.1942).

· Time for a Mick Jagger, except I don't like lager. I'm going for a John Cale. – *twitter.com*, 4th September **2009**

John Carew

noun

a toilet [UK]

Relies on the anglicised pronunciation of *Carew* to rhyme with *loo*. < Norwegian footballer John Carew (b.1979), who played for Aston Villa from 2007 to 2011.

· My southern housemate uses the term "John Carew" as rhyming slang wen he's off to the toilet lol.... – *Muscle Talk* forum, 23rd January **2007**

John Cleese; john

noun

1 cheese [UK]

< English comedy actor and writer John Cleese (b.1939), who, as a member of Monty Python's Flying Circus,

featured in the popular 'Cheese Shop' sketch, first broadcast in 1972. Curiously, the actor's family surname was originally Cheese, but his father changed it to Cleese when he joined the army in 1915. No evidence of use in the short form. ▶ see BIG JOHN CLEESE

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· In fact, I'll John Major you'd like to settle down with an Aristotle of Acker Bilk and a John Cleese sandwich[.] – *launch.groups.yahoo.com*, *Yahoo! Groups*, 6th June **2005**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· Try our Sorrel Chutney with Ryvita thins and a bit o John Cleese... – *twitter.com*, 15th October **2011**

· Personally, I'm as happy as a mouse nibbling away at a wedge of john cleese[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

· Would you like some John Cleese with your Uncle Fred, or just a little bit of talk and mutter? – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 25th July **2012**

2 peas [UK]

· John (Cleese) ... Peas. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

· Eat yer John Cleese – they're good for you. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

3 the police [AUSTRALIA]

Perhaps an elaboration of the slang *john* 'a police officer'. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

John Cleese; johns

noun

keys (for operating locks) [UK]

< English comedy actor and writer John Cleese (b.1939).

· 'ave you seen me johns. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

John Cotton

adjective

▶ see JOHNNY COTTON

John Deut

noun

a beautiful woman [UK]

Rhymes on *beaut*.

· John Deut is Cockney rhyming slang for beaut (beauty). "Wot a John Duet". – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th November **2003**

· We're knockin' back a few sherberts in the battle when these two sorts come in; one blonde and one brunette. The brunette is a right John Deut. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

John Dillon; John Dilling

noun

a shilling [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

New Zealand use (not before about 1930) first reported by Franklyn (1961). The variant *John Dilling* is recorded by Seal (2009).

· His nomenclature for coins is confusing at first. For instance:— A penny is a brown; threepence a tray, tizzle, or a ticky; sixpence, a kick, a break, or a zack; a shilling, a diener, a wing, or a John Dillon[.] — *The Sunday Times*, Perth, “Digger Yabber” Described: The Lingo the Aussie Talks’, 9th March **1919**

· And he proceeds to tell the story of a youth who failed to drop to what a “John Dillon” is. — *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 18th July **1920**

· [C]olonial robert (a play on the word *bob*); *joe dillon* and *john dillon* (another rhyme on *shilling*)[.] — S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.109, **1945**

· Even our sadly deflated currency is not immune. Here we have the “John Dillon” and two outstanding corrupted corruptions in “hammer and tack,” for “zac” (6d.), and “Rhodes scholar,” for “dollar” (5/). — *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· — D. McGill, *DKS*, **1988**

· — R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· — G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

John Dory; JD; john; johnny

noun

1 a story; a tall tale, a lie [AUSTRALIA]

< *John Dory* ‘a widespread marine fish (*Zeus faber*)’.

Only recorded in the full form.

· — B. Wannan, *Australian Folklore*, p.445, **1970**

· [M]ade up a john dory about the ute rolling of the brake while underground and smashing the front end. — *Dirt BikeWorld.net* forum, 22nd February **2007**

· Here’s my John Dory. — *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September **2011**

· Well I could tell you a john dory but this arvo is looking bleak so I’d betta get back to it soon. — *twitter.com*, 12th June **2014**

2 the facts about a particular situation; the state of affairs [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *story*. Often used in the phrase *what’s the John Dory?* (also *what’s the JD?*, *what’s the john?* or *what’s the johnny?*) ‘what’s happening?’, the direct equivalent of *what’s the story?*.

· Well, what’s the John Dory? — K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.89 [1993], **1987**

· What’s the JD? — E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· What’s the John? — *UD(.com)*, 20th May **2003**

· So what about you, Pie? What’s your John Dory? — R.G. Barrett, *Leaving Bondi*, p.219, **2000**

· Do you ever feel as if you’ve **pissed someone off**, but you’re not really that good friends with the person so you can’t say, “What’s the **Johnny?**” — *www.abc.net.au*, blog, 25th June **2007**

· Strewth, Cameron, what’s the John Dory here? — *www.theage.com.au*, 27th November **2011**

· What’s the John Dory? — *How to Talk Australians*, web TV: *www.youtube.com*, 29th July **2014**

· In real life, most Aussies don’t always say, “What’s your story?” Instead they are likely to say, “What’s your

John Dory?” — *www.capitalgazette.com*, 24th August **2014**

3 one’s signature [NEW ZEALAND]

Probably rhyming slang on *story*. Only recorded in the full form.

· — D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

John Dunn

noun

one pound [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian bushranger John Dunn (1846–66).

· A profitable profession it seemed, too, judging from the cool way they talked of ‘John Duns’ (£1), ‘thin ‘uns’ (sovs.), ‘canary’s’ (half-sovs.), ‘finn’ (£5), &c. — W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Western Champion*, Barcardine, Qld, 31st December **1895**

· £1 — [...] *John Dunn*, *tiddle*, *toe-rag*, *yid* (a rhyme on *quid*) and *slice*. — S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**

John Fashanu; john

noun

an amount of money available in one’s pocket for immediate use [UK]

Rhymes on *cash on you*. < Nigerian-British footballer John Fashanu (b.1962). Only in the phrase *got any john?*, the direct equivalent of (*have you got any cash on you?*).

· — *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

John Fratelli

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Jon Fratelli, the stage name of Scottish singer and guitarist John Lawler (b.1979).

· Her John Fratelli is hanging over the waistband of her jeans. — *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

John Galbally; galbally

noun

ice, especially as served with a drink [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun on *legal advice*. < Australian politician and lawyer John Galbally (1910–90).

· Her husband comes in the door each night with the words: “Hello everybody! How about a scotch and Galbally?” [...] Mr. Don Roadknight, of North Caulfield, is on the same track when he says: “If you had a gay mother, you would probably need John Galbally — a gay and frisky mother and daughter would probably need legal advice. Whiskey and water with ice!” — *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August **1978**

John Gotti; gotti

noun

a shotgun [UK]

Rhymes on *shottie*. < American mobster John Gotti (1940–2002), a major figure in the New York underworld in the 1980s and 1990s.

- He's behind her now, one finger up her arse, John Gotti in the other hand. The long feller. [...] Dylan's got his Gotti. – G. Johnson, *Gang War*, pp.19/33, **2011**
- If ur unsure John Gotti = Shotty. – *Call of Duty* forum, 27th April **2013**

John Greig; John Gregg*noun*

1 a capsule of Temazepam [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *egg*. < Scottish footballer John Greig (b.1942). Only recorded with the spelling *John Greig*. ► see SATELLITE TELLIES

- Drug squad detectives said an officer answered the telephone during the raid and an unknown caller said: "Hello, I have 60 John Greigs for you." – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 19th April **1991**

2 the leg [UK: SCOTLAND]

· "Take down your winners and losers and let me see your John Greigs," demands the doc. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 12th February **1993**

· A fine pair a John Greigs. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· [O]nly if your mrs spreads her "john Greig's", or else you will be left to have a "ham shank". – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September **2009**

· John Greggs – Legs. – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**

· I've heard older guys saying "their John Greigs are killing them" [...] – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

· [I]s that the whitest pair of John Greigs in Washington there!!?? – *twitter.com*, 20th June **2014**

3 an egg [UK: SCOTLAND]

· My dad always says John Greigs when talking about Eggs. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 25th August **2007**

· Maybe you like a couple of John Greigs with your Sunday breakfast? – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

John Greig*verb*

■ **John Greig it** to run or dash away [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *leg*, used in the phrase *leg it*. < Scottish footballer John Greig (b.1942).

· One i actually use a lot, he John Greig'd it = legged it. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

John Hop; John 'op; johnhop; johnop; jonnop; jonop; Johnny Hop; John on the hop; hop*noun*

a police officer [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *cop*. Probably formed on *John* 'a police officer', itself presumably a clipping of *john darm*, an anglicised form of the French *gendarme*. The forms *Johnny Hop*, *John on the hop* and *hop* have been recorded in Australian usage.

· The "Age," having adopted the term "John Hop" as an appellation for the simple policeman, we may conclude that the phrase has become respectable, and will presently find its way into our dictionaries. – *Punch* magazine, 27th November **1913**

· As is well known many of the single "Johnops" dine at the barracks[.] – *New Zealand Truth*, 24th July **1915**

· **John 'Op (or Jonop)**. – Policeman. – C.J. Dennis, *Digger Smith*, p.111, **1918**

· He was a dinkum Aussie Bloke / On London leave and thus he spoke / To a big John Hop on duty there[.] – *Aussie: The Australian Soldiers' Magazine*, 8th March **1918**

· Maybe in nature's wondrous plan / John Hops have souls like you and me[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 22nd June **1922**

· Bloody Johnny Hops! They couldn't hold a sucking pig in their hands, unless somebody hung on to its tail for them. – D.H. Lawrence, *Kangaroo*, p.350 [1977], **1923**

· A New Zealand policeman is a John—a name whose derivation remains obscure till one hears the full, and rarer, form, John Hop, rhyming slang for cop. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**

· Children prefer **shanghai** to catapult, **chink** to Chinaman, and **John Hop** to policeman. – S.J. Baker, *NZS*, p.62, **1941**

· I'm dropping *briefs* at the *yike* and someone *drums* me there's two *Jacks* on me *hammer*. I palm the *briefs* and front 'em and I'm a quick *jerry* they ain't *john hops*. – *The Truth*, Sydney, 31st May **1942**

· About three o'clock two johnhops come to see me about the car. – D. Stevens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.130 [1961], **1951**

· *john, johnhop*. – A policeman. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.52, **1953**

· HOP (JOHN HOP)—a policeman. – N. Pulliam, *Lonely Land*, p.378, **1955**

· The John 'ops have been nosin' around. – D. Hewett, *Bobbin Up*, p.65 [1961], **1959**

· It is hard to believe that two years ago I was humpin' the drum with you [...] fighting and brawling, stouthing John Hops, getting run in and spending a few days in the cooler[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· [W]hen I say I was "burning up the freeway with a john on my hammer" I am saying that there was a "cop" (**John Hop, Johnny Hop, John on the hop**) on my "tail" (**hammer and nail**) or, as some would argue, on my "track" (**hammer and tack**). – D. Laycock, *I Had a Solander*, pp.156–157, **1985**

· **Johnny Hopper** (also **John Hop**) *n.* a policeman. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· "You're not jonnops, are you?" the bartender asked as he gave a worried look in the direction of the small group of gamblers. – E. Palamarek, *Swagman*, p.141, **2001**

· **John Hop** noun COP (rhyming slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

John Hopper; Johnny Hopper*noun*

a police officer [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *copper*. Formed on JOHN HOP.

· On the one hand we find *humpy*, *bowyangs*, *mad as a snake*, *giggle-suit*, *squib on it*, *beer-up*, and *bushed* (confused), and on the other *john-hoppers* (policemen), *blockers* (people who live on blocks of land in the country[.]) – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.254, **1953**

· Upper class Australians deny it, but the taxi drivers still lay off some of the rhyming slang on you. Johnny Hopper is the copper on the Little Jack Horner which is the corner. – *Chicago Tribune*, 10th November **1968**

· John Hopper: Constable. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· There was a knocking at the front door. It wasn't the Johnny Hoppers, but a kid from up the road[.] – P. Walkuski and D. Harris, *No Bed of Roses*, pp.215–216, **1993**

· **Johnny Hopper** [...] a policeman. – D. Looser, *Boob-slang*, **2001**

· After all, the body was found in my car and some of these Johnny Hoppers would love to pin this on yours truly: me, an innocent man. – G. Burke, *Paddy's People*, p.11, **2013**

· **Johnny Hopper** noun COPPER (rhyming slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

John Horner

noun

▶ see JOHNNY HORNER

John Hunt

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – *www.matthewhunt.com*, 12th August **2003**

· Makes him a right “John Hunt”. – *twitter.com*, 23rd June **2010**

· – Bombing Libya or Iraq, they are both equally “wars of aggression”, you John Hunt. – OK I can't find this, but the previous to the previous PM of AU was John Howard and people would sometimes call him “John Hunt” in the same rhyming tradition as “berk” above. – *alt.activism.death-penalty*, *Usenet Newsgroups*, 22nd and 23rd March **2011**

· [T]hose john hunts haven't a clue. – *twitter.com*, 6th August **2015**

John Knox

noun

1 a sexually transmitted infection [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < Scottish Protestant reformer John Knox (ca 1513–72).

· Those members of the gang deemed suitable subjects for a V.D. clinic were said to be carrying a ‘dose of the John Knox.’ – J. Patrick, ‘A Glasgow Gang Observed’, in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June **1969**

· I think my wife is sleeping around. She's given me a right dose of the old John Knox. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· He's got the John Knox[.] – *johnsmorris.net*, 14th June **2008**

· Paterson on SSN looks as sick as a mason who has just found out the goat he shampooed last week has a dose of the John Knox. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 16th July **2012**

2 ■ **out of one's John Knox** intoxicated by alcohol or drugs [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *box*, used in the phrase *out of one's box*.

· See ye've no' learnt yer lesson ya edit. Oot yer John Knox again. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

3 television; a television set [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the box* and *the goggle-box*.

· [H]e always says the John Knox when talking about the TV. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 25th August **2007**

John Laurie

adjective

sorry [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish actor John Laurie (1897–1980).

· I'm awfy John Laurie, missus. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

John Lee; Johnny Lee

noun

a key [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Key, John Lee. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Johnny Lee–key. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

John Luca Vialli

noun

▶ see GIANLUCA VIALLI

John McCain; John McCane

adjective

insane [UK]

< American senator and Republican presidential nominee John McCain (b.1936).

· That bloke's gone John McCane. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th August **2007**

· – *www.zootoday.com*, 26th November **2008**

· This thread's gone John McCain! – *Big Soccer* forum, 16th January **2009**

john mcclaine

adjective

insane [IRELAND]

Possibly < John McClane, the hero of the *Die Hard* series of films, played by American actor Bruce Willis (b.1955).

· [W]e may drive everyone john mclaine, they may think we are elephant's trunk! – *Boards.ie*, 26th October **2008**

John Major

noun

1 a pager [UK]

< English Conservative party politician John Major (b.1943), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1990 to 1997.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Me John Major's just gone off. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a bet [UK]

Rhymes on *wager*.

· Care to put a little john major on that? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2003**

· I wonder what odds you would have got if you'd put a little John Major (wager) on the Boland, Griquas, Lions and Australian rugby teams all winning their games on Saturday? – *Daily News*, South Africa, 3rd July **2007**

· Care to put a John Major (wager) on it? – *www.thisismoney.co.uk*, 25th August **2009**

· I'll have a John major with anyone on here that this takeover gets green light this week. – *Heroes & Villains – The Aston Villa Fanzine* forum, 25th May **2014**

John Major

verb

to bet [UK]

Rhymes on *wager*. Probably functionally shifted from the noun form.

· In fact, I'll John Major you'd like to settle down with an Aristotle of Acker Bilk and a John Cleese sandwich[.] – *launch.groups.yahoo.com*, *Yahoo! Groups*, 6th June **2005**

Johnnie Cotton

adjective

▶ see JOHNNY COTTON

Johnnie Horner; johnnie

noun

▶ see JOHNNY HORNER

Johnnie Ray

noun

▶ see JOHNNY RAY

johnnie rollocks

adjective

thwarted, defeated or doomed to failure [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. An adjectival adaptation of JOHNNY ROLLOCKS.

· – 4-1 in the end, Trapp's a genius! – TRAP OUT!!! – Looks like hes definately johnnie rollocks. Gone by tomorrow afternoon looks like. – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 16th October **2012**

Johnnie Russel

noun

▶ see JOHNNY RUSSELL

Johnnie Rutter; Johnny Rutter

noun

1 butter [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – P.P., *RS*, **1932**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Half a pound of Johnny Rutter, please. – E. James, *DB-SCE*, **1997**

· Pass the Johnnie Rutter, there's a luv. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 bread and butter [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

Johnnie Walker; Johnny Walker

noun

1 a talker; hence, an informer [UK]

< Johnnie Walker, a brand of whisky or perhaps, at least in this first sense, the professional name of English DJ and broadcaster Peter Dingley (b.1945).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a stalker [UK]

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

· – Oh no, it's my Johnnie Walker. – How do you know I meant you? Stalker? I barely post on this forum, I have posted a bit the past 24 hours but I hardly think that's stalking. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 12th August **2011**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th July **2012**

John Noakes; johns

noun

an act of smoking [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *smoke*. < English television presenter John Noakes (1934–2017).

· [T]hey used to go out for a johns. as in John Noakes (smokes). – *FMTTM* forum, 17th November **2012**

Johnny Beattie

noun

a sweet [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *sweetie*. < Scottish actor Johnny Beattie (b.1926).

· Nae mare Johnny Beatties the day son, ye'll ruin yer Bay City Rollers if ye hae ony mare. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Johnny Bell

noun

▶ see JONNY BELL

Johnny Bliss; johnny

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Australian rugby league player Johnny Bliss (1922–74).· I couldn't bear to watch it, so I ducked out for a Johnny Bliss. – A. Buzo, *Rooted*, III.i, p.77 [1973], **1969**· Remember that night with Jacko and Owen Peters when we got on the grog and had a Johnny Bliss behind St. Mary's? – A. Buzo, *The Front Room Boys*, sc. i, p.22, **1970**· Of course, you occasionally had to break away from the group for a Johnny Bliss[.] – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 2nd April **1988**· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997****Johnny Cash**

noun

1 hashish [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *hash*. < American country singer Johnny Cash (1932–2003).· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**· I haven't bought any Jack Flash or Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, Mickey Duff or slippery slope since me boy was born[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**· Dinnae worry, he's got Johnny Cash. – *Here You (That'll Be Right)*, lyric, *The Wee Man*, **2007**· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

2 a hiding place [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *stash*. Prison use.· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

3 an act of urination [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *slash*.· I've got to go for a Johnny Cash. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 21st March **2006**· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**· Run to the loo for a johnny cash. – *www.facebook.com*, 25th July **2012**· Just off for a Johnny Cash. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**· I'm bursting for a Johnny Cash. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

4 a rash [UK]

· – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.361, **2015****Johnny Cotton; Johnnie Cotton; John Cotton**

adjective

rotten [UK]

The earliest form is *Johnny Cotton*, recorded by Partridge (1984) in 1931. *Johnnie Cotton* and *John Cotton* are listed by Franklyn (1960) and Partridge (1984) respectively.· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: *Everyman* magazine, 26th March **1931**· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960****Johnny Dancer; johnny**

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

· The inquiry that he formed into treatments of cancer / Was not enough for him to win his fight with 'Johnny Dancer'. – *parlinfo.aph.gov.au*, Parliament of Australia, Senate Hansard: *Condolences – Former Senator the Hon. Peter Francis Salmon Cook*, 5th December **2005**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**· [M]y much loved brother Matt lost his fight against what he called 'Johnny Dancer'. He lived with cancer for ten years and during this time he embarked on a personal journey to ensure others had access to medication on the PBS to help them continue their fight with Johnny. – *ml12.conquercancer.org.au*, **2012****Johnny Dauber**

noun

▶ see JONNNY DOBBER

Johnny Depp

noun

a step [UK]

< American actor and musician Johnny Depp (b.1963).

· She was so Oliver Twist she tripped over the Johnny Depp. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****Johnny dip**

noun

LSD (acid) [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *trip*. Prison use.· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001****Johnny Dobber; Johnny Dauber**

noun

a barber; a barber's shop [us]

A near rhyme in some American accents.

· Johnny Dobber—a barber. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.100, 1968: *The San Francisco Examiner*, D. Runyon (reproduced from the files of P. Tamony), **1933**· Johnny Dauber, barber[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936****Johnny Dobber's**

noun

a barber's shop [us]

A near rhyme on *barber's* in some American accents.

From JONNNY DOBBER.

· I'm going to the Johnny Dobber's to get a misbehave[.] – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942****Johnny Gibbs**

noun

fibs [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player and sports commentator Johnny Gibbs (b.1956).
 · Now I'm not telling Johnny Gibbs[.] – *Talkin' Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

Johnny Giles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Irish footballer and manager Johnny Giles (b.1940).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I have even grinned through pain reading this as i have a bad dose of the Johnny Giles, even just typing this is like sitting on a frying pan. – *Boards.ie* forum, 30th May **2003**

· I seem to have developed piles. does this mean i have to forget about doing it? [...] – Depends on the extent of the “Johnny Giles”[.] – *Gaire* forum, 1st December **2009**

· [M]e Johnny Giles are playing up. – *WookiesLair* forum, 6th March **2010**

· Never had Rockfords but I'm told they resemble a bunch of grapes. – Rhyming slang from the mid 70s. You need to modernise. Actually, I thought you old timers called them Johnny Giles. – *Drowned in Sound* forum, 24th October **2013**

· The old Johnny Giles are a bit sore today. – *twitter.com*, 21st July **2016**

Johnny Gill

noun

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug, often specifically MDMA [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pill*. < American R&B singer Johnny Gill (b.1966), best known as a member of the bands New Edition and LSG.

· flippers, bikkies (most common), “Johnny Gills”, pills, disco biscuits, beans. – *Bluelight* forum, 14th December **2003**

· Might have few Johnnys tonight. – *Melbourne Beats* forum, 22nd October **2005**

Johnny Herbert

noun

a beer [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *sherbet*. < English motor-racing driver Johnny Herbert (b.1964).

· I'm off to a wedding this afternoon so I'll have several Johnny Herberts down my gregory in your honour. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th February **2012**

· When I lived in Canada I could never pronounce the name. Especially with a few Johnny Herberts down my Gregory! – *Jamma+* forum 4th July **2013**

Johnny Hicks

noun

in craps, a roll of six [US]

· – H.L. Mencken, *The American Language. Supplement II*, p.747, **1948**

· – T.L. Clark, *Noms de Felt*, p.27, **1986**

· – W. Blevins, *DAW*, s.v. *craps*, **2001**

Johnny Hop

noun

▶ see JOHN HOP

Johnny Hopper

noun

▶ see JOHN HOPPER

Johnny Horner; Johnnie Horner; Jonnie Horner; John Horner; johnny; johnnie

noun

a street corner; sometimes specifically a pub (on a corner); a corner in a building [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/NEW ZEALAND]

Johnny Horner (also spelt *Johnnie Horner* or, more rarely, *Jonnie Horner*) is common in all four locations of use, but its clipped form *johnny* has only been recorded in Britain and New Zealand. *Johnnie* and *John Horner* are exclusively British.

· In and out the corners, / Round the Johnny Horners, / We were a pair of fair clean goners, / Slap dab, slap, with the whitewash brush[.] – *The Amateur Whitewasher*, lyric, written and composed by Fred Murray and Fred Leigh, **1896**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Johnny (Johnny Horner), corner. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

· **Johnny Horner** (*Rhyming*). Round the corner—meaning a public-house. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· “Pu’ ve puppy’s tail in the Johnny ’orner ov ve miser’s ’oard,” said Ted one night to a bewildered undergraduate, meaning to direct the putting of a nail in the corner of a board. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

· But Australian slang, it’s hopeless. [...] Also, ‘around the corner’ is ‘round the Jonnie Horner’. – E. Lane et al., *Outback Penguin*, 2016: diary entry dated 17th June **1924**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· He had barely made a good lather with the band of hope and started rubbing the dicky dirts, when who should come round the John Horner but the chief ginger-beer himself. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**

· It seemed to become noticeable amongst racing men, with whom I was well acquainted years ago, the most familiar rhymes being “Johnny Horner” for corner, “Joe Brady” for “straw cady,” as the straw hat was then called. – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 7th June **1935**

· [E]verythin’s going smooth: then round the Johnny Horner dashes these two dicks. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.24, **1938**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don’t seem to make sense. “I’ve got a twist and twirl

waiting on Johnny Horner,” one may say. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· Detective Doyle has about a dozen rhyming slang words in his list. For example: [...] “ducks and geese,” police; “Johnny Horner,” corner; “struggle and strife,” wife. All of these are, however, borrowed from Britain. – *The Sunday Herald*, Sydney, 18th June **1950**

· On the Johnny Horner I must stand[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· Jus’ goin’ roun’ the Johnnie. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· JOHNNY (HORNER) (n) Corner. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, **1982**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· To stand in the Johnny Horner. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· I asked him to do me a Rod Laver and go ‘round the Johnny Horner to take a Captain Cook at the menu. – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September **2011**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Johnny Lee

noun

▶ see JOHN LEE

Johnny Mack

noun

1 the back [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a road [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *track*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Johnny McRory

noun

a story [IRELAND]

Used in the phrase *what’s the Johnny McRory?* ‘what’s happening?’.

· Rosser, you doorty-looking drag queen, what’s the fookin Johnny McRory? – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.165, **2006**

Johnny Maginn

noun

the chin [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Johnny Marr

noun

a guitar [UK: MANCHESTER]

< English guitarist Johnny Marr (b.1963), best known for his work with the Manchester indie band The Smiths.

· Play us a Tune on the Old Johnny Marr. – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

Johnny Moyes

noun

noise [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian cricket commentator Alban George ‘Johnnie’ Moyes (1893–63).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Johnny O’Keefe

noun

the teeth [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme in some popular varieties of Australian English. < Australian rock and roll singer Johnny O’Keefe (1935–78). Prison use.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Johnny Randle

noun

a candle [UK]

· “Johnny Randle,” stands for a “candle”[.] – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, **1880**

· [A]ccepted terms change – *Johnny Randle* (candle) can take another personality in *Harry Randle*[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**

Johnny Rann

noun

food [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scran*.

· I must die for the want o’ Johnny Rann[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Johnny Raper; johnny

noun

a newspaper [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league footballer and coach Johnny Raper (b.1939). The short form is given by Meredith (1984).

· A Melburnian wouldn’t know what you were talking about if you said you read it in the Johnny Raper. Sorry, Chook Raper, there they just haven’t heard of you. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· ‘Besides,’ he said, ‘I’ve hit the Johnny Rapers in Steak ‘n Kidney. They’ll be lookin’ up here soon.’ – K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.180 [1993], **1987**

· I’m reading the Johnny Raper. – *The Greenhouse* forum, 27th September **2013**

Johnny Raw

noun

1 a saw [US]

< Australian slang *Johnny Raw* ‘a newly-arrived immigrant’.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 a person’s jaw [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Johnny Ray; Johnnie Ray

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lay*. < American crooner Johnnie Ray (1927–90). Recorded in the form *Johnny Ray*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

2 a day [UK]

· [I]t had been one of those johnnie rays[,] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· It turned out a beautiful Johnny Ray, very Easter bunny, but not too ‘peas in the pot.’ – *justindequack.com*, blog, 19th April **2014**

Johnny Ray

adjective

homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gay*. < American crooner Johnnie Ray (1927–90). Probably with a nod to Ray’s homosexual leanings.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, **1983**

Johnny Ray

adverb

today [UK]

< American crooner Johnnie Ray (1927–90).

· There were faarsands of gulls on Gull Island, but I’ve shown enough of those recently. So Johnny Ray I’m posting one I took before of a swan goose[,] – *justindequack.com*, blog, 9th May **2014**

Johnny Rocks

noun

syphilis [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the pox*.

· [A]fraid of a dose of the Johnny Rocks. – L. Redmond, *Emerald Square*, p.330, **1987**

Johnny Rollocks; Johnny Rollicks

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. The variant with *-i-* is recorded in Richter (1987). ▶ see *JOHNNIE ROLLOCKSED* and *JONNY ROLLOCKS*

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.64, **1987**

· I’ve even had pain in my johnny rollocks. – *ProHealth* forum, 27th September **2002**

Johnny Ronce

noun

a man who lives off a prostitute’s earnings, a pimp [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *ponce*. ▶ see *RONSON LIGHTER*

· The bogeys are everywhere, see? They’re pinching all the tarts, and they’re lumbering all the Johnny Ronces. – G. Kersh, *Night and the City*, p.241 [1946], **1938**

· If he takes too long about clearing out, “Papa,” i.e. the pimp, known also as “the Johnny Ronce” or the “Ponce”, may threaten to hit him on the “conk”, i.e. the nose. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**

· Johnny Ronce: a ponce. – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, **1968**

Johnny Rowsers; Johnny Rousers

noun

trousers [US]

First recorded with the spelling *Johnny Rowsers*.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Johnny Rump

noun

a pump [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Johnny Russell; Johnnie Russel

noun

bustle [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < English politician Lord John Russell (1792–1878), who was First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Lords from 1846 to 1852 and from 1865 to 1866. Usually in the phrase *on the Johnny Russell* ‘struggling to make a living’, the direct equivalent of *on the bustle*.

· *Battling* .. struggling–On the **Johnnie Russel**. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 7th August **1897**

· – S.J. Baker, *PDAS*, **1941**

· A fair proportion of Australian slang is modelled on the famous Cockney rhyming slang, and can be just as mysterious and incomprehensible to the uninitiated. “Joe Blake” is a snake, “Captain Cook” is a look, “Johnny Russell” is bustle[,] – *The Murrumburrah Signal and Harden Advocate*, NSW, 30th April **1942**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

Johnny Russell

verb

to move with haste or energy [US]

Rhymes on *bustle*; perhaps also influenced by the rhyme on *hustle*. Possibly < English politician Lord John Russell (1792–1878), who was First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Lords from 1846 to 1852 and from 1865 to 1866.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

Johnny Rutter

noun

▶ see *JOHNNIE RUTTER*

Johnny Skinner

noun

a dinner [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Johnny’s up

noun

a cup [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Johnny Tapp*noun*

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian race-caller Johnny Tapp (b.1941).

- I went for a run after the old pie and mash for dinner... well about 1k from home i got the urge for a "johnny tapp"[.] – *Dirtbikeworld.net* forum, 31st January **2010**

- Eating and running usually result in nature calling, and I soon found myself needing to look for a place for a Lorraine (sometimes called a Johnny Tapp). – *www.tomsnextstep.com*, 5th February **2012**

Johnny Tapp*verb*

to defecate [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian race-caller Johnny Tapp (b.1941). Prison use.

- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Johnny Todd*noun*used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Johnny Todd* [UK: EAST MIDLANDS, NORTH-WEST ENGLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *todd* or *tod*, the short version of *TOD SLOAN*. < 'Johnny Todd', a Liverpool folk song, a jazzed-up version of which was used as the theme tune to the BBC television programme *Z Cars* (1962–78) and was subsequently adopted as an anthem by Everton FC.

- Well, I'm now on my Johnny Todd after parting with Oli, Mel, Alex & Laura etc. in Auckland and being driven to the airport in a gorgeous, open-top vintage Porsche by a family friend; an unexpected bonus. – *nmjenkins.com*, 11th April **2006**

- The Afternoon favourite thing to do when you are "all on your Johnny Todd" (that's "alone" for anyone not from certain Northern English towns). – *Sinatra Family* forum, 8th August **2006**

- Probably the type who goes out everyweek on his Johnny Todd and gets shitfaced and starts gegging in with people and trying to bum money and ale off them all night. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 17th August **2008**

- i end up going on my johnny todd[.] – *GrandOldTeam* forum, 23rd October **2008**

- For the lone striker its most odd. He's left alone on his johnny todd. – *Roverstalk* forum, 22nd April **2010**

Johnny Vaughan; Johnny Vorn; johnny*noun*

1 pornography [UK]

- Rhymes on *porn*. < English TV and radio presenter Johnny Vaughan (b.1966).

- And in prison, did you really keep a supply of Johnny Vaughan under your bed? – *Evening Standard*, London, 16th November **2000**

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th April **2001**

- I enjoy a bit of Johnny. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

- [O]n me 'puter looking for some Johnny. – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 23rd January **2003**

- I remember SimonP and Craig Green telling me at Billing '05 that they had been watching a bit of the old Johnny Vorn the night before. – *MIG Performance Vauxhalls* forum, 28th January **2007**

- [N]o-one should ever be caught without an excuse for looking at a bit of Johnny Vaughan on their computer – after all it's what the interweb was invented for. – *QPRnet* forum, 6th March **2010**

- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

2 a yawn [UK]

- Can't hold back a good Johnny. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- Listen out today and you do stand a chance of coming across "Andy" (McNab) for a kebab, "Johnny" (Vaughan) for yawn – and porn. – *The Independent*, London, 1st April **2012**

Johnny Walker*noun*

► see JOHNNIE WALKER

john o' groat; john o'groat*noun*

1 the throat [UK]

- < John o' Groats, a village in the Highland council area of Scotland, usually regarded as the most northerly point of mainland Great Britain.

- I must confess it brings a lump to the old John O'Groat. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.4, **1986**

- – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November **2001**

- – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

- – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

2 a coat [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- My old man used to tell me to wear my john o'groat when it got nippy out. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 11th June **2011**

- – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

John o' Groats; John O'Groats*noun*

sexual satisfaction [UK]

Rhymes on *oats*. < John o' Groats, a village in the Highland council area of Scotland, usually regarded as the most northerly point of mainland Great Britain. Only used in the phrase *have/get one's John o' Groats* 'to have sex', the rhyming slang equivalent of the colloquialism *have/get one's oats*.

- [H]aving your John O'Groats. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- Look at the smile on his face – you can tell he's been getting his John O'Groats lately. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

- Are ye gettin' yer John o' Groats? – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

John on the hop; johnop*noun*

▶ see JOHN HOP

John O'Shea*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

- Rhymes on *gay*. < Irish footballer John O'Shea (b.1981). Suggested by rival supporters' chants ('He's big, he's green, / His dick is never clean. / He's John O'Shea, / He's John O'Shea') and public interest in his sexuality while he played for Manchester United (1999–2011).
- Ed is a little bit john o'shea. – *LondonRoad.net* forum, 17th August **2007**
- Kel managed to get a girlfriend? I thought he was a bit "John O'Shea"? – *Arsenal Mania* forum, 19th September **2007**
- John O'shea is one of them mucky buggers as well ain't he? He's a bit, he's a bit, he's a bit John O'Shea. – *Boxing-Scene* forum, 23rd March **2009**
- Re: Footballer rhyming slang. He looks a bit John O'Shea. – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**

John Peel*noun*

a jellied eel [UK]

- < John Peel, the name of a legendary English huntsman (1776–1854), immortalised in an eponymous 1820 song by his friend and fellow huntsman John Woodcock Graves, or the professional name of English radio disc jockey John Parker Ravenscroft (1993–2004). Jellied eels, a traditional English dish, were once a staple of the pie-and-mash shops of London's East End.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

John Prescott*noun*

a waistcoat [UK]

- Rhymes on the colloquialism *weskit*. < Labour politician John Prescott (b.1938), who served as Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom under Tony Blair from 1997 to 2007.
- [T]hey Wallace and Gromit all over your new Claire Rayners and down your John Prescott. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

John Sands*noun*

the hands [AUSTRALIA]

- < John Sands, an Australian greetings card and 'social expression' company.
- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

John Schreck*noun*

a cheque [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian racing consultant and former chief steward John Schreck (b.ca 1940). Coined in the 1980s, while Schreck was serving as Chief Stipendiary Stew-

ard of the Australian Jockey Club (1982–1994). Horse-racing slang.

- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

John Selwyn Gummer; john selwyn; selwyn*noun*

[1] an unpleasant, annoying or frustrating experience [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *bummer*. < English Conservative Party politician John Selwyn Gummer (b.1939). According to Green (2010), the word is also used specifically to mean a bad reaction to drugs. *Selwyn* is recorded by Thorne (1997) in 1994.
- So it is now widely known that Cain and Abel is a table, a John Selwyn (Gummer) is a bummer, and that rabbit and pork (talk) has become rabbiting on. – *The Listener*, London, 9th October **1986**
- John Selwyn (Gummer) – Bummer. – *soc.culture.british, Google Groups*, 11th June **1991**
- **Selwyn** [...] The name is part of the rhyming slang phrase '*John Selwyn Gummer*', meaning **bummer**[.] – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**
- What a John Selwyn! – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Yeah, you'd need to have your final pre-match pint in the Wee Barrell at least 10 or 15 minutes earlier – what a John Selwyn*. – *Black and White Army* forum, 21st November **2002**
- It is a bit of a John Selwyn Gummer, if at some earlier date you clicked on the prompt to say that any required forms P14 would be filed with the P35[.] – *www.accountingweb.co.uk*, 19th May **2005**
- That's a real John Selwyn Gummer. – *Alternate Poker Forum*, 10th December **2006**
- For the first time in yonks I had to get up to go for a wee in the middle of the night, which was a real John Selwyn. – *stavesmusing.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st August **2010**
- [2] a plumber [UK]
- "Not bad for a Selwyn," he said proudly and somewhat enigmatically. I think that I alone in that bar realised that Selwyn could be expanded to Selwyn Gummer, and that this rhymed with plumber, which was one of Becksy's occupations. – *The Guardian*, London, 27th April **1990**
- – Would you call a "bummer" to fix that? – or maybe a John Selwyn (Gummer). – *b3ta* forum, 7th February **2003**

John Steed*noun*

the head [UK: NEWCASTLE]

- Relies on the Geordie pronunciation of *head* as *heed*.
- < John Steed, the main character in the British television series *The Avengers* (1961–69) and its sequel, *The New Avengers* (1976–77), as well as in the 1998 film adaptation directed by Jeremiah Chechik; portrayed by English actors Patrick Macnee (1922–2015) and Ralph Fiennes (b.1962).
- – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

John Swinney*noun*

a pinafore [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pinny*. < Scottish politician John Swinney (b.1964).

- Granny always wears a John Swinney when doing the housework and uses a pair of Marti Pellows to kindle the fire. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

John Terry*adjective*

slightly drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *merry*. < English footballer John Terry (b.1980).

- I wasn't drunk, just a bit john terry, that's all. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Johnty Rhodes; jonty's*noun*

toads [AUSTRALIA]

< South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes (b.1969).

- Johnty Rhodes – toads (go up to Queensland – plenty of Jonty's there). – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

John Wayne*noun*

1 a train [UK]

< John Wayne, the stage name of American actor Marion Morrison (1907–79).

- A post-war term, when you either got a BOW & ARROW (qv) or 'John Wayne' to your holiday destination. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

- I will be getting the John Wayne to Brighton tomorrow. – *Betfair Community* forum, 3rd July **2011**

- Would you *Adam and Eve*, that so many Londoners are catching the *John Wayne* up to *Poor Man's Gruel* rather than watching the *Liza Minelli*? – *Volkszone* forum, 21st November **2011**

2 the brain [NEW ZEALAND]

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

3 a connected series of ideas or events [UK]

Rhymes on *train*.

- Continuing me John Wayne (train, ie: of thought)[.] – *www.lepapillionmagique.co.uk*, forum, 18th February **2005**

4 rain [UK]

- – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February **2006**

- Well well. Yesterday the sausage dog* today nonstop John Wayne*. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 22nd January **2014**

5 cocaine [AUSTRALIA]

- – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

john waynies*noun*

trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

Rhymes on *trainies*. < John Wayne, the stage name of American actor Marion Morrison (1907–79).

- [H]e's wearing dark, inky blue instead, and clean, lime-green Adidas John Waynies, fresh from Amsterdam. – G. Johnson, *Gang War*, p.15, **2011**

- New John Waynies... Nothing in life beats new sneakers... – *twitter.com*, 11th February **2012**

John West*noun*

the best; one's best wishes [UK]

- < John West, a British brand of seafood products. Influenced by the company's advertising slogan, 'It's the fish that John West reject that makes John West the best', first introduced in 1966.

- I only give the John West mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th November **2004**

- Send my John West to your mother[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCG-RS*, **2008**

- I only ever gave the John West, and you ain't even given me yer four seasons. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

John Woo*noun*

excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. < Chinese-American film director John Woo (b.1946).

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

- One could visit the toilet for a *Douglas Hurd* or even a *John Woo*[.] – *Fool.co.uk* forum, 15th January **2004**

- [T]hat John Woo I did this morning had a bit of blood in it. – *www.freakcity.net*, 4th March **2007**

- Other favorites include going for a John Woo (poo). – *Ultimate Metal* forum, 2nd December **2008**

joint of beef*noun*

a boss [UK]

Rhymes on *chief*.

- Who's the joint of beef around here? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

joke and farce*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *arse*.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

jolly hog*noun*

a black rhyme [UK]

A slang rhyme on *golliwog*.

- Carol Thatcher's joined you on the naughty step. She called a black tennis player a Jolly Hog (rhyming slang) in the green room. Ouch! – *twitter.com*, 5th February **2009**

jolly jingoes*noun*

fingers [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *jingoes* as *jingers*.

· – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

jolly joker

noun

a poker [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Jolly Roger

noun

1 a lodger [UK]

< *Jolly Roger* ‘a pirate’s flag generally emblazoned with a white skull and crossbones’. Probably influenced by Roger the Lodger, a nickname for a lodger who seduces his landlady (a stereotyped character in a number of bawdy and comic fictions).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a podger [UK]

Scaffolders’ slang.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November 2012

jolly rowers

noun

trousers [US]

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

jolly tank

noun

a bank [US]

· The heap o’ coke, leaning against the Holy Ghost, out in front of the jolly tank. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.64, 1968

jolly whopper

noun

a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on *copper*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, 1968

Jolson story; jolson

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *cory*. < *The Jolson Story*, a 1946 film musical on the life of American entertainer Al Jolson (real name Asa Yoelson; 1886–1950).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Jo Malone

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one’s Jo Malone* [IRELAND]

< English perfume expert Jo Malone (b.1964), creator of the eponymously named Estée Lauder brand of fragrances and scented candles.

· I’m like, ‘What about Marek? Is he not supposed to protect you?’ ‘He oatenly woorks tree days a week,’ he goes. ‘What, so for the other two you’re on your Jo Malone?’ – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Downturn Abbey*, p.218, 2013

Jo Maxi; Joe Maxi; jo; joer

noun

a taxi [IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/UK: SCOTLAND]

Probably coined independently in Irish and Australian English. In Irish slang, from where the word was introduced into Scotland, < *Jo Maxi*, a teen magazine programme broadcast on RTÉ’s Network 2 in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *Jo Maxi* (Ireland, Scotland), *Joe Maxi* (Ireland, Scotland, Australia), *jo*, *joer* (Ireland).

· I seen him ownnee the other night outside Lillie’s Bordildo and him bein lurried into a joe maxi blue mowldly with the dhrink and singin Sean Southa Garryowen[.] – J. O’Connor, *Secret World*, p.91, 1994

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· I was sitting in my Jo Maxi at a red light, listening to the radio. – *Dublin*, spoken, male, ca 40, May 2002

· I manage to walk Christian out as far as, like, reception, plonk him in a big ormchair, then ask the bird at reception to call us a Jo. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Dirtbag*, p.60, 2003

· [B]efore they have a chance to finish their vodka and cranberries, the three of us are in a Jo Maxi[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.73, 2005

· Joers comes from jo-maxi[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November 2006

· – Is a taxi a “Joe Maxi” or a “Joe Baxi”? My colleague thinks it’s the former, I think he’s a fool. – Im fae Scotland too - and its a Joe Maxi! Trust me, I have a relative who owns a Joe Maxi firm! – *answers.yahoo.com*, 4th July 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· We jump in a joer, / She spews on the dash, / For the sake of the ride I hold her hair back, / Mister taxi man says ‘You’re payin’ for that!’ – *Everybody’s Drinkin*, music video, Damo and Ivor, Irish TV: RTÉ Two, 25th April 2011

· Booked into the Days Inn which is within walking distance from Lime Street and is 15 minutes in a joe maxi to Anfield. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 10th August 2012

· [Y]ou can look forward to queuing for a joe maxi so you can pay a small fortune to get home. – *www.dailyledge.ie*, 5th October 2013

Jonah’s whale

noun

an animal’s tail [UK]

< *Jonah’s whale*, a reference to the biblical account according to which Jonah was swallowed by ‘a huge fish’; the King James version translates the Greek word *ketos* (itself a rendering of the Hebrew *dag gadol* ‘a huge fish’) as *whale*.

· Then a bow-wow by her side, / Who till then had stood and tried / A 'Jenny Lee' to banish, / Which was on his 'Jonah's whale,' / Gave a hydrophobia bark, / (She cried, 'What a Noah's Ark!') / And right through my 'rank and riches' / Did my 'cribbage pegs' assail. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Totie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

Jonathan King

noun

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *ring*. < Jonathan King, English pop personality and convicted paedophile (b.1944).

· I'm a bit sore today, I feel like I've been battered around the Jonathan King. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th October **2006**

Jonathan Ross; jonathan

noun

1 alcoholic drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

A near enough perfect rhyme on *sauce* in typical Scottish pronunciation. < English television and radio presenter Jonathan Ross (b.1960). No evidence of use in the short form.

· You don't wanna be knocking back too much of the Jonathan Ross, he pointed at my glass. – I. Welsh, *The Acid House*, p.5 [1995], **1994**

2 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Jonathan Ross* (or *not give a jonathan*) 'to not care at all'.

· I live in Manchester and couldn't give a "Jonathan Ross". – *Thai360* forum, 30th July **2002**

· I don't give a jonathan-ross what he thinks about anything!!!! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 25th June **2007**

· [T]here is only 1 I have to see and the other I couldn't give a "Jonathan" about. – *BBC 606* forum, 26th March **2008**

· [I]t is a well known fact they couldn't give a Jonathan about their constituents. – *www.readingchronicle.co.uk*, 5th July **2013**

· I don't give a Jonathan Ross, they taste delicious. – *twitter.com*, 21st December **2016**

jonathan ross'd

verb

lost (past and past participle of *lose*) [UK]

< English television and radio presenter Jonathan Ross (b.1960).

· I'm totally Jonathan Ross'd here. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th December **2001**

· Totally Jonathan Ross'd ere, wot u sa'ing? – *twitter.com*, 7th May **2016**

jonathan rosser

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *tosser*. A derivative of JONATHAN ROSS.

· How quickly language adapts to current events. Heard someone described as 'a bit of a Jonathan Rosser' today. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 29th October **2008**

jonesome

noun

▶ see JACK JONESOME

Jonnie Horner

noun

▶ see JOHNNY HORNER

jonnop

noun

▶ see JOHN HOP

Jonny Bell; Johnny Bell

noun

a smell [IRELAND]

< Northern Irish rugby player Jonathan 'Jonny' Bell (b.1974).

· [T]he Jonny Bell nearly makes me want to spew my ring. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.295, **2008**

· 'I'm talking about the Johnny Bell,' I go, wiggling my nose. 'What is it?' – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.65, **2011**

Jonny Dorotich

noun

a spiteful woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bitch*. < Australian Rules footballer Jon 'Jonny' Dorotich (b.1962).

· Mark Merenda – bender, good one I have heard in a while. Royce Hart – Fart. Jonny Dorotich – Bitch (another old one). [...] Remember many of these from my younger days, old man and his mates used them. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 18th January **2014**

Jonny Rollocks; Jonny Rollix

noun

the testicles [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bollocks* or its Irish cousin *bollix*. A variation of JOHNNY ROLLOCKS. Also occurs in the phrase *ask me* (or *my*) *Jonny Rollocks*, a euphemistic replacement for *ask me bollocks*, used to express disdain or contempt.

· You and you're 4100 posts can ask my jonny rollocks.....now go and think of a funny retort while I sit here slowly nodding my head with a little smile thinking about how much of a goon you are. – *LSL* forum, 14th April **2010**

· [A]fter that, they deserve a kick in the jonny rollix. – *LSL* forum, 12th October **2010**

jonop

noun

▶ see JOHN HOP

jonty's

noun

▶ see JOHNTY RHODES

Jon Voight

noun

the anus; the buttocks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *quoit*. < American actor Jon Voight (b.1938).

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

jook

noun

▶ see GEOFF DUKE

jookies

noun

▶ see DUKE OF ARGYLLS

Jo Palooka

noun

▶ see JOE PALOOKA

Jo Raki

noun

▶ see JOE DAKI

Jordan's just dirty

noun

in bingo, the number thirty [UK]

< Jordan, the former stage name of English glamour model and reality TV star Katie Price (b.1978).

· – *Daily Mirror*, London, 20th October 2003

Jo Ronce

noun

▶ see JOE RONCE

Jo Roncing

noun

pimping [UK]

Formed on JOE RONCE. Used attributively in the phrase *on the Jo Roncing stakes* 'engaged in pimping'.

· Both the men looked as if they might be on the Jo Roncing stakes. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.27, [1947], 1936

Jose-Anna

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on *tanner*. Recorded in use among soldiers during World War I.

· Money in the army, as among racing men, is known as “harvey duff,” but in the ranks you more often hear “Jose-Annas” (sixpences) and “deeners” (shillings) than of “nickers” (pound notes) or “half-nickers” (10s. notes). – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 16th October 1916

joseph

noun

▶ see JOE MANGLE

joseph

exclamation

in a game of dominoes, used by a player to indicate that he or she is unable to lay down a matching tile [UK]

A shortening of *Joseph Lock*, rhyming on the slang *knock*. < Josef Lock, the stage name of Irish tenor Joseph McLaughlin (1917–99).

· When unable to lay a bone we say “Joseph” from Joseph Lock. To knock. I suspect a foreigner looking at us playing would be mystified even if they know how to play the game! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th September 2009

Joseph Fritzel

noun

schnitzel [AUSTRALIA]

< Joseph Fritzl, an Austrian man who, in 2008, was accused of holding his daughter captive for twenty-four years and fathering seven children with her. Fritzl was found guilty in March 2009.

· – *Sportal* forum, 18th October 2010

Jose Quitongo

noun

an idiot [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *mongo*. < Angolan footballer José Quitongo (full name José Manuel Quitongo, b.1974), who played in Scotland for much of his career.

· – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February 2006

· Jose Quitongo is cockney rhyming slang for a supporter of FC Midlothian of Hearts 09. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 24th January 2009

· – Probs cause your a mong! – your the Josè Quitongo here no me! – *twitter.com*, 20th September 2012

· You're not allowed to use “Jose Quitongo” as rhyming slang to describe someone with mental deficiencies. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 23rd November 2012

· Can't believe those Jose Quitongos actually paid for that advert in the Sunday Herald... – *twitter.com*, 26th January 2015

Josey Wales; Josie Wales; josies

noun

scales, often specifically for weighing drugs [UK: COVENTRY, LIVERPOOL]

< Josey Wales, the main character in the 1976 western *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. ▶ see OUTLAWS

· Josey Wales = Scales = Josies as in “that last wrap was fn light, I checked it on me Josies”. – *h2g2* forum, 22nd January 2010

· Got any Joseys? – *The Lycaenum* forum, 24th January 2012

· It'll be the only 'Josey Wales' I go near for a while! – *twitter.com*, 4th March 2015

· Josie wales = scales. – *UK420* forum, 13th July 2015

Josh Ritter; josh

noun

1 a lavatory [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < American folk singer Josh Ritter (b.1976).

· A David Kitt and plenty of Jeff Martin on the Josh Ritter. – *Thumped*, forum, 21st July 2005

· You just take it for granted that any dish with the word nono in it is going to have you on the Josh Ritter for days. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.120, 2008

· I'm practically on the floor laughing, to the point that I suddenly need the Josh Ritter. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.67, **2010**

2 the anus [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· Ross should have told that moronic toady Thompson to stick his contract up his josh ritter. – *The Official Del Amitri Forum*, 31st October **2008**

· [Y]ou can do a bird up the josh ritter for real in the toilets[.] – *Volkszone* forum, 23rd May **2009**

· The past two weeks alone have offered a lengthy selection of jokes about dildos, and exhortations to her [Sinéad O'Connor's] followers to give anal sex a whirl: "just once... try it up the Josh". – *The Guardian*, London, 9th September **2011**

Joss Goss

noun

a boss [US]

· Joss Goss, that's the boss. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**

· The rat and mouse means a house and the joss goss is the boss. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

Joynson-Hicks

noun

1 six o'clock [UK]

< English Conservative politician William Joynson-Hicks (1865–1932), who served as Home Secretary from 1924 to 1929.

· At 'Joynson Hicks' the 'rubbers' were open again[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, **1973**

2 in bingo, the number six [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**

Joynson-Hicks

numeral

six [UK]

< English Conservative politician William Joynson-Hicks (1865–1932), who served as Home Secretary from 1924 to 1929.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

joy of my life; joy

noun

one's wife [UK]

With variable possessive and preceded with the definite article. The 1981 quotation is from an account of life in the British army before World War I.

· A good deal of rhyming slang was used in those days. For example, a pub was a "rub-a-dub," a table was a "Cain-and-Abel," the wife was "joy-of-my-life"[.] – F. Richards, *Sahib*, p.48 [2003], **1936**

· Wife disguises were endless, of course—Carving Knife, Storm and Strife, Joy (Joy of Your Life). – G. Wagner, *Wisdom of Words*, p.32, **1968**

· If a soldier left the God-forbids at home and took the joy of his life to the rub-a-dub and set out a couple of pig's ears (or fusiliers) on the Cain and Abel, he had left the children at home, taken his wife to the pub, and put two pints of beer on the table. – B. Farwell, *Mr. Kipling's Army*, p.126, **1981**

JR

noun

▶ see J. ARTHUR RANK and JIMMY RIDDLE

JR

verb

▶ see J. ARTHUR RANK

J.R. Ewing

noun

a viewing (of a house, an apartment or other property) [UK]

< J.R. Ewing, a character in the American TV series *Dallas* (1978–91), played by Larry Hagman (1931–2012).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

J.R. Ewing

verb

viewing [UK]

Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions. < J.R. Ewing, a character in the American TV series *Dallas* (1978–91), played by Larry Hagman (1931–2012).

· Next thing ya know an' she's up to 'er Schindler's in the blonde, givin' 'er an' Oliver Twistin'. I'm bandy. You should see what I'm J.R. Ewing. The roof tile all over the blonde's boat is etched forever. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

JR Rank; JR

noun

▶ see J. ARTHUR RANK

J's

noun

▶ see JACK JONES

Juan Carlos

noun

rain [AUSTRALIA]

A punning variation of KING OF SPAIN. < Juan Carlos I (b.1938), who was king of Spain from 1975 to 2014.

· – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

Judas

noun

drinks bought in licensed premises for the purpose of being drunk elsewhere [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the Scots *cairryoot* and the name *Iscariot*, the second element of *Judas Iscariot*. < Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus to the authorities. According to Pauline Cairns (personal correspondence, 18th November 2005), the word has been in use since at least the 1970s.

· It was in the spirit of confession that an inebriated priest there once told me that Glasgowspeak for his pal's sixpack was "a Judas" – as in "Judas's carry-oot". *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 13th April **2003**

· I'm away to the **offie** for a **judas**. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

· By the 1960s, the term "kerry oot" had evolved into the term 'Judas'[,] – *www.edinphoto.org.uk*, 26th July **2014**

Jude Law

noun

1 a score [UK]

< English actor Jude Law (b.1972).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th September **2003**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· Arsenal played West Ham tonight. Does anybody know the Jude Law? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [T]hey Kate-Mossed [lost] to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers by a Jude Law [score] of 41–24. – *The Argosy* student newspaper, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, 29th October **2009**

2 the state of affairs; the current situation [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· What's the Jude Law? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th September **2003**

· Now what's the Jude Law (*Score*) you might say? – *Galery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

· I know loads on here keep asking what's the Jude law, summat's gonna break. – *Heroes & Villains – The Aston Villa Fanzine* forum, 25th May **2014**

3 the jaw [UK]

· [A]nyone calls me a racist and i'l crack you round the jude law! – *PistonHeads* forum, 28th January **2010**

Judge Dredd; Judge Dread

noun

the head [UK]

< Judge Dredd, a character in British comic books and American films since 1977. The spelling *Judge Dread*, recorded in Jeremy Cameron's novels, suggests a different derivation: < Judge Dread, the stage name of English reggae and ska musician Alexander Minto Hughes (1945–98), who came to prominence in 1972.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· He shook his Judge Dread very weary like. – J. Cameron, *Brown Bread*, p.170 [2000], **1999**

· Lady with the chapatis got a scarf over her boat race. Hubbie got his Judge Dread back against the board. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.13, **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

judgement

noun

the buttocks or anus [UK]

Shortened from *Judgement of Paris*, rhyming on *aris*, a clipping of ARISTOTLE. Probably a nonce word coined by English singer Ian Dury (1942–2000). < the

Judgement of Paris, a story from Greek mythology that has been a favourite with artists through the ages.

· – P. Silverton, *Filthy English*, p.124, **2009**

Judi Dench; Judy Dench; judi; judy

noun

▶ see DAME JUDI DENCH

Judi Dench; Judy Dench; judy

adjective

▶ see DAME JUDI DENCH

Judi Dench

verb

▶ see DAME JUDI DENCH

Judith Chalmers; judiths

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *farmers*, an elliptical form of FARMER GILES. < English TV presenter Judith Chalmers (b.1936).

· Blimey, I've got a nasty case of the Judiths. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 22nd December **2003**

· Gordon Bennet, my Judiths aren't half giving me gyp! – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 22nd March **2005**

· – "Trouble and Strife" Wife. – "Emma" short for Emma Freud. – Judiths for piles. – *UKClimbing* forum, 16th December **2007**

· I went to the doctor once complaining about my 'Judith Chalmers'[,] – *Conquer Club* forum, 5th October **2008**

· "Yeh. How's your Rockfords?" "Me Judiths?" "Your farmers?" – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

· At the time I was there, Little Mo on East Enders was having a lot of trouble with her "Judiths." Charlie Slater also had his problems with his from sitting in the cab all day. – *thephilipponi.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th February **2015**

Judy and Punch; judy

noun

lunch [UK]

< *Judy and Punch*, a reversal of *Punch and Judy*, a traditional puppet show featuring the hunch-backed, hook-nosed Mr Punch, his wife Judy and their dog, Toby. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· As the brothers were 'aving their Judy and Punch, they saw some Ishmaelite traders pass by on their way to Egypt. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.27, **2001**

· That was the touristy part of London; the **London: Randall Style** part involved *Judy and Punch* (lunch) and a few beers in the park. – *scandalmunro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September **2005**

· What's for Judy and Punch? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

jug and pail

noun

a jail [UK]

An elaboration of the slang *jug*.

· Jail, with its frugal fare and monotonous work, is known from bitter experience as “jug and pail.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

jug of water

noun

a daughter [UK: WALES, EAST MIDLANDS]

· – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

· – *Total Football Forums*, 11th October **2005**

juicy fruit

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *root*. Probably < Juicy Fruit, a brand of chewing gum made by Wrigley.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

juicy fruit

verb

1 ■ **get juicy fruited** said to express rebuff, rebuke, dismissal or contempt [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the past participle form *rooted*, used in the phrase *get rooted*. Formed on the noun JUICY FRUIT. Usually in imperative.

· In case any one wants to have a go at me for having a dip at a newbie I dont care, go and get juicy fruited, I am sick of wankers[.] – *www.mrfisho.com.au*, forum, 21st November **2009**

2 to ruin, break or destroy [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *root*.

· Who gives a rats – we had a good working system (with flaws of course) that covered most people and politicians juicy fruited it totally to save a \$. – *Caravaners Forum*, 9th March **2010**

· Absolutely juicy-fruited many of the early details of the St Kilda schoolgirl affair and then could not explain to radio listeners, nor former SEN presenter Francis Leach, why the story was a legitimate one to be followed. – *Yellow and Black* forum, 18th June **2012**

juicy fruited

adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoil [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *rooted*. Formed on the verb JUICY FRUIT.

· – *Forex.com* forum, 16th December **2009**

· I suspect the subframe (read entire front end) will be juicy fruited. – *M-100* forum, 25th June **2010**

· Aus racing would have been Juicy fruited with out the TAB returns. – *Greyhound Data* forum, 24th December **2010**

· Maybe the ones you experienced were juicy fruited. Personally, I couldn't tell the difference in most cases unless I opened the bonnet and looked at the side of the block. – *aus.cars, Google Groups*, 4th December **2012**

2 totally exhausted; frustrated; thwarted; doomed [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *rooted*.

· Jack said that he was Juicy fruited in aussie slang that means R.....ed[.] – *Greyhound Data* forum, 8th August **2011**

· [T]he last line of Linda's response “I look forward to a long and rewarding professional relationship with your stable” should send a shiver down your spine. As they say down under... I think you are “juicy fruited” my friend. – *Digiturf.com* forum, 6th September **2011**

· – What would happen if a nation ever said “NO we won't help you” to the USA when it asked for help? – We could be “juicy fruited”. They might declare Australia as a country that harbours “terrorists” and begin a bombing campaign and send in “peace keepers”[.] – *Mombu the Politics Forum*, 7th July **2013**

juicy fruits

noun

boots [IRELAND]

Probably < Juicy Fruit, a brand of chewing gum made by Wrigley.

· i forgot me juicy fruits i cant play. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

juke

noun

► see GEOFF DUKE

Juke Box; Jukebox; Juke

nickname

Scottish footballer Gordon Durie (b.1965)

Genuine or pseudo-rhyming slang. A shortening of *Juke Box Jury*, which in some British accents rhymes with *Durie* and in others is homophonous with it. < *Juke Box Jury*, a TV music programme broadcast on BBC from 1959 to 1967 and revived in the late 1970s and late 1980s.

· But three new additions to the Handle Hall of Fame prove dressing-room wags are very much at work. Joining Choccy (McClair) and Juke Box (Durie), Tumble (Dreyer) and Zippity (Duda, Chicago Sting's Pole who played alongside Dick Advocaat in '78) are Snowy, Swinger and Ceefax. – *The Independent*, London, 5th March **1994**

· The energetic midfielder quickly switched the ball in front of Durie some eight yards out. Juke Box was right on song with a blistering kleft foot shot high into the net. – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 15th September **1996**

· But Juke Box insists he's ready to rock again and is hoping to make a comeback[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 19th December **2007**

· McBride skippin past a Jambo and slippin it tae Juke-box, who skinned some other maroon cunt and passed tae Steve Cowan[.] – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.167, **2012**

· – Hope Juke Box makes a speedy recovery. Great guy, great player. – Get well soon Juke.

· – *Rangers Rumours* forum, 19th August **2012**

· I was delighted to hear that Jukebox has returned to Rangers to coach the reserves and the Under-20 team this week. – *www.eveningtimes.co.uk*, 5th July **2013**

Juke of Montrose*noun*

▶ see DUKE OF MONTROSE

Julian Clary*noun*

a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *fairy*. < English camp comedian Julian Clary (b.1959). A deliberately apposite coinage.· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, 2008· – I've just been on the dog to my mate Arry and e says that John Barrowman is an Iron Hoof! [...] – cor blimey guvnor that jb is a proper julian clary[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 16th May 2008· [I]t's not always so easy to tell these days! If it was a bunch of Julian Clary's then easy enough. I worked in an office and a bloke in my team whom I chatted to daily was gay which I didn't find out till 4 years later! – *Roobarb's Forum*, 11th January 2012· – Sleep with a man, to sleep with a woman? – Bunch of Julian Clarys...f*ck off with this poll. This site is getting queerer and queerer by the day. – *Soccer24-7.com* forum, 11th May 2012**Julian Clary***adjective*

ostentatious, flashy, showy; impudent, cheeky [UK]

Rhymes on *lairy*. < English camp comedian Julian Clary (b.1959).· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998**Julian Dicks***noun*

in cricket, 'a six', a shot in which the ball goes over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs [UK]

< English footballer Julian Dicks (b.1968).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003**Julian Joachim; julian***verb*

joking [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang used in progressive tense constructions. The surname *Joachim* is pronounced *Joe-tchim*. < English footballer Julian Joachim (b.1974).· You must be Julian Joachim. – *Joinee Forum*, 11th May 2012· For years we've used "he's got a new Shaun (Goater)" for "motor", and "you're Julian (Joachim)" for "joking". After a few beers it slips into conversation with folk you've never met and gets confusing, especially as us Mansfield folk only tend to speak with the vowel "o" a lot of the time, "How yow doing? You're Julian"[.] – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 24th July 2015**Julius***noun*

a seizure [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *seizure* and *Caesar*. < Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar (100–44 BCE).· i prefer to get lost in my own head, rather than go out and have a julius (ceaser/seizure) or a sean (connery/coronary). – *Shroomery* forum, 13th April 2011**Julius Caesar; julius***noun*

1 a 'cheese-cutter' flat cap [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *cheeser*. < Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar (100–44 BCE). The reduced form is recorded by Willey (2009).· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009

2 a freezer [UK]

The reduced form is recorded by Willey (2009).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009

3 a man [UK]

Rhymes on *geezzer*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000· 'ere, look at the 'ampsteads on that Julius. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001· Who's that Julius? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003· [Y]our havin a tin bath julius ceaser[.] – *The Football Forum*, 26th May 2003· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, 2009· Right, now I know a Julius (Caesar – geezer) who knows this Coles lemon (squeezer – geezer)[.] – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March 2012· Yer a diamond Julius! – *www.johnwinter.net*, blog, 25th September 2015· Jeremy Corbyn is a diamond Julius Caesar. – *www.live-leak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016

4 a visa [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce coinage by English writer Tony Saint (b.1968).

· 'No Julius,' comments Henry, tossing the passport disdainfully down on the desk. *Julius. Julius Caesar. Visa*. [...] I handed him over to you. No Julius. – T. Saint, *Refusal Shoes*, pp.10/123, 2003**jumbo jet***noun*

a bet [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th January 2010· Have you placed a JUMBO JET down the bookies? – *www.facebook.com*, 20th July 2013· – Dad just won £700 jammy sod. – was that on a jumbo jet? – *twitter.com*, 22nd July 2014**jumbo jet***verb*

to bet [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· If you are a fan of the ol' cockney rhyming slang and want a contemporary piece of art to hang on your wall, then you can "jumbo jet" this large canvas print incorpo-

rates all of the necessary requirements! – *www.amazon.co.uk*, 21st February **2011**

Jumbo's trunk

adjective

drunk [UK]

A variation of ELEPHANT'S TRUNK. Jumbo was a circus elephant that was popular in London in the 1880s.

· Why, the fellow's "Jumbo's trunk!" – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896; Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, **1923**

· Sampson was interested in all kinds of underworld languages and 'cants' including rhyming slang, of which he kept a notebook: Once a Week = Beak (magistrate) Jumbo's Trunk = Drunk[.] – A. Sampson, *The Scholar Gypsy*, [2012], **1997**

· She's holding a bottle by the neck and she takes a swig of it every other step. She's Jumbo's trunk! – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.68, **2016**

jump and jive

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

jumpers' flat; jumpers

noun

a hat [AUSTRALIA]

< *jumpers' flat* 'a type of horse race'.

· Pull on the almond rocks and four by twos, don the jumpers' flat and you bolt for the grand slam. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

· In Melbourne, in the days when gentlemen wore them at places other than racecourses, a hat was known as a jumpers – short for jumpers' flat, a bizarre form of horse-race. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· Only a Melburnian could understand that in referring to a jumpers another Melburnian would be talking about his hat (jumpers' flat – a race once popular at Melbourne tracks). – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

jumping china

noun

a partner in a prison escape [UK]

From *jumping*, a participial adjective form of the slang *jump* 'escape', and *china*, a shortening of CHINA PLATE. Prison use.

· – J. Phelan, *Fetters*, p.191, **1957**

· When the three keys were completed, he told his "jumping china" to be in readiness any night from then onward. – J. Phelan, *Underworld*, p.114, **1967**

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

jumping jack; jumping

noun

1 a person's back [UK]

The short form is given by Barker (1979).

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.8, **1979**

· – M. Ramachandran and M. Ronson, *The Medical Miscellany*, p.83, **2005**

· If I carry on like this though, I'll have the cold chill on me jumping jack. – *CTA Games* forum, 25th February **2007**

· I couldn't *Adam and Eve* my *Mince Pies*, this *lemon Squeezer* with his *Jumping Jack* to me in the *Jack Horner* was playing the *Joanna*[.] – *www.suffolklearning.co.uk*, 26th February **2014**

2 a black person [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 in snooker, the black ball [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

Jumping Jack Flash

noun

cash [UK]

< 'Jumpin' Jack Flash', a song by the Rolling Stones, originally released as a single in 1968.

· One thing's for sure, the band – who have grossed £1 billion and sold 100 million records – have spent wads of Jumping Jack Flash over the years. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

June and July

noun

a pie [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Jungle Jim

noun

a Roman Catholic (generally one of Irish descent); by extension, a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on TIM. < *Jungle Jim*, an American television series of the 1950s and its eponymous character, played by Johnny Weissmuller (1904–84). Celtic FC have always had their fan base dominated by the Irish Catholic immigrants who live in Glasgow's east end. Thus, in Glasgow slang, the terms *Tim*, *Jungle Jim*, *TARRIER* and *SHETTLESTON HARRIER* can be applied both to a Roman Catholic and to a Celtic supporter.

· Ah never knew he wis a Jungle Jim. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· He said he was not prejudiced, he just hated this particular Jungle Jim! – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· If anyone was worth bolstering, it was the Jungle Jims. – C. Brookmyre, *Boiling a Frog*, p.130 [2002], **2000**

· Patrick took his overcoat off followed by his Celtic top. He replaced this with a Glasgow Rangers one, and they set off once more. Yep, Senga was proud of her little ‘jungle Jim’[.] – C. Jam Bo, *The Cowal Cowboy*, **2001**

· Going through the papers at the weekend we saw an advert for a souvenir that surely all true Parkhead fans will want – a Celtic plate. [...] We think only about two million were made, and surely any Jungle Jim would be pleased to eat their dinner off it. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 13th June **2001**

Jungle Jim

verb

to swim [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Jungle Jim*, an American television series of the 1950s and its eponymous character, played by Johnny Weissmuller (1904–84).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· You can go ‘jungle-jimming’ at Bondi Beach, avoiding the ‘afters’ (after darks – sharks)[.] – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Jungle Jims; Jungles

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

Rhymes on *Tims*, itself a shortening of TIMALLOYS or the plural form of TIM. The term is a pluralised variation of JUNGLE JIM. Probably reinforced by awareness of the popular name of the old enclosure, ‘the Jungle’, to the left of the traditional ‘Celtic end’ at Celtic Park, home of Celtic FC.

· [B]ad luck to the jungle jims, they did play well. – *TeenSpot.com* forum, 21st May **2003**

· After the last game you’d have to fancy the jungles, but you never know and 3/1 is a decent bet if you are a curant. – *Tartan Army* forum, 20th February **2011**

· Come on the Jungle Jims! – *Hibs.net* forum, 12th February **2013**

Junior Hoilet; Junior Hoilet; Junior Hoilet; junior

noun

a toilet [UK]

< Canadian footballer Junior Hoilet (b.1990), who has played for several British clubs since 2007.

· [H]ow long before junior will be cockney slang for toilet if it isn’t already. – *The Wrestling Legends Forum*, 4th November **2011**

· I’m off to the Junior Hoilet then downstairs for a cup of Mary Lee. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 10th March **2012**

· Oh and my brother just said he was popping to ‘The Junior Hoilet’[.] – *first-thoughts.org*, 23rd December **2012**

· I’ve drunk far too many Gareth Bales, I need to go to the Junior Hoilet. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

· [W]on’t be a minute – just need to find the ol’ Junior! – *When Saturday Comes* forum, 19th June **2013**

· [E]xcuse me, just off to the junior. – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 16th June **2014**

Jurassic Park

adjective

dark [UK]

< *Jurassic Park*, a 1993 American film directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the 1991 novel of the same name by Michael Crichton.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**

· – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.25, **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

just a click

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. A playful reference to CLICK-ETY-CLICK.

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.bingofox.com*, accessed 5th November **2013**

just a dash

noun

cash [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Sportal* forum, 18th October **2010**

just as I feared; just as

noun

a beard [UK]

< ‘There was an Old Man with a beard, / Who said, “It is just as I feared! / Two Owls and a Hen, / Four Larks and a Wren, / Have all built their nests in my beard!”’, one of Edward Lear’s best-known limericks, first published in *A Book of Nonsense* (1846). The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

just-a-trifle

noun

a rifle [AUSTRALIA]

· We was packed in the bloomin’ stink-and-stenches like a lot of bally sardines, and not half of us could get a poke over the edge with his just-a-trifle. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

justin

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Justin Langer*, rhyming on the slang phrase *bang her*. < Australian cricketer Justin Langer (b.1970). Influenced by the punning homophone *just in*.

· [Y]ou give her a justin? – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Justin Bieber

noun

a fever [IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Canadian pop singer Justin Drew Bieber (b.1994). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· He’s home in bed with a Justin Bieber of a hundred and three. Doctor said he’s after picking up some sort

of Miley Cyrus. – www.youtube.com; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

Justin Currie

noun

a hurry [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish singer, pianist and bassist Justin Currie (b.1964), also known by the nickname RUBY.

· Sorry, can't stop. I'm in a Justin Currie. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Justin Rose

noun

the nose [IRELAND]

< English golfer Justin Rose (b.1980).

· – www.bebo.com, 25th October **2007**

K

Kai Johansen; Kai Johansson; kai

noun

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*. < Danish footballer Kai Johansen (1940–2007), who played for Greenock Morton (1963–65) and Glasgow Rangers (1965–70).

• Former Old Firm players Kai Johansson (e.g. ‘Up the Kai, Kai Johansson, dancin’) and Regi Blinker (‘having a Regi’, Regi Blinker, stinker) still get a mention today. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 16th September **2005**

• Anybody going to the Kai Johansen tonight? – *Follow-Follow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

• Now in Glesca rhyming slang, “Kai” is to a certain generation (and beyond) a term used for dancing, as in “up the Kai, Kai Johansen”. – *caledonianmercury.com*, blog, 20th December **2011**

Kaiser Chiefs; kaisers

noun

briefs [UK]

< English indie rock band Kaiser Chiefs.

• “I need a new pair of Kaisers” (Kaiser Chiefs = briefs). – *www.facebook.com*, 6th August **2010**

• [T]he guy bought his wife some new lacey Kaisers for xmas in Anne Summers. – *Purestorm* forum, 22nd December **2010**

• [H]e’s holding out for a new pair of kaisers each season! – *twitter.com*, 31st January **2013**

kangaroo; kangar; kanger; kanga

noun

1 a Jew [UK]

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *The Leader* magazine, January **1939**

• Harry was a Jew. In his own phrase: a ‘tin-lid.’ Otherwise, a ‘four-by-two,’ a ‘kangaroo,’ or a ‘five-to-two’. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.11, **1943**

• Sarah Soo, Four-by-two or Kangar (Kangaroo) means a Jew. – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], **1959**

• This place is full of Kangas: never known a Sunday joint like it! They’re all over the place with their offspring as well. – R. Davies, *Kenneth Williams*, p.737, 1993: diary entry dated 16th February **1986**

• **KANGAROO** [...] rhyming slang for Jew. Often reduced to kanger. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

• [H]undreds of sympathisers interned with him during the war turned out at a meeting at a London hotel in December 1945 to chant such slogans as “Hail, white-man” and “Down with the kangas” (i.e. “kangaroos”, that is, Jews). – *The Tablet* magazine, London, 26th April **2008**

2 a prison warder [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *screw*. Recorded in the forms *kangaroo* and *kanga*.

• *kangaroo*. – A warder, by rhyme on “screw”; also used in the abbreviated form, *kanga*. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.133, **1953**

• **Kangaroo** [...] A well known reference to a prison officer[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• **kanga prison officer**[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

• They always made the kangas earn their shillings. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.8 [2001], **2000**

• So we thought there’d been trouble over there, maybe all the kangas were getting into mufti. – M.V. Williams, *Animal Farm*, p.90, **2002**

• I told a kanga I’d come there as a Ccat prisoner but he said it didn’t matter and that I still had to progress through the BCat wing. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.151 [2014], **2009**

• I’m feeling tom and need to get in my flowery but there’s a gang of kangas giving me a **spin**. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.133, **2015**

3 a chew of tobacco, a quid [UK]

• Slippizza kanga. Done fourteen chokey. [...] Ringing the twiddle was the name for sleight-of-hand. The expert would ‘twiddle a kangar’ – i.e., let the warder suspect him of having tobacco. [...] They talk, openly; hand people things instead of learning to cop and pass; they say “Give me some tobacco” instead of muttering “Slippizza kangar”[.] – J. Phelan, *Tramp*, pp.31/38–39, **1954**

• *Kanger* ... Chewing tobacco. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.205, **1962**

• **KANGAROO** [...] prison tobacco, from rhyming slang: kangaroo = chew. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

4 money; hence wages [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *screw*. Only recorded in the form *kanga*.

• On account of you being a mighty bloke, and sending Ape that kanga without asking any questions, we’re all agreed on one thing. You’re getting the biggest share. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: A. O’Toole, *The Racing Game*, p.6, **1969**

• Kanga: wages. – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.32, **1987**

• Of these *kanga* has acquired at least three further senses – as rhyming slang for *screw* and hence used either of money or of a prison warder[.] – R.M.W. Dixon et al., *Australian Aboriginal Words*, p.222, **1990**

• [H]ey benny, you got my kanga? – *UD(.com)*, 6th September **2007**

• \$60,000 is a lot of kanga but then again it’s Christmas so I won’t be a Grinch. – *www.thecourier.com.au*, 22nd December **2009**

5 a shoe [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *kangaroo* and *kanga*.

· *Kanga*. Abbreviated rhyming slang for “shoe” [...] *Kangaroo*. Rhyming slang for “shoe.” – R.W. Bone, *Maverick Guide*, p.96, **1982**

· – *Orange Coast* magazine, Newport Beach, CA, September **1984**

6 an amount of wages or salary [UK]

Rhymes on *screw*. Only recorded in the full form.

· **Kangaroo** [...] secondarily applies to wages. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

kangaroo pouch; kangaroo

noun

a couch [UK]

· Help me move my kangaroo. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th April **2002**

· She plonks ’erself down on the kangaroo an’ gets her Daisys off. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Kansas Cities

noun

a woman’s breasts [US]

Rhymes on *titties*. < *Kansas Cities*, a reference to two adjacent American cities of the same name, one in the state of Missouri and the other in Kansas.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, **1968**

Kansas City Max

noun

tax; a tax [AUSTRALIA]

< *Kansas City Max*, an alteration of *Max’s Kansas City*, the name of a culturally influential New York City nightclub (1965–81).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

karanka; karanker

noun

▶ see AITOR KARANKA

Kareem Abdul Jabbar; kareem

noun

a car [UK]

Perhaps originally a punning elaboration of *car*. < American basketball player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (born Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, 1947). The short form is recorded in 2001.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [M]ore obscurely Kareem Abdul Jabbar (meaning car)[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· Then he rolled under that Kareem Abdul Jabbar. – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March **2016**

Karen Dunbar

noun

a car [UK; SCOTLAND]

< Scottish comedian Karen Dunbar (b.1971).

· You may even decide to get in the Karen Dunbar, hit the Tiger Tim, lift some weights and work through the

Robbie Coltrane barrier. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Karl

nickname

▶ see CARL LEWIS

Karmichael Hunt; Carmichael Hunt; karmichael

noun

1 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < New Zealand-born multi-code footballer Karmichael Hunt (b.1986).

· What a karmichael HUNT of a year. – *League Unlimited* forum, 17th July **2006**

· A Karmichael Hunt of an airline. – *Ozgold.net* forum, 5th June **2009**

· Pretty obvious point really but it is Sunday morning I have a Karmichael Hunt of a hangover and that is all I have to give. – *dreamteamtalk.com*, 19th June **2011**

· I’ll watch the GF but chances are I won’t bother much with the finals series. Goodnight 2014.....what a Karmichael of a season. – *League Unlimited* forum, 8th September **2014**

2 an unpleasant or despicable person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· Fuck you’re a fussy bunch of Karmichael Hunts aren’t you? – *Inthemix* forum, 29th April **2008**

· The man’s a Carmichael Hunt. Just like all of them. – *nominister.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th November **2008**

· Channel 7 are a bunch of Karmichaels... – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 2nd August **2009**

· Meh, average attempt at best trying to hide the fact you made a Karmichael out of yourself. – *League Unlimited* forum, 26th June **2012**

· I reckon @glennmcgrath11 is a right karmichael hunt. – *twitter.com*, 21st February **2015**

Karsey Moilet; Karsie Moilet

noun

a toilet [UK]

A fanciful rhyming slang elaboration of the common slang word *karzy*.

· And can yew show me where da Karsey Moilet is please? – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th August **2005**

· What does everyone else read whilst they’re on the karsey moilet? – *Scunthorpe United FC* forum, 29th March **2010**

· You are on your way to the Karsey Moilet when you feel the need to wallace and grommit. – *www.londonhenweekends.com*, **2011**

· Karsey Moilet – Toilet. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

Kasey Keller

noun

a fellow, a man [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *fellow* as *fella*. < American footballer Kasey Keller (b.1969).

- [S]he told me she had just been dumped by her Kasey Keller (fella). – *The Sun*, London, 1st July **2002**
- Lay off him, he's a nice Kasey Keller. – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd February **2011**

Kate Adie

noun

a woman [UK]

- Rhymes on *lady*. < English journalist and broadcaster Kate Adie (b.1945).
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Kate Adies

noun

a women's public toilet [UK]

- Rhymes on *the Ladies*. < English journalist and broadcaster Kate Adie (b.1945).
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Kate and Sidney; Kate and Sydney; kate and sid; kate and syd

noun

steak and kidney (pie or pudding) [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- A slang rhyme that comes close to a spoonerism. Synonymous with SNAKE AND PYGMY and *snake and kiddy*.
- “You better have a Kate and Sidney,” said Maud; “it’s English, quite English, you know. Hi! Miss.” – W.L. George, *The Making of an Englishman*, p.72, **1914**
- In Clerkenwell or Fulham a request for “Kate and Sidney pie” is still perfectly understood, and it is only natural that it should be washed down with a hot cup of Rosy Lee, or—if one is lucky—with a pint of pig’s ear. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**
- **Kate and Sidney Steak and kidney** (pudding). – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- Filled me Aunty, dead to rights, ’ad a chunk of Kate and Sidney wiv lashings of jippa[.].” – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**
- I have seen *loopers* (loop-the-loop = soup) on several (admittedly cutesy) London menus and often eaten *Kate and Sydney* (steak and kidney) pie, unknown as such in America. – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.128, **1977**
- He decided on fish and chips, I had the Kate and Sidney pie; we both had ice-cream. – *The Times*, London, 18th April **1992**
- The brightest point was our evening meal of the kate and syd pie that we bought from the local deli/bakery the day before. – *nbshiralee.blogspot.com*, 12th June **2012**
- I made wallaby Kate and Sidney pies for our tea. I must get back to Kate and Sidney puddings with suet pastry (steamed) and lots of thyme and maybe a few oysters (yes, they were used in this dish, because they were cheap – and it is rather nice.) – *flindersfreer.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd March **2013**
- To add an Irish slant, the gravy may also contain Guinness. [...] During its long history the pie has acquired various corruptions of its name into popular rhyming

slang such as Kate and Sid pie or Snake and Kiddy pie or even Snake and Pygmy pie! – *kajjayaitch.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th June **2013**

- I had the ‘kate and sidney’ which is their take on ‘steak and kidney’, and oh my... just scrumptious. – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, woman from Limerick, 4th August **2013**
- Pieminister came to Dublin in 2006 where it first launched the Kate and Sidney pie at the electric picnic. – *Personal correspondence*, 20th October **2014**

Kate Carney; Kate Karney; kate

noun

the British Army [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. < English music-hall singer Kate Carney (1869–1950).
- **KATE KARNEY**: The Army (rhyming slang). – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
- Here we give some common examples of those mysterious phrases which have been spoken in London, and elsewhere, for generations. [...] The Kate Karney. – *The Daily Mail*, Hull, 24th December **1940**
- You’re entitled to dam’ all in the Kate Karney, and don’t you forget it[.] – A. Dixon, *Tinned Soldier*, p.51, **1941**
- [T]hey feed yer better there than they do in the blessed Kate Carney. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.19, **1943**
- But to tell you the truth I didn’t fancy the Kate Carney, so I put my name down for the Air Force. – B. Hill, *Boss of Britain’s Underworld*, p.71, **1955**
- We’ll take it turn and turn about to kip, with one of us awake, just like doing stag in the kate, works out two hours on, four off. – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.82, **1956**
- I found a lot of them when I was in the ‘Kate’. – C. Poulsen, *Scenes from a Stepney Youth*, p.72, **1988**
- When I was in the Kate, I was posted to Egypt, Alexandria. – B. Nadel, *After the Morning* p.127, **2006**
- [Y]ou’ll never amount to much in the kate karney, unlike gareth. – *z3.invisionfree.com*, *WKFA SC* forum, 20th July **2012**

Kate Kearney

noun

an altercation or fight [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *barney*. Perhaps < Kate Kearney, an Australian brigantine built in 1854 and wrecked in 1884.
- The difference existed in that while the French demoiselles used rapiers for the settlement of their little difference, the “Kate Kearney” (which is Australian rhyming slang for barney) between the Boulder bar-nymphs was fought-out with boxing gloves. – *The Sun*, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, 24th April **1904**

Kate Moss; kate

noun

something of little or no value [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Kate Moss* (or *not give a kate*) ‘to not care at all’. < English

model Kate Moss (b.1974). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· If you don't care then you couldn't give a Kate Moss (toss) and you tell your friends that you'll see them Christian Slater (later). – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, 9th February **1998**

· If a piece of work is too easy it's a "Glen" (Hoddle: a doddle), but perhaps in any case you don't give a Kate Moss. – *www.theguardian.com*, 12th October **1999**

· Or maybe you don't give a Kate Moss. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 7th November **2005**

· Us Aussies are painful? Have a listen to you poms go! You are all soooo sensitive! Why do you give a kate moss what comments we make on this, our very own local blog, and feel obliged to respond so desperately and aggressively? – *blogs.theage.com.au*, blog, 21st August **2008**

· I couldn't give a Kate. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Just completed four bits of work. Was a Glen-Hoddle! Not that you give a Kate Moss. – *twitter.com*, 6th February **2013**

kate mossed

verb

lost (past and past participle of *lose*) [UK]

< English model Kate Moss (b.1974).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· "fiver" => "lady godiva"???? Maybe you want ta' ha'f da' accent mangling happen after the rhyming munge? "lost it" => "kate mossed it"???? – *PerlMonks* forum, 3rd February **2001**

· Yeah, get on yer Alibi Ike, you're all a bit Kate Mossed. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th August **2005**

· Corr blimey i'm Kate Mossed. – *Digital Spy* forum, 16th May **2008**

· [T]hey Kate-Mossed [lost] to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers by a Jude Law [score] of 41–24. – *The Argosy* student newspaper, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, 29th October **2009**

· Oh no, I think we're Kate Mossed! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

· Anyway, isn't he the wooden plank that got Kate Mossed in Croyden. – *My Writers Circle* forum, accessed 6th September **2015**

Kate Nash

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < English pop singer Kate Nash (b.1987).

· I'm away for a slash, I'm away for a Kate Nash. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 5th December **2007**

2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *gash*.

· – *Sheffield Forum*, 15th April **2008**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Das Krapital*, **2010**

· Look at the Kate Nash on that. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th September **2012**

Kate Nash; kate

adjective

bad, of inferior quality, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *gash*. < English pop singer Kate Nash (b.1987).

· [H]ey dave, did you see that programme last night, it was so kate nash. – *UD(.com)*, 24th August **2007**

· That film last night was proper Kate, the storyline was crap and there wasn't any eye candy in it! – *UD(.com)*, 16th February **2008**

· Still tryin to learn how to mix, but still Kate Nash (gash) at it. – *www.bebo.com*, 31st March **2009**

· Keith Andrews shouldn't be anywhere near a national top! He is Kate Nash. – *twitter.com*, 10th June **2012**

Katharine Docks

noun

socks [UK]

< St Katharine Docks, a small 19th-century dock near Tower Bridge in London, now turned into a marina and leisure complex.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Kathleen Mavourneen; Kathleen Mo Mhuirín

noun

the morning [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Probably imperfect rhyming slang. < Kathleen Mavourneen (from *mavourneen* 'my darling', an anglicised form of the Irish *mo mhuirín*), the heroine of an eponymous Irish ballad penned in 1835 by Julia Crawford and set to music two years later by Frederick Crouch. The word may have been formed as rhyming slang or may just be an allusion to the first line of the song: 'Kathleen Mavourneen, the gray dawn is breaking'. *Kathleen Mavourneen* has been recorded in British and Australian usage; the variant *Kathleen Mo Mhuirín* is listed in Mícheál Ó hAodha's *Parley with Me: A Compendium of Fairground Speech* (2006).

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, ca **1937**

· – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Kathy Burke

noun

1 work [UK]

< English actress Kathy Burke (b.1964).

· Gotta do some Kathy Burke. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th May **2004**

· [A]jin't 'ad much fan lately lots of Kathy Burke lots of runnin' 'round and bein' Hearts of Oak. – *ice9onanairline.livejournal.com*, blog, 24th April **2005**

· Cockney may not be your chosen means of communication after a hard day's Kathy Burke, when you're feeling brassic and completely cream crackered[.] – *www.thisismoney.co.uk*, 25th August **2009**

· One piccadilly tea caddy moves to Lahndan. He's butcher's hooking for Kathy Burke. – *bertcorcoran.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th February **2011**

2 a Turk [UK]

· – *Back To The Oldskool* forum, 22nd November **2008**

Kathy Burke

verb

to work [UK]

< English actress Kathy Burke (b.1964).

· I 'ave so many ideas in me Crust of Bread floatin' 'round wite na, I wish I 'ad nickle and dime ter Kathy Burke on them aw. – *ice9onanairline.livejournal.com*, blog, 24th April **2005**

· [T]he ending doesn't quite Kathy Burke, but Cockneys vs Zombies is messy, fast and a lot of Blue Nun. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

Katie Price; Katy Price; katie

noun

1 lice [UK]

< English glamour model and reality TV star Katie Price (b.1978), formerly known as Jordan. Recorded in the forms *Katie Price* and *katie*.

· 'The dog's got Katie' – Katie price: lice[.] – *www.absoluteradio.co.uk*, 29th September **2006**

· [C]heck the kids hair for Katie Price? – *GaGaJoyJoy* forum, 2nd December **2009**

2 ice [IRELAND]

Only evidenced in the form *Katy Price*.

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

3 a synthetic cannabinoid blend best known as *spice* [UK]

Recorded in use among prisoners and their suppliers.

Only evidenced in the form *Katie Price*.

· These are packets of spice. There's quite a few slang names for it. Rice, which is what a lot of people call it. Er, gonna have rice with my dinner. Or Katie Price. – *The Secret Life of Prisons*, UK TV: Channel 4, 10th November **2016**

· Footage filmed by prisoners shows the horror effects of the drug as one con's heart stops after inhaling half a gram of Spice – known inside by rhyming slang "Katie Price". – *The Sun*, London, 10th November **2016**

Katie Price

adjective

sexually attractive [UK]

Rhymes on *nice*. < English glamour model and reality TV star Katie Price (b.1978), formerly known as Jordan.

· She's looking a bit Katie Price. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December **2009**

· – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 27th June **2012**

Kat Slater

exclamation

goodbye [UK]

An alteration of *catch you later*. < Kat Slater, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actress Jessie Wallace (b.1971).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th November **2003**

· – I need some sleep now! Hah! – Kat slater mate! – *twitter.com*, 19th November **2012**

· – I. Hall, *RCDDBS*, **2016**

· Remember when people would say "cheers ears" and then say "Kat Slater" instead of "catch you later"? – *twitter.com*, 28th June **2016**

Kat Slaters

exclamation

goodbye [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *laters*. An offshoot of KAT SLATER.

· Nice Doug, gotta go now...Kat Slaters. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th January **2007**

· Right. I'm off to walk puppy bin laden. Kat Slaters. – *twitter.com*, 1st May **2011**

· So on that note, Kat Slaters! – *alienontoast.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st September **2013**

Katy Perry

adjective

merry [UK/IRELAND]

< Katy Perry, the stage name of American singer Kathryn Elizabeth Hudson (b.1984).

· – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

· Katy Perry Christmas. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

k.d. lang; k.d.

noun

slang; rhyming slang [UK/IRELAND]

< k.d. lang, the stage name of Canadian country and western singer Kathryn Dawn Lang (b.1961). Sometimes used in the phrase *the old k.d. lang*.

· You may have noticed that I've led you unwittingly into the world of Musician's Rhyming Slang (or rhyming k d lang if you will). – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August **2002**

· There is a great tradition of rhyming slang (k. d. lang) in Dublin and Bray. – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· [T]rying to decipher the secrets of Transport For London timetables, written in an unbreakable code explained only to high ranking cockneys who have proved themselves fully fluent in the old K.D. Lang (rhyming slang)[.] – *www.iamstaggered.com*, 10th February **2011**

· KD Lang = Slang "I'm spending so long thinking up new K D I'm getting no work done"[.] – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

Keef 'n' Mick

noun

sick [UK]

< Keef 'n' Mick, a tandem combination of the first names of Keith Richards (b.1943) and Mick Jagger

(b.1943) of the Rolling Stones. Keith Richards is routinely referred to as *Keef*, a form representing the popular pronunciation of his name.

- – “Alright, mate?” – “Nah, I’m feeling a bit Keef’n Mick (sick). The old trouble and strife (wife)’s gone totally Jarvis (Cocker = off her rocker). You know that tom (tomfoolery = jewellery) I gave her last week for her birthday?!” – *Songfacts* forum, 19th October **2009**

keep ’em keen

noun

in bingo, the number nineteen [UK]

< *treat ’em mean, keep ’em keen*, a sexist adage that asserts that a man should never be too kind to a woman if he wants to keep her interested in him.

- – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

Keira Knightley

adverb

slightly [UK]

< English actress Keira Knightley (b.1985).

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Keira Knightley elephant’s trunk. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

Keith

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *curl*, as in the expression *curl one down/out/off* ‘to defecate’, and *Curle*. < English football player and manager Keith Curle (b.1963).

- Keith – s***. Derived from Keith Curle (to curl one out). – *Newcastle-Online* forum, 19th October **2007**
- When I had to excuse myself from whatever company I was with to go and drop the kids off at the pool, “Just going for a Keith” was euphemism much used. – *SaintsWeb* forum, 15th October **2009**

Keith

noun

an erection [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *wood* ‘an erection’ and *Wood*. < Irish rugby union player Keith Wood (b.1972).

- I’ve had a dirty big Keith on me since the second that fucking Gráinne Seoige walked in. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.235, **2007**

Keith and Proctor

noun

a doctor [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Keith Cheggers; Keith Cheggars; cheggers; cheggars

adjective

pregnant [UK]

Rhymes on *preggers*. < English TV presenter Keith ‘Cheggers’ Chegwin (b.1957). ▶ see CHEGGERS PLAYS POP and KEITH’D UP

- As she’s Cheggers she’s probably bored of being reminded about it and especially after all this heat recently!!! (btw yours and my missus should be due about the same time then – beginning of Sept???) – *JustKampers* forum, 11th July **2006**
- The supermodel also looks a bit fuller in the face than she usually does – a sure sign she is Keith Cheggers. – *The Sun*, London, 31st October **2008**
- I take it you have told everyone you are ‘Keith Cheggers’? – *Think Baby*, forum, 7th June **2008**
- Oooh that dirty little bugger if she is cheggars... isn’t her hubby locked up? – *E-Goat: The Totally Unofficial RAF Rumour Network Forum*, 17th June **2008**
- She’s cheggers, so she can’t eat red meat unless it’s cooked through[.] – *The-Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 14th March **2012**

Keith Deller; Keith Dellar; Keith

noun

Stella Artois lager [UK]

< English darts player Keith Deller (b.1959), also known as The Fella. ▶ see FELLA

- Keith Dellar = Stella (Artois – the beer). – *TheForce.net* forum, 27th November **2003**
- [G]ive me a pint of Keith Deller any day!! – *Non League UK* forum, 5th March **2004**
- Besides “Nelson,” Stella (Artois) beer can also be called “Cinderella,” “David” ~ “Dave” (< David Mellor), “Keith” (< Keith Dellar), “Paul” (< Paul Weller), and “Uri” ~ “Yuri” (< Uri Geller). – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

keith’d up

adjective

pregnant [UK]

A phrasal offshoot of *keith*, a shortening of KEITH CHEGGERS.

- My other half uses the random tenuous rhyming slang of South London and says “Keith’d up” (Keith Cheggers = Preggers). – *Bounty* forum, 4th May **2011**

Keith Flint

adjective

penniless [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Keith Flint (b.1969), ‘dancer, luntic and “singer”’ with English electronic dance music group The Prodigy.

- I’m a bit Keith Flint at the moment. – *ilXor.com* forum, 16th October **2002**
- Can’t make that, totally keith flint this month[.] – *www.deviantart.com*, 8th October **2007**
- You said you were Keith Flint. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.286, **2008**

· I'm Keith Flint. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.220, **2011**

Keith Greig

noun

the leg [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Keith Greig (b.1951), who played for North Melbourne from 1971 to 1985.

· You stand up on your Keith Greigs. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Keith Miller

noun

a filler [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Keith Miller (1919–2004).

· [G]otta patch the wall with some keith miller and it'll be fine. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Keith Moon

noun

1 a crazy person [UK]

Rhymes on *loon*. < English rock musician Keith Moon (1946–78), best known as the drummer of The Who. Suggested by Moon's own nickname, 'Moon the Loon'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a spoon [UK]

· – *RaleighBurner.com* forum, 3rd October **2008**

· Yer cream is twenty quid on top o' that ... an' four quid fer yer plastic Keith Moon! – *Viz* comic, August **2016**

Keith Urban

noun

bourbon [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born Australian country singer Keith Urban (b.1967).

· I'll have a Keith Urban and coke thanks! – *woywoynet.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th April **2009**

· – And someone spilt an Allison Durban all over my Gary Pert. Not happy. – Keith Urban better. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

Keith Vaz; keith

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wazz*. < Yemen-born British politician Keith Vaz (b.1956).

· I'm busting for a Keith. – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

· At least with DVD rentals (And copying cough cough) you can stop the film to go for a Keith Vaz. – *House Price Crash* forum, 11th August **2008**

· I'm going for a Keith. – *CycleChat* forum, 6th September **2015**

Keith Wright

noun

excrement; an act of defecation; hence, nonsense, rubbish [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Scottish footballer Keith Wright (b.1965).

· [W]hat a load of Keith Wright. – *Hibs.net* forum, 5th April **2010**

· Eh'm awa for a Keith Wright. – *Footymad* forum, 15th December **2011**

· When we questioned the woman on the way out we were told the person above the pub would complain about the noise... which I think I was a load of keith wright. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 3rd April **2012**

Kelly

noun

a bowler hat [US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *derby*, an Americanism for a bowler hat, and *Darby*.

< Darby Kelly, the hero of an eponymous comic song written around 1820 by English dramatist and songwriter Thomas Didbin (1771–1841).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

kelly

noun

▶ see DARBY KELLY

Kelly Ned

noun

the head [US/AUSTRALIA]

A reversal of the name *Ned Kelly*. < Australian bush-ranger Ned Kelly (1857–80). Recorded by Maurer (1944) with the spelling *Kelley Ned*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.272, **1945**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

Kembla Grange; kembla

noun

change (money) [AUSTRALIA]

< Kembla Grange, a town near Wollongong, New South Wales, home of a famous racecourse.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1955**

· “Three lilies new, Paterson Laing old, a oncer, rogans the kembla”. Translated, this means “three schooners of new beer, two schooners of old beer, £1 given to buy them, give me the change in shillings”. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.359, **1966**

· “Thanks, love. And there's your kembla.” “My what?” “Your Kembla Grange. Your change.” – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· His pockets were bulging with Kembla Grange. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.170 [1993], **1987**

· This reviewer can remember when trousers were referred to as petrols, short for petrol bowlers, when change was Kembla after Kembla Grange[.] – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 2nd April **1988**

· Have you got any kembla? – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

Ken Acker; ken-acker; kenacker*noun*

1 a delinquent, tracksuit-wearing youth from Dublin's north side; hence, an uncouth working-class person, often specifically one from Dublin's north side; a lout or chav [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *knacker*.

· We're all wandering around this focking shopping centre, roysh, basically seeing how the other half lives, and it's all, like, Ken Ackers in twenty quid jeans and ninety quid runners trying to make eye contact with you for an excuse to kick the shit out of you[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.22, 2003

· Ignorant Cabbage eaters or complete ken-ackers (no middle classes). – *Peoples Republic of Cork*, forum, 1st September 2008

· A group of Ken Ackers lived in the corner house in my estate. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 18th June 2009

· 2 kenackers jumped me and kicked me in the head a few times, took my wallet, coat and phone. – *Politics.ie* forum, 18th August 2009

2 a member of the travelling community [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *knacker*.

· Are we talking Ken Ackers here or just scobes? I don't think Ken Ackers have casual sex (the women). If they did, they'd be killed. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 30th January 2012

ken acker drinking*noun*

anti-social drinking of alcohol in an outdoor setting [IRELAND]

Formed on KEN ACKER. A rhyming equivalent of the Irish slang *knacker drinking*.

· Are there ever any groups of young lads sitting around there ken acker drinking, etc? – *Boards.ie* forum, 22nd March 2012

kenackers*noun*

the testicles [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *knackers*. A pluralised version of *knacker*, itself a variant of KEN ACKER.

· [I]t could be a severe kick in the kenackers for the FG-Lab regime. – *Foot.ie* forum, 11th November 2012

Ken and Barbies*nickname*

American coffee house chain Starbucks

Rhymes on *Starbies*, a popular name for this chain, also known in rhyming slang as LISA TARBUCKS. < Ken and Barbie, two dolls created by Ruth Handler, co-founder of American toy manufacturer Mattel, in 1961 and 1959 respectively.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th February 2007

Ken Boon; boon*noun*

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *coon*. < Ken Boon, a character in the British television series *Boon* (1986–92), played by English actor Michael Elphick (1942–2006). Influenced by the American slang phrase *ace boon coon*.

· YOU FUCKIN' CALL ME A BOON? WHERE I COME FROM HERE IN THE SOUTH THAT'S RACIST COKNEY RHYMING SLANG, AS IN "KEN BOON", DO THE SUM AND SORT YA FUCKIN NAME OUT PRICK!! – *VoyForums*, 10th March 2004

· I've heard the term 'Ken Boon' used plenty of times before as rhyming slang for c _ _ _ . – *Digital Spy* forum, 25th June 2005

· We should go stamp on that Ken Boon. – *UD(.com)*, 13th May 2006

· [I]s calling a black man a 'ken boon' racist? – *Tartan Army* forum, 12th August 2011

· Wonder if Jamie Carragher's dad still stands in the Gwladys St End shouting abuse to the oppositions 'Ken Boons' & 'Fergal Sharkeys'. – *twitter.com*, 18th April 2014

2 a spoon [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Whats your fav saying in cockney rhyming slang? mine is ken boon-spoon. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th January 2007

3 a song or piece of popular music [UK]

Rhymes on *tune*. In the context of rave culture, also used interjectionally to express approval of a music choice. Only recorded in the full form.

· [Y]ou want a swig of me water?... fuckin KEN BOOOOOOOOOON (ken boon = tune for you ill educated straight heads). – *Digital Forums*, 1st April 2007

· Yeah like the Bombay bicycle club album too. Have you listened to White Lies? They've got some ken boons! – *twitter.com*, 8th October 2010

· This girl played some proper Ken Boons today! – *twitter.com*, 9th May 2014

4 a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Also used in the phrase *hit the Ken Boon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*). Only recorded in the full form.

· [W]at u doin the mora. U 3 still in the ken boon #55%shots. – *twitter.com*, 17th August 2012

· That's wit happens wen u start swallying way the auld yins, then hit the ken boon!! – *twitter.com*, 4th November 2012

Ken Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND, NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots and Tyneside English form of *town*. < Scottish golfer and golf broadcaster Ken

Brown (b.1957). Also used in the phrase *hit the Ken Broom*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

- U up the ken broom? – *twitter.com*, 2nd March **2012**
- [C]harlotte will drop us in the ken broom on Sunday. – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2013**
- [Y]ou hit the ken Broom? – *twitter.com*, 15th June **2014**

Ken Bruce

noun

a truce [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish broadcaster Ken Bruce (b.1951).

- Right, nae mare moothing aff. Let's jist call a Ken Bruce, OK? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Ken Dodd

noun

1 a roll of banknotes [UK]

Rhymes on *wad*. < English comedian Ken Dodd (b.1927), who was prosecuted for tax evasion in 1989. During the trial it was revealed that he had very little money in his bank account, but he did have £336,000 in cash packed in suitcases in his attic. ► see KNOTTY ASH

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- A Lady Godiva is a fiver, an Ayrton Senna is £10 and a Ken Dodd is a wad. – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 11th June **2002**

2 – *The Express on Sunday*, London, 11th May **2003**

2 used as a substitute for *God* in the phrase *thank Ken Dodd* [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

- Fank Ken Dodd this 'oliday's over, Shirl. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

Ken Dodd; ken

adjective

odd [UK]

< English comedian Ken Dodd (b.1927).

- On our approach to the ground we saw the Seaford Town lads doing their pre-match warm up in a public park. This was a bit Ken Dodd (odd) we thought[.] – *europeanfootballweekends.wordpress.com*, blog, 11th April **2009**

• When Tim stood on the barrier right in front of me and sang say something straight at me, I went a bit Ken. – *oneofthethree.proboards.com*, forum, 8th April **2010**

Ken Dodds; kennys; kens

noun

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *cods*. < English comedian Ken Dodd (b.1927). Sometimes shortened to *kennys*.

- 'Kick him in the Ken Dodds' (or Kenny's) is an instruction to fight dirty. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- I was on the Kermit having a nap when the taxi cabs on me ken dodds started givin me Daisy Bell. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July **2006**

• Ken Dodds or Kennys are another word for your balls... – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 13th July **2006**

• – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

2 fishing rods [UK]

Sometimes shortened to *kens*. Angling slang.

• [T]he old Ken Dodds = (rods). – *The Anglers Forum*, 2nd August **2002**

• Kens!! Ken Dodds = rods. – *The Anglers Forum*, 7th May **2005**

• – Which side do you sleep. – whatever way i can best see my Kens!! – *The Anglers Forum*, 22nd September **2003**

• Good report again Rob and some nice Ken Dodds. Well done on working to find the fish and locating the marks. – *World Sea Fishing* forum, 8th February **2012**

3 betting odds [UK]

Thus the phrase *bet the Ken Dodds* 'to be certain'. Only recorded in the full form.

• What are the Ken Dodds on that nag coming in? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st July **2006**

• I bet the Ken Dodds on you coming back flippin' jalfrezi. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

Kendo Nagasaki; kendo

noun

1 a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < Kendo Nagasaki (the pseudonymous identity of English wrestler Peter Thornley, b.1946), a masked samurai who debuted in the professional ring in 1964 and, with great success, on television in 1971.

• – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

• It's your mates the Kendos again... – *Random Banter* forum, 22nd October **2012**

• – *theasmrangel.asmr.fm*, 7th August **2014**

2 an act of defecation [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on the slang *cacky*.

• – Going for an Eartha Kitt i could be some time. – I use Kendo in that same capacity... don't think it's cockney origin (might be Geordie rhyming slang?) but in the style. [...] Kendo Nagasaki = kacky. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 4th April **2013**

Ken Follett; ken

noun

a wallet [UK]

< Welsh writer Ken Follett (b.1949).

• [M]odern pickpockets dip for 'kens'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Ken Loach

noun

a coach (a type of bus) [UK]

< English film director Ken Loach (b.1936).

• It was a very happy team of Budjer Boys who returned to Angleterre, well pleased with the abundance of wuzzo and pleasant company of the SBBOT members who ac-

accompanied us on the old Ken Loach. – *justindefuack.com*, blog, 17th May **2014**

Ken McNaughts; kens

noun

shorts [UK: WEST MIDLANDS, NORTH-WEST ENGLAND]

< Scottish footballer Ken McNaught (b.1955), who in the 1970s and 1980s played for several clubs from the West Midlands and the North West.

· So when you are on holiday this year you can say that you are wearing your 'Kens' (Ken McNaughts – shorts). – *Vital Football* forum, 18th July **2011**

· Wasn't too sure but the Ken McNaughts gave it away. – *On the Kop* forum, 17th January **2012**

Kennedy rot

noun

a habitual drunkard [US/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *sot*. < *Kennedy rot* 'a form of scurvy once prevalent in Queensland'. Although first found in an American source, the rhyming slang term is almost certainly Australian in origin.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Kenneth Branagh

noun

a computer scanner [UK]

< Northern Irish actor and film director Kenneth Branagh (b.1960).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Kenneth McKellar; Kenneth Mackellar

noun

a cellar [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish tenor Kenneth McKellar (1927–2010). The spelling *Kenneth Mackellar* is given by Munro (1988).

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Next time you want anything out the Kenneth McKellar, get it yersel'! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· I'll never forget the time I got trapped in the Kenneth McKellar. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

Kennington Lane; kennington

noun

pain; a pain [UK]

< Kennington Lane, a thoroughfare in south-east London.

· I've heard a man complaining of "a Kennington in his Newington." – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· A Kennington Lane in the Newington Butts[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· His 'Conan' hurt but that was nothing to the 'Kennington Lane' (pain) he had in his 'Raspberry Tart' (heart). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.ix–x, **1973**

· I had a Kennington round me Newington's, as they say. – *Time Out: London Calling*, p.192, 2008: interview with Ian Dury, dated 7th October **1998**

· – A.D. Mills, *DLPN*, p.xlii, **2010**

Kenny Dalglish

noun

a quiche [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Kenny Dalglish (b.1951).

· This buffet's braw, whit a lovely piece o' Kenny Dalglish you is. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Kenny Jacket; Kenny

noun

a jacket [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *jacket* and *Jackett*. < English football player and manager Kenny Jackett (b.1962).

· Kenny. jacket[.] – *www.freewebs.com/hyda*, **2005**

· Coldish today. You will definitely need a Kenny Jacket when you come over. – *Bluemoon* forum, 3rd June **2009**

Kenny Lunt

noun

1 an unpleasant or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English footballer Kenny Lunt (b.1979), known to some fans by the spooneristic nickname Lenny.

· I call people Kenny Lunts all the time. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 21st January **2004**

· Moyles is a kenny lunt for sure. – *Shacknet* forum, 17th June **2005**

· [W]hat a pair of kenny lunts. – *Arsenal Mania* forum, 15th September **2009**

· You are all a bunch of Kenny Lunts! – *Oatcake Fanzine* forum, 11th April **2011**

2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· I kicked that Bobby Moore square in the Kenny Lunt. – *Arcade Otaku* forum, 15th April **2009**

· – Roger's *Profanisaurus: Hail Swear*, **2013**

3 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a mess [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· I made a Kenny Lunt of that one. – *Arcade Otaku* forum, 10th February **2010**

Ken Smee

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – A. Hart-Davis and E. Troscianko, *Taking the Piss*, p.97, **2006**

· [P]robably had a few too many Britney Spears so I'm avoiding a Ken Smee right now. – *twitter.com*, 24th August **2014**

Ken Smee

verb

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· Stop the jam jar; I need to Ken Smee! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Kent and Dover*adverb*

over, finished [UK]

Used in the phrase *be all Kent and Dover*. < Kent, a county in the south-east of England, and Dover, a town and seaport in Kent.

· It's all Kent and Dover for Ilford now they've lost their star man. – *Non League UK* forum, 26th December **2003**

· It's all Kent and Dover for Cockney[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd August **2005**

Kenwood mixer; kenwood*noun*

a non-Jewish girl or woman [UK]

Rhymes on *shiksa* (also spelt *shikse*), a derogatory epithet of Yiddish origin. < *Kenwood mixer* 'any of a range of food mixers originally made in Britain by Kenwood'.

Used by Jews.

· [']Before we know it, I'll be in a wheelchair for the rest of my life. I wonder what old Bollockbrain Friedmann would have to say about that. A cripple as well as a Kenwood.' 'What's she on about?' Neil asked Kirsty. 'It's Jewish rhyming slang, Neil,' Alice said, with a severe frown. 'Kenwood mixer – *shiksa*.' – M. O'Farrell, *After You'd Gone*, pp.252–253 [2002], **2000**

· – *www.awordinyoureye.com*, 1st October **2002**

kerb and gutter*noun*

butter [AUSTRALIA]

· – S. J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· Halfapounda kerb 'n' gutter. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.82, **1995**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Kermit the Frog; Kermit*noun*

a road [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *frog*, the short version of FROG AND TOAD. < Kermit the Frog, a television puppet character in *The Muppet Show* (1976–81) and subsequent film incarnations.

· All except the poor sod who's gone down the Kermit! – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 8th December **1983**

· Well me old cocker's I'm off down the kermit to the rubber[.] – *TaxiForums.co.uk*, forum, 4th November **2007**

· Kermit/Road[.] – N. Charlton, *Who Killed the Nettles?*, **2011**

Kermit the Frog; kermit*noun*

1 a lavatory [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *bog*. < Kermit the Frog, a television puppet character in *The Muppet Show* (1976–81) and subsequent film incarnations. Also used in the

phrase *go down the kermit* 'to fail utterly', the direct equivalent of *go down the toilet*.

· [T]here seems to be quite a few people hopping to the 'Kermit' when the need arises. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The little git did try and set up his own rival business once [...] but that soon went down the kermit thanks to yours truly. – J. Sullivan, *Only Fools and Horses*. Vol. 1, p.142, **1999**

· I dropped my electric shaver down the kermit by accident a coupla weeks ago[.] – *PPRuNe* forum, 13th June **2003**

· I would go to Allders as well, as was said above free 5 year guarantee, and should it all go down the kermit they will soon come out to fix it[.] – *PC Advisor* forum, 29th December **2003**

· [T]hink you may have dropped the laptop down the kermit the frog. – *Funky Snooker* forum, **2006**

· This thread should be flushed down the Gary Glitter/Kermit the Frog. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 26th May **2011**

· Terrific, I suppose I'll have to pour the lot down the Kermit won't I eh. – *www.ofah.net*, 24th May **2012**

· "de gaime iz gon doon de kermit" ...sed frankey. – *Irish Taxi Drivers Forum*, 21st September **2012**

2 an act or spell of kissing and caressing passionately [UK]

Rhymes on *snog*.

· A passionate 'Kermit'[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [T]eenage boys will continue to go out on the cotton wool when they're feeling Mahatma Gandhi, hoping for a Kermit The Frog and endeavouring not to get too Schindler's List in case they blow their chances of a Melvyn Bragg. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

3 an unattractive girl or woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dog*.

· We were out on the cotton wool but all we saw were Kermit the Frogs everywhere. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, 2005: *Devon*, spoken, agricultural college student, **1999**

4 in prison, a lonely, reclusive inmate [NEW ZEALAND]

A covert slang rhyme: *Kermit* rhymes on *hermit*. Always used in full.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, p.170, **2001**

5 a person of non-white ethnicity [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wog*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th May **2006**

· [M]jeans wog you thick iron how does coon rhyme with kermit the frog! – *twitter.com*, 28th February **2013**

Kerry Dancer*noun*

cancer [IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme in Irish English. Possibly < *Kerry Dancer* 'a type of boat' or 'The Kerry Dancers', a traditional song recorded in 2001 by Gordon Giltrap.

· It's fair to say, roysh, that none of us was ready to see him looking like that, even though we all knew he had the old Kerry Dancer. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.38, **2007**

Kerry Katona; kerry*noun*

1 a person who complains a lot [UK]

Rhymes on *moaner*. < English singer and media celebrity Kerry Katona (b.1980), who rose to fame as a member of the all-girl pop group Atomic Kitten. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 an erection of the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *boner*.

· She gave me a right Kerry. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th August 2009

· [P]raying your Blackpool Rock can manage a Kerry Katona. – *two1charlietour.wordpress.com*, blog, 17th February 2010

· “Peter, you seen that Megan Fox?” “Yeah, she gives me a Kerry Katona”. – *twitter.com*, 1st February 2013

· Molly turned around to face him and grinned mischievously, “Nice to know i can give you a Kerry Katona that easily”. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 22nd July 2015

kerry packered; kerry packer'd; kerry packard; kerried; kerry'd*adjective*

1 exhausted [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *knackered*. < Australian media tycoon Kerry Packer (1937–2005). The variant *kerry packard* has been recorded in British usage.

· It was well worth staying with him if you could: then the flourish of the left hand could be seen, the Cockney rhyming slang heard (“I’m absolutely Kerry Packered” was his favourite)[.] – *The Radleian* magazine, Radley College, Oxfordshire, 1984

· A person, an old boot or a car engine can be ‘Kerry Packered’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Kerry Packer(s)*, 1992

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.89, 1999

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· – K. Burridge, *Weeds*, p.28 [2005], 2004

· A couple of the Australian one’s I have heard are ‘Kerried’ for ‘knackered’ in reference to Kerry Packer (e.g. “Jesus I am bloody Kerried!”), and ‘Warwicks’ for ‘Arms’[.] – *PsychForums*, 27th April 2007

· Oi, Doc, are you listening? I’m cream crackered, kerry packered[.] – S. Hovington, *The Grape Escape*, p.91, 2011

· Garden is going to need some work... dogs are fatter and I’m Kerry Packard. – *The 75 and ZT Owners Club* forum, 18th August 2011

· That fact is that I am completely Kerry’d. – *foolsgold-acoustic.wordpress.com*, blog, 1st April 2012

· Although we purchased a weekly train pass, a journey to Corte took about three hours so at the end of a day trip I was Kerry packered! – *Expat Forum*, 12th June 2014

2 worn out; broken; ruined [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *knackered*. The variant *kerry packard* has been recorded in British usage.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [H]ave you tried holding up the lock button on the inside of the door while you get someone to try and open the door? that is the symptom that the spring is kerry packard. – *Land Rover UK Forums*, 22nd February 2006

· Is it awfully quiet around here, or is my computer kerry packered? Well, it is somewhat kerried, but it’s like the grave in here, innit? – *uk.misc.narkive.com*, 7th February 2007

· [T]he cam belt tensioner was kerry packard. – *The Mk1 Golf Owners Club* forum, 20th March 2008

· Well, I think you already know who’s Friar Tucked. [...] Vickery’s biscuits and cheese are Kerry Packered. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November 2009

· The most important thing on your rear suspension or on any bike suspension, and a good way of telling if the shock is Kerry Packer’d is to first set the static sag. – *Yamaha IT* forum, 20th November 2009

· [I]f the plate is that rotten you might want to pray that the sill tubes aren’t Kerry Packered (biggrin) as well. – *PistonHeads* forum, 11th June 2013

Kerry Packers; kerrys*noun*

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *knackers*. < Australian media tycoon Kerry Packer (1937–2005).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [N]o man volunteers for a kick in the Kerrys. – *TMSB Exiles* forum, 5th November 2009

· Englishman Tom Croft helps him back up and turns to Gatland. “So let me get this straight gunvor. The next time these two teams play, if this Gallen geezer is making a pest of himself, one of the blokes in maroon can go completely Mum and Dad and belt him on the I Suppose, pull down his Jekyll and Hydes, kick him in the Kerry Packers [...] and not get into one bit of Barney Rubble from the ref?” – *www.couriermail.com.au*, 6th June 2013

kettle and hob*noun*

a fob watch; a wristwatch [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *kettle* ‘a watch’, which is often regarded as its short form. The rhyming slang expression is first found in metalinguistic contexts, where it occurs as a misetymology of *kettle*: ‘Cockneys talk of a kettle, never a watch. Why? Goes back to an earlier age, dunnit, Guv? Kettle-and-hob. Fob’ (*Punch*, London, 29th February 1984).

A variant explanation of the origin of *kettle* is that it is an ellipsis of *kettle on the hob*, also rhyming on *fob*: ‘I went years of listening to Cockneys calling wrist watches “kettles” before I found out why. Joe had explained: “It’s rhyming slang, innit? Kettle on the Hob. Hob, fob. Fob watch. Yeath? Gaw struth ...”’ (Alexandrowicz and Wilson 1999: 107). And yet another folk etymology suggests that it is a shortening of *kettle of Scotch*, rhyming on *watch*: ‘The origin of “kettle” comes from illicit spirit making, distilled in what were

large coppers known as kettles, hence, kettle of scotch = watch. I have always understood this to be the true origin, and it does rhyme, after all'. (*archiver.roots-web.ancestry.com*, 'GENBRIT-L Archives', 29th August 2005). Unlike *kettle and hob*, however, *kettle on the hob* and *kettle of Scotch* have not found their way into actual use.

· A Kettle and hob (often shortened to kettle) is a watch[.] – *www.better-fundraising-ideas.com*, 21st December **2008**

· Apples and pears are stairs. A watch is a kettle and hob. / A person is rung up or knocked up. – N. Samaras, *The Abduction of Even Language*, poem, in *Witness* magazine, vol. 24, no. 1, spring **2011**

· Got me kettle and hob all Boba Fett!! – *MMA Underground* forum, 30th July **2015**

kettle lid

noun

a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*.

· Jonny we say kettle, teapot, dustbin and saucepan lids for kids[.] – *www.crash.net*, 23rd October **2008**

kettle on the hob; kettle

noun

a shilling [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bob*. ▶ see KETTLE AND HOB

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Kettle on the hob; Kettle

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Bob* [UK]

· Oi, Kettle! Gis za loan of a kettle, will yeh? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Kevin and Linda; kevin

noun

a window [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *window* as *winder*.

· He's put a brick through the Kevin. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th July **2002**

· It was warm in here so I opened the Kevin and Linda. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O' The Day*, p.11, **2008**

· I looked through the *Kevin* and there it was[.] – *Dragon Cave* forum, 14th August **2010**

Kevin Keegan; kevin

noun

a vegan [UK]

< English football player and manager Kevin Keegan (b.1951).

· Jimmy manages not to say anything massively offensive towards the more sensitive end of the vegan crowd ("the

Kevin Keegans", as they've been dubbed), which is nothing short of a miracle. – *myspace.com*, 12th June **2007**

· I just turned down the 'flu jab because it's grown in eggs and contains chicken protein or summat. Just thought it was worth mentioning in case any of you 'kevin keegans' were planning on getting one. – *Anorak* forum, 11th December **2007**

· Highlight of the week was learning the rhyming slang for a #Vegan ... a Kevin (as in Kevin Keegan). – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2012**

· [S]omeone put up Pot Noodles – don't think they're Kevin Keegan anymore... – *Collective Zine* forum, 25th May **2012**

Kevin Keegan; kev

adjective

vegan [UK]

< English football player and manager Kevin Keegan (b.1951).

· If you've had a few Britneys, some Laurel and Hardy, some Winona, and then a bit of Calvin Klein, what would you be? A: Kevin Keegan (vegan) B: Elephant's trunk (drunk) C: cream crackered (knackered). – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th October **2002**

· I have been properly Kevin Keegan now for over 10 years and i am still discovering new snacks all the time. – *VeggieBoards* forum, 2nd July **2003**

· [I]s it kevin keegan? – *Electrical Audio* forum, 3rd August **2006**

· Is this meal really Kev? – *Dict.leo.org* forum, 27th February **2007**

· Now even my mum tells me "It's ok, it's kev"! – *boatcuisine.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th February **2009**

· Check their website and you'll see they make everything from chocolate spread to mayonnaise – all 100% Kevin Keegan, of course. – *eleanorg.org*, 30th April **2012**

Kevin Nash

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < celebrity carp angler Kevin Nash (b.1955). Used by anglers.

· – *The Anglers Forum*, 8th May **2005**

Kevin Sheedy; kevin

adjective

1 greedy [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer and coach Kevin Sheedy (b.1947).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 seedy [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 14th October **2009**

keys and locks

noun

socks [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Keystone cop*noun*

a chop (of meat) [UK]

< Keystone Cops, a group of incompetent policemen featured in several American silent comedies produced by the Keystone Film Company between 1912 and 1917.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Khyber Pass; Kyber Pass; Kiber Pass; khyber; kyber; kiber*noun*

1 the buttocks or anus [UK/AUSTRALIA/US?/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *arse* or *ass*. < Khyber Pass, a mountain pass between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Thus the British phrase *a michael in the khyber* ‘an annoying person or thing’ (▶ see MICHAEL CAINE) and the Australian simile *as dry as a kookaburra’s khyber* (sometimes elaborated as *as dry as a kookaburra’s khyber in the Simpson Desert*), used to describe extreme thirstiness. The only record of *Khyber Pass* in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville in the early 1960s. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. ▶ see also MY KHYBER PASS

· ‘Ere, d’ye want a clip on the Kiber-pass? – N. Douglas, *London Street Games*, p.38, 1916

· Blimey, ‘e ‘ad them P.B.I.s not knowin’ wevver they wz on their ‘eads or their Kybers. [...] Well, ole Daft ‘Arry wozzent goin’ ter sit on ‘is Khyber awaitin’ fer no one ter ‘elp ‘im. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, pp.32/61, 1943

· A BIG NOTE MAN is a pain in the KHYBER, but a joker who is false gigging is earning a crust. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1955

· KHYBER PASS – For glass and ass. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· *Khyber Pass*, posterior. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXV, 1967

· *Carry On... Up the Khyber* – Film directed by Gerald Thomas and written by Talbot Rothwell, 1968

· I’m as dry as a **kookaburra’s kyber** too. – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, 1971

· If you don’t shut up, I shall ram this shuttlecock straight up your khyber and set fire to the feathers. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March 1972

· Sid grovels about a bit and then parks his khyber. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.141, 1974

· What’s the softest fibre / You can use to wipe your khyber? – I. Turner et al., *Cinderella Dressed in Yella*, p.133, 1978

· I’d like to go over and shove that pool cue fair up that Pommy’s fat kyber. – R.G. Barrett, *Dead for Quids*, p.108 [1986], 1985

· Dry as a kookaburra’s khyber in the Simpson Desert. – P. Petr et al., *Comic Relations*, p.81, 1985

· [S]tick your head up your Kyber Pass (arse). – P. Smith, *Australia in the Raw*, p.90, 2004

· This toilet talk has made my throat as dry as a kookaburra’s khyber. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 26th January 2005

· Road Safety Authority? Stick it up your Kyber. – *www.independent.ie*, 15th March 2009

· His mouth was as dry as a kookaburra’s khyber. – *Connecting Singles* forum, 31st January 2009

· Nice pair of threepennies and a lovely Khyber, darlin[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July 2012

· Recall even the Greens bending over & taking it up the khyber for Helen. – *www.kiwiblog.co.nz*, blog, 7th September 2012

· The lady in question should be damn glad that somebody appreciates her khyber pass so much as to actually follow it up the street and then smack it. – *Boards.ie*, 22nd January 2013

· But a kick in the kiber can do more good than harm. – *Australia’s National Forum*, 9th March 2013

· 0:32 offers a splendiferous views of her Khyber... – *www.boobsz.co.za*, 21st November 2013

· **Khyber** noun KHYBER PASS (ellipsis); the anus, the buttocks. **Khyber Pass** noun ARSE (rhyming slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

· Pauline told her to shove her shyckle up her khyber. – *Putting on the Dish*, UK film, script by K. Eccleston and B. Fairbairn, 2015

2 a drinking glass [UK/US?]

The only American record is in Prewitt and Schaeffer’s *Vacaville Vocabulary* (1961–1962). The short form (variously spelt) is exclusively British.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· When a Londoner calls his glass a Khyber Pass, his is (probably unconsciously) commemorating an otherwise forgotten British Army defeat in Afghanistan in 1842. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April 1952

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· [D]rinking from a ‘Khyber’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

3 grass [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· They’re just puttin’ the achin’ molar over the Khyber Pass. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

4 dismissal from employment; removal from office [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*, used in the phrase *get/give the arse*.

· Other cases of the first element taking over are: “giving it the Khyber (Pass)”, “the flick (pass)”, or “the lemonade (and sars; that is, sarsaparilla)”. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 9th September **1993**

· They were an important factor in Labor getting the Khyber[.] – *newsweekly.com.au*, 23rd October **2004**

· Should Lance get the Kyber? – *The Blue View* forum, 30th August **2007**

· I did not get fired, punted, the bullet, the pink slip, the khyber pass, but I left the outfit not long after. – B. Dowling, *7 Shouts*, p.6, **2008**

· If he has a sports psychologist, I recommend he give him the khyber, coz it hasnt worked since he left the mud. – *CyclingNews* forum, 6th July **2011**

· The thundering herd don't know who that is, but if it means Australia's current coach Holger Osieck gets the 'Khyber', well "Aaaaaalrighty then!" – *www.backpagelead.com.au*, 10th October **2013**

5 a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *arse*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Yeah, I'm a Brit and a Londoner, just like the rest of you awesome awesome people (except ed, who's a right Khyber Pass). – *Eyes on Final Fantasy* forum, 11th September **2005**

· This gily sounds like a right Khyber Pass. – *PlayStation-League*, 10th October **2007**

· “You bar steward, you dental flosser, you Khyber Pass you,” Jasper retorted, with barely more than a twitch of disdain across his face. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.63, **2012**

kick and prance; kick

noun

a dance [UK]

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· ‘Lilley and kick’ – a dinner and dance. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I assume there will be a **kick and prance** afterwards. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· [W]hen all at once I saw these April Showers; / [...] having a Kick and Prance. It was right Mork and Mindy. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

kick and prance

verb

to dance [US/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [H]is daisy roots are no good for kick and prancing in! – *www.poulshot.org.uk*, ‘Poulshot Village News’, November **2007**

· [T]ossing their Loaves as they Kicked and Pranced. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

kick start; kicks

noun

a woman; hence one's girlfriend, wife or female partner [UK]

Rhymes on *tart*.

· Is this a lads night or are we taking the kicks. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· **Kick start** tart (woman). – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Kick Start / Kicks (Tart / Tarts). – *www.facebook.com*, 30th September **2012**

kick up a fuss

noun

a bus [AUSTRALIA]

· Let's catch the kick up a fuss. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, **1968**

kid billy

noun

▶ see KING BILLY

Kid Creole

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < Kid Creole, the stage name of Canadian-born singer August Darnell (b.1950), leader of Kid Creole and the Coconuts, an American band that enjoyed its greatest success in the 1980s.

· They're living in big drums, two new motors parked up outside, flashing the cash and even signing on the Kid Creole every fortnight. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.74 [2001], **2000**

· ‘Kid Creole’ was also used as rhyming slang in the 1980s and 1990s for that thriving British institution, the dole. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th October **2011**

kidney pie

noun

the eye [UK/US]

· – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, **1937**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

kidney punch; kidney

noun

a lunch [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *CRS*, **1971**

· After a quick kidney punch (lunch), it's down the rub-a-dub (pub)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· Do you fancy popping down the Rose and Crown for a spot of kidney? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Now then, what's for ‘kidney punch’? – D. Wyn, *The M4 Cats*, p.117, **2008**

kidney stew*noun*

a Jew [US]

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Kiki Dee; kiki*noun*

tea [UK]

- < Kiki Dee, the stage name of English pop singer Pauline Matthews (b.1947).
- Fancy a bit of Acker in yer Kiki? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th January 2004
- – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.43, 2005
- In the '70s, Londoners used the name of singer-songwriter Kiki Dee to refer to tea[.] – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January 2007
- A nice cup of Kiki Dee anyone? – *conormchale.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th March 2012

Kilburn Priory; kilburn*noun*

a police notebook or diary that is produced in court [UK]
 < Kilburn Priory, an area in the north-west of London.
 Generally reduced. Police and criminal use.

- – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.190, 1977
- – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996
- – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffling*, p.148 2009

Kilkenny*noun*

a penny [UK]

- < Kilkenny, a city and county in Ireland. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *the Kilkenny drops* ‘understanding finally dawns’, the direct equivalent of *the penny drops*.
- Long lists might be given of these corresponding words: Penny, for instance, appears as yennep, ennypa and Kilkenny. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June 1893
- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] penny (kilkenny); sovereign (Jerry O’Goblin). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, 1969
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, 1973
- So how much Becks and Posh will this cost? A kilkeny or a Plymouth Sound? – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th May 2005
- When’s the kilkeny gonna fucking drop? – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, Google Groups, 15th October 2006

Kilkenny cats; kilkeny*adjective*

(of a person) mad [UK]

Rhymes on *bats* and *scats* (a slang variant of *scatty*).
 < *Kilkenny cats*, a reference to an old Irish legend, a

popular version of which tells the story of two cats which fought until only their tails remained; hence the phrase *fight like Kilkenny cats* ‘to fight tooth and nail until both sides have been destroyed’.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.83, 1973
- Whenever Fred gets excited, he throw his arms around and goes right Kilkenny. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Killiecrankie*noun*

a handkerchief [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *hanky*. < Killiecrankie, a small village in Perth and Kinross, Scotland.
- Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it’s in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowdenbeath. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August 2015

Killiecrankie*adjective*

dirty [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *manky*. < Killiecrankie, a small village in Perth and Kinross, Scotland.
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, 1994

Killiecrankies*nickname*

Clydebank FC, a football team based in Clydebank, near Glasgow

- Rhymes on *Bankies*, the traditional nickname for this football club. < Killiecrankie, a small village in Perth and Kinross, Scotland. ► see HAM SHANKIES, JIMMY KRANKIES, PAPER HANKIES and SHERMAN TANKIES
- Football Rhyming Slang [...] the killicrankies the jimmy crankies[.] – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May 2009

kill me dead*noun*

bread [UK]

- Tramps’ usage.
- In the morning, after a tasty breakfast of dog’s body and kill-me-dead washed down on lashings of Tancy Lee, the Cockney and I quitted the university town and headed north in the Machynlleth direction. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.66, 1933

Kilmer*noun*

a tablet of diazepam [IRELAND]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *val* (a slang form of *Valium*) and *Val*. < American actor Val Kilmer (b.1959). Only recorded in Cork.
- [F]olks round my area have an uncanny turn of phrase, eg: “finally got some blades last night, so i got lolled out of it on lou and kilmers cos the effing fear sneachta had no gorman”. – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th December 2007

Kilroy-Silk; Robert Kilroy-Silk; kilroy*noun*

milk [UK]

< controversial English politician and TV presenter Robert Kilroy-Silk (b.1942).

· Gotta av a drop'a Kilroy on me Cornflakes. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2004**

· [W]e've run out of Kilroy. Can you pick some up on the way home? – *b3ta* forum, 14th June **2004**

· [W]ill see y'all in the Gypsies Warning after I've had my Mickey Most and Cornflakes with Kilroy on[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**

· [J]ust have a glass of kilroy silk[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, **2009**

· Well a large coffee will have to do for breakfast – as part of the fasting period I am only supposed to drink black coffee, green tea or water but as this is day 1 I cave and have a splash of Robert Kilroy Silk (milk). – *pfunk84.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th July **2014**

Kilwinning

noun

articles of linen or similar material [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *linen*. < Kilwinning, a town in Ayrshire, Scotland.

· Great, that's ma washin' machine oan the blink. How will ah dae ma Kilwinning noo? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Kim Jong-un; kim

noun

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *the wrong 'un*. Used in the context of sexual activity. < Kim Jong-un (b.1983), the 'Supreme Leader' of North Korea.

· "My wife won't let me do her up the Kim Jong-Un." [...] "The Trouble won't let me do her Kim." – *UD(.com)*, 20th December **2011**

· The new phrase for putting your penis into a bottom is "up the Kim Jong-Un." – *twitter.com*, 29th December **2011**

· I'd love to take her up the Kim Jong Un'. – *twitter.com*, 4th April **2013**

2 a disreputable or untrustworthy person [UK]

Rhymes on *wrong 'un*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Katie obviously believed her father was another struggling small businessman with a few harmless Arthur Daley tendencies, but my Spidey senses were tingling. When I'd first seen him, he was definitely a Kim Jong-un – a wrong 'un. – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.63, **2013**

Kim Marsh

adjective

▶ see KYM MARSH

king and queen; king

noun

a bean, usually a baked bean [UK]

Generally in the plural.

· [K]ings on holy[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· You might find kings and queens or a Joe Savage here. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**

king billy; kid billy

noun

a silly or incompetent person [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

King Billy

adjective

1 chilly [UK: LIVERPOOL, SCOTLAND]

< King Billy, the popular name of William III of Orange (1650–1702).

· [R]ound our way [in Liverpool] a chilly night is still described as 'a bit King Billy'. – *Books and Bookmen*, **1971**

· Or its a bit 'king billy' i.e. chilly[.] – *soc.culture.scottish, Google Groups*, 13th February **1996**

· [I]ts king billy = its chilly. – *Digital Spy* forum, 20th January **2007**

· It's a wee bit King Billy. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May **2012**

· If I was a Spanish footballer arriving in glasgow today I would be turning round straight away. It's a bit King Billy out there. – *twitter.com*, 11th January **2017**

2 silly [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

· My mother sometimes told us when children not to be King Billy, i.e. silly. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 18th March **1996**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

King Blair's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK/IRELAND]

< *King Blair's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Tony Blair (b.1953) during his period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1997–2007). Blair was sometimes humorously referred to as 'King Blair'. ▶ see TONY'S DEN

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· Number ten has several more such as Downing Street, cock and hen, Uncle Ben, a big fat hen and King Blair's den. – *www.bingoatitsbest.com*, **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

King Canute

noun

a boot [UK]

< King Canute (ca 995–1035), king of England, Norway and Denmark.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

King Cole

noun

▶ see OLD KING COLE

King Death; king*noun*

breath [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· “King” is the equivalent for breath simply because some forgotten genius rhymed “breath” with “King Death.” – *The Academy and Literature*, London, 15th November **1902**

· “Strewh, yer “King Death” don’t arf “Pen and Ink,” been on the “River Ouse”? – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· He kissed her. Blimey, what a king death. Didn’t half pen. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.50 [2008], **1938**

· “King Death” is used for ‘breath’, and to ‘lose one’s King’ is to lose one’s breath[.] – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.285, **1948**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· An old expression for halitosis is ‘bad king death’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *authonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010**

· Dionne’s king death is nice and sweet[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

King Dick*noun*

1 in the building trade, a brick [UK]

< King Dick, probably a reference to one of three kings of England: Richard I, also known as ‘Richard the Lionheart’ (1157–99), Richard II (1367–1400) or Richard III (1452–85).

· In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: “I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] ‘King Dick,’ Brick. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· In local terms a brick carrier is always a “tupper” which is obvious, a brick is a “King Dick,” a shovel “a Lord Lovell,” and a scaffold “a penny raffle.” So if the order is to “Take a turn of King Dicks on to the Cain and Abel to Chocolate Pom.” it means “Carry seven bricks to the gable where a bricklayer named Tom is in urgent need

of them.” – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, Bradford and Doncaster, 24th May **1938**

· When they want somebody to carry King Dicks up the Jacob they holler for me[.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 a man’s penis [US]

Rhymes on *prick*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, **1968**

King Dick*adjective*

1 stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *thick*. < King Dick, probably a reference to one of three kings of England: Richard I, also known as ‘Richard the Lionheart’ (1157–99), Richard II (1367–1400) or Richard III (1452–85).

· I’m not King Dick, young Darren. Rhyming slang. King Dick, thick. – M. Marquis, *Written in Blood*, p.192, **1995**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Is he king dick or what? – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 sick [UK]

· Don’t eat too much and go King Dick! – *Chevy Talk forum* 12th December **2007**

King Dickie; King Dicky*noun*

in the building trade, a bricklayer [UK]

Rhymes on *brickie*. < King Dicky, probably a reference to one of three kings of England: Richard I, also known as ‘Richard the Lionheart’ (1157–99), Richard II (1367–1400) or Richard III (1452–85).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

kingdom come*noun*

1 rum [UK]

< *thy kingdom come*, a clause in the Lord’s Prayer.

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

2 the thumb [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, **1968**

3 the buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*.

· What she needed was a good smack on the *Kingdom come*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.43, **1979**

· – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· “A petticoat lane–*pain*–in his ... bottle of rum? What’s that?” “You know! His kingdom come. His wife and drum. His queen mum.” – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

king edward*noun*

► see EDWARD THE THIRD

King Farouk*noun*

a book [IRELAND/UK]

A genuine rhyme in Irish English and in some local accents of the north of England, where *book* is typically

pronounced *buke*. < King Farouk (1920–65), the last king of Egypt with any real power; he was overthrown by a military coup in 1952.

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *King Farouks* – Books. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· A £5,000 loan from the bank enabled him to publish his first book, *The Commitments* (1987), under the imprint King Farouk (Dublin rhyming slang for ‘book’)[.] – P. Parker, *Reader’s Companion*, p.202, **1995**

· It near broke my poor brain it did, trying to read this bookful of gobshite’s tosh and I’ve just now listened to you burbling away as though all you said made perfect and holy sense. It doesn’t, honey, it doesn’t, and it smacks nastily of Looselips Tosteroff’s blatherings in this here King Farouk. – P. O’Toole, *Loitering with Intent: The Apprentice*, p.330 [1997], **1996**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

King Henry the Third; king henry

noun

▶ see HENRY THE THIRD

king hit

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < *king hit*, an Australian slang term for a knock-out blow. Thus DINNY HAYES-ER.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

King Kong

noun

1 an unpleasant smell [UK]

Rhymes on *pong*. < King Kong, the giant ape hero of several films since 1933.

· A nasty niff is always a bad ‘king kong’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 a twenty-one-foot scaffold pole [UK]

Rhymes on *long*, a slang word used in the scaffolding industry.

· – www.facebook.com, 3rd March **2011**

King Kong

adjective

wrong [UK]

< King Kong, the giant ape hero of several films since 1933.

· [T]he get-away driver was putting himself on offer for at least a seven-stretch if things went King Kong. – N. Smith, *Raiders*, p.2, **2007**

King Lear; king

noun

1 the ear [UK/US/IRELAND]

< King Lear, the hero of the eponymous Shakespearean tragedy, first performed in 1606. Always used in full. In British usage, also used in the phrase *on the King Lear* ‘on the scrounge’, an equivalent of the slang *on the earhole*.

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.6, **1979**

· [B]eing on the ear’ole or on the ‘King Lear’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· But First, a Quiet Word in Your King Learns. – T. Broadbent, *Spectres*, p.xi, **2005**

· He’s giving you a quick word in your King Lear about eating more fruit[.] – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 20th April **2008**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.119, **2009**

· If you are having trouble with your ‘King Learns’ and are a bit ‘Mutt and Jeff’, then accept that you need help and go for a hearing test[.] – www.castlehearingaids.co.uk, blog, **2013**

· It’s not that you need someone clipping you round the King Lear 24/7, it’s more having someone to model your behaviour on. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.47, **2015**

2 a male homosexual [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· [I]n the course of a conversation comparing their respective navies, Jeus told Fraser that the United States dismissed King Learns, officially known as homosexuals, the minute they caught them on. – B. Behan, *Confessions*, p.128 [1991], **1965**

· She came to dance with a King Lear. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.66, **1999**

3 illicit or recreational drugs [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gear*. Always used in full. First recorded by Thorne (1997) in the sense ‘cannabis’.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

· Charlie – cocaine, see also Chas, [...] Gianluca, Ying, gear, King Lear. – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.189, **2013**

4 beer [UK]

· He’d be in the “battle” (battle cruiser = boozier), on his Jack getting a few “kings” (king Lear = beer) down his gregory (Gregory Peck = neck). – answers.yahoo.com, 4th August **2008**

· Still, I’m sure all will be well after a King Lear down the rub a dub dub[.] – *Harrogate Town FC Forum*, 14th February **2013**

· Need to use the “Dog n Bone” then head up the “Frog n Toad” for a “King Lear”[.] – www.facebook.com, 15th May **2015**

King Lear; king

adjective

homosexual [IRELAND/UK]

< King Lear, the hero of the eponymous Shakespearean tragedy, first performed in 1606.

· I reckon you’re King Lear. – B. Behan, *Borstal Boy*, p.362 [1990], **1958**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, **1969**

- RUBY: ‘Cor blimey, who’s that? Is he King Lear? FENELLA: ‘No, no, that’s my elder brother Jonty.’ RUBY: ‘Still, looks like ‘e’s King Lear, to me.’ – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.43, **1985**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- Are all Barnet fans a bit “King Lear”? – *Blue and Amber* forum, 27th April **2004**
- [A] bunch of thespians might be deemed ‘a bit King Lear’. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

King Lud

noun

a collar or shirt stud [UK?]

- Probably < King Lud, a now defunct pub at Ludgate Circus in the City of London; ultimately from the name of a legendary pre-Roman king of Britain. Reported to have been in use in the early 20th century.
- No article on slang could be considered complete without reference to “rhyming slang.” The custom is to substitute, for the word to be understood, some other word or phrase that rhymes. Common examples of this include “Duke of York” for “cork,” “Johnny Horner” for “corner,” “King Lud” for “stud,” “Christians awake” for “steak,” “pig’s ear” for “beer,” and so on, ad infinitum. Those who served in the Great War will recall a lengthy list of such examples[.] – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 7th June **1930**

King of Spain

noun

1 rain [AUSTRALIA]

▶ see JUAN CARLOS

- If it begins to rain the small boy will chirp, “Hullo! Here comes the Edgar Mayne,” or if he is not a cricket enthusiast he will probably substitute the King of Spain for the Victorian International. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**
- Tham was standing in Castlereach street with a bunch of the boys one day when it began raining, and one of the Sydneysiders said: “Here’s the King of Spain (the rain) we’d better get off the frog and toad (the road) and under the goosey gander (veranda).” – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**
- Well, it’s a grouse sort of a Nuts and May, with very few Maurice O’Dowds in the Meat Pie, and no chance of any King of Spain. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.33, **1983**
- I am very keen to meet the King, as I have never actually met anyone that has rhyming-slang named after them (King of Spain = Rain). – *ayf.yachtingaustralia.com.au*, 14th April **2013**
- 2** a train [AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.33, **1983**
- **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Absolutely gas cooked (snookered) after a day’s hard labour... Heading home

on the King of Spain (train)... – *twitter.com*, 18th May **2010**

King Richard the Third; King Richard III; king richard

noun

▶ see RICHARD THE THIRD

King Roto

noun

a photograph [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *photo*. < King Roto, an Australian race-horse of the 1960s.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

kings and queens; kings

noun

beans, especially baked beans [UK]

- [K]ings on holy ghost[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Do you want kings and queens with your toast? – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**
- Kings and Queens on Holy Ghost and Rosy Lee. – *FMTTM* forum, 17th November **2013**

King’s barge; kings

adjective

large [UK]

- < *King’s barge* ‘a ceremonial boat used to transport royalty on the river Thames’.
- “Watch your North, it’s a bit Kings, tosh!” (“Be careful what you say (*North and South*/mouth), it’s a trifle *King’s barge*/large, buddy!”) – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.123, **1973**

King’s Proctor; King’s Procter

noun

a doctor [UK]

- The spelling variant *King’s Procter* is given by Aylwin (1973).
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**
- [G]o to see the King’s Procter and ask him for some Jenny Hills to make you feel all harbour light. – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August **2002**

Kingston Bridge

noun

a fridge [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Kingston Bridge, a bridge over the river Clyde in Glasgow.
- Go and gang intae the Kingston Bridge darlin’ and get me anither Mick Jagger. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**
- You could always leave your sofa for some Gardner Spiers from the Kingston Bridge[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

King Tuts

noun

bravery and determination [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *guts*. < King Tut’s Wah Wah Hut, popularly known as King Tut’s, a popular live music venue in Glasgow.

· Fair play tae the boy, that Karaoke wisnae easy fir him. It took a bit o' King Tuts tae dae that. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

King Tut's tomb; king tut

noun

a room [UK]

< Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhmun, popularly known as 'King Tut'. King Tut's tomb was discovered by British archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922.

· Without specifying which type of room, to the Cockney, this enclosure is a *King Tut* from the rhymer *King Tut's tomb/room*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.69, 1973

King William the Vague

nickname

English politician William Hague (b.1961)

A royal variation of WILLIAM THE VAGUE.

· Their leader William Hague (King William the Vague) has been busy hurling insults across the floor at Blair. – *Jerusalem Post*, Jerusalem, 27th November 1998

kinkajou

verb

blew (past of *blow*) [UK]

< *kinkajou* 'a nocturnal rainforest mammal found in Central and South America'. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

· [A] soft Dolly's chemise kinkajou across the Farmer's. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 30th April 2014

kinky tricks

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-six [UK]

< *kinky tricks* 'clients of prostitutes who have unconventional requirements'.

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July 2008

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October 2013

Kipling

adjective

fashionable, impressive; excellent [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *ruddy 'ard* (the *h*-less pronunciation of *ruddy hard*), sometimes used in a positive sense, and *Rudyard*. < English Nobel laureate Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936). Probably influenced by the 'exceedingly good' marketing slogan that is attached to advertising for the Mr Kipling brand of cakes.

· If training-shoes provoke an excited exclamation of "Hey, man, they're Kipling!" the wearer can rest assured that their street-credibility is intact. Slur "ruddy hard" into Rudyard, and there you have it. – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990: *The Guardian*, London, 26th September 1989

kipper and bloater; kipper

noun

 a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*.

· [T]he Bill gets a sudden attack of the braves and leaps out of the kipper-and-bloater and sets about the kid[.] – *The British Journal of Photography*, 1st June 1979

· Up to now I've avoided talking about my weakness: kippers. I had about twenty cars in a five-year period during the sixties, a touch of the old 'if the ashtrays are full, change the kipper' syndrome. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.71, 1986

· I'm off for a drive in my new kipper (and bloater – Motor). – *h2g2* forum, 29th July 1999

· Effie'll be about half an hour, she's trying to skylark her kipper. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, s.v. *Skylark*, 2004

· It was back to Bomber Command* for a warming cup of Muammar Gaddafi*, then into kipper* Walmer bound. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 6th December 2013

· – B. Hawkins, *The Complete 'Minder'*, p.106, 2014

 a photograph [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *photo* as *photer*.

· Applies to all types of photograph from the holiday snap to 'dirty kippers'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [N]one of it could disguise the truth that Mike was simply waiting for a mug to turn up and pay well over the odds for his kipper and bloater (motor). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th March 2004

kipper and plaice; kipper

noun

the face [UK]

First recorded by Minard (1972) in the form *kipper*. *Kipper and Plaice* is first listed by Puxley (1992); however, this author notes that the expression is always used in the short form. Munro (2007), who gives both *kipper and plaice* and *kipper*, defines the latter as 'a person's face or mouth'.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, 1972

· He's got a kipper like a piece of second hand chewing gum. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· 'Fuck me, Scouse, slow down!' I say, relaxing, as soon as I recognise that the kipper belongs to a bloke that works in one of me and Danny's sex shops. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.56 [2012], 2004

· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, pp.143/184, 2007

· You should have seen the look on my missus's kipper when I arrived back home out of the blue on Christmas Eve[.] – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.161, 2014

kippers

noun

▶ see PAIR OF KIPPERS

Kirkstall Abbey

adjective

shabby [UK: LEEDS]

< Kirkstall Abbey, a Cistercian monastery in west Leeds.

· If his "daisy roots are Kirkstall Abbey," he means that his boots are shabby, and if he has received "the last card

in the pack,” he has got the sack. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Kirribilli

adjective

silly [AUSTRALIA]

< Kirribilli, a suburb of Sydney.

· [T]hat was a bit bloody kirribilli. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

kiss and cuddle

noun

a muddle [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

· I’m in a right kiss and cuddle – the London fog’s eaten me frying pan’s Michael Winner[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.114, **2008**

kisses and hugs

noun

drugs [UK]

· I’m going to score some kisses and hugs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th February **2002**

· I just don’t get monged no more. Nothing against most Persians, furs, kisses an’ hugs or spark plugs, but I ain’t got the time nor money. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [S]tay off the kisses and hugs. – *www.londonolympics-guide.net*, **2008**

kissing cousin

noun

a dozen [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.33, **1983**

kiss me, Hardy; kiss me

noun

Bacardi, a branded rum originally produced in Cuba [UK]

< ‘Kiss me, Hardy’, Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson’s (1758–1805) famous request to his friend and flag captain Thomas Hardy (1769–1839), uttered as Nelson lay dying on the Victory. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.158, **2002**

· Our only concern was with a question about Cockney English where a “kiss me hardy” order for Bacardi was described as an order for gin! – *www.history.uk.com*, 3rd May **2008**

Kiss me Kate

noun

a romantic meeting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *date*. < *Kiss me, Kate*, a 1948 Cole Porter musical based on Shakespeare’s *The Taming of the Shrew*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

kiss me quick; kiss me

noun

a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. The shortened form is recorded by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]he kiss me quick with a pint of Becks. – *patienceag-babi.wordpress.com*, blog, 31st August **2010**

kiss of life

noun

one’s wife [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

kiss the cross

noun

a boss [US/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· After all, who outside Soho would know that almond rocks are socks, or a holy friar is a liar, or kiss the cross is the boss? – *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, 4th April **1994**

kitchen range; kitchen; kitchens

noun

change (money) [UK/IRELAND]

In Irish English, only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Don’t I get no *kitchen* then? [...] Don’t I get no *kitchen range* then? – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.9/11, **1969**

· Kitchen Range *Change (Money)* Kitchens. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· Nip down to the lolly on the Johnny, get me some Harry’s and colney’s. ‘Ere’s an oxford and don’t forget the kitchen. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 2nd December **2004**

· – *www.projecthumedia.com*, ‘Clanbrassil Street – 1’ by Sean Lynch, April **2009**

kitchen sink; kitchen

noun

1 a drink [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· Can I get you another kitchen? – *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th October **1976**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Let’s go to the rubber for a kitchen sink. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th March **2002**

· I could really do with a kitchen sink. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· Then, in the bar, if a character is a bit slow in paying for his kitchen sink, his drink, you tell him to dip into his sky rocket. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**

· I was going down to have a kitchen sink[.] – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December **2011**

2 in snooker, the pink ball [UK]

With a gentle pun on *sink* ‘to drive (a ball) into a pocket’.

· There's an eiderdown and a superglue, / Then you got the kitchen sink. / [...] Then if you can't see your way to pot the chimney, / Try to sink the kitchen instead. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

3 a stink [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· I can see that it almost strikes a chord with this Kitchen Sink's fucked up way of thinking. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.48 [1999], **1998**

· Yeah – he's a kitchen sink. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th February **2002**

· – Chinese have always been tiddlywinks in rhyming slang. – BULLS*IT I've been saying and hearing kitchen sinks for decades. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**

· Is Dexter a kitchen sink? – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2013**

5 a prison [UK]

Rhymes on *clink*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· After that last episode he'll be in the kitchen for a while. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

6 a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Always used in full.

· Going to the ktchin sink for some Tommy Tupper. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st August **2006**

7 a small narrow crack [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *chink*.

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

8 a Chinese meal [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Always used in full.

· Going for a kitchen sink. – *twitter.com*, 27th November **2012**

· Everyone's having a Indian tonight, I'm having a kitchen sink. – *twitter.com*, 5th October **2013**

kitchen sinkies

noun

a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *Chinky's*. From KITCHEN SINKY.

· That sex sauce from the kitchen sinkies is the best thing I've ever tasted! – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2012**

kitchen sinky

noun

1 a Chinese meal [UK]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

· If the term "chinky" meaning Chinese Take Away of fends, I wonder how Ruby Murray feels right now?? [...] – i would have said spring linky or kitchen sinky!! – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 28th January **2009**

· Just ordered a kitchen sinky. – *twitter.com*, 21st April **2013**

2 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chinky*. In the first quotation the word is used as a pun on *Kitchee*, the name of a Hong Kong football team.

· R blackburn playin a team called Kitchen Sinkies on skysports now? – *twitter.com*, 30th July **2011**

· [T]he kitchen sinkies always win the olympics. – *twitter.com*, 7th August **2012**

· One video of the first people in the shops. About 8 kitchen sinkies. – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2014**

kitchen stoves

noun

cloves (as a spice) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Usually in the phrase *Tom Thumb and kitchen stoves 'rum and cloves'*. First recorded in Australian usage in 1961.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

kitchen tap

noun

a Japanese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Jap*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th March **2003**

· – *The Hunting Life* forum, 9th July **2007**

Kit Kat

noun

a stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*. < Kit Kat, a popular brand of chocolate bar originally produced by the British confectioner Rowntree's.

· *First man*: Phwoahh look at that. It shouldn't be allowed. *Second man*: Shouldn't be allowed you kit kat? It should be compulsory. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [Y]ou stupid kitkat. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**

kitty litter

noun

bitter (beer) [UK]

· A pint of kitty litter please. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

kiwi fruit; kiwi

noun

a suit [UK]

· Kiwi – suit (kiwi fruit – "Smart do tonight, so I'll put on my kiwi"). – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

KK

adjective

(of food) vegan [UK]

An acronym of KEVIN KEEGAN. Used to identify items on restaurant menus.

· The soups were great and they did lovely cakes. Some of the menu options had 'KK' next to them which stood for Kevin Keegan (vegan). – *www.flickr.com*, 8th October **2009**

knife

verb

to talk [UK]

A shortening of KNIFE AND FORK, functionally shifted into a verb.

· Lissen. I bin knifin' ter the Escape Committee. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.97, **1973**

knife and fork

noun

1 talk; a conversation [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· You 'rumble' the 'knife and fork,' very well, sonnie. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 2nd May **1896**

· [A]fter our knife and fork, Adam and Eve it, I found he's straight up. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.11, **1973**

2 pork [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.35, **2011**

3 an act of walking, especially for exercise or pleasure; an outing on foot [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *walk*.

· A knife and fork (walk) to the nearest jam jar (bar). – *New York Post*, 'Aussie Slang Bang: Avoiding a Noah's Ark', 17th September **2000**

knife and pork

noun

an act of walking, especially for exercise or pleasure; an outing on foot [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *walk*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.33, **1983**

knight rider; night rider

noun

cider [UK/IRELAND]

< *Knight Rider*, an American TV series originally broadcast from 1982 to 1986. Knight Rider is also an Indian brand of vodka.

· [O]nce we've had a few pints of knight rider i may get my belly out[.] – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 11th November **2002**

· night rider – cider. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th April **2005**

· I love going out for girlie nights partying, good food & wine oh and vodka and pints a Knight rider (cider). – *myspace.com*, 8th January **2006**

· Knight Rider[:] Cider. – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· Drink n Grub. Grolsch or Knight Rider (Cider) nothing a coold glass of Magners wont solve... – *www.bebo.com*, male from York, 23rd November **2008**

· There's a pint of Knight Rider waiting at the Tate for you. – *twitter.com*, 28th April **2011**

· I cant wait to snuggle up in my sleeping bag, listen to nothing, no alarm clock, eat when we are hungry, crack

open the night rider (cider) when we want[.] – *UKCampsite.co.uk* forum, 23rd June **2012**

knobbly knee; knobbly

noun

a key (for operating locks) [UK]

· Asking if anyone has seen your 'knobbly knees' usually prompts a rude reply. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Have you got your knobblys with you? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Would you Adam and Eve it (believe it), she's lost the knobbly knees (keys). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.27, **2011**

knobbly knees; knobblys

noun

1 piano keys [UK]

Possibly a nonce word. Recorded in the full form.

· I wouldn't mind runnin' me fingers over 'er knobbly knees. – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

2 peas [UK]

· Knobbly Knees. Peas. We're havin' sexton and knobblys. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th June **2001**

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

3 tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *E's*. Only recorded in the full form.

· **Ecstasy. Common Names:** E, pills, doves, X, disco biscuits, bruce lee's, jack dee, jack and jills, knobbly knees[.] – K. Parnell, *Street Smart*, p.30, **2002**

· – *www.esds.ac.uk*, 'Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People '03. User Guide', **2003**

knock at the door; knock on the door

noun

1 in bingo, the number four [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The variant form *knock on the door* is given by *www.clear-village.org* (2013) and *www.bbc.co.uk* (2014).

· – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.108, **2007**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.clear-village.org*, 26th February **2013**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

· – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 24th September **2014**

2 in bingo, the number sixty-four [UK]

Evidenced only as *knock on the door*.

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

3 in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK]

Evidenced only as *knock at the door*.

· – *www.playfreebingoonline.co.uk*, 28th January 2013

knocker and knob

noun

a job [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

knock me dead

noun

bread [NEW ZEALAND/US]

· I got me up in the morning and had some knock me dead (bread) and roll me in the gutter (butter). – *New Zealand Truth*, ‘Some Slum Slang. From Wellington’s Submerged Tenth’, 31st January 1914

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don’t seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Knock me dead–bread. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April 1941

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.511, 1984

knock me silly; knock me

noun

a billy (can) [AUSTRALIA]

The short form is given by Meredith (1991).

· [M]y-blanky knock-me-silly takes up so much of the ocean floor that there isn’t awful-doom enough for me to get my rosy-red down onto the weeping willow. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January 1902

· See if my china-plate is in the Duke-of-Kent and ask him to get some mother-and-daughter in the knock-me-silly, get an oh-Maria going and make some Jenny Lee! – *The Western Mail*, Perth, 7th August 1941

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945

· So I gathered some do me good, got out the Jack Scratches and lit the Barney McGuire, put on the knock me silly and made a pot of Jinny Lee. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

Knotty Ash

noun

cash [UK]

< Knotty Ash, a suburb of Liverpool, famous for being the home of comedian Ken Dodd; thus, probably inspired by Dodd’s tax evasion case in 1989. ► see **KEN DODD**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.214, 2002

Konnie Huq

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Konnie Huq, the professional name of English TV presenter Kanak Asha Huq (b.1975).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Konnie Huq* ‘to not care at all’.

· I couldn’t give a Konnie Huq. – *b3ta* forum, 24th June 2004

· What the Konnie Huq is that all about!?! – *Crooked Tongues* forum, 9th July 2008

· And I couldn’t give a Konnie Huq what happens to him next. – *House Price Crash* forum, 3rd January 2011

konnie huq’d; connie hucked

adjective

1 intoxicated by drugs or drink [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. < Konnie Huq, the professional name of English TV presenter Kanak Asha Huq (b.1975).

· Its happened again! And being equally ‘Konnie Huq’d’ as I was then, couldn’t sort it out. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 7th May 2010

2 broken, ruined, destroyed [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· [S]ome nasty pics in that thread, but to be fair if you hit something that hard, doesnt matter what wheel it is. its gonna be connie hucked! – *The mkiv Supra Owners Club* forum, 13th July 2012

Kornikova

noun

a quick glance of appraisal [UK]

Rhymes on *once-over*. < Russian-born tennis player Anna Kournikova (b.1981). Used in the expression *give someone the Kornikova*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th July 2003

Ko Samui; Kosa

noun

chewing gum [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *chewy*. < Ko Samui, also spelt *Koh Samui*, an island off the east coast of Thailand.

· Got any Kosas... I’ve got dog breath. – *Charlton Life* forum, 7th March 2012

Kraut

noun

rainbow trout [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· I thought i’d have a little Tom Cruise (Snooze) as the Kraut (rainbow trout) were not taking the flies. – *SKY.fm* forum, 4th April 2006

kryptonite

noun

a website [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *kryptonite* ‘a fictional mineral that weakens comic book superhero Superman, himself a native of planet Krypton’.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June 2000

ku*noun*

a plan [UK]

Probably a shortening of *Ku Klux Klan*. Used in the phrase *what's the ku?*. < *Ku Klux Klan*, an American terrorist organisation, founded in the southern states in 1865–66, which peddles the views of right-wing extremism.

· **ku** going on, happening, as in: “*what's the KU?*” or “*What's the KU for tonight?*” – *UD(.com)*, 15th November **2006**

· One of my favourite phrases from this time was “What's the ku?” meaning “Where's the party?” [...] I'm not sure if we were talking about a ku or a coup. DJ and producer David Dorrell, who was pivotal to the scene, believes either could work. He maintains that given the inventive use of cockney rhyming slang at the time, it most likely relates to the *Ku Klux Klan* (plan): “Oi oi what's the ku?”; translation: “Excuse me, old chap, which junction off the M25 will we be convening on this weekend?” – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th September **2015**

Kuala Lumpur; Kuala Lumpar*noun*

a jumper [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *Lumpur* as *Loomper* (rhyming on *jumper* as pronounced in the dialects of northern England) or *Lumper* (rhyming on *jumper* as pronounced in standard British English). Also used in the catchphrase *Oompah, oompah, stick it up your Kuala Lumpur!* (the nonsense word *oompah* is sometimes spelt *umpa*), used to express contempt, dismissal or rejection.

· Heard a boss one last night. Me mate turns round and points to his jumper and says “Do ya like me new Kaula Lumpar?” – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

· When she loses the Kuala Lumpar an' I 'ave a gander at 'er raspberry ripples I think me Mars an' Venus is gonna explode. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Oompah oompah stick it up your kuala lumpur. – *rec.gambling.lottery, Google Groups*, 13th April **2010**

· Umpa umpa stick it up your Kuala Lumpur! – *themussmarter.com*, blog, 25th July **2014**

Kula Shaker*noun*

a sandwich maker [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < English rock band *Kula Shaker*.

· – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· [M]aking a snack on your Kula Shaker[.] – *www.mcar-chives.com*, 14th January **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

kung fu fighter; kung fu*noun*

a lighter [UK]

Probably suggested by Carl Douglas's song ‘*Kung Fu Fighting*’ (1974). The short form is first recorded in 2003.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

· *Oi Ben pass the kung fu!* – *UD(.com)*, 6th October **2006**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.206, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Kurt Cobain; kurt*noun*

1 a drain [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American musician Kurt Cobain (1967–94), best known as the frontman of the grunge band *Nirvana*.

· I had a Tina at the bookies, but I might as well have flushed it down the Kurt and now I'm completely Keith. – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

· [Y]our italian's gone down the Kurt Cobain now, so get your act together me'lad[.] – *forse.evalosapeva.com*, blog, 25th July **2007**

· – *www.dailyreckless.com*, accessed 15th June **2012**

2 cocaine [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *being-worse.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd April **2010**

3 a train [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

Kuwaiti tanker; kuwaiti*noun*

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. This word reflects the generalised cultural concerns of the times.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· BBC America, stop being a bunch of Kuwaiti Tankers and leave the show running. – *www.petitiononline.com*, **2003**

· You Kuwaiti Tanker! – *Contractor UK* forum, 29th June **2006**

· He sounds like a bit of a Kuwaiti Tanker to me!!! – *Muscle Talk* forum, 9th June **2006**

· [S]top being such a Kuwaiti tanker. – *British Sea Power* forum, 1st February **2007**

· I also think he's a right Kuwaiti (Kuwaiti Tanker – w--ker)[.] – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Kwik-Fit fitter*noun*

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < *Kwik-Fit fitter*, from the slogan ‘You can't get better than a Kwik-Fit fitter’, used in TV adverts for the car servicing and repair chain *Kwik-Fit*.

· Up the [...] Kwik-Fit Fitter (my personal favourite)[.] – *Wireplay Community* forum, 17th January **2000**

- It's almost unsettling, as if the camera man has just taken her up the kwik fit fitter. – *iXor.com* forum, 6th August **2006**
- [I]t never said anything about “takin” it up the kwik-fit fitter. – *West of Scotland Volkswagen Club* forum, 12th October **2007**
- But why would shagging Jake's girlfriend up the Kwik Fit Fitter be a problem? – *Aberdeen Music* forum, 24th March **2011**

KY Jelly

noun

television; a television [UK]

< K-Y Jelly, a brand of personal lubricant.

- Fred's on the KY Jelly. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th January **2002**
- This record is so fucking bland you'd expect to hear it on one of those poxy shows on the KY Jelly where nancy boys over-intellectualize every fucking aspect of their lives[.] – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th October **2008**
- A REAL MAN DOESN'T SWEAT IT. HE WATCHES THE DOWN THE HATCH ON THE KY JELLY OR DOWN THE BATTLE CRUISER. – Greetings card by The London Studio, London, **2011**

Kylie Minogue; kylie

noun

a brogue shoe [UK]

< Australian singer Kylie Minogue (b.1968).

- – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 'New Language Born Over a Few Britneys', 20th March **2001**
- Nice pair of Kylie Minogues you got there! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**
- A London cabbie told me he'd spent the morning polishing his Kylies. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 15th July **2003**

- What a lovely pair of Kylies! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

- After two pints of Winona I always Arthur on my Kylies. – *www.zootoday.com*, 26th November **2008**

a rogue [UK]

- Kylie Minogue = Rogue = “you'd better watch 'im, he's a bit of a Kylie”. – *iXor.com* forum, 16th October **2002**
- [N]e'er-do-wells are ironically known as 'kylies'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Kylie's bum

noun

in bingo, the number one [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang. < *Kylie's bum*, a reference to the rear end of Australian singer Kylie Minogue (b.1968), which became a pop cultural icon in 2000, after she appeared in the music video for 'Spinning Around' wearing a revealing pair of gold lamé hot pants.
- – *Daily Mirror*, London, 20th October **2003**

Kym Marsh; Kim Marsh

adjective

harsh [UK]

< English actress and singer Kym Marsh (b.1976).

- That's a bit Kym Marsh. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th October **2003**
- – What goes 'beep beep beep beep beep'? Answer – Arsenal's open top bus reversing back into their garage! Losers! – That's a bit Kim Marsh mate... – *Cemex Angling* forum, 18th May **2006**
- No votes from members of less than one year. I say, old chap, that seems a bit Kym Marsh, what? – *Steve Hoffman Music Forums*, 4th January **2009**
- A bit Kim Marsh. And I like jokes about dead babies and tragedies and stuff. – *Fragmasters* forum, 24th June **2010**

L

lace curtain; lace

noun

Burton beer (any of various types of beer or ale originating in the English town of Burton-upon-Trent); hence any beer or ale [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.52, 1973
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – *freaky_freya.tripod.com*, ‘The Drunktionary’, 1st March 2003

la-di-da; la-di-dah; lah-di-dah; la-de-da; la-de-dah; lah-de-dah; lardy-da; la-di; lah-di; la-de; lardy

noun

1 a tramcar [UK]

Only recorded in the form *la-de-da*.

- – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.119, 1930

2 a car [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short forms have been recorded in British usage.

· *La-de-da* [...] car, motor-car, tram. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.119, 1930

· In all the years he was around the West End I never saw him drop that basket until one night he got knocked up in the air by a lardy da (car). [...] ‘Johnalderly to the lardy ja jags,’ shouted Albert to Charlie. By this time the sergeant was well on our heels. We got to the Dormobile and Albert opened the back door for us all to get in. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, pp.234/236, 1983

· I’m sitting in a La-Di-Dah. – K. Badgery, *Drive My Car*, p.93, 2002

· **lah de dah (1) – car.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· What about slang for cigars themselves: [...] La de (la de Dah – cockney rhyming slang). – *UK Cigar Forums*, 3rd July 2007

· *La de da* – car (rhymes if you say it with the proper accent). – *Godlike Productions* forum, 16th September 2010

· Mind you, Walmer was a delight with the large green in front of the Strand Straza chockoblocko with classic lah de dahs. – *justindeguaack.com*, blog, 26th March 2014

3 a cigar [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The short forms have been recorded in British usage.

· **La-Di-Da** [...] *Cigar* Generally condensed to a ‘lardy’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Oh, my good gawd. Is this what we fought two wars for? Give us a lardy. – *The Sun*, London, 21st March 1994

· ‘How about a lah de dah, then?’ says Jonny, flopping into a large leather recliner and offering up a hand-crafted silver box stocked with the finest Cuban cigars. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.104 [2012], 2004

· *Lah de Dah* = Cigar. – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November 2006

· *La-di* – Cigar. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 15th April 2007

· **lah de dah (2) – cigar.** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Cool....as long as I can use the catchphrase “fucking jackpot baby”and you must not laugh when I say it in an American accent... maybe while smoking a fat la-di-da. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th April 2009

· PUFF THAT LA DI DA. – Legend on a badge designed by Edge Design Ltd, London, 2011

· I think I’ll smoke a la-di-dah now! – *www.youtube.com*, 2011

· I like the la-de-da (cigar) so disapproved of these days. – *www.photographyblog.com*, blog, 25th March 2011

· On his evenings out he was partial, more than partial, to a glass of Vera Lynn (gin), and after dinner he much enjoyed a ‘lardy-da’ (cigar). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 31st July 2011

4 a bar [UK]

· Somewhat carried away by all this, I bravely approached the La di da, and asked the bowler-hatted hot potato for a Cows Calf of Pigs Ear, and a nice slice of Bended Knees–Cheddar preferably[.] – *Penthouse* magazine, London, 1965

· [I]n we goes into this ‘ere birch ‘es got. You oughter seen it! There was everythink in it! – a *Cain* wiv three *Scotches*, a *la-di* over on one side with all the *tumbles* you could think of; three *Owens* wiv *chalks* an’ all, an’ a ‘lectric *dickory* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.20, 1969

5 a celebrated entertainer or sports personality [UK]

Rhymes on *star*.

· A few lah-di’s [...] (lah-di-dah = star). – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.40, 1979

· *The Sweeney* was regularly populated with genuine hard men, playing alongside the drama-school ‘la-de-das’ (= stars). – P. Gilbert, *Shut It!*, 2010

6 a star (in the night sky) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

· Like the Lah-Di-Dahs up in the Apple Pie[.] – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, 2011

La-Di-Da

nickname

the *Daily Star* newspaper (London)

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

ladies and gents

noun

common sense [UK]

· He ain’t got the ladies he was born with. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

ladies’ locket

noun

a pocket [UK]

· You might have known that by the feel of his fingers as he went nibblin' through our ladies' lockets. – C.H. Bovill, 'Mr. Pettigrew, Lord Bob, and the Clergyman', short story, in *The Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia, 24th July **1915**

lads on tour

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK]

One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

- – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December **2016**
- – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 29th December **2016**
- Number 24: 'lads on tour' replaces 'knock at the door'.
- *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 30th December **2016**

Lady Berkeley Hunt; lady berkeley

noun

the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A personified variation of BERKELEY HUNT.

· MONOSYLLABLE, (also DIVINE MONOSYLLABLE) *subs.* (venery). – The female *pudendum*; CUNT (q.v.). ENGLISH SYNONYMS. [...] Lady Berkeley[.] – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, SA, **1896**

· Diminutives of *cunt* are *cunnicle*, *cunnikin*, *cuntkin*, and *cuntlet*. *Tenuc* (c. 1860) is back slang; [...] *Lady Berkeley Hunt*, and (*Sir*) *Berkeley Hunt* (C. 20; not one in a thousand who uses the word *berk* realizes that it is an abbreviation of one or all of these) are rhyming slang. – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy* [1965], p.297, **1963**

Lady Diana

noun

a piano [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. < Lady Diana (born Lady Diana Frances Spencer; 1961–97), Princess of Wales. A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· It's a new Lady Diana over there in the little Jack 'orner! – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

lady from Bristol; lady

noun

a pistol [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form is exclusively American.

· Do you know he carries a lady from Bristol? – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**

· The code originally consisted of replacing each key word (pistol) with a combination of words (Lady from Bristol) that rhymed with the one replaced. [...] Thus, "pistol" became simply "Lady". – *The Bradford Era*, Bradford, PA, 5th September **1953**

· [I]n gangster pictures, *The Lady From Bristol* is a pistol, and *Simple Simon* is a diamond. – *This Week* magazine (*The Salt Lake Tribune*), Salt Lake City, UT, 14th May **1961**

· Frankie smiled, "Don't panic, pal—I'll park the Lady from Bristol" [...] "behind your mirror." – P. O'Brien, *Wind*, p.87, **1964**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.70, **1968**

· A pistol is "lady from Bristol." – *The Salina Journal*, Salina, KS, 13th August **1972**

· Rhyming slang is a game where "Gregory Peck" is a check, your "trouble and strife" is your wife and a "lady from Bristol" is a pistol. – *The Baytown Sun*, Baytown, TX, 'Booklet Helps Translate Australian Slang', 1st June **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, **1984**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.27, **1989**

· 'Stand and deliver,' said the highwayman as he cocked his 'lady from Bristol'[,] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· In 'is 'and 'e 'eld a lady from Bristol. – R. Lederer, *Verbi-vore*, p.104, **1994**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· Usually we dropped the last word or the rhyme word, that way it was almost impossible to understand. So a lady from Bristol for pistol, is just a lady. – M. Blanco, *The Dream Smugglers*, p.144, **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Lady Gaga

noun

an Aga branded cooker [IRELAND]

< Lady Gaga, the stage name of American singer Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (b.1986). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· She doesn't want a normal cooker, no, no. She's after one of them Lady Gagas. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

Lady Godiva; Lady Godiver; godiva; lady

noun

1 a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [UK/US]

Rhymes on *fiver*. < Lady Godiva, an 11th-century Anglo-Saxon gentlewoman who, according to legend, rode naked through Coventry to persuade her husband, Leofric, earl of Mercia, to lower the local taxes. In American usage, only recorded in the form *Lady Godiva*. ► see *COMMODORE* and *LIONEL RICHIE*

· White, gleaming and rare is "Lady Godiva," a fiver. – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· Rhyming Cockney slang is tricky sometimes. For instance, a Lady Godiva is a £5 note ("fiver"). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 4th January **1947**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**

· And a rich four-by-two merchant who witnessed the deed put his hand into his sky rocket and took out a Lady Godiva[,] – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· People would be feverish to buy a canteen of cutlery for a lady Godiva. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.29, **1986**

· Discovering that ‘monkeys’ are made ‘in the UK Guv’nor’, readers will move through a series of pages asking them to identify other sterling denominations, including ‘carpets’, ‘cockles’ and ‘Lady Godiva’. – *The Times*, London, 8th May **1996**

· Still, he might pass her a Lady Godiver, if she doesn’t whack him on his loaf of bread first... – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th October **2000**

· A Lady is a fiver[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 29th August **2006**

· Pony, monkey, bulls-eye, lady what’s it all about? – *Popular-Classics* forum, 13th September **2008**

· For less than a Godiva and on Rob’s rec’s I will give it a go. – *UKGSer* forum, 17th May **2012**

· But I was nothing short of horrified when my friend informed me that her Mummy friends are of the opinion that a tooth is now worth £5!!! Yes you read that right, a fiver, a taxi driver, a bluey, a Lady Godiva, FIVE OF YOUR FINE ENGLISH POUNDS!!! – *michellethemoonlighter.wordpress.com*, blog, 29th September **2012**

· Godiva: Lady Godiva – fiver [...] ‘Where’s me Lady?’ – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, pp.292/295, **2015**

· If you ask how much something costs you might be told a Lady Godiva (a fiver)... usually shortened to just Godiva. – *thetravellady.wordpress.com*, blog, 2nd January **2015**

· Right, them pressies in there, they’re a Lady Godiva a piece... – *Viz* comic, December **2016**

2 among currency traders, five million pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *fiver*, used in financial contexts to mean ‘five million pounds’. Only recorded in the form *lady*.

· “I asked him for a price in a Hawaii for the Betty but he would only quote me in a Lady,” might confuse the lip reader, but would make perfect sense to the trader’s colleagues. [...] So the trader is actually saying: “I asked him for a price for 50 million sterling in US\$, but he would only quote me a price for five million.” – *Financial Post*, Toronto, 9th March **1993**

lady in silk; lady

noun

milk [UK]

· Pass the Lady, dear. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th June **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Lady Isobel

noun

the hair [AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *barnet*, the short version of BARNET FAIR, and *Barnett*. < Scottish TV personality Lady Isobel Barnett (1918–80), who was popular in the 1950s and 1960s.

· Will you comb your Lady Isobel this instant! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Lady Luck

noun

1 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Lady Luck* ‘to not care at all’.

· He doesn’t give a Lady Luck about ethics. He lies. He steals. He kills. – *www.twbooks.co.uk*, 3rd March **2003**

2 a duck [UK]

Birdwatchers’ slang.

· There was the usual lady lucks floating about, ducking & diving, as well as the busy little grebes. – *justin dequack.com*, blog, 26th April **2014**

Lady Luck; lady

verb

to throw away [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *chuck*. A nonce word.

· [F]irst off is the steamship, *steamship funnel*/tunnel, then lemon *lemon squirt*/dirt. And ‘ow we get rid of the dirt is by chuckin’ it away, so that will be Lady to rhyme with *Lady Luck*/chuck. Anyone wot says Lady or even Lady Luck means ‘e’s concerned wiv getting’ rid of the contents of the steamship, right? – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.116–117, **1973**

Lady Madonna

noun

a one-pound coin [UK: NEWCASTLE]

A perfect Geordie rhyme on the slang *oner*. < ‘Lady Madonna’, a song by the Beatles originally released as a single in 1968.

· Lady Madonas = One’ers = One pound coins. – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

lady of Spain

noun

an aeroplane [AUSTRALIA]

· ‘Oh yeah, dat’s right we gotta listen fer da lady of Spain, ain’t we?’ [...] Finally they heard a distant drone which steadily increased until it became quite clear, indicating the ‘plane was close by. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.154, **1968**

lady of the manor

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*. A variation of the earlier and more common LORD OF THE MANOR.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

Lafayette

noun

a bet [AUSTRALIA]

< Lafayette, the popular name of French aristocrat and military leader Gilbert du Motier, marquis de Lafayette (1757–1834). Lafayette fought in the American Revolution and his name is on a number of American cities, towns, counties, etc. Horse-racing slang.

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

lag boat*noun*

a tired and pallid countenance [UK]

A compound of *lag* ‘a person who has frequently served time in prison’ and *boat*, an elliptical form of BOAT RACE. Criminal slang.

· Having a **lag boat** means having a tired, grey, haggard face, as though you had spent years in prison. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.293, 2015

lager and lime; lager*noun*

1 the spine [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. No evidence of use in the short form.

· Now we’ve got some science fiction for you, some sci-fi, something to send the shivers up your spine, send the creepy crawlies down your lager and limes. – *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*, UK TV: BBC1, 30th November 1969

· They fall on the floor, the blonde arches ‘er lager an’ lime, an’ all of a sudden she’s got ‘er Brigham Young buried. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

2 time [UK]

· Look at the lager. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Let me know what lager and lime you finish. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 24th October 2003

· We’ll be with you the whole *lager and lime*. – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.149, 2007

· [G]ave him a Melvyn Bragg he wouldn’t forget in a long Lager and Lime... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October 2008

lager beer*noun*

the ear [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.35, 1983

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

lake and pond*noun*

a blonde woman [US]

· Leo is anxious to see that lake and pond that is always reading at the “near and far”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968; J. Herman, letter, 27th March 1968

lake and pond*adjective*

(of hair) blonde [US]

· The next time I come to your “near and far” be sure and get me that “twist and [...] twirl” with the “lake and pond bonny fair”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968; J. Herman, letter, 27th March 1968

laker*noun*

a stupid person [IRELAND: GALWAY]

Formed on *lakes*, a shortening of LAKES OF KILLARNEY, on the model of words such as *nutter*, based on *nuts*.

· He’s only a laker. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 12th May 2010

Lake’s folly*noun*

an umbrella [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *broolly*. < Lake’s Folly, an Australian boutique winery founded by Max Lake (1924–2009) in 1963.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Lakes of Killarney*noun*

a mad person [UK]

Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

· Thirty years on the road with a mug-faker and I come to Southend and graft to a bunch of grinnin’ Lakes o’ Killarneys. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.40, 1934

Lakes of Killarney; lakes; lakie; lakesy*adjective*

1 mad, crazy; foolish [UK/IRELAND: GALWAY, LONGFORD]

Rhymes imperfectly on *barmy*. < Lakes Killarney, a reference to the three lakes (Lough Léin, Muckross Lake and Upper Lake) in the town of Killarney in County Kerry, Ireland. In Irish usage, the term has been recorded only in the short form *lakes* and in the phrase *lakes in the head*. ▶ see LAKER and LEW LAKES

· When I left the public-house and the little man, who mournfully assured me that he was “going stone-lakes” and that I really ought to kick him in the pants, I walked towards the sea. [...] People say I’m mad, up the pole, Lakes of Killarney, crackers! – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, pp.40/162, 1934

· “It’s madness,” he said. “You’ve never seen a real butler: I ‘ave. You’re lakes! Where am I goin’?” – M. Allingham, *Dancers in Mourning*, p.161, 1937

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] barmy (insane, Lakes of Killarney); gin (Lincoln’s Inn); sleep (Bo-peep)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January 1939

· Don’t listen. He’s lakes. – *Brighton Rock*, UK film, script by Graham Greene, 1947

· “Lakes of Killarney” for insane is, perhaps, falsely rhyming slang from “barmy”[.] – *The Times*, London, 11th January 1950

· Lakes of Killarney Crazy (or Barmy). – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.90, 1953

· *Lakes of Killarney ...* Insane. – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.207, 1962

· Lakes of Killarney. Barmy, foolish; usually reduced to Lakes or Lakie (20th c.). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DC-SRS*, 1972

· [T]hey will look at the customer as if he or she has gone ‘Lakes of Killarney’ (barmey–Lakes). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.4–5, 1973

· **lakes**, adj. stupid. – P. O’Shaughnessy, *Market-Traders’ Argot*, p.26, 1975

· Lakes (of Killarney) Insane (barmy). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.191, 1977

· **lakesy**, adj. stupid. – P. O'Shaughnessy, *Market-Traders' Argot*, p.22, **1978**

· [M]y father said that one of the neighbours was 'Lakes of Killarney'. – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.28, **1980**

· To be *lakes* means to be insane[.] – D. O'Muirithe, *The Words We Use*, p.91, **1996**

· [M]iss you're lakes! but id say you're a good teacher. – *ie.ratemyteachers.com*, 5th April **2005**

· What de feck is that feek of a beure doing with that feen, she must be lakes in the head. – C. Foley, *For Focal Sake!*, p.78, **2008**

· 'Oh, I'm sure she don't mean any harm—just a little *lakes*, ain't she? – P. Lecomber, *Mask of the Verdoy*, p.214, **2014**

2 two-faced, untrustworthy [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang *carney* 'sly'. Recorded in the forms *Lakes of Killarney* and *lakie*.

· What a right lakie scrot him next door. Say's one thing to me and something completely different to someone else. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Lake Windermere

noun

a homosexual man [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Lake Windermere, the largest lake in England, located in the Lake District National Park, Cumbria, in the north-west of the country. Occasionally spelt *Lake Windemere*.

· Enniskillen (as in fusileer) – queer or Lake windemere. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

Lal Brough; lally

noun

snuff [UK]

< Lal Brough, the affectionate name of Welsh actor and comedian Lionel Brough (1836–1909).

· She mustn't forget to send out for some more lally tomorrow... funny thing to pick up a habit in stir... where did you learn to sniff lally, Mrs Wood? – C. Mackenzie, *Figure of Eight*, p.210, **1936**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· The only other contribution I ever made to the origin of a slang expression was that of "lally" the name for snuff used by female convicts up to the last war: I do not know if it survives. – C. Mackenzie, *My Life and Times*, p.157, **1966**

lamb and mint

adjective

having little or no money, penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*.

· We are skint, borassic lint, Larry Flynt, lamb and mint. We are lamentably low on loot. – *The Times*, London, 11th March **2009**

lamb chop; lamb

noun

1 among drug users, an injection of a narcotic [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pop*. No evidence of use in the full form.

· – T. Bewley, *Recent Changes*, p.11, **1966**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

2 a supporting beam of timber in a tunnel or mine [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *pit prop*. A nonce word.

· ["Our steamship's gotta 'ave lambs, maiden's, and frightful!" [...] We'll little and big more than one steamship funnel, some that milkman's horse another, and others we can use to slip and slide our Crown jewels and lamb chops." – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.126, **1973**

3 a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on *cop*. A variation of PORK CHOP. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *The Straight Dope* forum, 27th May **2005**

lamb chop; lamb

verb

to inject a drug [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pop*.

· – J.S. Neaman and C.G. Silver, *Kind Words*, p.196 [1985], **1983**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

Lambeth Walk

noun

chalk (in the form applied to the tips of billiards, pool and snooker cues) [UK]

< Lambeth Walk, a street in the central London district of Lambeth, perhaps via the title of a song by L. Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber (from the 1937 musical *Me and My Girl*) and the name of a popular dance inspired by it. Both the song and the dance have since been a part of Cockney culture.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.65, **2011**

Lambretta scooter; lambretta

noun

the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *hooter*. < Lambretta, a type of motor scooter originally manufactured in Italy.

· Lol, forgot "Lambretta" for "nose"... Lambretta scooter = hooter. – *THCTalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

lamb's fried

verb

died (past participle of *die*) [AUSTRALIA]

· He's *lamb's fried*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

lamb's fries

noun

the eyes [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

lamb's fry; lambs fry; lamb fry

noun

a tie (a necktie) [US/AUSTRALIA]

According to Baker (1945), *lamb's fry* is recorded in Australian English as far back as 1898.

- *Lamb fry*-tie. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- Tie-lambs fry. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- **Lamb's fry**, a necktie. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- choke-strap, lamb's fry, rope, *a necktie*[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- LAMB FRY. A necktie. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- *lamb's fry*, tie[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**
- **lamb's fry**: a neck tie. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

lamb shank

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*.

- He just sits on his left hand until its numb and then starts going for a lamb shank... feels like another person! – *Rate My Melons* forum, 20th August **2006**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- I AM BORED AT WORK HOPE THERE IS SUM BOG ROLL GOING FOR A LAMB SHANK LOL. – *Clubbing Abroad* forum, 9th April **2010**
- I can't say I've ever heard it called an Anne Frank. A Tom Hanks or a Lamb Shank[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th August **2010**
- Bet that old bloke in the blue Adidas top couldn't wait to nip to the bogs for a quick lamb shank[.] – *Autoshite* forum, 21st November **2010**

lamb shanker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of LAMB SHANK.

- You should go back and have a word with the bloke that M.O.T'd it... Obviously he's a right lamb shanker. – *Land-Rover UK* forum, 28 Nov **2005**
- What a set of lamb shankers man u fans are. – *Magaluf Uncovered Forum*, 29th July **2009**
- That doesn't seem to have occurred to these utter lamb shankers. – *Digital Spy* forum, 12th September **2011**

lamb to the slaughter; lamb

noun

a daughter [UK]

< *lamb to the slaughter*, taken from the familiar phrase *like a lamb to the slaughter*, without necessarily encompassing its meaning as a simile ('meekly, without resistance').

- That blokes lamb is a real stunner. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2007**
- *I'm no one's lamb to the slaughter*, Katie thought, *because my parents are brown bread ...* – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**
- I have heard lamb to the slaughter to mean daughter but do not think it is original as I said. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

lame duck

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [us/uk]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, **1944**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- No chance of a lame duck then? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

lamp

noun

▶ see PARAFFIN LAMP

Lancashire lass

noun

a drinking glass [UK]

A perfect rhyme in some regional accents.

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- [T]hey began on large 'Lancashire Lassess' of 'Casey's Court' and the 'ham shanks' were beginning to get ideas! – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Lancashire lassess

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

A perfect rhyme in some regional accents.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961: J. Jaffe, letter, **1959**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- What's broken mi Lancashire lassess? – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Land Bruiser

noun

a Toyota Land Cruiser car [UK/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

- The newest Land Bruiser doesn't have diff locks on all its diffs, but some of the older ones did (I don't know all the codenames, but I think the VX and Land Cruiser 2 did?). – *Land Rover Addict* forum, 16th February **2003**
- Is the rig heavy to tow with the Land Bruiser? – *Sportsfish Australia* forum, 9th February **2005**
- – *www.carsguide.com.au*, 27th January **2011**
- Yep, the Disco is one amazing off-roader. And that's something it shares with big rivals the Toyota Land Bruiser, VW Toerag and Cheap Cherokee. – *www.daily-star.co.uk*, 9th March **2012**

Land of Hope

noun

soap [UK]

< 'Land of Hope and Glory', a patriotic English song written in 1902 by A. C. Benson (lyric) and Sir Edward Elgar (music).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Land of Milk and Beans*nickname*

▶ see MILK AND BEANS

Lane Cove*noun*

a stove [AUSTRALIA]

< Lane Cove, a suburb of northern Sydney.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984****language***noun*

a sandwich [UK]

A perfect slang rhyme only if *sandwich* is pronounced *sangwidge*. For most British speakers, however, the rhyme is slightly imperfect.

· We had a *ball of chalk* down the *channel fleet*; then went into the *rub-a-dub* and had two *Aristotles of morning mass* with *four languages*. [...] We had a walk down the street, then went into the club and had two bottles of bass with four sandwiches. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**

Lanzarote*noun*

a sexually desirable young woman; women viewed collectively as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *totty* and *hotty*. < Lanzarote, one of the Canary Islands off the west coast of Africa.

· Some Lanzarote around here! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd September **2002**

· – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, **2004**

· That girl is Lanzarote. – *UD(.com)*, 19th December **2004**

· Lanzarote is meant to be quite nice. It's good rhyming slang for 'Totty' too. – *Toontastic* forum, 15th November **2006**

Lanzarote*adjective*

crazy [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *potty*. < Lanzarote, one of the Canary Islands off the west coast of Africa.

· That cunt's lanzarote by the way. – *Erutufon* forum, 29th October **2003**

· She's gone totally Lanzarote. – *Bearsden*, spoken, male, 40, September **2005**

La Perouse; larpa; larper*noun*

alcoholic drink, sometimes specifically beer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *booze*. Also used in the phrase *be on the La Perouse* (or *be on the larpa*) 'to be engaged in a serious drinking bout'. < La Perouse, known colloquially as Larpa (sometimes spelt *Larper*), a Sydney suburb. First recorded by Delbridge (1984) in the forms *La Perouse* and *larper*. The earliest known use of *larpa* (spelt with an initial capital) is in Eric Spilsted's *Great Aussie Slang Book* (1997). Hence LARPERS.

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· Consequently, Gwennie was always a bit of a wowsler whenever I'd been out on the *La Perouse*. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller's Tool*, p.34, **1985**

· With nothing more than water in his glass, Sir Les Patterson, Australia's Cultural Attache to the Court of St James, who's off La Perouse – “that's rhyming slang” – entertains the National Press Club in Canberra yesterday[.] – *The Canberra Times*, 24th October **1985**

· To be, or plan to be 'on the Larpa' suggests rather more than a quiet social drink. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· When was the last time you heard a Sydneysider refer to a beer as a bottle of La Perouse? – *www.dailytelegraph.com.au*, 23rd December **2014**

Lara Croft*adjective*

(of a person) indulgent; romantic; stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *soft*. < Lara Croft, the adventurer and archaeologist hero of Tomb Raider, a video game franchise created by Core Design in 1996; the video game was subsequently adapted into a comic book series (1996–) and two films (*Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, 2001; *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*, 2003) starring Angelina Jolie.

· He's gone a bit Lara Croft. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th March **2014**

lard and pail*noun*

a jail [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

lards*noun*

▶ see CALLARD AND BOWSERS

larpers*noun*

beers [AUSTRALIA]

Formed on *larper*, a shortening of LA PEROUSE.

· [H]aving a couple of larpers[.] – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**

larrikin's hat; larrikin*noun*

an erection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *fat*. *Larrikin* is Australian slang for a hooligan or loutish youth.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **larrikin's hat** (larrikin) 'I've got half a larrikan.' – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Jeeze, I get a larrikin's hat just thinking about Britney pissing on me. – *UD(.com)*, 26th July **2006**

Larry Bird*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*. < American basketball player Larry Bird (b.1956).· Then again for most of those places, taking a Larry Bird in the main street would improve the joint. – *blogs.theage.com.au*, blog, 8th September **2008**· Anyhow, gotta go and have a “Rodney Hog”. Or one more seppo friendly, a “Larry Bird”. – *Gold Detecting and Prospecting Forum*, 2nd October **2010**· – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016****Larry Flynt; Larry Flint***adjective*

having little or no money, penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < controversial American pornographer Larry Flynt (b.1942), mainly familiar in Britain via the 1996 film *The People vs Larry Flynt*.· ‘Do you fancy going shopping?’ ‘Sorry, mate, I’m Larry Flynt, skint.’ – *Gimme Gimme Gimme*, UK TV: BBC1, 23rd November **2001**· [W]hen they were short of cash these young people were ‘skint’, ‘broke’ or (odd this piece of rhyming slang in the wilds of Snowdonia) ‘Larry Flint’. – S. Elmes, *Talking for Britain*, p.94, **2005**· What with that, my parents’ Ruby Wedding the end of this month, car tax end of March PLUS the wedding to pay for – I’m going to be totally Larry Flint until I dunno when ... – *Motion and Heart* forum, 16th February **2005**· I’m totally Larry Flynt the now, so I can’t afford going into town. – *The Caffeine Machine* forum, 6th January **2006**· We are skint, borassic lint, Larry Flynt, lamb and mint. We are lamentably low on loot. – *The Times*, London, 11th March **2009****Larry Grayson; larry***noun*

1 a washbasin [UK]

< Larry Grayson, the stage name of English camp comedian and television presenter William White (1923–95).

· Larry Grayson – Wash Basin “Eurgh! Someone’s peed in the Larry!” – *sausageNet Nostalgia Forums*, 17th October **2004**

2 a Freemason [UK]

· Do you reckon he’s a Larry? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**· As for the Larry Graysons, cite what you regard as a clearly Christianity-incompatible rite and I’ll examine it and get back to you. – *www.peter-ould.net*, 6th September **2012****Larry lurps***noun*

turpentine [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

Rhymes on *turps*. Painter-decorators’ slang.· – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 7th November **2013****Larry Simon***noun*

a diamond [US]

A nuanced sense of ‘a poor quality diamond’ is recorded by Pollock (1935). ▶ see SIMPLE SIMON

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962****Lash LaRue***noun*

flu [UK]

< Lash LaRue, the stage name of American actor Alfred LaRue (1917–96).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008****last card in the pack; last card of the pack; last card of one’s pack; last card***noun*

1 the human back [UK]

The forms *last card in the pack* and *last card* are given by Puxley (2003).· To this Kurney retorted, “I’ll have yer down on ‘the last card of your pack’ as soon as I’ve laced my ‘German flutes’”—meaning thereby that when his *boots* were arranged he would throw Philip on his *back*. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**· [T]oo many days off with a dodgy ‘last card’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*. Used in the forms *last card in the pack*, *last card of the pack* and *last card*. *Last card in the pack* is listed by both Kendall (1969) and Puxley (1992); the latter also gives the short form *last card*. Tibballs (2008), gives the form *last card of the pack*, which he regards as inspired by the colloquial phrase *get one’s cards* ‘to be dismissed from employment’.· If his “daisy roots are Kirkstall Abbey,” he means that his boots are shabby, and if he has received “the last card in the pack,” he has got the sack. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**· “I don’t go to work no more,” He says, while she was opening up the cupboard, “I’m helping to run the shop.” Aggie looked round at Him quick, as though she was a bit sorry for Him, or something. “Why?” she says, “Ma ill, is she?” “No,” He says. “I got the sack. Last card in the pack.” – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.179, **1943**· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**· To draw the ‘last card’ is to be dismissed from employment. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 a snack [UK]

Used in the form *last card in the pack*. Theatrical slang.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

lath and plaster; lath*noun*

1 an employer [UK/US?]

Rhymes on *master*. Only evidenced in the full form. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962; the authors list it as rhyming slang for *master*, with no further explanation of its meaning or meanings. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

2 a skilled artist or performer [UK]

Rhymes on *master*.

· The Star of the East; The Longest Living Lath of Laugh-ter. – M. Kilgariff, *Grace, Beauty and Banjos*, p.151, 1998

3 a boy (not yet of an age to be addressed as *mister*) [UK]Rhymes on *master*.

· And what has the young lath to say for himself, then? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

laugh*noun*

1 among interest rate traders, a half of an agreed unit or specific sum [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· [A] price might be quoted “Seven Henries to Three Farmers – seven-eighths (Henry VIIIs) to three-quarters (farmers’ daughters). A half is a laugh, one is a Spaniard (Juan).] – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 29th March 1993

2 half an ounce of marijuana or other drug [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· i’ll give y’all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] 1/2oz = “scarf/laugh etc.”. – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January 2006

laugh and be merry*noun*

a cherry [UK]

Possibly a nonce word. Only recorded in the phrase *two bites at the laugh and be merry* ‘a second chance or opportunity’, the direct equivalent of *two bites at the cherry*.

· – *The Times*, London, 17th June 1957**laugh and joke; laugh and a joke; laughing joke; laugh***noun*

1 a cigarette, cigar or pipe [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smoke*. The different forms of the word are geographically distributed thus: *laugh and joke* (UK, Australia), *laugh and a joke* (UK, Ireland), *laughing joke* (Ireland, Australia, but only recorded in the plural), *laugh* (UK).

· Nobby, I’m going to do a ‘laugh and joke,’ let me know if you ‘twig the spider.’ – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, 1880
· – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, 1937: *John o’ London’s Weekly*, 9th June 1934

· Then I have my breakfast and a laugh-an’-a-joke if I’ve any bird-lime. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Laughing Jokes* – Smokes, Cigarettes (Fags). – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· I could do with a laugh and a joke[.] – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.11, 1980

· There wasn’t much to do in the chapel, only a spot of dustin as it was only used on Sundays, so once we had finished we sat down and had a laugh and a joke (smoke). – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.188, 1983

· **smoke (cigarette) laugh and joke.** – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· Just goin out for a laugh mate... – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th May 2002

· Laugh and a joke Having a smoke. – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006

· Re: Aussie Slang Thread [...] **Smokes Laughing Jokes.** – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May 2008

· **laugh and joke – smoke (cigarette).** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· [T]hey hand out cigarettes to those who want them, we have a laugh and joke (‘laugh and joke’ by the way is cockney rhyming slang (slang mainly used in London in the UK) for ‘smoke’, and head on up the mountain. – *www.therobbinscompany.com*, blog, 13th May 2011

· Richard Briers loved a ‘laugh and a joke’ – or smoke, for those not fluent in cockney rhyming slang. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 23rd February 2013

2 a cannabis cigarette; an inhalation of cannabis smoke; cannabis [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *smoke* and *toke*. A narrowing of the previous sense.

· [R]ollin 3 skin rockets, and have a couple tokes [...] havin a laugh and a joke, hit so big, they would make you choke. – *Take 2*, lyric, Outsyder, uploaded on *www.soundclick.com* on 12th April 2007

· [N]o-one saw the multitude of young people who enjoy a social intimate smoke, having a “laugh and a joke”, the most apt cockney rhyming slang ever. – *UK420* forum, 24th April 2010

· He obviously liked a bit of a laugh and a joke, cos straight away he puts his pint down and looks round the table. Who’s got the puff? he says. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.101, 2013

laugh and joke; laugh*verb*

to smoke [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· He asks me for a *cough* so I tell him, sorry I don't *laugh* no more. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, **2011**

laugh and titter; laugh*noun*

bitter (beer) [UK]

· The jargon of the “Tommy” returned from the front is a never-ending source of wonder to canteen workers and barmaids at the refreshment buffets. It is at the station bar that he “lets himself go” with orders for a “drop o’ pigs” or “a laugh and titter.” – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 16th October **1916**

· Ask for a pint of ‘laugh and titter’ (bitter) or a glass of ‘The Captain’ (Captain Merry–Sherry)[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.4, **1973**

· Do you sell laugh and titter? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

· ‘Two pints of laugh, it was,’ said John looking what would have been called solemn if it were anybody else. – F. Downes, *Tattoo*, p.172, **1998**

· Our story begins not in the East End – with a couple of geezers havin’ a laugh and titter and an oily rag down the rubadub nuclear sub[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 28th October **2005**

· A pint of bitter was laugh and titter. – *Knowhere Guide/Gorton* forum, 29th April **2012**

laugh at my lisp*noun*

in bingo, the number seventy-six [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October **2013**

laugh, clown, laugh*noun*

a costermonger’s neckerchief [UK]

A slang rhyme on *half-crown scarf*. < *Laugh, Clown, Laugh*, a 1928 American film directed by Herbert Brenon and starring Lon Chaney.

· [T]he costermongers call the handkerchief which traditionally they wear tied round their neck instead of a collar their ‘Laugh, Clown, Laugh.’ Rhyming slang for ‘Half-crown scarf.’ – *The Port Macquarie News and Hastings River Advocate*, 2nd September **1944**

laughed and sang*noun*

rhyming slang [AUSTRALIA?]

The two sources in which the term is recorded make it impossible to determine the dialect in which it has been used. From the information provided in the first source, it is likely to be an otherwise unrecorded piece of Australian rhyming slang. ► *see* WHISPER AND TALK

· Rhyming slang—the old laughed-and-sang—may be completely missing from American speech[.] – *News-week* magazine, New York, 31st October **1949**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

laughing joke*noun*► *see* LAUGH AND JOKE**laughing Maxie***noun*

a taxi [AUSTRALIA]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April **1968**

laughs and smiles*noun*

haemorrhoids [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piles*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· It’s not funny. I’ve got the laughs and smiles. – *Tear-drops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· – *1stgencivic.org* forum, 24th May **2011**

Laura Croft*noun*

a loft [UK]

In use among plumbers. Probably < Lara Croft, the adventurer and archaeologist hero of *Tomb Raider*, a video game franchise created by Core Design in 1996; the video game was subsequently adapted into a comic book series (1996–) and two films (*Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, 2001; *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*, 2003) starring Angelina Jolie. Alternatively, the term may be based on the name of American model Laura Croft (b.1983). Synonymous with ANNABELL CROFT.

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Laura Marling*noun*

alcoholic beverage manufacturers Carling; hence Carling lager [UK]

< English folk singer Laura Marling (b.1990).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

· If you have some, I recommend a glass of Laura Marling’s most recent stuff with it. – *twitpic.com*, 19th November **2010**

· Nowt wrong with a pint of Laura Marling. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2013**

· [W]e are finally eating all of the cheeses and i’m back on the laura marling. – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2013**

Laurel and Hardy; Laurel*noun*

ⓘ Bacardi, a branded rum originally produced in Cuba [UK]

< Laurel and Hardy, American film comedians Stan Laurel (1890–1965) and Oliver Hardy (1892–1957), also known as Stan and Ollie. Also used in the expres-

sion *Laurel and Holy* 'Bacardi and Coke'. ► see HOLY SMOKE

· Laurel and Holy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· If you've had a few Britneys, some Laurel and Hardy, some Winona, and then a bit of Calvin Klein, what would you be? [...] B: Elephant's trunk (drunk)[.] – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th October 2002

· Three Britneys, one Laurel and a glass of Calvin, would hopefully receive: three beers (Britney Spears), one Bacardi (Laurel and Hardy) and one glass of wine (Calvin Klein). – *Western Daily Press*, Bristol, England, 9th October 2002

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, 2008

· – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.292, 2015

2 a Jamaican gangster [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *yardie*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January 2002

Lauren Riddle

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*.

· Jus goin for a Lauren Riddle. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January 2002

Laurent Blanc

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Relies on the anglicised pronunciation of *Blanc* to rhyme with *wank*. < French football player and manager Laurent Blanc (b.1965), who played a couple of seasons for Manchester United in the early 2000s.

· – *United Forum*, 7th August 2007

· Kolo Toure is having a Laurent Blanc. – *twitter.com*, 2nd February 2014

Laurie Dwyer

noun

a liar [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Laurie Dwyer (1938–2016).

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December 2013

Laurie Nash; laurie

noun

money, cash [AUSTRALIA]

< cricketer and Australian Rules footballer Laurie Nash (1910–86).

· I am a manual man but my car is an auto, i would love to convert it but yeah too much Laurie Nash. – *Rotorburn forum*, 6th September 2005

· **Laurie (Nash)** cash[.] – S. Illingworth, *Filthy Rat*, p.203 [2008], 2006

· I am a bit short of the Laurie Nash (cash) this week. – *www.cricketweb.net*, 17th May 2006

· [T]omorrow im off to CT to lay down some Laurie Nash for a new TSC10HB. – *Woodwork Forums*, 5th October 2006

Lauryn Hill

noun

a pill [UK]

< American R&B, hip hop and soul vocalist Lauryn Hill (b.1975).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March 2009

lawn mower

noun

a telephone [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *blower*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February 2002

· – *MX Trax forum*, 17th May 2004

lay me in the gutter

noun

butter [UK]

· – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, 1923

· [A]nd I remember we had 'needle and thread', 'lay me in the gutter', 'bended knees' and 'Harvey Nichols' together with a couple of 'Aristotles' of 'plink plonk'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, 1973

lazy hour

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

lbw

noun

► see LEG BEFORE WICKET

lead and zinc

noun

a drink [AUSTRALIA]

· [L]et's take it on the toe, up the frog and toad, have a lead and zinc and get Mozart and Liszt. – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.29, 1984

lead shower

noun

a prison guard tower [US]

< *lead shower*, a slang expression for a barrage of bullets.

· LEAD SHOWERS ... (Aryan Brotherhood of Texas) ... Tower (Guard tower). – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August 2004

leaf

noun

► see TEALEAF

leaf

verb

► see TEALEAF

leafer

noun

▶ see TEALEAFER

leaky bladder

noun

a ladder [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**leaky tap; leaky**

noun

a Japanese person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Jap*.· – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May 2008**Leamington Spa; leamington; lemington**

noun

a car [UK]

< Leamington Spa (or just Leamington; officially Royal Leamington Spa), a town in the West Midlands, England.

· ‘Ave you seen Nige’s new Lemington? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th May 2004

· Barrelled down the Frog in me Leamington. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th November 2006

lean and fat; leaning fat; lean of fat; lean

noun

a hat [UK/US]

The variants *leaning fat* and *lean of fat* are American; they are recorded by Sharpe (1928) and Harris (1989) respectively. The short form *lean* is exclusively British.

▶ see IRON LEAN AND FAT

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SD3*, 1864· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

· Then there’s the lean and fat which is your hat[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 2nd May 1929

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· If that happens the young collegiate will don his fiddle and flute, his lean and fat tipped at a rakish angle[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmic Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June 1936

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham’s willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May 1950

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.512, 1984· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, 1989

· Kearns said he poked Runyon and said, “Pipe the egg in the lean and fat.” [...] The egg in the lean and fat meant the gentleman in the top hat. – R. Kahn, *Pure Fire*, p.286, 1999

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

· “Bonny fair” was hair. Covering that was a “lean and fat.” – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, 2005

· Best put your lean on before you go out. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

lean and lake

noun

a steak [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

lean and linger

noun

a finger [US/UK]

· Lean an’ lingers, they’re your fingers. – D. Ryan, *Angel’s Flight*, p.20, 1927

· Well, I do not see any Simple Simon on your lean and linger. – D. Runyon, ‘Romance in the Roaring Forties’, short story, in *Hearst’s International Combined with Cosmopolitan* magazine, New York, July 1929

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Finger, Lean and Linger. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.512, 1984· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

lean and lurch; lean

noun

a church [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· In every lean-and-lurch, they sorted out who should be in charge—the elders. – M. Coles 2002, *More Bible*, p.97, **2002**

· OK, how about “china” meaning “china plate”, mate or friend. “Cat” meaning “cat and mouse”, house; “lean” meaning “lean and lurch”, church ... and so on. – E. Waite, *Life's for Living*, [2010], **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

lean and slick

noun

the penis [US]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*.

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

leaning fat

noun

▶ see LEAN AND FAT

leaning tower

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [US]

< Leaning Tower of Pisa, the bell tower of the cathedral of Pisa in Tuscany, Italy, which began to lean over shortly after construction began in 1173.

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

leap and prance

verb

to dance [US]

A happy combination of rhyme and reason.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Dance, Leap and Prance. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.71, **1968**

learn and look

noun

a book [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

leather baw

noun

a mother [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *maw*, the Scots equivalent of *ma*. *Baw* is the Scots form of *ball*, the spelling with *w* reflecting the pronunciation of the word with a vocalised *l*.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

leaves on the line

noun

in bingo, the number forty-nine [UK]

< *leaves on the line*, a phrase denoting a common cause of delays to train services – and, therefore, a familiar aggravation for train commuters – during autumn and winter; often used ironically.

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

Leazes Park; leazers

adjective

dark [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< Leazes Park, a park in Newcastle.

· It's a bit leazers in here. – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**

Lee and Hank Marvin

adjective

▶ see HANK AND LEE MARVIN

Leeds United; leeds

adjective

excited [UK]

< Leeds United, a football club based in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. Synonymous with SHEFFIELD UNITED.

· Who is extremely “leeds united” at the prospect of attending her first grand prix this weekend. – *rec.autos.sport.fl*, *Google Groups*, 9th July **1996**

· [I]t's Friday and I'm all Leeds. – *Shacknet* forum, 23rd June **2006**

· My wife gets terribly confused by rhyming slang, although she does like when I tell the dog not to get all Leeds United. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 12th May **2007**

· I am extremely Leeds United for the match on Sunday, partly coz I dont get to many matches and partly coz it at Hunbrox. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 7th March **2008**

· [L]ets not get too leeds united and see if he is firstly not too badly injured and secondly... consistant with his already impressive performances... – *www.watfordobserver.co.uk*, 21st September **2009**

· Find it funny that there are plenty of people on here saying that they sung the sectarian songs when they were younger (allegedly) yet some are happy to get Leeds United over some things that a couple of young laddies are saying on Twitter, one of which is merely expressing support for the team he supports[.] – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 12th April **2011**

· Craig must be getting all Leeds united (excited) with this proposed investment. – *RLFANS* forum, 11th May **2013**

Lee Harvey's

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

A covert pun on JACK RUBYS. < Lee Harvey Oswald (1939–63), the accused assassin of John F. Kennedy

(1917–63). Oswald was fatally shot by Jack Ruby on 24th November 1963, two days after Kennedy's death.
 · Lee Harveys – Jack Rubys – Boobs. – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 10th June **1994**

Lee Marvin; lee

adjective

very hungry [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *starvin'*. < American actor Lee Marvin (1924–87). In Australian English, only recorded in the full form. ▶ see HANK AND LEE MARVIN

· Lee Marvin means your starvin'. – *Evening Tribune*, 'Scottish Patter is a Wee Bit Different', San Diego, CA, 7th April **1988**

· Ah'm fuckin Lee Marvin. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.270 [1994], **1993**

· Lee Marvin: rhyming slang for starvin'. Hungry. Glaswegians tend to use Hank Marvin, the Shadow. – *The Guardian*, London, 18th May **1996**

· I'm Lee, what can I get f'r'a Lady? – *h2g2* forum, 27th June **2000**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· I'm Lee! – J. Meikle, *Pilton Keelie*, p.152, **2011**

· Get the Yul Brynner on the Clark Gable 'cause I'm Lee Marvin. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Lee Van Cleef; lee van

noun

1 beef [UK]

< American actor Lee Van Cleef (1925–89).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 trouble [UK]

Rhymes on *grief*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· Where i used to live (saaf London), your pants were called 'pirates' as in 'pirates of Penzance', and if someone was giving you grief, it was called major 'Lee Van Cleef' as in The Good The Bad and The Ugly. – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 25th January **2003**

Lee Van Cleef; lee van

adjective

deaf [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *deef*, the Scots form of *deaf*. < American actor Lee Van Cleef (1925–89).

· Renton! Are you totally fucking Lee Van? he asks. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.407, **2002**

· Lee Van (Cleef) – deif (Edinburgh). – *swap.nesc.gla.ac.uk*, 24th December **2011**

left and right; left

noun

1 a fight [UK]

In the first quotation the context – or rather the lack of it – makes it impossible to determine if the word is used as a noun, a verb or both.

· Just the same with "left," a peculiarly apt indicator of fight–"left and right" is good, is it not? better than "read

and write"–and with "cherry," "battle," "plates," "daisies," and so on and so forth. [...] Ordinary vernacular might almost as well be used for "Left and Right" or "Read and Write," meaning "fight." But simply "Left" or "Read" would be understood only of the people up in this patter. – M. Cobbett, *Sporting Notions*, pp.25–26/207, **1908**

· – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Did you hear about the left and right down the rub-a-dub last night? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.227, **2008**

2 an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Going for a left and right – shite. – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

left hook

noun

a book [AUSTRALIA]

· Dat's him over dere, wif his head stuck in a left hook. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.129, **1968**

left in the lurch; in the lurch

noun

a church [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< 'There was I, waiting at the church, / Waiting at the church, waiting at the church, /When I found he'd left me in the lurch, / Lor, how it did upset me!', from the chorus of 'Waiting at the Church', a music-hall song written in 1906 by Fred Leigh (lyric) and Henry Pether (music) and originally sung by Vesta Victoria (1873–1951). In Australian English, recorded in the forms *left in the lurch* and *in the lurch*; the latter is given by Partridge (1949). In British usage, only recorded in the form *left in the lurch*; hence *Left in the lurch of England* 'the Church of England'.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.33, **1979**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· You coming to Kev and Wendy's Otis at the left in the lurch? – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

· You gettin' married in the left in the lurch? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

· [T]he Left in the lurch of England don't give a Donald Duck for human Isle of Wights either. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolwoman80' on 20th July **2016**

left jab; leftie

noun

a taxicab [AUSTRALIA]

· I went to the **Gene** for a quick **Werris** then caught a **left jab** downtown to get some **Arthur Murray** and a bottle of **Lindsay**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· I have a bunch of mates who still use uniquely Australian rhyming slang on a daily basis – “A left jab” (a cab), “A Rodney Hogg” (a hotdog), “A meat pie under the Holy Ghosts” (a try under the goal posts), “A Captain Cook” (a bit of a look) and dozens more. – *www.smh.com.au*, 9th January **2004**

· **Leftie** = left jab = cab. Got many, many more – having worked on racetracks for a while, the whole talk amongst regulars can be incomprehensible to some people. – *Big-Footy AFL forum*, 7th August **2009**

· In my bag of fruit (suit) in randwick trying to flag down a left jab (cab)[.] – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2011**

· Get on the dog and bone, book a left jab to the billabong[.] – *Rugby HQ*, Australian TV: Fox Sports 1, 8th May **2014**

· Fell over and smashed up the hale and pace. Got a left jab home and now the old loaf of bread is hurting. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

leg afloat

noun

a boat [us]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Boat, Leg Afloat. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

legal advice

noun

a synthetic cannabinoid blend best known as *spice* [uk]

Recorded in use among prisoners and their suppliers. · These are packets of spice. There’s quite a few slang names for it. Rice, which is what a lot of people call it. Er, gonna have rice with my dinner. Or Katie Price. Legal advice[.] – *The Secret Life of Prisons*, UK TV: Channel 4, 10th November **2016**

· The film exposes how deadly drug Spice – known inside by rhyming slang “Katie Price” or “legal advice” – is smuggled on kids’ crayon drawings. – *www.thesun.co.uk*, 10th November **2016**

legal aid

noun

lemonade [uk: SCOTLAND]

· A wee splash a the Legal Aid in wan a they haufs, young yin. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· What is put in lager to make a shandy? [...] b. Legal Aid. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.27, **2002**

· I think I will have a drink of Legal Aid. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October **2014**

leg before wicket; leg before; lbw

noun

1 the correct or desirable thing, exactly what is needed [uk]

Rhymes on the slang *the ticket*. < *leg before wicket*, a term from cricketing parlance. Used with the definite article and nearly always reduced to *lbw*.

· That’s the l.b.w. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Put it over there by the window. That’s the lbw. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a ticket (for a bus, the theatre, etc.) [uk]

Recorded in the forms *leg before wicket* and *lbw*. Usually reduced to *lbw*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 ■ **not all the lbw** crazy or stupid, not all there [uk]

Rhymes on *ticket*, used in the phrases *not all the ticket* and *not the full ticket*. Only recorded in the form *lbw*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 a mistake [uk]

Rhymes on *ricket*.

· [W]hen you’ve made a right l.b.w. you’ve cocked-up big time. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

leg of beef

noun

a thief [uk]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

leg of lamb; leg

noun

a gramme (of an illegal or illicit substance) [uk]

· And in terms of drug weights Coke [...] comes in legs (of lamb = gramme) or henries (the 8th) and eight of an oz. – *The Straight Dope forum*, 27th September **2001**

· Can I have a leg of that mate? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th October **2002**

· – *TalkCeltic forum*, 13th November **2010**

· Drug squad experts realised the “food” was heroin and “leg of lamb” was rhyming slang for a gram[.] – *North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, England, 29th November **2012**

leg of mutton; leg o’ mutton; leg

noun

a button [us/uk]

The short form is exclusively British.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Button, Leg o’ Mutton. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· Mum, my leg’s come off, can you sew it back on for me? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· You might find a leg of mutton here. – *www.tracetheplace.co.uk*, 21st December **2015**

leg of mutton

verb

to button [uk]

· You need to leg of mutton your Len Huttons. – N. Edwards, *On the Button*, p.17, **2012**

leg of pork

noun

1 the erect penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *stalk*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a walk [AUSTRALIA]

· Leg of pork: Perambulation. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

3 in darts and pool, a piece of chalk [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

4 a forklift truck [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fork*, an informal shortening of *forklift*. Recorded in use among Melbourne dock workers in the mid-20th century.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

leg rope

noun

hope [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Leicester Square; leicester

noun

a chair [UK]

< Leicester Square, a square in the West End of London.

· Pull up a Leicester and take the weight off your feet. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Leicester Square; leicester

adjective

(of hair) fair [UK]

< Leicester Square, a square in the West End of London.

· Just as he is telling the barmaid what lovely ‘Barnet’ she has, and remarking how ‘Leicester’ it is, two men in the four-ale bar commence ‘reading and writing,’ and he helps the landlord to bundle them through the ‘rory.’ [...] ‘Leicester Square’ (fair), ‘read and write’ (fight), and ‘Rory O’More’ (door). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

leisure hours; leisures

noun

flowers [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Since the 19th century, bunches of ‘leisures’ have been peace offerings. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Leith Walk

verb

to talk [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Leith Walk, a major street in Edinburgh.

· There must be thousands of people in Scotland who Leith Walk like me. – *Daily Star*, London, 26th January **2001**

lemon

noun

■ **up the lemon** pregnant [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A shortening of *lemon puff*, rhyming on *duff* (used in the phrase *up the duff*). < *lemon puff* ‘a puff pastry biscuit sandwiched with a lemon-flavoured cream filling’.

· I don’t know if anyone’s forgotten about this, or conveniently overlooked it, but wasn’t Mary already married, when God came along and got her up the lemon? – D. King, *The Burglar Diaries*, p.13, **2001**

lemonade

noun

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *spade*. Synonymous with LUCOZADE.

· What was the name of that jazz band again? The one that lemonade played in. – *Minder*, UK TV: ITV, 16th October **1980**

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· We’ll have to watch the rhyming slang now, Boysis. Lemonade, spade. Macaroon, coon. Whistle me dog, wog. Sounds different when it’s one of your family, don’t it? – M. Cole, *Goodnight Lady*, p.499 [2005], **1994**

· He’s a bleedin’ Lemonade. – *Niggermania* forum, 10th October **2008**

· [H]e would get offended and growl at people because he was being stereotyped by so many as a big lemonade with dreads and a bit of tom, so he must be a drug dealer. – MC Flux and P. Nice, *Dirty*, p.100, **2015**

2 in a deck of playing cards, a spade [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, **2011**

lemonade and sars; lemonade and sarse; lemonade

noun

1 dismissal from employment; rejection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*, used in the phrase *get (or give) the arse*. *Sars* (also spelt *sarse*) is a shortening of *sarsaparilla*.

· Other cases of the first element taking over are: “giving it the Khyber (Pass)”, “the flick (pass)”, or “the lemonade (and sars; that is, sarsaparilla)”. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 9th September **1993**

· – I just want some input on what you think I should do about a customer. He was caught spamming, spam cop results were sent to my provider yesterday, they null routed the IP. – unfortunately you have to give him the lemonade and sars. – *Web Hosting Talk* forum, 1st June **2003**

· Not true – give 98 the “lemonade and sars” and get a decent operating system[.] – *Techie HQ* forum, 26th June **2004**

· “Do I get a refund if I eat the rest but not the soup?” she enquired. “No,” I snarled. “What you get is the lemonade and sars.” – *Australian Traveller* magazine, February **2007**

· Suspended naughty boy Mark Johnson, whose brother Jason also looks set to be given the lemonade and sars from Windy Hill next season, is one of a crew of four outs for the meeting at Subi. – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 17th May **2008**

· Think it got the lemonade and sarse long ago. – *twitter.com*, 29th March **2012**

· [W]hat was the reason given for you getting the lemonade and sarse Ralphyy?? – *twitter.com*, 1st November **2012**

· I can only hope that the many baseball bats with Gillard's name on them are not stored away for good, but are still poised to give this poncing, posing sociopath the lemonade and sars he and his "colleagues" so deserve. – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 28th June **2013**

· [W]e give the haters the lemonade and sars. – *Bomberblitz* forum, 2nd October **2015**

2 a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· They all said she had the sweetest lemonade 'n' sars. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.53, **1995**

· [Y]ou then bend over and i'll ram my size 11 foot up your lemonade and sars. – *The Power from Port* forum, 8th June **2006**

· [T]he coach was trying to take his gaze away from one particular lemonade and sars with vatican cities to match. – *Beemaster.com* forum, 4th December **2009**

· If that's fence sitting, then i have a picket or two firmly up my lemonade and sars. – *One-Eyed Richmond* forum, 5th June **2012**

· OUCH! Pays to have a bit of Pudding' on your Lemonade and Sarse'. – *twitter.com*, 7th August **2012**

· Stick it up your lemonade and sars! – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**

3 a lucky person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tin arse*. Children's slang. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Lemon and Balkan States

noun

an act of washing one's hair and then styling it with grease [UK]

Formed on *lemon*, a shortening of LEMON SQUASH, and *Balkan States*, a cryptic play on the homophones *Greece* and *grease*. Prison slang.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

lemon and dash; lemon dash; lemon

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Influenced by a visual metaphor.

· [G]oing for a 'lemon'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Lemon and Dash is Cockney slang for Slash. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 12th January **2004**

· Lemon and Dash Slash (urinate)[.] – *Anglers' Net* forum, 25th May **2006**

· One is said to be having a "Lemon Dash" when urinating. – *gazarcher.com*, accessed 8th March **2013**

· Lemon Dash = Slash. "Just going for a Lemon". – *Enemy Down* forum, 12th July **2014**

lemon and lime; lemon lime; lemon

noun

1 time; the time [UK]

Used in the forms *lemon and lime* and *lemon*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· She was Israel's Judge at this lemon. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.49, **2001**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· Will I find the Lemon and Lime (rhyming slang. Yeeha!) / To look and listen and watch and hear and see and smell? – I. McMillan, *Talking Myself Home*, p.91, **2008**

· And the King James I 'Slander and Libel' is the authoritative version that we all know of these days – when it was first translated five hundred years ago, it was in the common language, but lemon and limes (times) are a'changin'[,] – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**

· What's the time? What's the time? What's the lemon and lime? – *What's the Time?*, lyric, Johnny and the Raindrops, **2012**

2 a crime [UK]

· Lemon and Lime is Cockney slang for Crime. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Lemon Lime [-] Not one lemon reported all night. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· It looked like Mr. Smith had been found Clonakilty (guilty) of almost every lemon lime (crime) possible. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

lemon and sars; lemon and sarse

noun

1 a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. A variation of LEMONADE AND SARS. *Sars* (also spelt *sarse*) is a shortening of *sarsaparilla*. Also used idiomatically, as in *out on one's lemon and sars* 'dismissed from a job; rejected', the direct equivalent of *out on one's arse*.

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· [I]'m going to kick your lemon and sarse! – *UD(.com)*, 23rd October **2006**

· Jam it in your lemon and sars! – *Aussie Boxing Forum*, 16th July **2010**

· North have told him they will try and trade him. If they can't trade him he's out on his lemon and sars. – *Demonology* forum, 18th September **2013**

· Take your measured thought and shove it up your lemon and sars! – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 21st March **2015**

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Rhymes on *arse*, used in the phrase *get (or give) the arse*.

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

- Jessc arrived a bit late after consoling a girlfriend who had just been given the lemon and sarse by her boyfriend. – *The Western Force* forum, 5th October **2006**
- Petro Georgiou has become a very brave and outspoken maverick indeed, since his ministerial ambitions were given the lemon and sars by the leadership. – *blogs.theage.com.au*, blog, 8th October **2006**
- I hope we get beat by an innings such that the selectors get the 'lemon and sars' and we start to re-build. – *Whit-ten Oval Online Forum*, 6th January **2011**
- Uhlmann needs to be given the lemon & sarse, he's a twit. – *twitter.com*, 11th September **2015**

lemon barley; lemon*noun*

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. ▶ see BARLEY

- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**
- I don't do no Billy, no Charlie, Lemon Barley, Andy Farley[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- Well, if they asked for a can of Sean Ryder, a line of lemon barley and a packet of 20 oilys would they give 'em that? – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service, Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**
- Went down the battle for a nelson and a couple of lines of lemon last night. – *Cardiff City Forum*, 23rd December **2010**

lemon curd*noun*

1 a young woman or girlfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *bird*. In Scottish usage the word is a folk-etymological elaboration of the common Scottish colloquialism *lemon*, which is often regarded as its short form. *Lemon* itself is probably a survival of the archaic word *leman* 'a sweetheart; a lover'.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- In my experience, people will use *lemon* for girlfriend in order to amuse friends who are not familiar with the expression; it is not standard slang usage. I have never heard the full expression *lemon curd*, other than as part of the explanation of *lemon*. – *Personal correspondence*, 23rd December **2002**
- Not got your lemon curd with you I hope? – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.234, **2002**
- We've got to go to that new club. You should see the lemon curds in there. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- The reason Mikel Arteta is leaving Glasgow – his lemon curd – sent temperatures soaring with red-bloodied males. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 19th June **2003**
- "By lemon, you mean what?" "Lemon. Lemon. Lemon curd, lovely bird. Cockney rhyming slang. Apples and pears up the stairs, lemon curd, bird." – F. Ellen, *The Samplist*, p.219, **2004**
- There will be loads of lemon curds[.] – *Physics Forums*, 13th September **2005**
- I hate it when me Lemon Curd (woman, yes it's ridiculous people actually talk like this and think it's funny

and clever) drags me off round the shops looking at tampons and s**t. – *theworldofdick.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th January **2010**

- This week we'd like to know about your local dialect rhyming slang. Some examples we already know about are: [...] Lemon curd – bird (Edinburgh)[.] – *swap.nesc.gla.ac.uk*, 24th December **2011**

- But whatever anybody's in fir, thir no gaunny take too kindly tae some cunt cowpin thair lemon curd. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.350, **2012**

2 a bird [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *turd*.· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

- [T]hen I realized that I'd trodden in a lemon curd. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

- Goes for a Jimmy Riddle and a Lemon Curd. – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 15th December **2004**

4 a word [UK]

Also used in the phrase *have a lemon curd with yourself* 'you should reconsider', the direct equivalent of *have a word with yourself*.

- 'ave a Lemon Curd with yourself. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th November **2003**
- The **lemon curd**. / No Brussel sprout: / Cheese and rice / Is all about! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.31, **2009**
- Away and have a lemon curd with yourself if u dont rate him! – *BBC 606* forum, 6th October **2009**

lemon curds; lemons*noun*

lyrics [UK]

Rhymes on *words*.

- "I've forgotten me lemon curds [words]" – he laughed at The London Palladium. – R. Balls, *Sex & Drugs*, p.12 [2001], **2000**
- The title of this blog refers to Elvis Costello and his song America without Tears, which has one of me favourite Lemons about the Sheriff of Nottingham and Little John. – *rockinpaddy.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th April **2012**

lemon dash*noun*

▶ see LEMON AND DASH

lemon dash; lemon*adjective*

1 ostentatious, showy [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*.

- Because of the lemon dash clothing I stood out like a sore thumb and the local villains didn't like it. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.15, **1986**

2 cheeky, impudent [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*.

- So, what's worth getting into a fight over? "Girlfriends," Danny grins. "Or someone getting a bit lemon with you (lemon dash – flash in Cockney rhyming slang).["] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 14th May **2004**

- [I]f anyone got lemon with us we'd have sorted them out. – *AFC Chat* forum, 18th September **2008**
- Dont get lemon with me! – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**
- Some bloke tried getting 'lemon' with me earlier this morning in Whichelo Place – had great delight in telling him to fuck off!! Prick. – *twitter.com*, 19th December **2012**

lemon drop; lemon
noun

a police officer [UK]
Rhymes on *cop*.

- Watch it. Lemons! – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Lemon Fanta; lemon
noun

banter [UK]

< Lemon Fanta, a lemon-flavoured soft drink made by the Coca-Cola-owned brand Fanta.

- lemon fanta = bitta banter. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August **2008**
- God you should of been with Jonty and Tarquin last night, totes Lemon Fanta. – *UD(.com)*, 26th October **2011**
- I like him. He's got great Lemon. – *www.capitalfm.com*, 29th March **2012**
- – looooool lemon fanta – I don't get it lool – lemon fanta banta, cockney rhyming slang loool means banta... – *twitter.com*, 3rd September **2012**

lemon flavour; lemon
noun

a favour [UK]

Usually in the form *do me/us a lemon (flavour)!*, an exclamation of disbelief. Generally shortened.

- An IQ of six? Do me a lemon! That's a poor IQ for a glass of water! – *Red Dwarf*, UK TV: BBC2, 4th October **1988**
- "Babe, could you do me a lemon? The football's about to start." I'm crazy about him, so I made him a lemon. It's a shot of vodka with lemon juice and sugar around the rim. "What's that?" he asked, as I handed over the drink. "Well, it's a lemon, isn't it?" It turned out that he had meant a "lemon flavour", which is apparently cockney rhyming slang for a favour. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 14th April **1996**
- "Kantian contract", luv? "Nietzsche?" Do us a lemon, like. S'only the bits wot give us a chance to get a beer out the fridge. – *www.theguardian.com*, 31st January **2007**
- So if anyone can do us a lemon flavour and post a pic up of a silver 5 with black e8 enkeis then fair play to that man. – *Mitsubishi Lancer Register* forum, 1st January **2009**
- Do me a lemon. – J. Graham, *This House*, stage play, Cottesloe Theatre, London, September **2012**

lemon meringue
noun

slang; specifically, rhyming slang [UK]

- Last year a local radio presenter interrupted a studio discussion of slang and dialect to exclaim, when he heard that I was compiling an archive of slang and new language at King's College London, 'Surely you can't be getting paid to do this? After all it's just lemon meringue!' (its equivalent, of course, in rhyming slang). – *www.llas.ac.uk*, 'Slinguistics or Just Lemon Meringue?', plenary presented by Tony Thorne at the conference *Crossing Frontiers: Languages and the International Dimension*, University of Cardiff, 7th July **2006**
- By the 1970s, non-Cockneys were getting in on "lemon meringue": musicians picked up the lingo from their roadies and electricians, advertising executives and journalists from messengers and drivers, Mockneys everywhere from TV shows like *The Sweeney* and *Minder*. – *The Independent*, London, T. Thorne, 'Rhyming slang is brown bread? Don't you Adam and Eve it...', 1st April **2012**

lemon peel; lemon
noun

spoken bravado; glib patter [UK]

Rhymes on *spiel*.

- "Palace have turned into Charlie Big-Potatoes giving it all the lemon ... when all they've ended up with is Billy-No-Mates thinking they're Jack-the-Biscuit". – *CPFC BBS* forum, 11th August **2005**
- Lemon Peel ... Spiel (giving it the large one). – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 2nd October **2006**

lemon-pip
noun

a jeep [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Imperfect rhyming slang. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.

- [G]ive me this and you can come on the lemon-pip by the long road. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.119, **1968**

lemon spread
noun

the head [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.35, **1983**
- – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May **2005**
- Fell Out Me flamin Ute Straight Onto Me Lemon Spread! – *Street Commodores* forum, 5th March **2007**
- – *Companions.com.au* forum, 13th February **2010**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

lemon squash; lemon
noun

1 a wash [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Hence LEMON AND BALKAN STATES.

- In the morning he would have a "lemon squash" and a "dig in the grave" round his "fillet of plaice"[.] – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**
- After having a lemon squash in cold water and running the Home, Sweet, Home through me Barnet Fair, I sat

down to the Cain-and-Abel. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April **1938**

· If the squatter’s daughter’s cast iron pot, I’ll have a fairy bower, but if it’s soldiers bold I’ll have a lemon squash. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· I came to a bullocks liver where I reckoned I’d have a lemon squash and liven up a bit. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· Toil completed, the men were formed into groups then lined up to undergo a shower. [...] To have a lemon, as they called it, was one of the big events of the day. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.137, **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Lemon squash: Ablutions. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhyming slang which would have been better off forgotten. Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. [...] lemon squash – wash[.] – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March **2004**

· I’d better give the car a bit of a lemon squash. – *Tear-drops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· You have your ‘lemon squash’ while I dish up[.] – B. Park-Dixon, *Wild Child*, p.132, **2011**

· – Price list, ‘Jack the Clipper’ barber shop, 4 Toynbee Street, Whitechapel, London, **2012**

2 the area in a public toilet where people wash their hands [UK]

Rhymes on *wash*.

· Lemon Squash *The Wash* The Lemon. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

lemon squash; lemon

verb

to wash [UK]

First recorded by Partridge in 1938, but only in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· Up the *apples to lemon* me *Ramsgates*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.9, **1969**

· Half a cock while I lemon my germans. – *The Tomorrow Show*, US TV: NBC, 26th November **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· After he’s lemon squashed a bit of Roy Hudd – Gone and washed off all the blood[.] – *spreadtheword events.wordpress.com*, blog, S. Tasane, ‘My Old China’, **2011**

lemon squasher

noun

a washer [UK]

A derivative of the verb LEMON SQUASH.

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

lemon squeezer; lemon

noun

a man [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *geezzer*.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.33, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· George Raft is a right nasty old lemon-squeezer when it’s a bit Mork and Mindy outside[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 26th November **2006**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

· Right, now I know a Julius (Caesar – geezer) who knows this Coles lemon (squeezer – geezer)[.] – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**

· Do you know what I’m saying? He ain’t such a bad lemon. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.206, **2014**

lemon-squeezy; lemon

adjective

easy; very easy [UK]

< *easy-peasy*, *lemon-squeezy*, an elaboration of the colloquialism *easy-peasy*.

· You’re making it lemon squeezy for them, they’re cutting through us like eyes a winking. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· It was Lemon, mate. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· Like, I assumed it would be lemon-squeezy to join the Electric Club, on Portobello Road. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 31st October **2004**

· The rabbit and pork is lemon squeezy[.] – *spreadtheword events.wordpress.com*, blog, S. Tasane, ‘My Old China’, **2011**

· Raising cash is lemon squeezy. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 13th February **2012**

· [L]ife for a tea leaf’s not lemon[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘A Tea Leaf’s Jackanory’, 3rd November **2013**

· See – it’s lemon squeezy when you get into it. – *The Guardian*, London, 18th August **2015**

lemon squirt; lemon

noun

dirt [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

· [F]irst off is the steamship, *steamship funnel*/tunnel, then lemon *lemon squirt*/dirt. And ‘ow we get rid of the dirt is by chuckin’ it away, so that will be Lady to rhyme with *Lady Luck*/chuck. Anyone wot says Lady or even Lady Luck means ‘e’s concerned wiv getting’ rid of the contents of the steamship, right? – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.116–117, **1973**

lemon tart

noun

a fart [UK]

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

lemon tart; lemon

adjective

1 smart [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· All of the gang have a go, from Albert Square's ass-kicking Michelle Ryan (lemon tart casting if ever I saw it) to Lock Stock's Alan Ford and Goldfinger's Honor Blackman. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

2 impudent or heavily sarcastic [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Used in the phrase *don't get lemon with (someone)* 'don't be sarcastic with (someone)'. No evidence of use in the full form.

· Don't get Lemon wiv me, son! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st October **2004**

lemon tea; lemon

noun

urine; an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. Suggested, or at least reinforced, by metaphor.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1992**

Lemony Snicket; lemony

noun

a ticket [UK/IRELAND]

< Lemony Snicket, the pen name of American writer Daniel Handler (b.1970).

· Get some Lemony for the footy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd October **2006**

· I was chatting to a mate the other day and he told me that he "got us some Lemony for the game" (Reading V Spurs). – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

· [W]e really need some Lemony Snickets for the game this weekend[.] – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· – *TalkCeltic* forum, 15th November **2010**

· [I]t's JP or Fionn, checking have I still got the old Lemony Snickets for the Leinster v Munster match next weekend. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.70, **2010**

Len Groat

noun

the throat [UK: EAST MIDLANDS]

< Len Groat, the professional radio name of English DJ Leonard Griffin (b.1949), who worked for Radio Trent (later Trent FM) from 1977 to 1994 and for GEM-AM from 1988 to 1994.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 'Words & Phrases used in Ilkeston and their meanings', 27th July **2009**

Len Hutton

noun

a button [UK]

< English cricketer Len Hutton (1916–90).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· You need to leg of mutton your Len Huttons. – N. Edwards, *On the Button*, p.17, **2012**

Len Lott

adjective

hot [AUSTRALIA]

< Len Lott, an Australian jockey who enjoyed success from the late 1920s until the early 1950s.

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

Lenny Kravitz

noun

rabbits [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Imperfect popney rhyming slang. < American rock musician Lenny Kravitz (b.1964).

· – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**

· – *www.dailyreckless.com*, accessed 15th June **2012**

Lenny the Lion

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *iron*, the shortened form of IRON HOOF. < Lenny the Lion, a leonine dummy given life and voice by English ventriloquist Terry Hall (1926–2007); the act was a popular entertainment on British TV from the mid-1950s to the end of the 1970s.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Len Reed

noun

amphetamine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *speed*. Prison use. Were this proved to be a misprint or mishearing of LOU REED, rather than an independent coinage, the citation below would be the first instance of the use of the word.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Leo Fender; Leo

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang noun *bender* 'a homosexual'. < American electric guitar designer Leo Fender (1909–91).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· 'He's a bit Leo' (Fender). – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· That blokes a bit leo after all. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

Leona Lewis; Leona

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Lewis*. < English pop singer Leona Lewis (b.1985). ▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, C.S., DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS, JERRY LEE LUAS and REBECCA

· To hop on the Leona/Daniel Day – using the LUAS to travel to your destination. – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd September **2012**

· On D "Leona Lewis" heading up d Square in Tallifornia" lol. – *www.facebook.com*, accessed 11th January **2016**

· Not to brag but I've probably never paid for a ticket on the Leona. – *www.her.ie*, 11th January **2016**

Leonard Teale; leonard

noun

a meal [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian actor Leonard Teale (1922–94).

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Leons

noun

diarrhoea [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *Leon Trotsky* via the homophones *Trots*, an informal shortening of *Trotskyists* or *Trotskyites*, and *(the) trots* ‘diarrhoea’.

< Leon Trotsky, the pseudonym of Russian revolutionary Lev Davidovich Bronstein (1879–1940).

- The guy had been caught short mid-run with an impending dose of the Leons and had scussed it to the nearest restau d’altitude[.] – *Snowheads* forum, 7th July 2006
- – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.237, 2007
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th January 2007
- Sorry i didn’t go out last night, i had a dose of the Leons... – *UD(.com)*, 17th May 2009
- ‘A stomach upset’ is much easier to spell, altogether more politely euphemistic and everyone knows what it means. Alternatively, shitting through the eye of a needle. Or the Leons, Montezuma’s revenge, Delhi belly, the squits, the ring of fire[.] – *Exiled Again* forum, 27th October 2013

Leo Sayer; leo

noun

1 an all-day drinking session [UK]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*. < Leo Sayer, the stage name of English singer Gerard Sayer (b.1948).

- – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1997
- No time for a Leo Sayer (all-dayer), so a quick Ruby Murray (curry) on the way back to her drum and bass (place) to check on the currant bun (son), bricks and mortar (daughter) and pot and pan. – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August 2001
- You coming out on a Leo? – *UD(.com)*, 25th January 2004
- [I]t’s never a good time to meet someone when they’ve been on a ‘Leo Sayer’. – D.B.J. Swarbrick, *La Boom*, p.54, 2008
- They were having a bit of a Leo* at the White Lion[.] – *boardgamegeek.com*, blog, 30th April 2011
- A (teetotal) colleague ended up in the same pub as me when I’d been on a Leo Sayer a couple of weeks ago[.] – *Drum&Bass Arena* forum, 28th March 2013

2 an all-day shift at work; a full day at work; a full day spent doing the same activity [UK]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*. Only recorded in the full form.

- [D]oing a Gary Player is doing an all dayer. Also known as a Leo Sayer. Barney Rubble is a double shift. – *twitter.com*, 26th March 2011
- Up at 5.30 for a Leo Sayer at work. – *twitter.com*, 3rd January 2013

Leroy Lita; Leeroy Lita; Leroy; Leeroy

noun

1 a litre, usually of alcoholic drink [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *litre* and *Lita*. < Congolese-born English footballer Leroy Lita (b.1984). Reinforced by two separate incidents, one in January 2010 and the other in February 2012, in which Leroy Lita was arrested for drunk and disorderly behaviour.

- im not hammered mate, i’ve only had a leroy of beer. – *UD(.com)*, 11th February 2008
 - I am getting obsessed with the whole Lita signing, went in a newsagents today and asked for a Leroy of water. – *Charlton Life* forum, 7th March 2008
 - [A] leroy lita of vod! – *twitter.com*, 29th October 2012
 - [H]ad a leeroy (lita) of vodka. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January 2013
- 2 a lighter [UK: SUNDERLAND]
- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *lighter*, pronounced *leeta* in a Sunderland accent, and *Lita*.
- [T]his is a Leeroy in certain circles of friends for me like... – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 15th August 2011
 - ‘Leeroy’ = lighter (cigarette lighter) or ‘leeta’ in mackem slang. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February 2013

Les Dennis

noun

1 tennis [UK]

< English comedian and television presenter Les Dennis (born Leslie Dennis Heseltine, 1954).

- Anyone for a game of Les Dennis? – *b3ta* forum, 8th February 2003
- When’s the Les Dennis on? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May 2006
- My name is Dan and I like playing Les Dennis. I live in Bromley, please contact me for a game of Les Dennis. – *www.londontennis.co.uk*, 26th September 2006
- – *twitter.com*, 21st November 2011

2 a menace [UK]

Influenced by Dennis the Menace, a comic strip character in the British children’s comic *The Beano*.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Les Kiss; Less Kiss

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Australian rugby league player Les Kiss (b.1964).

- He’s gone to take a Les Kiss. – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November 2000
- [G]otta hand a less kiss. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004
- As I proceeded to Mal Meninga her, I ran to the bathroom for a Les Kiss[.] – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September 2004
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – *Sportal* forum, 18th October 2010

Leslie Ash; Lesley Ash; leslie; lesley*noun*

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < English actress Leslie Ash (b.1960).
 · Urination can be known as going for a ‘Leslie’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [Y]ou said you were going for a leslie ash[.] – 100% *Biker* forum, 15th September **2005**

· Urination can be known as going for a ‘leslie’[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· Lesley (Ash): Slash. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

· [M]y date has met me, panicked, and has told me she was going to ‘powder her nose’... has taken too long having a ‘leslie ash’ and has most likely escaped through the toilet window. – *www.pof.com*, 4th December **2013**

· [A]bout to go for a ‘leslie’. – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August **2014**

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *gash*. Only recorded in the form *Leslie Ash*.
 · – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.108, **2011**

3 cash [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Leslie Ash* and *leslie*.

· At the turnstiles we paid our £10 which seemed like quite a lot of Leslie (Ash, cash, ie Leslie Ash played Steph in Quadrophenia and in cockney rhyming slang it... oh never mind). – *europaenfootballweekends.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd May **2010**

Leslie Ash*verb*

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Leslie Crowthers; Lesley Crowthers; leslies; lesleys*noun*

trousers [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang (unless the lisp is deliberate).
 < English comedian and television presenter Leslie Crowther (1933–96).

· But you’ll be fine as long as you keep your Hampton in your Lesley Crowthers. – *Football Ground Guide* forum, 3rd March **2005**

· But how long does it take to put on a pair of Leslie Crowthers and a top? – *Daily Echo*, Bournemouth, 30th January **2010**

· Leslie Crowthers (abbreviated to leslie’s)[.] – *FMTTM* forum, 23rd February **2012**

Leslie Howard*noun*

a coward [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < English actor Leslie Howard (1893–1943).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Lester Piggott; Lester Piggot*noun*

1 a bigot [UK]

< English jockey Lester Piggott (b.1935).

· Lester Piggot is Cockney slang for Bigot. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· You go calling a malnourished African a Lester Piggott... that could do more harm than good. – *Red Nose Day*, UK TV: BBC1, 18th March **2011**

· So it’s time 4 ur uncle ted ya lester piggot. – *www.the-fanclub.com*, 16th November **2011**

2 in scaffolding, a round metal bar with two holes through each end used to join tubes coaxially [UK]

Rhymes on *spigot*. Recorded with the spelling *Lester Piggott*.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 4th March **2011**

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

let me loose; letme*noun*

a foolish person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *goose*. The short form is recorded by Factor (2000) as children’s slang.

· You’re a small letme. – J. Factor, *KidSpeak*, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

let’s get matey*noun*

in bingo, the number eighty [UK]

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

let’s procreate*noun*

in bingo, the number seventy-eight [UK]

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

let’s rejoice; lets rejoice*noun*

a voice; the human voice [AUSTRALIA]

· I go to roll and lurch every Sunday, and the Wincombe Carson reckons I’ve got a bosker lets rejoice, and often gets me to sing hers an’ hims on my Pat Malone. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

letter sorter*noun*

a railway porter [UK]

· Going to a race meeting he betakes himself to the “invitation” (station), gets a “brief” (ticket), asks a letter “sorter” (porter) which platform, sees the “Christmas card” (railway guard), asks which is the “hail and rain” (train), and jumps in. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

lettuce leaf*noun*

a thief [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.35, **1983**· I had no idea what 'Khazi' was, or 'kip', or 'lettuce leaf' (thief) but, would you 'Adam & Eve' it, I soon learned! – H. Eysenck, *Rebel*, p.83, **1997****lever arch files; lever arches***noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.· – Roger's *Profanisaurus*, **1999**· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**· The Scurra's item about how there are five Cockney rhyming slang phrases for piles and haemorrhoids has sparked an unnatural response from readers. Roger Turner emails: "For goodness sake, there are many more than five! I remembered a further five that are commonplace round our neck of the woods. Ceramics (tiles), Lever Arches (files), Dukes (of Argylls), Michaels (Miles) and finally Emmas (Freuds). There will be others." – *Daily Mirror*, London, 7th July **2003**· Sorry to hear about the lever-arch files (that's local government rhyming slang for piles). – *www.ciao.co.uk*, 7th February **2004****Levi jeans; levis***noun*

sight screens [UK]

Cricketers' slang. < *Levi's jeans*, a reference to the American branded jeans first made by German-born entrepreneur Levi Strauss (born Löb Strauß; 1829–1902).· Levi jeans – sightcreens: as in "You'll have to move the Levis". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003****Levi Strauss***noun*

a house [UK]

< Levi Strauss, also known as Levi's, an American clothing firm founded in 1853 by German-born entrepreneur Levi Strauss (born Löb Strauß; 1829–1902).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008****Levy and Frank; levy; leavey***noun*

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Levy and Franks Ltd, a restaurant and pub chain founded in London by Isaac Levy at the end of the 19th century.· Well if you do have one for me at eleven o'clock sharp, and I'll have a leavey at the same time and imagine that I'm haveing a bunk up instead of you. – F. Norman, *Bang to Rights*, p.187, **1958**· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**· **LEVY** – Levy & Frank – **Wank**. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.91, **1999**· – M. Cornog, *The Big Book of Masturbation*, p.12, **2003****Levy and Frank; levy***verb*

to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.· To wank (masturbate) was, for a long time to "J. Arthur" (J. Arthur Rank), or to "Levy" (i.e. Levy and Frank, the Brewers). – *New Society* magazine, London, 13th June **1963****Lew Hoad***noun*

1 a road [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian tennis player Lew Hoad (1934–94).

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

2 the amount of semen released during an ejaculation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *load*.· ... shot me Lew Hoad of Billy Dunk ... – *League Unlimited* forum, 30th September **2004**

3 a sexually transmitted infection [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *load*.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009****Lewis and Witties***noun*

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *titties*. < Lewis & Witty, a former blacking (boot polish) factory in Fitzroy, Melbourne.· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: S.J. Baker, manuscript letter in the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, **1942**· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.52, **1987****Lewis Grassic Gibbon***verb*

fibbing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fibbin*. < Scottish writer Lewis Grassic Gibbon (real name James Mitchell; 1901–35).· He's a strange Archie MacPherson. Always very Earl Haig and I never know if he's telling the truth or Lewis Grassic Gibbon. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007****Lew Lakes***adjective*

crazy [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *lakes*, the short version of LAKES OF KILLARNEY. < English comedian and actor Lew Lake (1874–1939).· An interesting example of shortened and changed rhyming slang is found in *Lew Lakes*, meaning insane. – *The Police Journal*, London, July/September **1951**· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, s.v. *lakes (of Killarney)*, **2009**

Lex McLean*noun*

a child [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *wean*. < Scottish comedian Lex McLean (1908–75).

· I didnae mean to shout at your Lex McLean. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Liberty X; liberty*noun*

sex [UK]

< English pop band Liberty X.

· I got me some Liberty. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th April **2003**

· When was da last time yew an' all 'ad some liberty X? – *Principia Discordia* forum, 1st January **2008**

lid*noun*

used as a friendly form of address between men [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A slang rhyme on *kid* or a clipped form of BIN LID.

· The latest one is to call your mates “lid” – this is a shortened version of “bin lid” which is rhyming slang for “our kid”. – *www.stevenjwalley.com*, blog, 15th November **2005**

· [A]lright Barack, how's it going lid? – *twitter.com*, 27th October **2011**

· “Hey lid, fuck off with all that miraculous bollocks unless you're going to do it every game/week/season.” – *www.theanfieldwrap.com*, 8th April **2015**

lies and dead horse*noun*

meat pies with tomato sauce (a popular Australian dish) [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme attached to a piece of rhyming slang. Used by children. This dish is also known in rhyming slang as *dog's eye and dead horse*. ▶ see DOG'S EYE and DEAD HORSE

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

life and death; life*noun*

breath, especially bad breath [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – A. Parody, *Eats, Shites & Leaves*, p.70, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I might get a bit outta life and death (breath)[.] – *runningmasters.blogspot.com*, 24th March **2015**

life peer*noun*

a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < *life peer* ‘in Britain, a member of the peerage whose title is not hereditary’.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

life's begun*noun*

in bingo, the number forty-one [UK/IRELAND]

Triggered by *life begins at*, a traditional bingo call for forty.

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

Liffey water*noun*

porter (ale) [IRELAND/UK]

Franklyn (1961) notes that, before 1914, the word was largely confined to Irish usage. The later use of the word to refer to any kind of dark beer or stout, especially Guinness, is based on the myth that Guinness is made using water from the River Liffey, which runs through the centre of Dublin.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

light and bitter*noun*

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < *light and bitter* ‘a mix of bitter and light ale’.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – *essexgirl2004.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th August **2004**

· Ooh Philip, my Light and Bitter (shitter i.e. arse) is burning coz of the Ruby Murray (curry) we had last night. – *queerwabbit.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th August **2007**

· [B]ig tit jailbird takes one up the light and bitter. – *Peachy Forum*, 17th October **2008**

· He hides the bearer bonds in the false ceiling of his room at the Cosmopolitan, the memory stick up his light and bitter and makes *initial contact* with Samuel. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.327, **2011**

2 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· **light and bitter** shitter. The part of one's anatomy that will be the greatest victim of a night on the light and bitter. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

light and dark*noun*

1 a park [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

2 a rugby field [UK]

Rhymes on *the park*.

· Simon Shaw's got dodgy plates of meat but he just returned to the light and dark, too late for this match tho'. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

light and friskey*noun*

whisky [IRELAND]

· I stalled and had a light and friskey, then wheezed about the geer. – P. Logan, *Fair Day*, p.138, **1986**

Lightning Ridge; lightning*noun*

a fridge [AUSTRALIA]

< Lightning Ridge, a town in New South Wales, Australia.

· – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 14th May **2008**

light of love; light of your love; light*noun*

a prison governor [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *guv*. The forms *light of your love* and *light* are recorded in 2012. Prison use.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· ‘The Light wants a word. You’ll be sent for.’ ‘The who?’ ‘The Light. You know, light of your love. Guv. Love. That’s rhyming slang.’ – M. Amis, *Lionel Asbo*, p.67, **2012**

light of my life*noun*

one’s wife [UK]

< *light of my life*, a clichéd idiom that may sometimes be applied to one’s wife. It is possible that its status as rhyming slang is no more than an excuse for ironic usage.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Depending on the situation, you can refer to your wife variously as *light of my life*, *carving knife*, or *trouble and strife*. – *englishcowpath.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd June **2011**

Lil’ Joe*noun*

▶ see LITTLE JOE

Lil’ Kim*noun*

a hymn [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Lil’ Kim, the stage name of American rapper Kimberly Jones (b.1974).

· [N]ow Lil’ Kim means hymn[.] – *www.widemediamedia.com*, 12th January **2001**

Lilley and Skinner; lilly*noun*

[1] a dinner [UK/US?]

< Lilley and Skinner, a British shoe shop founded in 1835. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned out-

siders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· Arter ‘avin’ ‘is Lilley and Skinner (dinner), m’lady, ‘e went down the frog and toad (road). – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.10, 1980: *Sunday Express*, London, **1932**

· JOHNNY SKINNER. Dinner. (Origin uncertain, probably American.) Agreed. The English equivalent is Lilley and Skinner, after a well-known firm of boot manufacturers with many retail shops[.] – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [H]e has nipped off to get a bit Chopin before Lilley and Skinner. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.29, **1975**

· Thought I’d take me bird down the rub a dub for a few tiddly winks. Might go on for a bit of Lilley and Skinner after. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, **1976**

· They’re gonna ‘ave Lilley with me. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.34, **2001**

· Where’s my Lilley & Skinner? – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· Cor blimey guvnor, fancy a plate of jellied eels for your ‘lilly and skinner’? – *www.sustainweb.org*, 29th July **2013**

[2] a beginner [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I’m just a **Lilley and Skinner**, and I’m not too good on my **pins and pegs** really. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· Lilley* Guide to Rhyming Slang. [...] ‘Lilley and Skinner – beginner. – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

· A ‘lilly’ is likely to be known as ‘newbloke’ until such time as introductions are made. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Lillian Gish; Lillian Gish; lillian; lillian*noun*

[1] fish [UK]

< American actress Lillian Gish (1896–1993). Also in the phrase *drink like a Lillian Gish* ‘to drink heavily’, the direct equivalent of *drink like a fish*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· I took her for some *Lillian Gish* / Down at the chippy caff. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.21, **1979**

· I noticed that Sid always waited for me to taste every mouthful before he took a bite. He was still drinking like a Lillian Gish[.] – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.125, **1979**

· The real Lillian Gish for the net was Ken ‘over the top’ Russell. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.102, **1986**

· He stopped in front of the serving hatch and gave their order: “Two Lillian Gish tonight, Florrie, and make that a spanner’s worth of chips.” – M. Macdonald, *The Sky with Diamonds*, [2013], **1988**

· You’ll be in charge of all the animals, the Richards and the Lilian Gish. [...] From inside the big Lillian, Jonah prays to God. – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp. 21/59, **2001**

2 urine; an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *pish*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

· A Lillian = a Pish. – *Queenzone* forum, 11th May **2006**

· I drank so much water I was dying for a Lillian Gish. – C. Marx, *Atheist’s Guide*, p.148, **2007**

· Just like your five pints scenario – you could be telt to dae it without going for a lillian gish, but the chances are you wouldn’t be able to manage it and would embarrass yourself. – www.celticquicknews.co.uk, 3rd May **2009**

· Do we score when you go for a Lillian Gish? – *twitter.com*, 8th January **2012**

· [A]fter you’ve had a few pints of Mick, you’re usually in dire need of an outlet for a good Davy Nish. Or, come to that, a Lillian Gish. – www.heraldscotland.com, 17th April **2014**

· [H]e’s away for a Lillian Gish. – *twitter.com*, 8th September **2016**

3 a dish [AUSTRALIA]

A synonym of DOROTHY GISH. Only recorded in form *Lillian Gish*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, **2001**

· – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

4 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *pish*. Only recorded in the forms *Lillian Gish* and *Lilian Gish*.

· Those that say we will never qualify for a major tournament again are talking Lilian Gish. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th September **2003**

· Let’s face it, pre-season friendlies are complete and utter Lillian Gish. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd July **2006**

· How bad is the new Alistair McGowan show on STV? It is attempting to be a sporting version of TV Burp. Absolute Lilian Gish! – *twitter.com*, 2nd June **2012**

· And then there are the usual suspects that continually talk a load of Lillian Gish like me. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 6th September **2013**

lillian gished; lilian gished

adjective

drunk [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pished*. An adjectival adaptation of LILLIAN GISH.

· Similarly, **Lilian Gished** means drunk. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, s.v. *Lilian Gish*, **1988**

· I knew few descriptions for drink, but many descriptions for drunk [...] (The most exotic of dozens of Glaswegian synonyms is “Lilian Gished” – rhyming slang for “pished”). – *The Times*, London, 29th June **2002**

· Only thing you have to worry about is trying not to get knocked down when you’re crossing the motorway, especially when you are a wee bitty Lillian Gished and have your BMX with you! – *NightB4* forum, 7th August **2003**

· G yer lillian gished. – *Belfast Forum*, 11th June **2008**

· Well, come on, have you tried pouring a kettle of boiling water at 1.30am when you’re Lillian Gished? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 25th March **2009**

· Ever thought of the idea that it is a Saturday night, and due to Celtic winning so well, people are out getting Lillian Gished? – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 13th August **2011**

· I too am still Lillian Gished from last night. – *twitter.com*, 5th December **2015**

Lill Lane

noun

a train [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

Lil Wayne

noun

a nuisance, an annoyance [UK/INDIA]

Rhymes on *pain*. < Lil Wayne, the stage name of American rapper Dwayne Michael Carter, Jr (b.1982). Used in the phrase *a Lil Wayne in the butt/ass*.

· My sister keeps yelling ymcmb, she’s such a lil wayne in the butt. – *twitter.com*, 20th June **2012**

· Wiz Khalifa is such a lil Wayne in the ass. – *twitter.com*, 29th September **2012**

Lily of Laguna; Lily of Lagoona; Lilly of Laguna; lily; lilly

noun

a schooner (a tall beer glass); hence a glass of beer;

beer [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Lily of Laguna’, a song written in 1898 by English composer Thomas Augustine Barrett, better known as Leslie Stuart.

· “Three lilies new; Paterson Laing old; a oncer, rogans the kembla”. [...] This translation is achieved by knowing that a schooner of beer is referred to in rhyming slang as a *lily of Laguna* and is then cut to *lily*[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.359, **1966**

· **Lily of Lagoona**: a schooner, of beer. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **Lilly of Laguna** (Lilly). [...] Had a few **lillies** and before getting too **Adrian**, I decided to nip down to the **J Arthur** for some **Oscar**[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, p.109/back cover, **1997**

· “In the sociolinguistic group of my early manhood, which admittedly was a long time ago,” writes Tony Barker, of Carlingford (The origins of liquor lingo, Col-

umn 8, Tuesday), “the abbreviated rhyming slang term for schooner was ‘Lily’, short for Lily of Laguna, a song written in 1898 whose tune, incidentally, is used by the Carlton Football Club for its theme song.” – *www.smh.com.au*, 15th July **2010**

Lily Savage

noun

cabbage [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Lily Savage, the drag queen alter ego of English comedian Paul O’Grady (b.1955).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Lily the Pink; Lilly the Pink; lily; lilly

noun

an alcoholic drink [UK/IRELAND]

< ‘Lily the Pink’, a 1968 comic song by the Liverpool band The Scaffold which begins ‘We’ll drink a drink a drink to Lily the Pink the Pink’. The song and its title derive from ‘Lydia Pinkham’, a much older song from the folk tradition.

• ‘Oi, Bernie, you kant where we going for a Lilly?’ ‘A fucking what?’ ‘A fucking Lilly the Pink you slay-agg!’ – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, p.172 [2002], **2001**

• Your Lily mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st July **2006**

• Lily the Pink is a drink[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 30th June **2013**

• I’m just out havin’ an oul lily or 2. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 3rd September **2013**

• You going out for a few lillys? – *www.irishslang.info*, 9th December **2013**

Limehouse Cut; limehouse

noun

a paunch [UK]

Rhymes on *gut*. < Limehouse Cut, a canal in east London.

• Look at the massive Limehouse you’re getting, you ought to go on a diet. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• He had a *limehouse* out to there and *scotch pegs* that only just touched the ground. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

Limehouse Link

noun

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. < Limehouse Link, a road tunnel that connects central London with the Docklands area.

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th September **2009**

Lincoln’s Inn; lincolns

noun

1 gin [UK]

< Lincoln’s Inn, one of the four Inns of Court in London.

• These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] gin (Lincoln’s Inn); sleep (Bo-peep)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• Used to be a lot of fun in the old days. Before the war, when the blokes would come in and order a pig’s, two torn thumbs, a lincolns, a smack in the eye[.] – *The Windsor Star*, Windsor, Ontario, 29th August **1978**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the hand [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *fin*.

• STRONG AND THIN. Fin. (Origin uncertain, probably English.) Agreed, but rare compared to *Lincoln’s Inn*[.] – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.47, **1946**

• ‘Ulllo! ole choina! Gis yeh Lincoln’s Inn! Ain’t seen yeh fer years! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• A ‘Lincolns’ is an old reference to a hand[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 a five-pound note [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *fin*. Only recorded in the full form. Wentworth and Flexner (1960: 648) define the word as ‘five dollars (a fin)’, which may be taken as evidence of American usage. However, the authors include the term in a section entitled ‘Rhyming slang (Cockney and Australian)’, where British, Australian and American items are listed together with no geographical label. This makes one suspect the definition might be a mistake and should have read ‘five pounds’. Further evidence is wanting.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Lincolnshire lasses

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

A variation of the more common LANCASHIRE LASSES. The rhyme works perfectly in some regional dialects.

• – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Linda Lusardi; linda

noun

a cardigan [UK]

Rhymes on *cardy*. < English actress and television presenter Linda Lusardi (b.1958), who rose to prominence as a Page Three topless model in the *Sun* newspaper.

• She turned up wearing the same bloody linda. – *London*, spoken, male, 41, December **2008**

• A jazzy Linda Lusardi. – *Personal correspondence*, 20th February **2009**

Lindsay Kline; lindsay

noun

wine [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Lindsay Kline (1934–2015).

• I went to the **Gene** for a quick **Werris** then caught a **left jab** downtown to get some **Arthur Murray** and a bottle of **Lindsay**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

line and float*noun*

a coat [UK]

< *line and float* ‘the essential equipment for coarse fishing’.

· – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, **1937**

linen draper; linendraper; linen*noun*

a newspaper [UK/US?/IRELAND]

In American and Irish English, only evidenced in the form *linen draper*. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· In the morning he would have a “lemon squash” and a “dig in the grave” round his “fillet of plaice,” and then read the “linen draper” while he breakfasted at the “Cain and Abel.” – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**

· I heard a coffee stall customer ask the proprietor for a ‘Once or twice of Sexton Blake, please,’ and the proprietor said, ‘Will you have it in your German or the linen draper?’. – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November **1927**

· “A butcher’s hook at the linendraper” means merely a look at the paper. – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 29th September **1933**

· Obviously what the linens call a national disaster of the first magnitude had occurred[.] – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.74, **1956**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [T]hen we were into my jam and going like the hammers, fireballs drifting out the whole way made by lighting bits of linen-draper all bloody. – R. Cook, *Crust*, pp.26–27, **1962**

· The month was June, the year ‘forty-three’ and the ‘linens’ were covered in War Correspondent articles and Reuter communiqués[.] – B. McGhee, *Cut and Run*, p.218 [1963], **1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· Not likely to make the linen drapers the next morning. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.152, **1986**

· The linens all referred to the place as an “El Dorado” for cat burglars, and who was I to disagree? – T. Broadbent, *Smoke*, p.3 [2005], **2002**

· I’m going down the shops for a linen. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Johnny H in the linen drapers again. – *twitter.com*, 16th November **2015**

Lionel*noun*

the penis [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *hampton*, a shortening of HAMPTON WICK, and *Hampton*. < American jazz musician and composer Lionel Hampton (1908–2002). Sometimes used in the phrase *larrup one’s Lionel* ‘(of a male) to masturbate’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Hampton Wick*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Lionel Bart; lionel*noun*

1 a fart [UK]

< English composer and lyricist Lionel Bart (born Lionel Begleiter; 1930–99).

· Sometimes when bands are sitting around in hotel rooms bored and in a childish mood, Lionels can help. Band members will occasionally take part in a creative pastime known as ‘making a farts (Lionels) tape’. – B. Young and M. Moody, *Rock ‘n’ Roll*, p.90, **1985**

· – *The Sun*, London, 31st March **1994**

· It’s a well-known fact that everyone likes the smell of their own Lionels. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Three weeks after watching Andrew Lloyd Webber take an eternity to explain “Lionel Bart is rhyming slang for fart” audience toes are finally beginning to uncurl at I’d Do Anything. – *The Sun*, London, 25th April **2008**

· It stinks in here; did you let off a Lionel? – S. Finch, *LBOCRS*, **2015**

2 a prostitute or promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *tart*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

Lionel Blair; lionel*noun*

1 a chair [UK]

< Lionel Blair, the stage name of English dancer and entertainer Henry Lionel Ogus (b.1931). Only recorded in the full form.

· When the man arrived home, his daughter was sitting by the Jeremiah on her favourite Lionel Blair. – *The Two Romnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.40, **1979**

2 among interest rate traders, a pair of an agreed unit [UK]

· A half is a laugh, one is a Spaniard (Juan), a pair is a Lionel (Lionel Blair the dancer), three is a carpet (flea) and four is a Desmond[.] – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 29th March **1993**

3 a nightmare [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I’m havin’ a right lionel. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Footballers, when they have a bad game, call it a ‘Lionel’[.] – F. Sedgwick, *Where Words Come From*, s.v. *Berk*, **2009**

· 201-4 and only in the 17th over. West Indies having a bit of a Lionel. – *twitter.com*, 11th January **2015**

4 the floor [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *flair*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Daily Star*, London, 26th January **2001**

· On the Lionel Blair[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 30th April **2002**

5 the hair [IRELAND/UK]

· I check the old Lionel in the mirror, roysh, probably needs a cut[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.137, **2004**

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th January **2007**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Got the Lionel Blair done earlier... I look like a wet tennis ball... – *twitter.com*, 10th June **2010**

Lionel Blairs; lionels

noun

flared trousers [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *flares*. < Lionel Blair, the stage name of English dancer and entertainer Henry Lionel Ogun (b.1931).

· [C]lock them Lionel Blairs, my life, talk about trouser problems chief; and as Big Den Stratton (57) observed ‘I’ve seen more life on a tramp’s vest!’ – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.69, **1984**

· Tommy the geezer in the Lionel Blairs, looks a right berk. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Tommy Tripe*, **1992**

· Are you wearing your Lionels? – *The Observer*, London, 9th November **1997**

· Anyways, all that hitting the high street banks with the jolly old sawn-off went out with sideboards and radiograms, three-piece whistles with twenty-four-inch lionels, although it still goes on, of course[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.8 [2001], **2000**

· It was the era of kipper ties, stacked heels and tank tops. And it was also the heyday of flares – or ‘Lionel Blairs’ as they came to be known. – *Daily Mail*, London, 24th September **2010**

· Billy has on a shiny, wet-look leatherette T-shirt and a pair of ‘Lionel Blairs’, which somewhat undermines the punk look. – A. Collins, *Billy Bragg*, p.34, **2013**

· [D]em lionels are a bit iffy. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 10th September **2013**

Lionel Messi; Lionel

adjective

1 (of a situation, job, etc.) not easy to handle or deal with; confused [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *messy* and *Messi*. < Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi (b.1987).

· It’s All Gone A Bit Lionel! (Messi) – *Vital Football* forum, 11th August **2008**

· In rhyming slang, you would say the Argentine YPF imbroglia was a tad “Lionel” – as in Lionel Messi. – *Financial Times*, London, 21st April **2012**

2 cheerfully unruly or disorderly, often as a consequence of drinking or drunken behaviour [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *messy* and *Messi*.

· Looking forward to Ants’ stag do tonight! It’s going to get Lionel! – *twitter.com*, 24th July **2009**

· The trouble is, after your first innocent sip you become increasingly vulnerable to the boozed up gremlin on your other shoulder, who after a few pints looks quite attractive. Then things start to get a bit Lionel (Messi, for the non football fans)[.] – *The Courier*, student newspaper, University of Newcastle, 25th October **2010**

· Girlschool had been playing their own gig at the Roadhouse, and Kim McAuliffe, Jackie Chambers and Denise Dufort were all in party mood. Suffice to say, it all got a bit Lionel Messi. – *www.daveling.co.uk*, 11th March **2012**

· Just the other night, I was invited to a stag night that I was warned might get a wee bit “Lionel” (ie, messy). – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 5th May **2012**

· In the mosh pit, ready for Imagine Dragons. Going to get Lionel. – *twitter.com*, 11th April **2013**

· Bloody Mary’s.....it’s going to get Lionel! – *twitter.com*, 30th September **2016**

Lionel Richie; lionel

noun

the sum of fifteen pounds [UK]

A covert pun on *lady*, a shortening of LADY GODIVA. < American musician Lionel Richie (b.1949), lead singer of the Motown group The Commodores, who wrote and sang their 1978 hit ‘Three Times a Lady’ – hence the pun: *three times a lady* is taken to mean ‘three times a fiver (£5)’. Synonymous with COMMODORE.

· One of my brokers used to use a Lionel for 15 (3 times a lady). – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 4th June **2007**

· [S]omeone referred to 15 pounds as a “Lionel!”... – *The Miniatures Page* forum, 25th November **2009**

· Lionel Richie = £15. – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

Lionel Richie; Lionel Ritchie; lionel

adjective

1 itchy [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American musician Lionel Richie (b.1949), who rose to fame in the 1970s as the lead singer of The Commodores. Only recorded in the full form.

· I love this wool sweater, but it’s a bit Lionel Richie [itchy]. – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 18th January **2001**

· [M]y balls are lionel richie. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December **2006**

2 spiteful or maliciously critical [UK]

Rhymes on *bitchy*. Synonymous with NICOLE RICHIE.

· She's acting all lionel richie! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd October **2002**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· Stop acting so Lionel Ritchie, you stupid berk! – *pizza-emergency.livejournal.com*, blog, 15th October **2004**

· Everything was great, and suddenly she went all Lionel. – *IrishAbroad.com* forum, 9th January **2005**

· The blonde re-emerges bein' a bit Lionel Ritchie. Right Chairman Mao she is. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· 'I hope you're not disrespecting me.' 'I think she is. She's saying you're very Lionel Richie and an utter bowl-er hat.' – *Taking the Flak*, UK TV: BBC2, 15th July **2009**

Lionel Rose

noun

the nose [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian boxer Lionel Rose (1948–2011).

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· Heads were beans, conks or noggins. Fingers? Onkaparingas. A nose? A Lionel Rose or a schnoz. – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August **2006**

· – M. Gwynn, *Does Australian Slang Still Rhyme?*, **2007**

· But his Gregory Peck of a neck is all right and so is his nose. I mean his Lionel Rose. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**

Lionel Van Praag

noun

an unattractive girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *bag*. < Australian speedway rider Lionel Van Praag (1908–87).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

lion's lair; lion's

noun

1 a chair [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Frewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· Get into that lion's lair (chair) and let's chew the fat (have a chat). – P. Howard, *State*, p.38 [1986], **1984**

· Have a lion's while you wait. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

2 a share [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

lion's share

noun

a chair [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

liquid toffee

noun

coffee [UK]

Nautical slang. Influenced by a metaphor of appearance and flavour.

· – *Ships Nostalgia* forum, 4th May **2012**

Lisa and Bart; lisa

noun

a fart [UK]

< Lisa and Bart, two characters in the American cartoon TV family *The Simpsons*, created by Matt Groening. *The Simpsons* began as inserts in the *Tracey Ullman Show* in 1987 and became a stand-alone series in 1989.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Lisa Minelli

noun

► see LIZA MINELLI

Lisa Tarbucks

nickname

American coffee house chain Starbucks

Also known as KEN AND BARBIES. < English actress and presenter Liza Tarbuck (b.1964), who is herself sometimes referred to as LIZA STARBUCK.

· Let's head for Lisa Tarbucks! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th February **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

lisp and stutter

noun

butter [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Listerine; Listerene

noun

a person with anti-American views [UK]

A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Listerine, a well-known brand of antiseptic mouthwash. A coinage triggered by the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003. Synonymous with DETTOL, DOMESTOS and SAVLON.

· Can't stand George Bush and I'm a Listerine too. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February **2004**

· Your colleagues at uni are a bunch of Listerines, a bunch of commie bastards, aren't they? – *London*, spoken, male, 39, October **2004**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· So you are not a Listerine then? – *Cycling Forums*, 1st November **2005**

· “Listerene” .. thats sorta like a disinfectant .. someone who is not keen on Americans. – *The Channel* forum, 24th February **2009**

Listerine; Listerene

adjective

anti-American [UK]

A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Listerine, a well-known brand of antiseptic mouthwash. A coinage triggered by the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003. Synonymous with GERMOLENE.

· I heard someone in a London market talking and saying, ‘I’m not Listerine’, and I said to him, ‘What do you mean Listerine?’ – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 13th November **2003**

· A market stall holder in London’s Soho was heard to say, ‘Oh, it’s the tourists... I’m not Listerine but they get on my goat.’ – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

· [S]omeone who doesn’t like Americans was described as “a bit Listerene”. – *F2 E-Business* forum, 7th November **2013**

little and big; little

verb

to dig [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

· We need crowns such as Chinese and Dukes to little and Lady the lemon. [...] We need tools such as spades and forks so that we can dig and dispose of the dirt. [...] We’ll little and big more than one steamship funnel[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.126, **1973**

little and large

noun

1 margarine [UK]

Rhymes on *marge*. Possibly < Little and Large, a British comedy double act formed in the early 1960s and widely popular in the late 1970s and 1980s.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 an accusation, especially by the police [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *charge*. A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· ‘Right! ‘Old it, ‘old it! Yer all fackin nicked inchah!?’ ‘Nicked, eh!? ... Wot’s the little an’ large?’ – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Little Bo-Peep

noun

▶ see BO-PEEP

Little Bo-Peep

adjective

cheap [UK: SCOTLAND]

< ‘Little Bo-Peep’, a traditional English nursery rhyme, first recorded in the early 19th century, and its eponymous character.

· Let’s face it, pre-season friendlies are complete and utter Lillian Gish. And, staying with the Cockney rhyming slang, they’re not exactly Little Bo Peep. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd July **2006**

Little Boy Blue

noun

1 in bingo, the number two [UK/IRELAND]

< ‘Little Boy Blue’, a traditional English nursery rhyme first recorded in the 1740s.

· Number two, Little Boy Blue, is what I used to be[.] – *Bingo! (I’m in Love)*, lyric, Dave Carey, **1961**

· – H. Norris, *Chambers Factfinder*, p.594, **2006**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

2 a prison warder [UK]

Rhymes on *screw*. Possibly inspired by the blue uniform worn by prison guards.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

little brown jug

noun

1 a foolish or gullible person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mug*. < ‘Little Brown Jug’, an 1869 drinking song by American composer Joseph Winner, popularised by Glenn Miller in the early 1940s.

· The Duke of Kent was needed and she needed to pull at least a half a country cousin of little brown jugs. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

2 a sink or bath plug [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 an electric plug [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

4 a tampon [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *plug*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Little Grey Home in the West

noun

an undershirt [UK]

Rhymes on *vest*. < ‘Little Grey Home in the West’, a 1911 song by Hermann Löhr (music) and D. Eardley-Wilmot (lyric).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Littlehampton

noun

■ **be from Littlehampton; live in Littlehampton** (of a man) to be endowed with an undersized penis [UK]

Based on a humorous interpretation of *Littlehampton*, the name of a town in West Sussex, in the south-

east of England, as a compound of *little* + *hampton*, the word *hampton* being a shortening of HAMPTON WICK.

· [E]ven uses a lot of rhyming slang. Where does he come from? Littlehampton :D :D :D – *CPFC BBS* forum, 6th February **2008**

· – Are you disagreeing with me? If so, explain. – I think he's insulting you. – By the way, you have a very, very small penis. – He's from Littlehampton. – *alt.atheism.narkive.com*, 21st February **2008**

· – Who has the biggest cock on weenforum. – [...] I live in Littlehampton. – *Ween.net* forum, 19th February **2013**

Little Jack Horner

noun

► see JACK HORNER

Little Joe; Little Jo; Lil' Joe

noun

in craps, a roll of four [US]

Relies on a mock American dialect pronunciation of *Joe* as *Jaw*, thus rhyming perfectly on *four* (itself pronounced *faugh*, with no *r*). Sometimes elaborated to *Little Joe from Kokomo*, with variations such as *Little Joe from Baltimore*, *Little Joe from Chicago*, *Little Joe from Idaho* and *Little Joe on the front row*.

· “Zip-zong-zekel-hezikiah!” ejaculated the shaker as he blew in his fist and rolled the dice over the board. Four was the throw. “Shake dies, niggah, shake dies!” spoke a man about ten shades blacker than the man he addressed as “niggah.” “Wetcher throw, coon?” “Little Jo. Jo Day! 'E dun got no use for Little Jo.[’]” – *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 12th June **1886**

· “Jimmy Hicks, take my gal to Memphis!” “Big Dick is mine!” “Come, Little Joe!” These expressions are a part of the vocabulary which accompanies any well-arranged sitting of the Southern darky’s great game of craps. [...] Nearly all the points on the dice are named. Four is called “Little Joe,” five is called “Phoebe” or “fever,” six is known as “Jimmy Hicks,” nine is “Liz,” and ten is “Big Dick,” sometimes also called “Big Tom.” – *The Sun*, New York, 7th November **1897**

· I saw excited darkies calling out: “Come seben-’leben”; “Fade you”; “Big Dick is mine”; “Come, little Joe”; “Cut his throat, seben,” and other things which I did not understand. [...] “What did that black fellow mean by calling, ‘Come, little Jo?’” “‘Little Jo’ is fou’, maybe two 2’s, o’ a 3 an’ 1; dey nebbah call de numbahs, ’cept seben an’ ’leben, deys got names fo’ ’em; five is ‘fever,’ six is ‘Jimmy Hicks,’ nine is ‘Liz,’ an’ ten is ‘big Dick.’” – F. Mather, *In the Louisiana Lowlands*, pp.6–7, 1900; first published in *Forest and Stream* magazine, New York, 24th September **1898**

· **Little Joe**, a 4 in craps (dice). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Little Joe. A four. – H.L. Mencken, *The American Language. Supplement II*, p.747, **1948**

· Some of the best-known nicknames in dice are: [...] *Little Dick*, *Little Joe*, *Little Joe from Baltimore*, *Little Joe*

from Kokomo: total of four. – H. Chafetz, *Play the Devil*, p.419, **1960**

· Little Joe is one of many calls that is frequently rhymed, as in “Little Joe from Kokomo,” or “Little Joe from Idaho.” – J. Grochowski, *Craps*, p.39, **2001**

· **Four** (usually hard) is sometimes referred to as “Little Joe from Kokomo” or “Lil’ Joe on the front row”. – *dicechuckingladyloving.wordpress.com*, blog, 18th April **2012**

little Miss Muffet

verb

used in expression of rejection or indifference [UK]

Rhymes on *stuff it*. < ‘Little Miss Muffet’, a traditional English nursery rhyme first published in 1805 and its eponymous character. Synonymous with LORD LOVAT.

· You can take your advice and little Miss Muffet up your gongapooch. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Little Mix

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK]

< Little Mix, a British pop group formed in 2011. One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

· – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December **2016**

· – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 29th December **2016**

· Bingo bosses are swapping traditional calls for modern ones – such as Little Mix for number six. – *The Sun*, London, 30th December **2016**

Little Nell

noun

a bell, usually a doorbell [UK]

< Little Nell, a diminutive form of Nell Trent, the heroine of Charles Dickens’s novel *The Old Curiosity Shop*, published in book form in 1841; in later use possibly reinforced by the stage name of Australian actress and club owner Laura Elizabeth Campbell (b.1953). Also a pun on the homophonous *little knell*.

· I must die for the want o’ Johnny Rann, / No Little Nell shall be rung for / This Pope-o’-Romeless pot-’n-pan / My ding-dong has been sung for... – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Go on, ring the Little Nell – and run! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Who’s that ringing on the Little Nell at this hour? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· That Little Nell’s been ringing since dawn. – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.34, **2011**

Little Peter

noun

a gas or electricity meter [UK]

As some gas and electricity meters are coin-operated, perhaps suggested or reinforced by a pun on the slang *peter* ‘a safe’.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Little Red Riding Hoods; little red ridings*noun*

in criminal circles, stolen goods [UK]

< the classic fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood*, first published by Charles Perrault in 1697 under the title of *Le Petit Chaperon Rouge*, and its eponymous main character.

· Amongst the many angles Charlie occupies himself with is the odd bit of merchandise that has fallen off the back of a lorry, been lost in transit, gone for a walk, developed legs, become ownerless, lost its collar, appeared on his doorstep, was found adrift in the canal, or was given to him to mind by a geezer who never came back. All euphemisms for stolen or, as he prefers to call it, Little Red Ridings[.] – A. Frewin, *London Blues*, p.83 [2005], **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· The pork chops don't 'ave a didgeridoo abaat the tea leaf what left Little Red Riding Hoods in Bob's jam jar. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August **2012**

Little Sleazers*nickname*

Little Caesars, an American pizza restaurant chain

A slang rhyme.

· – *www.barrypopik.com*, 5th April 2011: *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 5th September **1990**

· – G. Foss, *Domino's Pizza Jargon*, p.15, **1996**

· Nah, that's Little Sleazers pizza. – *alt.pizza.delivery.drivers*, *Google Groups*, 26th May **1999**

· Little Sleazers is the best though with it's "hot and ready" for 5.55. – *www.vg247.com*, 16th September **2009**

· Little Sleazers (nickname given when I was in college) is great for lots of things. – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2012**

Little Tich*noun*

an itch [UK]

< Little Tich, the stage name of diminutive English music-hall entertainer Harry Relph (1867–1928); he had acquired the nickname Tich as a child, from his resemblance to 'the Tichborne claimant' (real name Arthur Orton), the man who in 1866 claimed to be the missing heir to an English baronetcy, Roger Tichborne.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I've got a Little Tich and it's driving me mad. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

Little Tichy*adjective*

itchy; discomfited [UK]

A derivative of LITTLE TICH.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· It's always made me a little tichy when anyone says that. – *The Sims* forum, 17th August **2013**

Little Tommy Tucker*noun*

a man; a spirited person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*. Less common than TOMMY TUCKER, but closer to its source.

· [A] little known Government Department founded in the 18th century by William Pitt and later brought into disrepute by the legendary Little Tommy Tucker. – *www.nitro.co.uk*, blog, 13th December **2010**

little yellow baskets*noun*

the Japanese [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme on *little yellow bastards*. Coined and used extensively during World War II.

< *my little yellow basket*, a phrase used in 'A-Tisket, A-Tasket', a 1938 song by Ella Fitzgerald (adapted by Fitzgerald and Van Alexander from an American nursery rhyme), with the word BASKET jocularly interpreted as a euphemism. ▶ *see* TISKET

· The Japanese are 'little yellow baskets,' if you know what I mean, and Happy Day has only two ambitions concerning them. One of them is to shoot down 50 Zeros, complete with their owners, and the second is to shoot down other 50. – *The Glasgow Herald*, 27th September **1944**

· And don't forget, much as you want to come back to Kibworth, Kibworth wants you back and needs you back still more. So roll on the end of the "Little Yellow Baskets" so that you can come home. – *The Kibworth News and Forces' Journal*, **1945**

· Anyway, the Captain sent a signal to the Flag Officer (Sir Philip Vian) onboard The Indomitable to reassure the fleet that we were ok. He sent the message 'little yellow baskets!'. (Which is a polite way of being rude!) – *www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar*, 19th May **2005**

live eels*noun*

fields [UK/US]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· Bill's gone to *live-eels* to read and write with Joe. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**

· [C]all a flounder and dab with a tidy Charing-cross, and we'll go for a Bushy Part along the frog and toad into the live eels. – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], 'Thieves' Slang', 8th February **1883**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

live gig*noun*

an act of masturbation or sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *frig*.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

liver and lung*noun*

the tongue [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

Liz*noun*

excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Liz Two*, rhyming on *poo*. < *Liz Two*, a reference to Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II (b.1926). Influenced by the colloquialism *number two*.

- Liz – poo (Liz Two, referring to Elizabeth the Second – and which apparently gives rise to the wonderful expression 'drop old Liz off at the pool', meaning go to the toilet.) – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

Liza Minnelli; Lisa Minelli; liza*noun*

a television [UK/IRELAND]

< American actress and singer Liza Minnelli (b.1946).

- A fat man's north opens and he wanders up and turns the Liza over. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**
- She turns off the old Liza, which I take as a hint that it's time to get up. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.281, **2005**
- Have another Vera Lynn, switch off the Lisa Minelli[.] – *ActiveBass* forum, 14th October **2005**
- It's 3-3 and Rog is having a fucking mare. My mind is suddenly racing with the possibilities. I have to get to a Liza Minnelli. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.125, **2007**

Liza Starbuck*nickname*

English actress and presenter Liza Tarbuck (b.1964), daughter of comedian Jimmy Tarbuck

A slang rhyme punning on *Starbucks*, the name of a popular coffee house chain based in Seattle, Washington. This chain is in turn named after Starbuck, a character in Herman Melville's novel *Moby Dick* (1851). The nickname *Liza Starbuck* illustrates the circularity of some rhymes, the Starbucks chain itself being known as LISA TARBUCKS.

- I love Liza Starbuck and her oppo instead of SW. – *Togs.org* forum, 14th September **2007**
- Fern Brittain and Liza Starbuck (why isn't she on telly much?). – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th March **2011**

Liz Hurley; liz*adjective/adverb*

early [UK]

< English actress Liz Hurley (b.1965).

- – *The Bath Chronicle*, 27th November **2001**
- 'e's never gotten here liz. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

L.K. Clark; L.K.*noun*

▶ see ELKY CLARK

LKS Mackinnon Stakes; LKS*noun*

water [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun on *mile and a quarter*. < LKS Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington, the final major lead-up race to the Melbourne Cup; this race is run over *a mile and a quarter* (or *ten furlongs*). Hence also the nickname GLASS OF WATER. The full form LKS MACKINNON STAKES is given by Seal (2009). A synonymous pun is TEN FURLONGS.

- – *The Age*, Melbourne, 25th August **1978**
- But sometimes the passage from the slang to the actual meaning becomes so convoluted it is almost impossible to track down the connection. An example is L.K.S., which ultimately equates with water. – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.22, **1987**
- "It's my Wally Grout, what'll you have?" I asked. "The usual," he replied, "Gordon & Gotch and LKS on the side and I'll bet it's still a pig's ear for you." – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 29th September **1998**
- [W]hilst ryming slang certainly didnt originate in Australia there's a few little rippers out there. My favourite is LKS for water. – *ROTORBURN* forum, 5th June **2007**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Lloyd's List; lloyd's*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < *Lloyd's List*, a London-based newspaper for the shipping industry.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Arsenal lost, so Fred got Lloyd's. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

load of hay*noun*

a day [UK/US]

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1896**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- One 'load of hay' my old 'China Plate' (China) came with me to the 'pair of braces' at Epsom[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.69, **1973**

loafache*noun*

a headache [UK]

Formed on *loaf*, a clipping of LOAF OF BREAD.

· I had a terrible day today! I have a splitting loafache! – *www.lexiophiles.com*, 30th June **2008**

loaf of bread; loaf

noun

1 the head, especially as a source of intelligence and common sense [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Often in the phrase *use your loaf* ‘to use one’s common sense, to think sensibly and intelligently’, except in American English, where the available evidence suggests the term is never shortened and is only used in the literal sense ‘the head’. Hence PAN-LOAF.

· Look what’s on her loaf of bread. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Hat Tonic’, *Sporting Times*, London, 7th February **1920**

· He had had his Barnet cut since I last saw him, and his loaf looked smaller. – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· LOAF: Head, e.g., “Duck your loaf–i.e., keep your head below the parapet”. (Rhyming slang–loaf of bread). – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· The sooner you’re in your Uncle Ned, the sooner I’ll get me own loaf on the weeping willow. – A. Bracey, *Public Enemies*, p.206, **1934**

· Use your loaf, you big berk. – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.273 [1938], **1937**

· I grabs ’old er me cap, an’ shoves it on me loaf. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.95, **1943**

· LOAF OF BREAD. The head. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· You look slashing with your tit for tat (hat) on the back of your loaf of bread (head). – *The Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania, 22nd November **1947**

· It requires only slight exercise of the loaf to tell you why this is so. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.68, **1956**

· A candle had tilted from the chandelier and was dripping on my loaf. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.118, **1986**

· Still, he might pass her a Lady Godiver, if she doesn’t whack him on his loaf of bread first ... *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th October **2000**

· The boss there gave me lot of leeway and said ‘use your initiative, use your loaf, make it happen’. – *New Zealand Management* magazine, February **2002**

· Don’t listen to ya loaf, listen to yer jam tart. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Mind your loaf! – N.W. Schur, *British English*, p.426, **2007**

· Ah here, use yer bleedin loaf, willye? – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th March **2014**

· loaf noun loaf of bread [...] a person’s head. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· Kipper thumbed the cosh in his overcoat pocket: If I’m going down, I’m cracking a few loaves open on my way. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.93, **2016**

2 a dead person, a corpse [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

· O how I cried when Alice died / The day we were to have wed! / We never had our Roasted Duck / And now she’s a Loaf of Bread! – W.H. Auden and C. Isherwood, *The Dog Beneath the Skin*, III.i, p.123, **1935**

3 a headbutt [IRELAND]

Extended from sense 1. Only recorded in the short form.

· That’s when Mickah stitched Deco a loaf, clean on the nose. – R. Doyle, *The Commitments*, p.139 [1991], **1988**

· A great little Irishman, she called him. Kevin did Ian McEvoy in the yard when Ian McEvoy called him that; he gave him a loaf in the nose. – R. Doyle, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, p.264 [1998], **1993**

· [H]e gave yer man an awful loaf in the skull! – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th March **2014**

loaf of bread; loaf

adjective

dead [UK]

· LOAF O’ BREAD.– Dead. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, **1930**

· Loaf of Bread a) Dead. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· They told me you’d be loaf by Fursday. – G. Dury et al., *The Council Gritter*, p.98, **2009**

loaf of bread; loaf

verb

1 to headbutt [IRELAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun form. Always shortened. Also used ditransitively in the phrase *loaf someone one* ‘to headbutt someone’.

· Sorry about that, said the boy, I meant to loaf you on the nose. – B. Share, *Slanguage-2*, 2003: F. Mac Anna, *High Kings*, p.19, **1991**

· Give me a beer you bollix or I’ll loaf you one. – *Dublin*, spoken, male, ca 20, March **1996**

· Without a moment’s pause, I went over and loafed him one. He hit the ground like a ton of bricks. – R. Keating, *Life is a Rollercoaster*, [2011], **2001**

· Shut up or I’ll loaf ya! – *UD(.com)*, 2nd May **2005**

2 to go in a certain direction [UK]

Rhymes on *head*. Only recorded in the full form.

· He just wanted to loaf of bread to their Mickey Mouse, have a David Gower and hit the Big Mac for Posh and Becks. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

lobster and crab; lobster

noun

a taxicab [UK]

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 12th April **2007**

· Another Cockney rhyming slang name for a cab is ‘Lobster’[.] – A. Townsend, *The Black Cab Story*, p.90, **2009**

Loch Ness; loch*noun*

a mess [UK]

< Loch Ness, a lake in the Scottish Highlands.

- [“So, since the job’s meant to start Wednesday, leaves me in a Loch.” [...] “Loch?” “Loch Ness, Charlie–Mess.” – S. Brett, *Not Dead, Only Resting*, p.30, **1984**
- Whit an absolut’ Loch Ness in here. If ah were you, ah’d get it sortit right noo. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

locket*noun*

a pocket [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme. ▶ see LUCY LOCKET

- A curious phase of city slang was that which broke out a couple of years ago, and necessitated a person saying a word to rhyme with and instead of, the actual word he wished to express. Thus a man’s pocket became his ‘locket’, and his boots his ‘roots’. – *The Australian Magazine*, November **1908**
- – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

lofty peak*noun*

the nose [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *beak*.

- – *Genes Reunited* forum, 3rd June **2008**

Lois Lane*noun*

cocaine [UK]

< Lois Lane, Superman’s girlfriend, a comic book character created by Jerry Spiegel and Joe Shuster in 1938.

- I’m loving Mary Jane, flying with Lois Lane / On board a bullet train. / Don’t know yet if I’m glad I came[.] – *Writer’s Block*, lyric, Just Jack, **2006**
- – *www.experienceproject.com*, 6th February **2011**

lollipop; lolly pop; lolly; lolly*noun*

1 a shop [UK]

- Durland would say, “Well, Tom, We must get a Lolly Pop, (*shop*) on the Bounce, for a Saturday night.” – T. Norman, *The Penny Showman*, p.12 (1985), edited version of an unpublished manuscript written **ca 1921**
- I strolled in at eleven o’clock and found the finger had had a look at my lolly on the way to business and had decided that it was not a bit like the joint his wife had described to him. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.308, **1934**
- To nomads the road is the ‘drag,’ a man a ‘homey,’ a woman a ‘palone,’ a fair a ‘gaff,’ and a shop a ‘lolly’ (curtailed rhyming slang: lollipop = shop)[.] – E. Harvey, *A Company of Masterless Men*, p.52, **1944**
- A watch is a bottle of Scotch, and a shop a lollipop. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

- He never opened the lollipop. [...] Whitegate Drive was like that and the lolly we were looking over was on a corner so that there were streets on three sides of it, the main drag in front, another wide street down the side and the narrow lane behind. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, pp.86/125, **1959**

· [Y]ou’re setting up lollipop in London. – *The Economist*, London, 28th October **1978**

- A further hoarding takes a butchers’ hook at another modern day urban crisis: “Lollipop – shop,” it reprimands sternly. “You’ve spilt coffee on your shirt. And upset your secretary and need to buy flowers and have forgotten your wife’s birthday – just as well that One Wood Street is equipped with fine shops.” – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 7th November **2005**

· I’d brushed me Hampsteads and gone down the apples and pears for breakfast to find the bacon had gone bales. I got on the dog and bone to my trouble and told her to get to the lollipops. I had uncle Fred and Dr Crippen instead.” – *weloveaccents.co.uk*, 9th April **2014**

2 a police officer [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cop*. Recorded in the forms *lollipop* and *lolly*. An Australian synonym is LOLLIPOPPER.

- **lolly**. Policeman (from the rhyming slang, lollypop–cop). – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· **lollipop** [...] *stop* (‘police’ in backslang)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- At the Bastille the lollipop said the fare must pay the price on the meter. – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.96 [1992], **1965**

· **lollipop** [...] *cop*. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

3 a pawnshop [UK]

A narrowing of sense 1. Only recorded in the form *lolly pop*.

- This valuable compilation cannot be reprinted in full but we give you as startling samples the following and their rhyming equivalents: [...] *lolly pop* for pawn shop; *bees and honey* for money. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**

4 a gratuity; a bribe [UK]

Rhymes on *drop*. Possibly a folk-etymological elaboration of the common slang word *lolly* ‘money’ (first recorded in 1943), itself probably based on the Romany *loli* ‘copper coins; money’ (a noun use of the adjective *loli* ‘red’). The common belief that *lolly* ‘money’ stems from *lollipop* is not substantiated by evidence. Only recorded in the form *lollipop*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- When he’s a waiter Fred does well on lollipops. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

5 an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *cop*. Only recorded in the form *lolly*.

- These days, a lolly is someone who has been giving information to the police or prison authorities [...]. To be called a lolly in the criminal or prison world is a serious matter and can mean that your health and well-being is

in imminent danger. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.294, **2015**

lollipop; lolly-pop; lolly; lolly up

verb

to inform on (someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *shop*.

· Other crooks told me that this “buyer” had had a run of many years before being “knocked off.” Whether he was “lolly popped” (peached upon) or whether he was “shopped” (given away by confederates) I am not sure. I believe he was “lolly popped.” – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.168, **1930**

· Lolly ... lodge information with the police. – *The Sunderland Echo and Shipping Gazette*, 2nd October **1931**

· Lolly-popped = informed against. – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker’s Kitchen*, p.284, **1932**

· The hiker having been tailed off by a boggy after being lollied by nark is knocked off. – *Auckland Star*, 21st May **1932**

· [W]hen a criminal is informed against by any one he is “lollied.” – D. Hume, *Gaol Gates*, p.10 [1937], **1935**

· Gawblimey, ter think as I stood for the madam from that grass as lollied you. – J. Phelan, *Murder by Numbers*, pp.123–124, **1941**

· lollipop. Shop, i.e. to inform against. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· He was lollied. The Law found the gear in his garage and he got a five stretch. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.191, **1977**

· **LOLLIPOP, to;** (RS) to inform. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· Lollied Grassed. – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, **1989**

· To ‘lollipop’ or ‘lolly’ is to inform on. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]he only way out of this little predicament, this oh-so-convenient dilemma, is to trot into the witness box, swear the oath and do the business for Regina, lolly your buddy Morty, go Queen’s evidence, get him lifed-off. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.197 [2001], **2000**

· **LOLLY;** 1. to inform, ex lollipop = shop. – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· Yeah, I’ll put her in it, lolly her right up, don’t you worry! – D. Kirby, *You’re Nicked!*, p.137, **2007**

· I had been lollied up, good and proper, and I could guess who had done it. – N. Smith, *A Rusty Gun*, p.53 [2011], **2010**

lollipopper

noun

a police officer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *copper*. Suggested by **LOLLIPOP**.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.35, **1983**

lollipop stick

noun

a trick [UK]

Mistakenly thought to be the origin of the football slang *lollipop* ‘an action of moving a foot swiftly about

round the ball giving a false impression that the ball is to be kicked or of passing the ball between a goalie’s legs’, coinage of which is credited to the commentator, former player and manager Ronald Frederick ‘Big Ron’ Atkinson (b.1939).

· If a player demonstrates some fancy footwork on the pitch, then it’s a lollipop, from lollipop stick, which is rhyming slang for trick. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 10th October **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

lollipop stick

adjective

quick [UK]

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

lolly

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang. *Lolly* is an Australian synonym of *sweet* (in the sense of ‘a small piece of confectionery’), *sweet* is the first part of the word *sweet pea* and *pea* is a homophone of *pee*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

lolly lick; lolly

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. Suggested or reinforced by imagery of oral sex.

· I’ve got a big lolly. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st March **2002**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· Let me suck your lolly lick, we’ll go to an ATM, I’ll bung you a monkey and you’re on your way. – *Nifty Erotic Stories Archive*, 11th February **2009**

· It’s all “have a butcher’s at my lolly lick and Davina McCalls” these days[.] – *MMA Underground* forum, 8th July **2009**

Lon Channey

noun

the vagina [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*. < American actor Leonidas ‘Lon’ Chaney (1883–1930).

· Lon Channey (from US warewolf actor) As in: You could see right up her... – *Queenzone* forum, 16th February **2008**

London bobby

noun

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. *Bobby* is a British colloquialism for a uniformed police officer.

· ‘I’m away for a tom tit ...’ ‘Is that the same as a London Bobby?’ – *Bluenose* forum, August **2010**

Londonderry

noun

sherry [UK]

- < Londonderry, a city in Northern Ireland.
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.35, **1969**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- Pour a Londonderry for your old mother. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

London fog

noun

- 1 a dog; hence, as a plural, greyhound racing [UK]
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *Betfair Community forum*, 7th March **2011**
- We had a pearly gate time at the London fogs last night. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**
- 2 a stupid person [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *log*.
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

London taxi

noun

- a person's bottom or anus [UK]
- Rhymes on the slang *jacksie*.
- If you don't leave off you'll get my boot six lace-holes up your London taxi. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Lone Ranger

noun

- 1 a stranger [UK]
- < Lone Ranger, a character originally created for American radio in 1933, best known in Britain by the eponymously titled television series, first broadcast between 1949 and 1957. Criminal slang.
- 'Hi ho Silver,' he said cheerfully, 'we've got another couple of Lone Rangers.' [...] 'Wait,' I said, 'do you mean what I think you mean? For Lone Rangers, do I understand ... strangers?' – D. Francis, *Driving Force*, pp.38–39, **1992**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- 2 a chance [UK]
- Rhymes on *danger*. Used in negative or interrogative contexts. Synonymous with STEWART GRANGER.
- Any Lone Ranger of you ever paying me back the dough you owe me? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Long Acre; longacre

noun

- 1 a baker [UK/US?]
- < Long Acre, a London street in the vicinity of Covent Garden. The spelling *longacre* is given by Wilkes (2004). The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked

up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] hat (lean and fat); baker (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**
- Got to get some needle and thread from the long acre. – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- 2 a newspaper [UK]
- Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded with the spelling *Long Acre*.
- – J.C. Hotten, *SD*, **1859**
- – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

long and fair

noun

- hair; the hair [US]
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

long and flexy

adjective

- sexy [UK]
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August **2001**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- [T]he trouble is half dressed looks very long and flexy[.] – *Home & Health forum*, 6th April **2006**
- [L]awd above e's long and flexy! – *twitter.com*, 27th June **2014**

long and linger; longer and linger; longer

noun

- a finger [US/UK]
- In American usage, only evidenced in the form *long and linger*.
- *Long and lingers*–fingers. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Long and Linger–finger. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**
- Then I'd be the guy that would give you that Simple Simon for your long and linger. – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**
- **long(ers) and linger(s) Fingers**. This term in both its forms is an alternative for LEAN AND ... (q.v.). – J. Frankyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Longers Longers and Lingers Fingers. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.8, **1979**

· **Longer and linger:** Finger. – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, **1989**

· **Long(s) & Linger(s) Finger(s).** – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I've got me longers and lingers all over 'er deaf and dumb (kingdom come) an' me Mary Rose ('ooter) in her Georgie Bests. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Longer and linger. Finger. – *authonomy.com*, J. Sambuca with C.J. West, *No Exit Ta Bleak City*, 27th July **2010**

long boat race; long boat

noun

an unhappy expression [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *long face*. Formed on BOAT RACE.

· “Cor, what a long boat you got! Someone 'arf inch yer 'arris?” (“Say, what a long boat race/face you have. Did someone *hal-inch*/pinch (steal) your *Aristotle*/bottle?”).

– J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, **1973**

· Why the long boat race.... – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2013**

Long Jetty

adjective

sweaty [AUSTRALIA]

< Long Jetty, a small coastal town in New South Wales.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

long main

noun

a train [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Looby Loo; Loobie Loo; looby; loobie

noun

1 a clue [UK]

< Looby Loo, a rag doll in the British children's television series *Andy Pandey*, first broadcast in 1950.

· [H]aven't got a looby loo how big it is[.] – *www.fanart-central.net*, 24th December **2008**

· [W]e used to say people like that “Huvnae go' a **Looby**....” – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th June **2009**

· i aint got a looby what your on about[.] – *RADBMX* forum, 6th October **2009**

2 in dominoes, the number two [UK]

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 2. Loobie (Lou)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Looby Loo

verb

to do [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Looby Loo, a rag doll in the British children's television series *Andy Pandey*, first broadcast in 1950.

· Gaw! Yer breakin' me 'art, gal... Look, 'ar 'll tell y' wot ar'll Looby-Loo... accept me offer on the tom foolery, an' ar'll forget abaaht me fee, eh? – G. Dury et al., *The Billposter's Bucket*, p.25, **2012**

Looby Loos; Looby Lous; loobies

noun

shoes [UK]

< Looby Loo, a rag doll in the British children's television series *Andy Pandey*, first broadcast in 1950.

· Looby Lou's is Cockney slang for Shoes [...] “Seen my Loobies?” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th November **2002**

· Check out the new loobies. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· On that I'd better shut my north and south, get my bricks and mortar out of bed, and put on my Looby Lou's as we have an Uncle Gus to catch. – *Opal Auctions, Gem Rock Auctions and Coins Auctioned Forums*, 2nd September **2008**

· – *Charlton Life* forum, 11th January **2012**

look and linger

noun

the finger [UK]

· Finger *Look and linger*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· Her looks and lingers tangle with my barnet and for a moment I think that she is trying to to turn me into instant Kojak. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.65, **1975**

· A small sigh escapes her lips as my hooked forefinger tickles the entrance to her gravy boat and her own looks and lingers brush against my rampant hive bomber. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.125, **1976**

looking glass

noun

the buttocks; the anus [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *arse*. A nonce word.

· To appreciate the rhyme, one must first know that the Cockney pronunciation of “glass” also rhymes with “farce” and there you have it, *looking glass/ass*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.55, **1973**

looky-likey

noun

a gypsy or traveller [UK]

Rhymes on *pikey*. Synonymous with DO-AS-YOU-LIKEY and HAPPY-GO-LIKEY.

· Speaking of which, 4 “looky-likeys” found guilty of keeping east Europeans as slaves. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th July **2012**

· IIRC some barrister managed to convince a raffther daft Right On judge that ‘Irish travellers’ constituted a separate ethnic group so walterwhite is technically correct. It is, of course, an absurd classification, as you say. Most people's dislike of looky-likeys has nothing whatsoever to do with their race and everything to do with their criminal and antisocial behaviour. – *Digital Spy* forum, 21st March **2014**

loop the loop; loupe-de-loupe; looping-the-loop; loopy the loop; loop; loopers*noun*

1 a ring [US]

Rhymes on *hoop*. Franklyn (1960) defines it specifically as ‘a finger ring’. Only evidenced in the form *loop the loop*.

· *Loop the loop*–hoop, or ring. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – E. Partridge, *DU*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

2 soup [UK/AUSTRALIA/US?/NEW ZEALAND]

Generally *loop the loop* in both British and Australian English. *Loop the loop* is also the only form recorded in American and New Zealand English. The variant *loopy the loop*, given by Meredith (1984), is exclusively Australian, while *loupe-de-loupe*, *looping-the-loop* and the reduced forms *loop* and *loopers* are British. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamyony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· “I want some squad halt in my looping-the-loop,” is the modern way of asking for salt in your soup. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946: *The Manchester Guardian*, October **1940**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· Their sons in World War II arrived home with more [rhyming slang], and with various additions of their own, as, for instance, the airman’s “loop the loop” for soup. – *The West Australian*, Perth, WA, 20th May **1950**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – F. Shaw, *LYS1*, **1966**

· Gimme some more loopers. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· A *Jimmy Skinner* (dinner), starting with *loop the loop* (soup), might include *jockey’s whips* (chips), *stand at ease* (cheese) and a *cup of you an’ me* (tea). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**

· I have seen *loopers* (loop-the-loop = soup) on several (admittedly cutesy) London menus[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.128, **1977**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.34, **1979**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, **1982**

· [H]e settled on a portion of rats and mice with a chow style loop the loop. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· After the loop, I’ll have the Lillian, please. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Think I’ll have the loop for starters. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th July **2006**

· ‘Indeed, they should bring a new law out.’ ‘About catching the monsters?’ ‘No, about this “Loupe-de-loupe”. It’s disgusting’. – R. Rooney, *A Year on the Streets*, p.322, **2012**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

3 a jockey [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the racing slang term *hoop*. Only evidenced in the form *loop the loop*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

lord and master*noun*

1 the buttocks or anus [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang: *lord and master* rhymes on *plaster*, which is short for PLASTER OF PARIS, rhyming on *aris*, which is short for ARISTOTLE, rhyming on *bottle*, which is short for BOTTLE AND GLASS, rhyming on *arse*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a sticking plaster, a Band-Aid [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

lord and mastered*adjective*

very drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *plastered*. Influenced by LORD AND MASTER in the sense ‘the anus’, which suggests a connection with *arseholed* ‘very drunk’.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· We went to every pub in town until we were well and truly lord and mastered. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

lord and peer*noun*

the ear [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Oi septic, you better perk up your lords and peers[.] – *Bimmerfest* forum, 2nd January **2005**

· Me flowers an’ frolics are achin’ when I finally get me Harry Monk out... all in the blonde’s left lord an’ peer. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Lord-direct-us*noun*

a breakfast [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *Lord direct us*, a liturgical phrase.

· I ate a good Lord-direct-us, which consisted of two rashers of offered-and-taken, two nutmegs, and a steam tug of merci boko. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zea-

land, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April **1938**

lord-forbid

noun

a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*.

· Times had been bad, he owned, and exes never were heavier—twenty thousand hundredweight to the ton—but *his* old woman and “lord-forbids,” as he called them in rhyming slang, hadn’t wanted for anything. – A.M. Binstead, *Houndsditch*, p.104, **1899**

Lord Gort

noun

port wine [UK]

< British Army Field Marshal John Vereker, 6th Viscount Gort (1886–1946), commonly known as Lord Gort.

· – B. Rogers, *Say That Again!*, p.122, **1999**

Lord Hawke

noun

the hand [UK: LEEDS]

Rhymes on the slang *fork*. < Lord Hawke, a reference to English aristocrat and cricketer Martin Hawke (1860–1938), who played for Yorkshire from 1881 to 1911 and was president of the club from 1898 until his death.

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] For instance, a man who says “I had it in my Lord Hawke” means that he had it in his “fork,” otherwise his hand. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Lord Hill

noun

a pill [UK]

< English doctor, politician and broadcaster Charles Hill, Lord Hill of Luton (1904–89), who achieved fame in World War II as the ‘Radio Doctor’ and served as chairman of both the ITA (1963–67) and the BBC (1967–72).

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

Lord in heaven

numeral

seven [UK: LEEDS]

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I’ll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. Six–I’m in a fix. Seven–Lord in heaven. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Lord John Russell; Lord Russell

noun

a bustle (a frame worn under a skirt to exaggerate the size and shape of the buttocks) [UK]

< English politician Lord John Russell (1792–1878), who was First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Lords (the equivalent to Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, which title was not given at that time but is sometimes used retrospectively) from 1846 to 1852 and from 1865 to 1866. The variant *Lord Russell* is recorded by Franklyn (1961).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Ladies no longer wear a bustle—with it has gone *Lord John Russell*. – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.295, **1953**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Lord John Russell

verb

to pick pockets; to defraud a shopkeeper by creating a confusion over the amount of change to be returned to the customer [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang *bustle*. < English politician Lord John Russell (1792–1878), who was First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Lords (the equivalent to Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, which title was not given at that time but is sometimes used retrospectively) from 1846 to 1852 and from 1865 to 1866.

· “[“Do you know Lord John Russell?” “Well, I know a little of rhyming, but not that.” “Why, it rhymes to *bustle*.” “I see. *Bustle* is to pick pockets.” “Yes, or anything like it, such as ringing the changes.” – C.G. Leland, *The Gypsies*, p.357, **1882**

· “Lord John Russell” was at one time a common equivalent for “bustle” (to pick pockets)[.] – *The Gentleman’s Magazine*, London, October **1896**

· Thus Lord John Russell means bustle, a canting term meaning to pick pockets, also money. – *Chambers’s Encyclopaedia*, s.v. *slang*, **1901**

· I asked her if she knew Lord John Russell, which is Rhyming Slang for *bustle*, which is thief slang for *glad’therin*, which is tinker’s *jib* for passing bad money for good. – E.R. Pennell, *Charles Godfrey Leland*, p.217, **1906**

Lord Lovat

verb

used in expressions of rejection or indifference [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of *Lovat* as *Love it*, thus rhyming on *shove it*. < Lord Lovat, a title in the peerage of Scotland; perhaps based specifically on Simon Christopher Joseph Fraser, 17th Lord Lovat (1911–95), a distinguished commando leader during World War II. Synonymous with LITTLE MISS MUFFET.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Lord Lovel; Lord Lovell; lord

noun

a shovel [UK/US]

Probably < Francis Lovell (1454–ca 1487), 9th Lord Lovell of Tichmarsh, a friend and loyal adherent of Richard III.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, **1859**
- [A] shovel is dignified by the name of “Lord Lovel,” and is generally spoken of as “the Navy’s Prayer-Book.” – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, **1880**
- – A. Trumble, *SDNYLP*, **1880**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- You use yer Lord Lovell on the sand by the tailboard.[.] – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.222, **1938**
- In local terms a brick carrier is always a “tupper” which is obvious, a brick is a “King Dick,” a shovel “a Lord Lovell,” and a scaffold “a penny raffle.” – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, Bradford and Doncaster, England, 24th May **1938**
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Shovel (Lord Lovell); pipe (read and write); Pillow (tit willow).[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**
- Just as we had got totally immersed in an episode of Bert’s sea life, he would say, ‘Here, look at the Jeremiah. Gi’us that Lord Lovell, and I’ll put some more coke on.’ – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.162, **1976**
- Take your Lord Lovells and dig another while it’s light. – N. Whitby, *Green Fields*, p.6, **2000**
- I’ve worked with London Builders. Lord (Lovel) = Shovel. – *FileSharing Talk* forum, 29th September **2003**
- Get started on that hole with your Lord Lovell. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

Lord loves a cheerful giver; lords

noun

the liver [UK]

- < ‘The Lord loves a cheerful giver’, a popular biblical phrase. The short form is used in the expression *a frock on the lords* ‘a feverish cold’, the direct equivalent of *a chill on the liver*. ► see FROCK AND FRILL
- An elderly taxi-driver came in and was asked by the landlord what he would have. “Ain’t feelin’ none too good,” said he. “*Think I’ve got a frock on me lords!*” [...] In the earlier example, you read “frock and frill” for “chill,” and for “liver” you have “The Lord loves a cheerful giver.” – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**
- [W]hen my friend bought his round of drinks and asked me what I’d have, I said, “Tom Thumb. I’ve got a frock on the Lords.” Our Cockney knew, of course, that Tom Thumb was rum. But he did not know that a “frock on the Lords” is a chill on the liver. – C. Simpson, *Wake Up*, p.298, **1960**

lord mayor

noun

1 a swear word [UK]

Rhymes on *swear*.

- Those relatives, we well can understand, / Breathed a ‘Lord Mayor’ when they found that the anticipated ‘dust’ / Took the form of non-negotiable sand. – *Sporting Times*, London, 1st October **1910**
- 2 a chair [UK]
- – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**
- – H. Wentworth and S. B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

lord mayor

verb

to swear [UK]

- There was Bill, a dear old pal o’ mine, he *could* ‘Lord Mayor’ a bit, / And he could put a lot of ginger in it, too. – *Sporting Times*, London, 9th July **1910**
- The sergeant-major immediately called at the cookhouse to find out the cause of the trouble, but our Cockney cook was very indignant. “What, *me* Lord Mayor? [slang for ‘swear’]. No one’s ever ‘eard me Lord Mayor.” – *Evening News, Cockney War Stories*, p.164, **1930**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- She might look like a duchess but when her hat blew off, she could lord mayor like Wayne Rooney! – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- Don’t you Lord Mayor at me! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

lord mayoring

noun

swearing [UK]

Formed on LORD MAYOR.

- [T]here was a lot of ‘Fuck you’ and ‘Fuck you too, you eyes front.’ I’m sorry about the Lord Mayoring, but that is how it went near enough. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.51, **1986**
- Lovely people like Max Bygraves, Tommy Cooper and, most of all, Les Dawson, who would turn the air blue in the back of the cab with his ‘Lord-Mayoring’[.] – A. ownsend, *Cabbie*, p.60, **2003**
- ‘Stan,’ Bill admonishes, ‘we could hear you up those fucking stairs, keep the lord mayoring down, mate, you never know who might fucking walk in here one day.’ – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.85, **2007**

lord of the manor; lord o the manor; lord

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*.

- *Lord of the manor* – sixpence. – H. Brandon, *DFCL*, **1839**
- LORD OF THE MANOR, a sixpence. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- “lord of the manor” [...] This is rhyming slang, and is corrupted into “lord” only. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, p.63, **1874**
- LORD-OF-THE-MANOR, *subs. phr.* (rhyming). – A TANNER (*q.v.*). – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1896**
- lord-of-the-m Manor (rhyming slang version of ‘tanner’). – *Lancashire Evening Post*, Preston, 26th March **1907**
- Here he orders a ‘lord’s worth’ of ‘finger and thumb’[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**
- Upon leaving the barber’s he would pop round to the local “rub-a-dub-dub” and spend a “lord of the manor”

on a glass of “pig’s ear” before returning home. – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**

· [A]fter thieves and vagabonds, the weirdest language is used by travelling showmen. They say ‘Rosie Lee’ for ‘tea,’ ‘mutton pie’ for ‘eye,’ and ‘lord o the manor’ for ‘tanner’ or ‘sixpence.’ – *The Fife Free Press*, Kirkcaldy, 16th November **1929**

· I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] ‘Lord of the Manor,’ 6d. (tanner). – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· The same process is seen in *lord*, an obsolescent term for a sixpenny piece: it is short for *lord of the manor*, obviously a ‘tanner’[.] – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.35, **1933**

· “Elephants on a lord.” “Elephant’s trunk on a lord of the manor (sixpence or tanner).” – *Bristol Evening Post*, 7th January **1938**

· I’ll bet you a lord of the manor none of you three’ll guess my bit of news. – N. Streatfeild, *Theater Shoes*, p.124, **1945**

· [I]t would have to be ready sausage and mash, which would be a nuisance if all you had was a Lord of the Manor (tanner, sixpence) although even half an Oxford (Oxford scholar, dollar) would probably not be enough. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· Lord-of-the-Manor: *Tanner*[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.ix, **1957**

· I think it amusing that the pre-decimalisation sixpenny piece (2½p) should have been given the grandiose equivalent of ‘Lord of the Manor’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.59, **1973**

Lord Rex

noun

sex [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

· I’ll settle fer a gangster show meself or maybe one wid a bita Lord Rex in it—dose Hollywood dolls is real table boids, not like d’old boilers I gotta settle fer. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.91, **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, **1982**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

lord rexo

noun

a sex offender [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the New Zealand slang *sexo*. A derivative of LORD REX. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Lord Russell

noun

▶ see LORD JOHN RUSSELL

Lord Sutch

noun

▶ see SCREAMING LORD SUTCH

Lord Wigg

noun

1 a dirty, greedy, ill-mannered or otherwise unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *pig*. < Lord Wigg, English politician George Edward Cecil Wigg (1900–83).

· Excuse my Lord Wigg, he’s a friend. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a pig [UK]

· She’s as fat as a Lord Wigg. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

Loretta Young; loretta

noun

the tongue [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< American actress Loretta Young (1913–2000). The short form is uniquely British.

· Hold your Loretta. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – I’m looking for examples of Australian rhyming slang. e.g. Barry Crocker = shocker. Suggestions? – Loretta Young = tongue. – *twitter.com*, 17th January **2013**

Lorna Doone

noun

a spoon [UK]

< *Lorna Doone*, an 1869 novel by English writer R. D. Blackmore and its eponymous heroine.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Lorraine

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *crap* and *Crapp*. < Australian Olympic swimmer Lorraine Crapp (b.1938).

· Eating and running usually result in nature calling, and I soon found myself needing to look for a place for a Lorraine (sometimes called a Johnny Tapp). – *www.tomsnextstep.com*, 5th February **2012**

Lorraine Kelly

noun

television; a television [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish TV presenter Lorraine Kelly (b.1959).

· Another Saturday night and there’s no’ a thing on the Lorraine Kelly. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· Goan turn oan the Lorraine Kelly? – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

lose or win

noun

the foreskin [UK]

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

lost and found*noun*

1 one pound sterling [UK/AUSTRALIA]

First recorded in 1960, but also used as part of the earlier expression PENCIL, OPEN, LOST AND FOUND.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966· He produced a pound note. The woman's face fell. "A lost-and-found – ain't you got nothing smaller?" – M. Macdonald, *The Sky with Diamonds*, [2013], 1988· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· So for nicker, rhyming slang has "cherry picker" and a few other obscure ones. For pound itself the most common is "lost and found" or "hole in the ground". – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th September 2011

2 sound; a sound [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

3 a solitary confinement cell [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the New Zealand (and Australian) slang *pound*.· LOST-AND-FOUND (n) Detention unit. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.250, 1982· – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, 1999**lost and won; lost***numeral*

one [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *one* and *won*.· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January 2010· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November 2010· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, 2012**loud and clear; loud***adjective*

expensive, overpriced [UK]

Rhymes on *dear*.· Anything overpriced is 'too loud'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998**Louise***noun*

a mention [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *mention* and *Mensch*. < English writer and politician Louise Mensch (b.1971). Used in the phrase *be worth a Louise* 'to be worth a mention'.· – *The Times*, London, 11th February 2015**Louise Wener; louise***noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < English singer and writer Louise Wener (b.1966).· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000· 'ere, lend us a louise. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001**Lou Macari***adjective*

good, excellent, wonderful [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *barry*, used in Edinburgh and the south-east of Scotland. < Scottish football player and manager Lou Macari (b.1949).· Thoat it wid be Lou Macari tae be a free man[.] – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.140, 2012**Lou Reed; Lou Reid; lou; louie***noun*

amphetamine [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *speed*. < American rock singer Lou Reed (1942–2013), with a nod to his drug-taking past and the drug-laden lyrics of his songs. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *Lou Reed* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *Lou Reid* (Ireland), *lou* (New Zealand, Ireland), *louie* (Australia). In New Zealand usage, *lou* is also used in the phrase on *the lou* 'amphetamine intoxicated'. ▶ see LEN REED· Ah'm talkin a loaday shite. It's the Lou Reed. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.134 [1994], 1993· Fuck me, this Lou Reed is hitting the mark quickstyle. – I. Welsh, *Ecstasy*, p.185 [1997], 1996· These guys are on a bonus, on Lou Reed as well, driven to get the round done and get away. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.251 [2001], 2000· **lou n. speed** sense 1. **on the lou** under the influence of speed. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001· Jack brabham = "Lou Reed", for all you rhyming slang aficionados. – *The Triffids* forum, 8th September 2005· Lou Reid Speed. – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006· Get a Courtney Pine of Lou Reed. – *Here You (That'll Be Right)*, lyric, The Wee Man, 2007· lou (reed) = speed [...] "finally got some blades last night, so i got lolled out of it on lou and kilmers cos the effing fear sneachta had no gorman". – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th December 2007· – Surely Lou Reed = speed? – It's rhyming slang for "speed", Peaches, usually shortened to Louie. – *Mess + Noise (An Autralian Magazine)* forum, 2nd November 2007· In Melbourne, Australia when SWIM used speed everyone called it louie (from Lou Reed) or fast/quick (as apposed to slow-heroin). – *Drugs-Forum*, 8th January 2010· Before the 1990s, the main illicit stimulants were amphetamine sulphate and amphetamine hydrochloride [3]. These were sold as "speed", "go-ey" or "louie" ("Lou Reed" is rhyming slang for speed), and came as a powder, either white or off-white. – *Anex Bulletin*, Carlton, Victoria, May 2013**Lousy Brown***nickname*

Rose and Crown, a common pub name [UK]

< *lousy brown*, a colloquial reference to brown ale of inferior quality. An alternative nickname is **MOUSY BROWN**.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, 1977

love and hate

noun

weight [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

love and kisses

noun

a wife [UK]

Rhymes on *missus*.

· [I]n order to keep the *love and kisses* (missis) quiet he'd had to buy her a bottle of *Tom Thumb* (rum). – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.294, 1953

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· It cost yours truly and the love-and-kisses a lot of Crosby. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December 2000

love and marriage

noun

a carriage [UK]

Probably < 'Love and Marriage', a song written in 1955 by Sammy Cahn (lyric) and Jimmy Van Heusen (music) and popularised by Frank Sinatra. It opens with the lines 'Love and marriage, love and marriage, / Go together like a horse and carriage'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

love an romancin

noun

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*.

· Ma folks are away tae the love an romancin at The Plaza. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· I think I will go up to the love-an-romancin' tonight. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October 2014

lovely maids

noun

AIDS [UK]

· Ace of Spades – AIDS [Lovely Maids – AIDS] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

love me tender

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bender*. < 'Love Me Tender', a 1956 song by Elvis Presley, adapted from a sentimental ballad of the American Civil War era.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th March 2014

love one another

noun

■ a brother [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, 1969

■ a mother [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, 1969

· – *The Sweeney*, p.9, 1976

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 7th April 2005

loves and kisses

noun

women in general [UK]

Rhymes on *misses*.

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] misses (girls, loves and kisses); farthing (Covent Garden)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January 1939

lower deck

noun

the neck [US]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Lower Falls

noun

the testicles [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Lower Falls, an area of Belfast.

· [A] kick in the lower falls is painful. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April 2007

· BLUENATIC, you want a boot in the Lower Falls mate[.] – *Bluemoon-MCFC* forum, 16th September 2010

luca

noun

▶ see GIANLUCA VIALLI

Luca Pony

nickname

Italian footballer Luca Toni (b.1977)

A slang rhyme depending on the anglicised pronunciation of *Toni*. The rhyming part of the nickname is the short form of PONY AND TRAP.

· [I]n 2008 they have only Luca Toni (below), the big lumbering carthorse now dubbed Luca Pony. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th June 2008

· [O]r do i go for the goal machines of Luca Toni "aka Pony" and Cassano ...yeah ill do that and go for one of the hottest properties in Europe. – *BBC 606* forum, 18th June 2008

· The Bayern Munich hitman has been so inept that he is in danger of carving a niche out for himself in Cockney rhyming slang: some detractors have called him Luca Pony. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 21st June 2008

· [W]onder if he said that before last years Euros when he had roughly 4,012 shots and scored no goals. looked awful in that tournament, Luca Pony was quite an apt nickname, but in fairness that's the only time I've seen him properly. – *Spurscommunity* forum, 15th June 2009

· Striker Luca Toni – dubbed Luca Pony – has had a nightmare, missing chance after chance. – *The Sun*, London, 18th April 2012

lucky charm*noun*

the arm [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**lucky dip; lucky***noun*

1 a chip (a deep-fried chipped potato) [UK]

< *lucky dip* ‘a game in which people put their hand into a container filled with small wrapped presents and pick one out without looking’. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 a collection of money [UK]

Rhymes on the first part of *whip-round*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Lucky the dip who picks the pocket of the one holding the ‘lucky dip’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

3 LSD (acid) [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *trip*. Only recorded in the full form. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

4 sleep; a sleep [UK]

Rhymes on *kip*.

· Going home for a Lucky. – *CRS*(*co.uk*), 13th July 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**lucky fine***noun*

a shine (on a shoe) [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.72, 1968**Lucozade; luke; luco***noun*

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *spade*. < Lucozade, a brand of carbonated glucose drink. Synonymous with LEMONADE.

· [H]e had never seen a Luco’ with such long hair. – G.F. Newman, *You Flash Bastard*, p.70 [1978], 1974

· That’s for Lucozades, not Jerries. – *Minder*, UK TV: ITV, 7th April 1982

· **Say it this way** luke **Root** Lucozade **Word** spade (black person). – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley’s Guide*, p.117, 1985

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, 1989· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· So you’re having a bit of bother making ends meet. Since you went off with that Lucozade. – M. Amis, *Heavy Water*, p.63, 1998

· He and the villains preferred *Luke* as a general descriptive for Britain’s darker populace. [...] No Luke had ever been served so much as a half-pint of lager in this pub. If there was a more vocal Luke hater among the villains than Donald, it was Robbie, tall and pimply and only slightly older than me. Robbie had many opinions about the Lukes of America which he had picked up from mov-

ies and videos and magazines. – D. Century, *Street Kingdom*, pp.166/167 [2000], 1999

· ‘Who’s Mad Frankie?’ I asked. ‘Big Luco. Big Stoker. The lads call him the African Queen.’ – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.103, 2005

2 legal aid [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Spare Parts*, the Constructors Car Club Magazine, Lower Hutt, New Zealand, July 1996

· [A]s dependent on that unsteady libation “lucozade” (legal aid) as I was on the heady draughts and brews[.] – *The Correspondent* magazine, Hong Kong, July/August 2005

· Wasted one day of my time, about 3 days of police time, and god knows how much in lucozade (legal aid) for the three Albanian chaps! – *PistonHeads* forum, 29th May 2008

· This decimation of legal aid, or **Lucozade** as it is still known, has meant that many workers in the profession have had to seek new specialisms in order to navigate the commercial turbulence. – S. Dent, *Dent’s Modern Tribes*, p.243, 2016

Lucy Locket; lacy*noun*

1 a pocket [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Lucy Locket’, a 19th-century English rhyme whose first line is ‘Lucy Locket lost her pocket’. The short form is exclusively British. ▶ see LOCKET

· I’ve left my ticket in the Lucy of my Nannie. – L. Frewin, *The Boundary Book*, p.113, 1962

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, 1969· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, 1973

· [M]y blood freezes when I see Boris produce a wicked looking flick knife from his Lucy Locket and take a step towards my unfortunate brother-in-law. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.110, 1975

· [W]hen I reached for my **Sausage and Mash** I found the **Tea Pot Lid** had fallen out of my **Lucy Locket/Sky Rocket**. – E. Bartsch-Parker et al., *British Phrasebook*, p.69, 1999

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on *socket*. Used euphemistically, the word *socket* having taboo status among golfers.

· Whilst not actually blanching at the very thought golfers prefer to disguise its sound by using the euphemism “Lucy Locket” instead. – E. Maple, *Superstition*, p.54, 1971

· Now I understood why the British professionals of the day used cockney rhyming slang to describe the shank as a cab rank, a J Arthur (on Rank) – after the filmmaking tycoon – or even a septic tank, in short anything to avoid the public mention of the dreaded word. A socket

became a Lucy Locket or a Davy Crockett. – *Financial Times*, London, 28th May **1988**

· But the occasional one-off Lucy Locket (socket) ball is allowable[.] – *www.scottishgolf.com*, 23rd April **2002**

· Lucy Locket – rhyming slang ('socket') expression for a shank, as it refers to the part of the club striking the ball. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 20th July **2007**

· So what do you call them? The J. Arthur Rank, the Lucy Locket, the socket or the shank. – *www.theleader.info*, 28th September **2008**

· Lucy Rhyming slang: Lucy Locket = socket, or shank. Arguably the worst shot in golf. – *www.golftoday.co.uk*, accessed 13th May **2013**

· Incredibly, he has notably hit a 'J Arthur Rank' or 'Lucy Locket' two other times in professional golf when others haven't even hit one during their whole careers. – *www.golfmagic.com*, 15th November **2013**

lucy's

noun

the face [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *clock*. Possibly < Lucy's Lock, one of the locks on the river Avon at Stratford-upon-Avon.

· He had just washed his markises and Lucy's, and wore a new "I'm afloat" and Charlie Prescott[.] – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

Luger lout

noun

a German [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*. A blend of *Luger*, a brand of German automatic pistol, and the colloquialism *lager lout*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Some German officers are in a bar getting very drunk and firing their pistols. A disgusted onlooker remarks "bloody Luger louts".... ...geddit? – *Paradox Interactive* forum, 10th May **2004**

luke

noun

▶ see LUCOZADE

Luke and Matt Goss; Matt and Luke Goss; luke and matt; matt and luke

noun

something of little or no value [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Luke and Matt Goss* 'to not care at all'. < English twin brothers singer and actor Luke and singer and songwriter Matt Goss (b.1968), members of the late 1980s-early 1990s pop band Bros. ▶ see LUKE GOSS and MATT GOSS

· Dinnae even insult me by pretending you gie a Luke and Matt. [...] As if I give a Luke and Matt Goss about that. [...] I do not give a Matt and Luke Goss about her. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, pp.141/198/290 [1999], **1998**

· Having marked his territory in the time-honoured fashion, Dampier took news of his find back to the loathsome King James II, who didn't give a Luke and Matt Goss. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 20th August **2005**

· There was another cup draw no-one gives a matt and luke about today as well... – *Nottingham Forest Talkback Community Forum*, 3rd October **2006**

· I still couldn't give a matt and Luke goss about #NFL. – *twitter.com*, 21st October **2012**

· Mostly we don't give a Luke and Matt Goss about all that, it's all about things a lot closer to home. – *Not606* forum, 1st January **2014**

Luke Goss

noun

something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Luke Goss* 'to not care at all'. < English singer and actor Luke Goss (b.1968), who first gained fame as part of the late 1980s-early 1990s pop band Bros. A later variation of LUKE AND MATT GOSS.

· [D]oes anyone really give a Luke Goss about #RyderCup2014 - it's like listening to posh slugs crawling. – *twitter.com*, 27th September **2014**

Luke Kelly

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [IRELAND]

< Irish singer and musician Luke Kelly (1940–84), one of the founding members of the folk band The Dubliners.

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

lumberjack

noun

the back [UK]

A punning elaboration of *lumber*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

lump and bump

noun

a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *chump*. Probably influenced by *lump* 'a heavy, awkward, stupid person'.

· I don't want wide people and I don't want sports. It's the greedy, half-baked lumps-and-bumps I'm after, and I'd take their bloomin' shirts off them if I could. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.64, **1934**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

lump of chalk

noun

talk; a conversation [UK]

· – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**

lump of coke

noun

a man [UK/US]

Rhymes on *bloke*.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· Don't like the looks of this lump of coke be'ind the bar.

– A. Hyder, *Black-Girl*, p.309, **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

lump of dirt

noun

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

Sometimes in the form *old lump of dirt*.

· It is true that in one part of the back country they speak another bush language, which is silly affectation. [...] Shirt is probably “old lump of dirt,” and pony “Pat Maloney.” – C.E.W. Bean, *On the Wool Track*, p.163, **1910**

· The sparklers in his lump-o'-dirt were good water. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**

lump of ice

noun

advice; a piece of advice [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Having told a hard-luck story one receives a lump of ice.

– M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001****lump of lead; lump o' lead; lumpa lead; lump or lead; lumpa; lump**

noun

1 the head [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

Lump of lead and *lump o' lead* are common in all five locations of use. Both *lump or lead* and *lumpa lead* are supported by a single citation from a British and an Irish source respectively. The former, however, is likely to be a misprint for *lump of lead*. The clipped forms *lump* and *lumpa* are exclusively British; hence *potatoes in the lump* ‘a cold in the head’ and *use your lump* ‘to use one’s common sense, to think sensibly and intelligently’. ▶ see POTATOES IN THE MOULD

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· [N]ever afterwards was Bill heard to threaten young Merton either with “punching his lump of lead,” or “throwing out his five-acre farm,” or “stopping Phil’s jackdaw with a crack on his north and south.” – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.170, **1858**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· My cobbler Bill fell over beside me with a hole in his lump o' lead[.] – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

· “So I took a flounder to the pope, laid my lump on the weeping, and did a plough.” That is quite a normal remark in any public bar. – E.V. Lucas, *Cloud and Silver*, p.98, **1916**

· – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, **1919**

· Head–Uncle Ned or lump of lead. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· A Burgess Hill builder and contractor sends me the following examples: Fisherman’s daughter (water); bark and howl (trowel); China plate (mate); lump or lead (head)[.] – *Northern Daily Mail*, Hartlepool, 30th November **1927**

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· The use of Cockney slang flourished in the army during war time, and there arose a practice of abbreviating the terms, as, for instance, “frog” for “frog and toad” (road) and “lumpa” for “lump o' lead,” signifying either “head” or “bread.” – *Auckland Star*, 13th February **1935**

· Lump of Lead (Lump) also Uncle Ned and Loaf of Bread ... Head. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· Lump of lead is the head. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**

· I think I’ll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat, take off my bag of fruit, drop my Charley Hocks into my ones and twos, wash my plates of meat, hang my uncles and aunts on the roses red, lay my lump of lead on the weeping willow and plow the deep ... – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· So, too, his “lump of lead” means his “head”[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, **1963**

· [F]rom the top of her lump of lead to her plates of meat, she is perfect. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· “A right in the lump o' lead, Lionel!” will call for a switch in strategy, a start to hitting the other fellow in the haircut. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**

· In the old days we had what we called the Australian slang. It is used in the joint. [...] Things like lump of lead is head, north and south is mouth. – H. King, *Boxman*, p.55, **1972**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· Use yer lump! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· I’ve an awful pain in me lumpa lead. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 18th September **2013**

2 bread [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *lump of lead*, *lump o' lead* and *lumpa*; the last is exclusively British.

· The rhyming slang for bread is “Lump o' Lead.” – *The Worcestershire Chronicle*, Worcester, 3rd May **1902**

· The word “of” is used in similar manner (lump of lead = bread, plates of meat = feet). – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 26th April **1924**

· – *Auckland Star*, 13th February **1935**· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

· [H]e might send the cheese and kisses (missus) down to the corner for a lump o' lead (bread). – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, ‘Australian Slang Put to Frontier’, 23rd May **1961**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 oral sex [UK]

Rhymes with *head*. Used in the phrase *give (someone) lump of lead*.

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

lump of lead

adjective

dead [AUSTRALIA]

· He's *lump of lead*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

lump of school

noun

a fool [UK]

Probably influenced by *lump* 'a heavy, awkward, stupid person'.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Lumpy Gravy

noun

the Royal Navy [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The Lumpy Gravy are always looking for the right kind of people. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

Luna Park

noun

a shark [AUSTRALIA]

< Luna Park, a name given to amusement parks worldwide. In Australia, Luna Parks are in operation in Melbourne and Sydney.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Lunts

noun

detestable or stupid people [UK]

A slang rhyme on *cunts*. < the Lunts, the American husband-and-wife acting duo of Alfred Lunt (1892–1977) and Lynn Fontanne (1887–1983).

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.118, **1978**

lurch

noun

a church [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· 'Past the bleeding lurch.' 'What's a bleeding lurch?' 'A church, the bleeding church.' – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March **2016**

luther

noun

a prison visit [UK]

A shortening of the imperfect rhyming slang *Luther Blissett*. < Jamaican-born British footballer Luther Blissett (b.1958). Prison use.

· – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

Lyndhurst

adjective

knickerless [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *knickerless* and *Nicholas*. < English actor Nicholas Lyndhurst (b.1961). Used in the phrase *go Lyndhurst*, on the model of *go commando*.

· Candy Charms today... deffo going Lyndhurst. – *UK Babe Channels* forum, 1st January **2016**

Lynn Faulds Wood

adjective

good [UK]

< Scottish journalist and television presenter Lynn Faulds Wood (b.1948).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

M

ma and pa; marun

noun

a bar [AUSTRALIA]

In the reduced form *marun*, the word boundaries of *ma* and *and* are linked with an intrusive *r*, a typical feature of British and Australian English.

· – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May 2008

Ma and Pa Broom; ma 'n' pa

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Ma and Pa Broom, or, more properly, Maw and Paw Broom, two comic strip characters created by Dudley D. Watkins for the comic strip *The Broons*, which first appeared in the Scottish newspaper *The Sunday Post* in 1936. The *w*-less spellings *Ma* and *Pa* may be due to the influence of *Oor Wullie*, a companion strip to *The Broons* also created by Dudley D. Watkins. The hero's parents in *Oor Wullie* are known as *Ma* and *Pa*, while the Broons are called *Maw Broom* and *Paw Broom*, always spelt with a *w*. ▶ see PAW BROOM

· Just nippin' up the ma 'n' pa. No' be lang. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

macaroni; macaroni; maca; macca; macker

noun

1 a pony [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< 'Yankee Doodle went to town / Riding on a pony; / He stuck a feather in his hat, / And called it macaroni', the first verse of 'Yankee Doodle', a popular song thought to have been first sung by British soldiers to mock the New Englanders with whom they served in the French and Indian War (1754–63). Only recorded in the form *macaroni*.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, 1979

· In the twentieth century the majority of races on pony programs were open to horses of any height, and the rhyming slang for ponies, 'macaronies,' replaced the outdated nineteenth-century colloquialism 'littl'uns' in the common parlance and on the press racing pages. – W. Peake, *Unregistered Proprietary Horse Racing*, p.2, 2004

2 nonsense; rubbish [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, recorded in the forms *macaroni* and *macaroni* (the latter given by Delbridge 1984) and often claimed to be rhyming slang on *baloney*; possibly originally a metaphor. In British English, compounded rhyming slang on *pony*, the short version of PONY AND TRAP.

· Yes. Jam, macaroni, cockadoodle. We're plain people out here-aways. Not mantle ornaments. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: D.H. Lawrence and M.L. Skinner, *The Boy in the Bush*, p.46, 1924

· **MACARONI:** Nonsense, foolishness. – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

· *Kidney-pie*, *kidstake*, *macaroni*, *mash*, *bilgewater* and *borak* cover the same meaning of misleading chatter. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.128, 1945

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984

· And what if I was to say this is all a load of "macker"? – *Football Forums.net*, 12th February 2002

· Sammer didn't say them things, it was a load of macca by the Sunday Papers. – *Xtratime* forum, 30th October 2002

· Maca is Cockney slang for Crap[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th September 2009

· He talks a load of macca[.] – *z6.invisionfree.com, Sproutnet* forum, 13th October 2009

· What a load of old macker birmingham is[.] – *twitter.com*, 18th August 2010

· [T]hey claimed that the only way to transfere the account was to create the contract. That's a load of old macaroni, in my humble opinion. Once the contract expires I'll be going elsewhere out of principle. – *UKWorkshop* forum, 11th June 2011

· Rachel just thinks I am talking 'macaroni' which may be true but until the solicitor says it is macaroni I would go with your gut instinct and think it is just wrong to lie like that. – *The Consumer Action Group* forum, 28th June 2011

3 twenty-five pounds [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *pony*. Recorded in the forms *macaroni* and *macker*; the latter is exclusively Australian.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, 1969

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, 1979

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· That's a macaroni you owe me. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

· I expect the 'Hillman Hunters' will stick a 'Macaroni' on the 'Airs and Graces'[.] – *Burnham-On-Sea* forum, 30th March 2011

· Ten pigs' ears (beers), that'll be a macaroni'. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June 2012

4 excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *pony*, a shortening of PONY AND TRAP. Recorded in the forms *macaroni*, *maca*, *macca* and *macker*.

· Macaroni: [...] excreta. – J. McVicar, *McVicar by Himself*, p.9, 1974

· The reduced form of PONY & TRAP (qv) has become a by-word for crap and is now commonly known as ‘maca’.
– R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· I’m off for a macca. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
· Incidentally, by the kind of double-rhyming slang which was discussed above, the slang for excrement became ‘macaroni’[.] – S. Webb, *A 1960s East End Childhood*, p.183, 2012

· My dad frequently uses “Macker” for shit... – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013

5 twenty-five dollars [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on the slang *pony*. Only recorded in the form *macaroni*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.36, 1983

6 in betting, odds of 25 to 1 [UK]
Extended from sense 3. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. McCririck, *World of Betting*, p.61, 1991

· – *www.morningcode.co.uk*, accessed 8th June 2014

7 a small glass, especially for beer [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on *pony*. Only recorded in the form *macaroni*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

macaroni

verb

to defecate [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Now it’s up to Charlie to back his flush or macaroni his strides. – T. Lewis, *Jack Carter’s Law*, p.47, 1974

· Macaroni: excrete[.] – J. McVicar, *McVicar by Himself*, p.9, 1974

macaroni cheese; macaronis

noun

keys (for operating locks) [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

· Have you seen me Macaronis? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th November 2006

· IVE LOST MY MACARONI CHEESE[.] – *www.bebo.com*, male from Lewisham, London, 27th May 2007

· I am from South Africa and “china” is a word we use to refer to a friend. It comes from the old language they used to speak in London. [...] A few examples: China plate=mate (how’s it my china?) Butchers Hook=look (lets go and have a butchers at that nude girl) gun and trigger=figure (that girl must work out ‘cos she’s got a nice gun) Macaroni cheese=keys (have you seen my macaronis?)[.] – *The FAL Files* forum, 8th June 2007

· An ice cream who left his macaronis. – *CycleChat* forum, 5th September 2015

macaroon; macca; macker

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. The clipped forms *macca* and *macker* are recorded by Smith (1989) and Thorne (1997) respectively.

· I talk to the macaroon at the pumps[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2 31st January 1984

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, 1989

· – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 11th June 1991

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *Evening Standard*, London, 9th September 1991

· We’ll have to watch the rhyming slang now, Boysie. Lemonade, spade. Macaroon, coon. Whistle me dog, wog. Sounds different when it’s one of your family, don’t it? If someone called Liselle like that, I’d break their fucking necks. – M. Cole, *Goodnight Lady*, p.499 [2005], 1994

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March 2011

McCambridged

adjective

dead [IRELAND]

A punning variation of BROWN BREAD. < McCambridge, a well-known Irish brand of brown bread.

· He didn’t have the money for him? f*ck that, he’s McCambridged! – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October 2012

Macfarlane Lang; McFarlane Lang; Macfarlane and Lang; macfarlane; McFarlane

noun

rhyming slang [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Macfarlane Lang, a biscuit manufacturer founded in Glasgow in the early 19th century, merged into United Biscuits in 1948. Sometimes used with the definite article.

· In Glasgow, rhyming slang used to be known as Macfarlane Lang after a biscuit manufacturing firm. [...] But more often than not he was the better-dressed, upstage type, looking down his nose at the wee Glasgow woman and professing to be baffled by her “Macfarlane.” – A. Mackie, *The Scotch Comedians*, pp.77/101, 1973

· Nowadays in rhyming slang, or Macfarlane and Lang, the term is “Sweaty Socks.” – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 10th December 1997

· Correct usage of the McFarlane demands that only the first word is used, as in to: “lose one’s Berwick and stick one’s St Louis up someone’s Burlington chorus because they gave some Dorothys to your lemon”. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, ‘Viva McFarlane Lang’, 18th August 2004

McFees

noun

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on the slang *E’s*.

· – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.161, 2004

MacGimp; McGimp; Mac Gimp; Magimp; M’Gimp; Megimp; Mr McGimp; MacGimper; McGimper; Magimper; gimp

noun

a pimp [US]

An elaboration of *mack*, also spelt *mac* (a clipping of the old slang term *mackerel*, ultimately from Old French *maquerel*, later *maquereau*), combined with the American slang *gimp* ‘a contemptible individual’

(first recorded in 1924, but seemingly in circulation at least ten years earlier).

• **M'GIMP, MEGIMP, Noun** Current in western circles. A pimp; a lover in the vicious meaning. – L.E. Jackson and C.R. Hellyer, *VCS*, 1914

• **McGimp** (n.) White Slaver. – J. Lait, *Gangster Girl*, p.221, 1930

• She would go straight if it wasn't for that McGimper who knocks her for a loop when she don't bring in the geetus. – B. Popik, *L.A. Times Article 'Underworld "Lingo" Brought Up-to-Date'*, by Ben Kendall, pp.171–172, 2006: *Los Angeles Times*, 8th November 1931

• **Magimp**, n. A pimp. – N. Ersine, *UPS*, 1933

• Gus remembered a fight he'd had with one of the dancehall bums who insisted Louis was using his telephone numbers for business purposes – that he was, in short, a M'Gimp. – W.R. Burnett, *The Asphalt Jungle*, p.56 [1968], 1949

• **MACGIMPER** (N) A lover of a prostitute or whore; a procurer. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

• This was no doubt a M'Gimp – a M'Gimp like Whitey, the lowest form of humanity in Clinch's opinion; most of them tough as hell with women, soft-talking with men. – W.R. Burnett, *Underdog*, p.40, 1957

• **Mac Gimp Pimp**. Current in the Western States of America [...]. It is sometimes given a final 'er', and also spelt as one word. [...] **Magimp(er)**, alternative spelling of **MACGIMP** (q.v.). – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• [H]ustlers and rustlers, pimps and McGimps, hookers from the big town and hookers from the sticks.[.] – T.E. Gaddis and J.O. Long, *Killer*, pp.156–157, 1970

• *Ponce* is also *candle sconce*, *Charlie Ronce*, *dillydonce*, etc., and of course is *MacGimp* (pimp). – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.143, 1977

• He prided himself on being as tough, as cruel, as unfor-giving as any pimp, macgimper, child stealer, cutthroat, or ball breaker on the street. – R. Campbell, *La-La Land*, p.183 [1991], 1990

• “[A]ll you called him was a punk and a gimp and I don't see where you lied about either one.” “What's a gimp?” Melvin asked from behind Curly. “A pimp without a whore,” Curly told him. – D. Martin, *In the Hat*, p.55 [2000], 1997

• **Pimp** [...] McGimp, McGimper, missionary, Mr. McGimp[.] – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.110, 1999

• Well we call people who act like their a “pimp” (or something) a gimp. – *Neoseeker* forum, 15th June 2002

MacGyver; McGyver; McGiver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fiver*. < *MacGyver*, an American TV series that ran on ABC from 1985 to 1992; the show was originally screened in Britain and Australia in the 1990s, but it has since remained a part of popular culture due to its use as a trope in the American animated sitcom

The Simpsons (*MacGyver* is Patty and Selma's favourite TV show).

• [T]he smallest unit of British currency represented by paper is in fact called a 'McGyver'[.] – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 2nd August 2004

• Slang terms for larger amounts of money abound. Examples include monkey (£500), nifty (£50), a bullseye (Pounds 50), a pony (£25), deep sea Diver (a fiver), Ayrton Senna (tenner), mother hen (£10), Pavarotti (tenner), McGiver (fiver). – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th April 2005

• Big Bite On Pitt, Sydney CBD - Bacon & egg sandwich \$5. No word of a lie, this bacon and egg sandwich was a McGyver[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 30th July 2015

MacIntyre

noun

fire [UK]

The word is used interjectionally in some versions of the song 'When the Old Dun Cow Caught Fire', written by Harry Wincott around 1893 and recorded by Harry Champion in 1911. Wincott's original version contains the lines “'Don't let 'em in till it's all mopped up!' / Someone said to MacIntyre”; in subsequent covers by other artists, 'said to MacIntyre' becomes 'shouted "MacIntyre!"', which is then always followed by a choral shout of 'MacIntyre!'.

• – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

• ‘Booze, booze!’ the firemen cried, / As they came knock-in’ at the door. / ‘Don’t let them in till it’s all mopped up’, / Somebody shouted ‘MacIntyre!’ (MacIntyre!), / And we all got blue-blind paralytic drunk / When the Old Dun Cow caught fire. – *The Old Dun Cow*, lyric, most recently recorded by The Futureheads, 2012

McIntyre and Heath; MacIntire and Heath; Mac Intyre and Heath

noun

the teeth [us]

< American blackface vaudeville team McIntyre and Heath, made up of James McIntyre (1857–1937) and Thomas Heath (1852–1938). The earliest recorded form is *McIntyre and Heath*, listed by Pollock (1935). The variants *MacIntire and Heath* and *Mac Intyre and Heath* are given by Maurer (1944) and Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962) respectively.

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

macker

noun

► see **MACARONI** and **MACARON**

mackerel and sprat; mackerel

noun

an incompetent or foolish person [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*. Abstracted from a *sprat* to catch a mackerel ‘a small expenditure made in the

hope of a large gain'. The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I'd like to think, though perhaps naively, that in here at least, we can usually spot a Hampton or a mackerel at a reasonable distance, but in the GSP forums at the moment I would imagine they'd probably go unnoticed... – *GAGB* forum, 9th November **2008**

Macnamara

noun

a wheelbarrow [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *barrow* as *barra*.

· Gie us a haun tae load these bricks inty the macnamara, wull ye? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Go an' see if next door wull gae ye a loan o' their macnamara. – A. Morrison, *Haud ma Chips*, p.91, **2012**

Madame Tussaud

adjective

bald [UK]

A perfect or nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where final and pre-consonantal *l* (as in *bald*) is commonly vocalised. < Madame Tussaud, French-born wax sculptress Marie Tussaud (1761–1850), best known as the founder of the famous waxworks in London.

· [A] piece of useless advice: 'Worrying about losing your hair will make you go Madame Tussaud.' – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Let us start with your Loaf 'o' Bread / Which is covered in Barnet Fair / Unless of course you're Madame Tussaud / Then a Syrup you can wear. – *members.virtual-tourist.com*, 14th July **2013**

mad and silly

noun

a billy (can) [AUSTRALIA]

· You take the mad and silly. Grab the billy. – *darkangel battalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

made-in; maiden; maid

noun

a second-class honours degree, also known as a 2:1 ('two-one') [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang playing on the similar-sounding words *two-one* and *Taiwan*. < *made in Taiwan*. The forms *maiden* and *maid* are given by Lillo (2006). Thorne (1990) records the synonym *Taiwan*, based on the same pun.

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**

· Rhymin' slang for a 2i? Made in (Made in Taiwan). – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 5th March **1992**

· – A. Lillo, *Cut-down Puns*, p.38, **2006**

made in heaven

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-seven [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

made in Hong Kong

adjective

untrustworthy, unreliable, unscrupulous [UK]

Rhymes on *wrong*. A metaphorical extension of the literal sense of the phrase, Hong Kong-made products traditionally having a reputation for being 'wrong' (in the sense of 'inferior').

· [I]f you know a dodgy geezer who's been doing bird for various misdemeanours, it's likely he's a bit made in Hong Kong. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September **2011**

Mad Hatter

noun

an informal conversation [UK]

Rhymes on *natter*. < Mad Hatter, a character in Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865).

· I stopped for a Mad Hatter with him next door and couldn't get away. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

mad horse

noun

sauce [UK]

· At AC23 its DEAD HORSE not mad horse ya POM! – *Melbourne Beats* forum, 21st October **2005**

· My granddad always calls sauce 'Mad Horse.' – *CRS (co.uk)*, s.v. *Air Force*, 30th June **2012**

Mad Max

noun

tax [UK]

< Mad Max, the hero of a series of post-apocalyptic action films directed by George Miller, the first one of which was released in 1979.

· Postman Pat whistling of a morning as he shoved the old Mad Max demands in through the letter-box[.] – A. Nickolds, *Back to Basics*, pp.143–144, **1994**

mad mick

noun

1 a pick (a pickaxe) [AUSTRALIA/US/UK]

· I have seen a procession back to the Labor Bureau after half a day on the pick and shovel (the "mad Mick" and the "heap of trouble," as the rhyming slangster would say)[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 4th January **1914**

· There we were issued with "Banjos" and "Mad Micks," as the Diggers call spades and picks[.] – *Aussie: The Australian Soldiers' Magazine*, 8th January **1919**

· – *The Truth*, Sydney, 27th April **1924**

· "mad mick and banjo": a pick and shovel. – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – *Annals Australasia*, J. Gunn, ‘Fair Dinkum English’, May 1982
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- ② the penis [AUSTRALIA/UK]
 - Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.82, 1973
- When her back is turned I separate Percy from my inside leg measurement and run the sweat off my eyebrows – not with my Mad Mick, of course, I do have a bit of decorum. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, 1974
- My mad mick is in an uncertain mood and curves doubtfully towards the floor but a brisk hand shake from Jennifer sends it lumbering into the vertical. – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.152, 1976

Mad Mike

noun

a bicycle [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *bike*.
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984
- My former husband and his family were from Australia, and my father-in-law excelled at rhyming slang. I frequently heard him construct whole sentences that made no sense unless you knew about the slang. For instance, “I wanted to go to town, so I hopped on me Mad Mike, put me plates on the pedals, and away I went.” – *quilt-ingfoote.wordpress.com*, blog, 10th March 2013
- I got here on my Mad Mike. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May 2013

mad mile

noun

a smile [US]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Madonna

noun

① a person or thing that is doomed, ended, with no chance of being saved; a dead person [UK]

- Rhymes on *goner*. < Madonna, the stage name of American singer Madonna Louise Ciccone (b.1958).
- There he is lying bleeding in the Pickettywitch thinking he’s a Madonna. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May 2004
- I’ve got an old piece of meat in the fringe, looks like it might be a madonna. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th September 2011
- ② a person with a shaved pubic area [UK]
 - Rhymes on *sconner* ‘a person with no pubic hair’.
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Mae West; May West; mae

noun

- ① a woman’s breast [UK/AUSTRALIA]
 - < American actress Mae West (1892–1980), admired for her many talents. Only recorded in the form *Mae West*.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, 1972
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- ② the chest [UK]
 - Only recorded in the form *Mae West*.
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.98, 1981
- ③ the best [IRELAND/UK]
 - Particularly common in Irish English, where it is always used with the definite article and usually in negative constructions (as in *not feel the Mae West* ‘to feel unwell’) or in the phrase *all the Mae West* ‘all the best of luck; one’s best wishes’. In British English, generally used without the article.
 - Then there’s Dublin rhyming slang. What’s that all about? ‘I don’t feel the Mae West, spent all me rock’n’roll on some lethal Bob Hope.’ – D. Hughes, *Digging for Fire*, IV, p.119, 1993
 - I do know, much to my discomforture, that rhyming slang based on the Cockney has been asserting itself in these parts in recent years. [...] May (West) – Best. – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 10th June 1994
 - “Not feeling the Mae West,” you say, rubbing your stomach. – T. Lennon, *Crazy Love*, p.87, 1999
 - – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
 - I don’t feel the Mae West, I don’t feel, wha’ is it, whether I’m comin’ or goin’ or somethin’ and I don’t like this kinda crack, this mad as a March hare in spring crack, fightin’ it. [...] He pays for me pint which is the Mae West and we’re chattin’ away[.] – E. O’Brien, *Eden*, pp.5/16, 2001
 - I’m Mae West at Cockney Rhyming Slang. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
 - Belfast wasn’t the Mae West last year. – *Galway*, spoken, March 2003
 - Megapeche stores and large supermarkets sell ready-mades, although they are not the May west. – *The Anglers Forum*, 8th February 2005
 - I met a girl at the bar who wasn’t the mae... she had a cracking set of top tens alright, but her Brendan was in ribbons. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006
 - I wish you all the Mae West Jo, you are one lovely lady and you have a magnificent (if small) bum. – *The Sisters of Mercy Forum*, 10th July 2007
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
 - She doesn’t look the Mae West herself. – E. Murphy, *Little Gem*, stage play, Project Cube, Dublin Fringe Festival, 9th September 2008

· They will know that in recent years Tipperary haven't been the Mae West but that they have good players. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 5th May **2010**

· The Irish reputation was not the mae west. – *Politics.ie* forum, 24th November **2010**

· [B]eing honest i didn't feel the may west after it. – *Coeliac.ie* forum, 26th April **2011**

· Thanks for all the help over the past 12 months and wishing you all the mae west for 2012, A xx – *Beaut.ie*, blog, 23rd December **2011**

· All the may west mate. Hope to see you and Dessie around the paddock. – *www.facebook.com*, 9th February **2012**

· They may not be the may-west to drive, but they're not a bad lump as a box-on-wheels[.] – *Backroads.ie* forum, 18th December **2012**

· So this is goodbye. I'll say it how he used to: All the Mae West, my son! – *plus.google.com*, 9th April **2013**

· Yeah, chilli was Mae West. – *The Librarians*, US TV: TNT, 21st December **2014**

4 one's best or utmost [IRELAND]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· [G]onna do my may west to make both gigs. – *Irishhiphop* forum, 11th January **2007**

· I'll do my "Mae West" to be there[.] – *www.meetup.com*, 'The Irish in New York Meetup Group', 27th March **2009**

· i'm doing my may west to generate the funds to buy this car at the min. – *SXOC* forum, 11th March **2010**

· Thanks Geraldine, I'll do my Mae West to be at the Esso for 1 – 1.30 then. – *Biker.ie* forum, 25th June **2010**

Maggie Mahone

noun

a telephone [us]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Maggie May; maggie

noun

a homosexual person, especially a man [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Maggie May (also spelt *Maggie Mae*), the prostitute heroine of a traditional Liverpool song originally popularised by skiffle groups in the late 1950s; or 'Maggie May', a song co-written and recorded in 1971 by British rock singer Rod Stewart.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Maggie May; Maggie

adjective

best [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding the pet name *May*, an alternative form of *Mae*, the first element of MAE WEST. < Maggie May (also spelt *Maggie Mae*), the prostitute heroine of a traditional Liverpool song originally popularised by skiffle groups in the late 1950s, or 'Maggie May', a song co-written and recorded in 1971 by British rock singer Rod Stewart.

· i heard somebody saying they didn't feel the maggie recently, maggie being maggie may, leading to mae west, leading to best, which i liked. – *Boards.ie* forum, 20th May **2009**

Maggie Moore

noun

a door [NEW ZEALAND]

< Maggie Moore, the stage name of American-born actress Margaret Sullivan (1851–1926), who enjoyed great popularity in Australia and New Zealand in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

· I got up the Cain and Abel (table); went out to the Maggie Moore (door); fell down the apples and pears (stairs), and busted the sweet peas on my terrace houses (burst the knees of my trousers). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**

Maggie Moores; maggies

noun

women's underpants [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the now dated *drawers*. < Maggie Moore, the stage name of American-born actress Margaret Sullivan (1851–1926), who enjoyed great popularity in Australia and New Zealand in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

· – J. Ramsay, CS, **1977**

· [T]he Aussies were soon coining their own terms like "Maggie Moores" or "Maggies" (women's drawers), "charming mottle" (bottle) and "Port Melbourne Pier" (ear). – R. Claiborne, *Marvelous Mother Tongue*, p.271, **1983**

Maggie Scratcher

nickname

▶ see MARGARET SCRATCHER

Maggie's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< *Maggie's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Margaret Thatcher (1925–2013) during her period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1979–90). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.

· Number 10 – Maggie's den, is what all the bingo barkers call it now. – *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, 11th May **1979**

· I was expecting to find a run-down former cinema, where a young man in a tuxedo, probably called Tony, would oil up to a lot of old ladies, calling them "girls" and making saucy asides. I expected to hear shouts of "PC 49", of "legs 11" and "Maggie's den". – *The Independent*, London, 10th August **1994**.

· This time the threesome – filled with cappuccinos and chips at a cost of GBP 2.70 – are a bit more switched on and even manage a few giggles as the caller shouts out

“Legs Eleven, unlucky for some and Maggie’s Den”. – *Evening News*, Edinburgh, 21st July **1999**
 · – *Sunday Mercury*, Birmingham, 18th July **2004**

Maggie Thatcher; maggie

noun

▶ see MARGARET THATCHER

magician’s wife

numeral

three [UK]

A punning variation of DEBBIE MCGEE.
 · Hold on a trifle there fella, you know that my handicap’s down to a ‘magician’s wife’ and you’re off at least ‘garden’. So tell you what. I’ll bet you double or quits that I can beat you over 18 holes. – *autonomy.com*, ‘18 Holes with Foxford Craftsley’ by Ben Stafford, 8th February **2012**

magic wand; magic

noun

a blonde [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in Australian usage.
 · – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, **1970**
 · Tired of being a redhead, she turned herself into a magic wand. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.93, **1995**
 · – *Sydney Uni Touch Football Club* forum, 8th August **2003**
 · I pulled a top magic wand last night. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**
 · He once confounded all when he blithely said he was going to “take a magic to a gay at the Werries”. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 29th June **2009**
 · Plus love me magic wands too lol. – *FMTTM* forum, 29th July **2013**

magic wand

adjective

blonde [UK]

· [S]he doesn’t have to be pease in pot or magic wand but must have a nice chevy chase and like a bubble bath and rum and coke. – *Physics Forums*, 13th September **2005**

magistrate’s court; magistrate’s

noun

a drink of spirits [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *short*.
 · [A] drop of magistrate’s. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Magnus Pyke; Magnus Pike; magnus

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*. < English scientist and TV personality Magnus Pyke (1908–92).
 · Magnus Pike is Cockney slang for Dyke (Lesbian). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
 · She looks like a right Magnus. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [T]hen im goin round sue’s house u know the Magnus Pike[.] – *Cannabis.com* forum, 21st November **2005**
 · *dyke Magnus Pyke*. – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, **2009**

Magoos

noun

the reserve team of a sports club [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *twos*, another term for the seconds. < Mr Mago, a TV cartoon character created in 1949 by American animator John Hubley.
 · ‘I’ve been ignored for the past few weeks so I can’t see why they won’t ignore me for another week’ – Brian Taylor predicting his stay in the Magoos may last at least another week. – *The Herald*, Melbourne, 9th May **1990**
 · Even a spell this week in the ‘Magoos’ – the ACB Cup Second XI clash against Queensland in Brisbane – couldn’t get him back among the wickets. – *Mercury*, Hobart, 18th December **2002**
 · Footy is a business, a tough business. Falter and a player will find himself playing in the **magoos**. – P. Hunt and G. Manton, *Mongrel Punts*, s.v. *last game*, **2006**
 · The Hoppers have some good players running around in the magoos and look to have some good numbers. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 23rd June **2009**

Mahatma Gandhi; Mahatma Ghandi; mahatma

noun

1 shandy [UK]

< Indian spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi (born Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi; 1869–1948).
 · – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 · – *darthcarlsberg.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th July **2010**
 · [A] pint of nelson and a pint of mahatma might not be understood by many people. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th March **2012**
 · By the way Mahatma Ghandi = Shandy! – *twitter.com*, 24th November **2012**

2 brandy [UK]

· Brandy *Mahatma Ghandi*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.74, **1973**
 · She has a large Mahatma Gandhi to pull herself together[.] – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.125, **1974**
 · I think a Mahatma Ghandi might slip down all right now you make me think of it. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.29, **1975**
 · After a warming Mahatma Ghandi and a peculiar Hun Ruby Murray, “We converged en masse on the Novotel Hotel bar where the match was relived a thousand times, the heroics embroidered, the mistakes explained.[”] – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.120, **1984**
 · – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 · Mahatma and coke please. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th January **2002**
 · Napper Tandy – ‘brandy’ (also ‘Mahatma Gandhi’). – *jemyhope.blogspot.com*, 3rd October **2010**

· By the way that's Mahatma Gandhi as in the Hindu guru and liberator of the Indian nation, not the rhyming slang for a wee brandy. – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 4th November **2012**

Mahatma Gandhi; mahatma

adjective

1 handy [AUSTRALIA]

< Indian spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi (born Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi; 1869–1948).

· I might tell you first up I've got a very cliner rap on the old joint these days, but it's funny how you find the expressions you used as a saucepan, Mahatma later on. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 27th January **1980**

2 sexually aroused, lustful [UK]

Rhymes on *randy*.

· [T]eenage boys will continue to go out on the cotton wool when they're feeling Mahatma Gandhi, hoping for a Kermit The Frog and endeavouring not to get too Schindler's List in case they blow their chances of a Melvyn Bragg. – *The Mail on Sunday*, 8th February **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [F]eeling a bit Mahatma tonight. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· I was blazin. Lee Marvin and Mahatma Gandhi. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

maiden; maid

noun

▶ see MADE-IN

maiden's prayer; maiden's

noun

air [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

· [“]We just gotta 'ave frightful and maiden's." "Whatever you say, Brown. What are they" "*Frightful sight/light*, and *maiden's prayer/air*, innit?" – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.117, **1973**

maids adorning; maid's adorning; maids a dawning;

maids

noun

the morning [UK/US]

First recorded by Hotten (1859) in the variant form *maids a dawning*. The form *maids adorning* is recorded by Pollock (1935) and Klein (2009); *maid's adorning* is listed by Maurer (1944) and Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962). *Maids* is exclusively British.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· It's too early in the maids. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

Maidstone jailer; Maidstone jailor; Maidstone gaoler

noun

a tailor [UK/US]

The spelling *Maidstone jailor* is recorded in Anglicus (1857) and Hotten (1859). This is corrected to *Maidstone jailer* in Hotten (1874). The latter spelling is the only one recorded in American sources.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· While the responsible person the tailor is known as a “Maidstone gaoler.” – *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, 4th March **1909**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

mailed and sent

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bent*.

· **mailed and sent** *rhym. slang*. On the other bus. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th December **2006**

· Hugh Grant? Hes mailed and sent. – *www.youtube.com*, **2012**

Major Loder; Major Loda

noun

soda water; whisky and soda [UK]

< Major Eustace Loder (1867–1914), noted as the owner and breeder of the famous racehorses Pretty Polly and Spearmint.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCRS*, **1972**

· I'll have a lime and Major Loda. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Major Stevens

noun

in betting odds, evens [UK]

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Old ‘Steak and Kidney’ (Sidney) my ‘China’ had his bet on the ‘Nanny Goat’ but I went up to a ‘Joe Rook’ and asked, “What price Lucky Jim?” “Major Stevens’ he shouted. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, **1979**

· The odds are Major Stevens. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Major's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< *Major's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of John Major (b.1943) during his period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1990–97). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.

· Tony Blair blushed as he entered the chamber yesterday to hear Dennis Turner (Lab, Wolverhampton SE) tell MPs

that bingo-callers across the nation no longer call number ten “Major’s den.” They now say “Blair’s lair”. – *The Times*, London, 8th March **1996**

· – *Cook’d and Bomb’d* forum, 2nd October **2009**

make another; maken

noun

a brother [AUSTRALIA]

Children’s slang.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

make them wait; make ’em wait

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-eight [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The shorter, informal form is recorded in 2003, all other sources shown have the full form.

· – *alt.usage.english.narkive.com*, 23rd October **2003**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.ballsupbingo.co.uk*, 13th April **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

make weight

numeral

eight [UK: LEEDS]

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I’ll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. Six–I’m in a fix. Seven–Lord in heaven. Eight–make weight. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

make-you-merry

noun

sherry [UK]

· – B. Rogers, *Say That Again!*, p.122, **1999**

make you stutter

noun

butter [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.72, **1968**

Malahide

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *ride*. < Malahide, a small seaside town in the north of Dublin.

· “Didja get the Malahide?” – Did you score? – *Flash Kit Community Forums*, 22nd August **2002**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.120, **2009**

· In d cot with the dry rot... Might get a Malahide before a nice bo peep :) – *twitter.com*, 13th April **2010**

2 a sexually appealing person; a sex partner [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *ride*.

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.120, **2009**

Malahide

adjective

aware, well-informed, knowledgeable [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *wide*. < Malahide, a small seaside town in the north of Dublin.

· If you were Malahide to the Barry Lang, see, you’d have no problems being wide to such slang. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th August **1996**

· Are ye malahide = are you wide (you know the score). – *Back To the Oldskool* forum, 22nd November **2008**

· Gav are you malahide to the joe lang? – *AlfaOwner* forum, 1st November **2011**

· Are ya Malahide to the rack on yer wan. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 25th July **2014**

Malcolm Blight; malcolm

noun

1 a light bulb or lamp [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer and coach Malcolm Blight (b.1950). Only recorded in the full form.

· A becoming shade for our Malcolm Blight? – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.40, **1995**

2 light beer [AUSTRALIA]

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 14th January **2005**

· When you’re drinking less than full strength beer, you are having a Malcom Blight. – *BigFooty AFL* forum 14th October **2009**

· Had to give up drinking full strength beer. Am now on the Malcolm Blights. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th May **2012**

· He’s on the Malcolm Blights. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 21st December **2012**

· Ben will be on the Malcolm’s Saturday before the game[.] – *twitter.com*, 11th July **2013**

· [T]hen stick to the Malcolm Blights if you’re driving. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

3 a light (for a cigarette, etc.) [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I really need a Malcolm Blight for my ciggy. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 15th July **2008**

· The next time you need a light, try asking for a Malcolm Blight instead. – *Mitcham & Hills Messenger*, 21st October **2015**

Malcolm Clift; malcolm

noun

1 a lift in a car [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Malcolm Clift (b.1936). The short form is recorded by Spilsted (1997).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – M. Gwynn, *When People Become Words*, p.2, **2005**

· Can you give us a malcolm clift? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a lift (for conveying people to different floors) [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Malcolm Fraser

noun

▶ see MALKY FRASER

Malcolm in the middle; malcolm

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. < *Malcolm in the Middle*, an American TV sitcom originally broadcast from 2000 to 2006.

• I'm going for a Malcolm, mate... – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th September 2009

Malcolm O'Kelly; malcolm

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [IRELAND]

< Irish rugby player Malcolm O'Kelly (b.1974).

• It's dork in the kitchen, roysh, except for the light coming from the open fridge, which illuminates the floor in front of it, where Sorcha's sitting like Buddha, with her legs crossed and her big Malcolm O'Kelly stuck out in front of her[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.220, 2006

• I'm thinking, a brandy could be just the thing to settle the old Malcolm. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Rhino*, p.365, 2009

Malcolm Scott; malcolm

adjective

hot [UK]

< English music-hall comedian and female impersonator Malcolm Scott (1872–1929). Originally theatrical.

• Then he complains that the “Harry Nicholls” are too “Malcolm.” – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August 1910

• This signifies that the pickles are rather “Malcolm Scott” (hot). – *Penny Illustrated Paper*, London, 20th August 1910

• “Malcolm” (Scott)=hot[.] – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, 1911

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.58, 1973

Malcolm X; malcolm

noun

a text message [UK]

< Malcolm X, the adopted name of Malcolm Little (1925–65), a key figure in the American black civil rights movement.

• Send us a Malcolm when you get there. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th January 2007

• – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th March 2013

Malky Fraser; Malky Frazer; Malcolm Fraser

noun

a cut-throat razor used as a weapon [UK: SCOTLAND]

Probably a folk-etymological elaboration of the Scots *malky*, possibly influenced by its synonym HOUSE OF FRASER. The earliest known use of *malky* given in *DSL* (2004) is 1962, while *Malky Fraser* is first found in the 1980s, especially in metalinguistic contexts (for example, in Munro 1985), which may suggest that the rhyming slang expression arose as a post hoc ‘etymology’. Metalinguistic citations mentioning the existence of *Malky Fraser* in the mid-1950s or even earlier cannot be taken as prima facie evidence that the expression was used at that time.

• A razor in Glaswegian rhyming slang was a ‘Malky Frazer’ and the term dates to the twenties and thirties. – R.G. MacCallum, *Tongs Ya Bass*, p.69, 1994

• During a High Court trial [in 1955], a witness explained that ‘Malky Fraser’ was gangland slang for an old-fashioned cut-throat razor. – R. Kenna and I. Sutherland, *They Belonged to Glasgow*, p.109, 2001

• Neckwear consisted of a knotted white silk scarf tucked under a tightly buttoned jacket, in the breast pocket of which a ‘malky’, a ‘Malcolm Fraser’, or cut-throat razor was hidden.’ – S. Christie, *My Granny*, p.87, 2002

• [T]hen the bold fella went doonstairs and slit the poor guy's throat wi a malky fraser[.] – *Ferris Conspiracy* forum, 16th November 2006

• [P]robably has a malky frazer in her handbag. – *Digital Kaos* forum, 28th June 2009

mallee root; mallee

noun

1 a prostitute [AUSTRALIA/US]

< *mallee root* ‘the root of the mallee tree, a type of shrub-like eucalyptus’. A pun on *root* ‘an act of sexual intercourse; a sexual partner’.

• – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• Mallee root: Lady of easy virtue. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July 1988

• I gave that mallee the optic. – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, p.297, 1999

• [H]e was seeing a mallee root in town. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

• Now, I'm not saying the sheilas are a bunch of mallee roots, but maybe a Ron Coote will be on offer[.] – *Pattaya Addicts* forum, 2nd January 2016

2 a boot [AUSTRALIA]

• – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker's Bible*, 1983

• **Kiwi**. Small flightless bird, a shoe polish for the Maltees (Mallee Roots = boots, not that lovely sheila from Swan Hill) or a native from the Land of the Long White Shroud. – *www.emaroccottages.com.au*, ‘Australian Roadkill Recipes’, 18th March 2010

Mal Meninga

noun

a finger [AUSTRALIA]

Hence the phrase *give* (a girl or woman) *the Mal Meninga*, an idea also expressed by the verb MAL MENINGA. < Australian rugby league player and coach Mal Meninga (b.1960).

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003
- The next day Glenn told David he gave her “Mal Meninga” (fingering) and she gave him a “shopping trolley” (hand job). – *Television Without Pity* forum, 11th June 2005
- Was giving her a Mal Meninga when the night’s drinking caught up with me[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 17th June 2010
- Crossing my Mal Meningas that Alexis do one last lap of Oz. – *twitter.com*, 10th July 2012
- – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May 2016

Mal Meninga

verb

to stimulate or enter the vagina or anus with one or more fingers [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *finger*. < Australian rugby league player Mal Meninga (b.1960). Used only in infinitive form.
- i got a ronnie coote last night, but she didn’t allow me to mal meninga her[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 9th October 2002
- As I proceeded to Mal Meninga her, I ran to the bathroom for a Les Kiss and a Darren Britt. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September 2004
- I saw you leave the bar with that girl. Did you at least Mal Meninga her? – *twitter.com*, 19th June 2013

malteser

noun

a man, especially and originally an old or middle-aged man [UK]

- Rhymes on *geezer*. < *Malteser*, the singular form of *Maltesers*, a brand of confectionery presented as small chocolate-covered balls; also used colloquially to refer to a Maltese person.
- – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, 1997: *Private Eye* magazine, London, 6th May 1994
- She recalls times when he and two drinking mates – a threesome known collectively as the “Maltesers”, cockney rhyming slang for old geezers – have still been going strong at 5am, long after everyone else has slid under the table. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 26th October 1996
- Now you hold on tight, yer little malteser. – A. Graham, *Brotherhood of the Jackal*, p.268, 2014

malt whisky

adjective

frisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Ah don’t know whit yer getting’ aw Malt Whisky about. Ye’ve nae chance the night pal. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Malvern Star

noun

a car [AUSTRALIA]

< Malvern Star, an Australian brand of bicycle.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- Come over and see my Malvern Star. – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May 2013

Mamas and Papas

noun

■ **down on one’s Mamas and Papas** impoverished

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- Rhymes on *uppers*, used in the phrase *down on one’s uppers*. A nonce word. < The Mamas and the Papas, a 1960s American vocal group.
- Not bad for a man down on his Mamas and Papas. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May 2004

mamma and dadda

noun

a ladder [UK: MANCHESTER]

In use among scaffolders.

- Off a Manchester building site (scaffolders); Mamma and dadda = Ladder. – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November 2006

Mamma Hicks

noun

in craps, a roll of six [US]

A variation of JIMMY HICKS.

- His strawberry-blond hair fell across his pug face, a cigarette dangled insolently from his lips, and he brought the dice, cupped into his left hand, to his mouth. “Oh, baby,” he said. “Jimmy Hicks [...] Mamma Hicks, oh, baby, baby, baby, you do what Daddy says, you sweet, sweet baby six!” – S. Hunter, *Hot Springs*, p.42 [2001], 2000

mammy mine

noun

wine [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *mammy mine*, a phrase ultimately taken from the lyrics to the song ‘Rock-a-bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody’, written in 1918 by Sam Lewis and Joe Young and popularised by Al Jonson.

- – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985
- – *Evening Tribune*, San Diego, CA, 7th April 1988
- Remember the license grocers in Mcneil St- think it was more license than grocers. I remember certain members of my family gossiping about women popping in for a Gill of the MAMMY MINE, WINE. – *The Gorbals* forum, 6th July 2007
- – *swap.nesc.gla.ac.uk*, 24th December 2011

mammy’s smiles; mummies

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.

· [H]e's dangling off an ice pick driven squarely through my mammy's smiles. – *Viz* comic, February/March **1997**

· That vindaloo is playing hell with my Mammies. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st December **2009**

man alive; man

noun

1 in bingo, the number five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
< *man alive!*, an exclamation of surprise, emphasis or irritation. Only recorded in the full form.

· Number five, man alive, by all the stars above[.] – *Bingo! (I'm in Love)*, lyric, Dave Carey, **1961**

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**

· – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**

· [C]allers will sometimes use slang terms (often similar to Cockney rhyming slang) to refer to the numbers. For example, seven is “Lucky for Some,” 17 is “Never Been Kissed,” and five is “Man Alive” (an example of rhyming slang). – R.P. Carlisle, *Encyclopedia of Play*, s.v. *bingo* (contributed by J. Laird), **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Using his best DJ voice he calls out such witticisms as ‘Legs Eleven’ or ‘Man Alive, number five’, accompanied by a wink at his favourite old dears. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 4th March **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

2 in dominoes, the number five [UK]

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 5. Man (Alive)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

man and wife

noun

a knife, sometimes specifically a pocket knife [UK/US]

The nuanced sense ‘a pocket knife’ is recorded by Berrey and Van den Bark (1942), Monteleone (1949) and Franklyn (1960).

· – J. Gibbons and E. Fraser, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

man bate

noun

in bingo, the number forty-eight [UK]

Possibly a euphemistic variant of *master bate*, itself a pun on *masturbate*.

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

man bristols

noun

deposits of excess breast tissue or fat on a man's chest that make it look as though he has female breasts [UK]

From *bristols*, the elliptical form of *Bristol Cities* (▶ see BRISTOL CITY), on the model of *man titties*.

· I agree with a worrying amount of that, although man bristols didn't stop Steve Waugh in the latter part of his career. – *www.theguardian.com*, 4th June **2006**

· I hate ‘man-boobs’, and not only because of the piercing regret every time I look at my now unwearable yellow Diesel T-shirt. ‘Man bristols’ is so much more elegant. – *www.theguardian.com*, 1st December **2006**

Manchester City; manchester

noun

a woman's breast [UK]

Rhymes on *titty*. < Manchester City, a football club based in Manchester, in the north-west of England.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· **MANCHESTERS** (Sl.) n. The female *Breasts. – J. Trimble, *5,000 Adult Sex Words*, **1966**

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972**

· What a lovely pair of Manchesters! – T. Lea, *Plumber's Mate*, p.104, **1975**

· – R. Ash and B. Highton, *Private Parts*, **1987**

· Anyone needing a lift back from Blackburn? Free of charge of course, however if you are a blonde female with a rather large pair of Manchester Cities then there may be a small fee involved. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 31st December **2007**

· Pammy Anderson running along the beach with her manchesters jigging...sproing. – *www.youtube.com*, March **2012**

Mandela-belly

noun

a beer belly [UK]

Formed on NELSON MANDELA.

· – *The Sun*, London, 25th January **2006**

Mandy Dingle

noun

1 in scaffolding, a metal clamp used for joining putlogs or transom tubes to ledgers [UK]

Rhymes on *single*, an elliptical form of *single coupler*. < Mandy Dingle, a character in the long-running ITV soap opera *Emmerdale*, played by English actress Lisa Riley (b.1976).

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 16th June **2010**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 5th March **2011**

· Again the young team have their mandy dingles and barney rubbles[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th April **2012**

2 ■ **be on the Mandy Dingle** to be single [UK]

· You wanna be on the Mandy Dingle? – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

Mandy Dingle; mandy

adjective

not involved in an ongoing romantic or sexual partnership or relationship [UK]

Rhymes on *single*. < Mandy Dingle, a character in the long-running ITV soap opera *Emmerdale*, played by English actress Lisa Riley (b.1976).

· Is that bird still mandy dingle? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th April **2004**

· I'm Mandy Dingle and I'm ready to mingle...!! – *The Loop* forum, 28th June **2007**

· If she was still Mandy, I'd take her down to the battle cruiser.[.] – *theasmrangel.asmr.fm*, 7th August **2014**

Mandy Dingles

noun

shingles [UK]

< Mandy Dingle, a character in the long-running ITV soap opera *Emmerdale*, played by English actress Lisa Riley (b.1976).

· How are your Mandy Dingles? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th April **2002**

Mandy's place

noun

a home [UK]

A punning variation of *Millennium Dome* or *Mandy's dome*, rhyming on *home*. < the controversial Millennium Dome in Greenwich, London, a temporary project designed to celebrate the start of the new millennium. *Mandy* is a reference to Labour politician Peter Mandelson (b.1953), who was put in charge as minister of the project in May 1997.

· Similarly, if you have never heard of some of our politicians you may be confused by such phrases as "I'm going to Mandy's place", which means "I'm going home". – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

Manfred Mann

noun

1 a sultan [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Manfred Mann, the stage name of South African keyboardist Manfred Lubowitz (b.1940), leader of the English rock bands Manfred Mann and Manfred Mann's Earth Band.

· She's away doon tae the sunbed tae top up the Manfred Mann. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

2 a plan [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th November **2003**

· – *DJ's United* forum, 27th September **2005**

man from Cairo; man fae Cairo

noun

a social security cheque [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *giro*. *Fae* is the Scots form of *from*. Synonymous with EGYPTIAN FAE CAIRO.

· – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· Ah couldnae go tae the tackul shoap ... the man fae cairo dusnae cum tae next week. – *Anglers' Net* forum, 25th January **2005**

· I had to sign on with the unemployment office to get my Man from Cairo. – C. Marx, *Atheist's Guide*, p.148, **2007**

· Am goin fur a swally, wance the postie brings mae man fae cairo. – *lyndre.hubpages.com*, 17th July **2007**

· Naw whit a mean, waur ma man fae Cairo by the way? – *www.scotsman.com*, 30th June **2008**

· Hell holes of poverty and despair with frightened socially dependent people who would vote for a donkey with a red rosette as long as the bru money was safe. The man fae Cairo (Giro) was the main man now. – *news-netscotland.com*, 30th January **2012**

mangle and wring; mangle

verb

to sing [UK]

· The job of the rapidly disappearing pub pianist is to play the 'stewed prunes' while the assembled inebriates attempt to 'mangle' them. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Stewed Prune*, **1992**

· Frank sits down on the *joanna*, knocking out the *ding-dongs* while Beryl *mangles* along. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.54, **2011**

mangle and wringer

noun

a singer [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Is this Murray chap a good **mangle and wringer** then? – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· She's a fantastic mangle and wringer. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

mangles and wringers

noun

the fingers [UK]

Criminal use.

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, **1989**

manhole cover; manhole

noun

a brother [UK]

Relies on the Cockney pronunciation of *brother* as *bruvver*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [S]aw your manhole down the battle. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· I asked my manhole cover but he has just had a basin of gravy so he's coals and coke and all guv. – *Bloody Disgusting* forum, 8th April **2008**

man in the moon

noun

an eccentric; a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *loon*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Manly Warringah*noun*

the finger [AUSTRALIA]

< Manly-Warringah, popularly known as the ‘Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles’, a rugby league football club based in Sydney.

• – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

• – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.90, **1999**

manna from heaven*noun*

in craps, a roll of eleven [US]

• – T.L. Clark, *Noms de Felt*, p.27, **1986**

• In a game of Craps, what’s “manna from heaven”? – B. Beattie, *Questions*, p.303, **2011**

• – *www.bigempire.com*, ‘Encyclopedia Vegasana: All Terms Las Vegas’, **2012**

manolo*noun*

a young woman [UK]

A shortening of *Manolo Blahnik*. The rhyme relies on a jocular pronunciation of *Blahnik* with the stress on the final syllable, rhyming on *chick*. < Spanish-born, Bath-based shoe designer Manolo Blahnik Rodríguez (b.1942).

• [T]his month’s Elle magazine notifies us that the latest chic speak for socks is Patricks, as in Cox. A Manolo is a chick, as in Blahnik and someone nipping off to the Jimmy Choo is, in all likelihood, about to do a Jimmy Riddle. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 17th January **2001**

man on the moon*noun*

a spoon [UK]

• – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.25, **1989**

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

• – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August **2008**

• Pass me a man on the moon and I’ll serve up the Tommy Tucker. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

man o’ war*noun*

a bore [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• That Fred’s a right man o’war when it comes to his football hooligan stories. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Mantovani; Mantavanni; manto*noun*

1 women as sex objects [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*. < Italian-born conductor and arranger Annunzio Paolo Mantovani (1905–80). Recorded in the forms *Mantovani* and *manto*.

• Are you going to a show? Yes, you can’t beat the Festival for bringing out the mantovani. [...] The manto’s hoachin. Thir’s foreign fanny aw ower the place, some ay them gaggin oan it. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, pp.29/200 [1994], **1993**

• [C]heck oot the manto[.] – *The Sensational Alex Harvey Band* forum, 29th January **2008**

• Where’s the burds? One of the reasons for going to the pub was in search of some Mantovani. – *Fitbaw Mad* forum, 10th December **2014**

• I mentioned the amount of Mantovani about & he wept tears of joy. – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

2 the vagina [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*. Recorded in the forms *Mantovani* and *manto*.

• **Vagina** [...] Shareen Nanjiani, Manto, Twat. – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.87, **2005**

• – I hope his load went doon the pan. – Naw. Up her Mantovani. She is still of childbearing age so fingers crossed it was a blank. – *Fitbaw Mad* forum, 29th November **2014**

3 an idiot [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*.

• Enough of this rhyming slang ya Mantavanni. – *twitter.com*, 9th April **2015**

• Fuck being a hi fi salesman....get yer cunt kicked for suggesting a punter is a manto. (glasgow rhyming slang for mantovani aka ya fanny). – *The Art of Sound* forum, 13th July **2015**

man-trap*noun*

excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Manuel Pascali*noun*

a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < Italian footballer Manuel Pascali (b.1981), who played for Kilmarnock from 2008 to 2015.

• New rhyming slang: manuel pascali = a swally (a drink). Use it every day. – *twitter.com*, 16th March **2009**

Man United; Man Utd*adjective*

excited [UK]

< Manchester United, a football club based in Old Trafford, Greater Manchester, England.

• Anyone else getting all Man United (excited) about the glorious game? – *Ozone Asylum* forum, 26th May **2006**

• Im now getting all man utd (excited)! – *The Anglers Forum*, 14th December **2007**

• [I’]m getting all ‘man united’ about my 3some[.] – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 5th July **2008**

• I wouldn’t get all Man United just yet. – *The FIAT Forum*, 19th June **2011**

man with a grudge*noun*

a judge [US]

• – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

• – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

maracas

noun

the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *knackers*. A visual metaphor. ▶ see DOG’S MARACAS

- – R. Ash and B. Higton, *Private Parts*, **1987**
- You’ll get a kick up the maracas if you ain’t careful. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- You just dont twist a man’s maracas...Its just not cricket baby. – *PC PowerPlay.com.au* forum, 5th October **2003**
- Popular substitutes are: *Orchestras* (‘orchestra stalls’), *Henry Halls*, *Niagaras* (‘Niagara Falls’), *town halls*, *cobblers* (‘cobbler’s awls’) and *maracas* (‘knackers’). – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**
- [T]he builders whose stock px has rocketed over the years DESERVE to get a big kick in the maracas for not gauging market conditions. – *This is Money* forum, 27th April **2007**
- The Spanish bankers want a good kick in the maracas! – *twitter.com*, 6th June **2012**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Marble Arch

noun

starch [UK]

< Marble Arch, a famous London landmark.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

marble arched

adjective

very thirsty [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *parched*. < Marble Arch, a famous London landmark.

- I’ll put the heavy metal on as soon as I get back and we’ll have that Marble Arched throat eased in no rhythm and rhyme. – *Mellophant* forum, 16th March **2009**

marbles and conkers; marbles

adjective

crazy [UK]

Rhymes on *bonkers*. < *marbles and conkers*, a phrase combining two popular children’s games. Probably suggested by *lose one’s marbles*. The short form is noted by Puxley (1992).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Fuck all three of you. You’re all completely marbles and conkers, and I’m done! – *RPG Post* forum, 30th July **2006**
- Toby fervently wished that Katie were mad. Marbles and conkers. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**
- If I don’t win, I’m going all marbles and conkers cuz I heard it’s the mutt’s nuts! – *www.theproducerperspective.com*, 1st May **2012**
- This film is Marbles and Conkers (Bonkers). – *twitter.com*, 10th November **2012**

marble slabs; marbles

noun

pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

- E’s got a right case of marbles. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th March **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- [W]e don’t want no rabbit and pork about anybody’s marble-slabs! – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 6th May **2008**
- I mean it’s bad enough she’s given me marble slabs[.] – *theworldofdick.blogspot.com*, blog, 29th January **2010**

Marcello Lippi; Marcelo Lippi

noun

a fish-and-chip shop [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chippy*. < Italian football manager Marcello Lippi (b.1948).

- Could eaaaaasily go a Marcelo lippi. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2013**
- Or a fish supper from the Marcello Lippi. – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2013**

Marcello Lippi; Marcelo Lippi; marcello

adjective

(of weather) chilly [UK]

Rhymes on *nippy*. < Italian football manager Marcello Lippi (b.1948).

- It’s a bit Marcello Lippi out. – *twitter.com*, 15th March **2012**
- [D]id you go to the Marcello (Lippi) at lunchtime? – *twitter.com*, 18th July **2012**
- Way too Marcello (Lippi = Nippy) to be wearing a tshirt! – *twitter.com*, 20th December **2012**
- It’s a bit Marcelo Lippi out there this morning. – *twitter.com*, 21st October **2014**

marcia

noun

in horse-race betting, odds of nine to one [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Marcia Hines*, rhyming on *nines*. < American-born Australian singer Marcia Hines (b.1953), who rose to fame in the 1970s.

- – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

Marco Pierre White

noun

something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < English chef and restaurateur Marco Pierre White (b.1961).

- – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Marcus Clark; Marcus Clarke

noun

a shark [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < Marcus Clark & Co., a defunct Australian department store chain. The spelling with final *e* is given by Ayto (2002), who derives the word from *Marcus Clarke*, the name of the author of *For the Term of his Natural Life* (1874), a classic narrative of life in an Australian penal colony.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.124, **2002**
- – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

mare and foal*noun*

a roll of banknotes [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *bankroll*.

- – D. McGill, *DKD*, **1989**

Margaret Rose; margaret*noun*

the nose [UK]

< Margaret Rose (1930–2002), conventionally known as Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II. The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Margaret Scratcher; Maggie Scratcher*nickname*

English Conservative Party politician Margaret Thatcher (1925–2013), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990

A slang rhyme based on SCRATCHER.

- Cherie Both Blair isn't a prime minister like Margaret "Scratcher" – although admittedly she does act like one. – *VirtualTourist* forum, 9th April **2005**
- No Statue for Jimmy Saville, none for Maggie Scratcher either, more companies folded under her command than ever had before ... – www.telegraph.co.uk, 13th July **2014**
- Maggie Scratcher was told that the dust had been 'lan-guishing in a cupboard', the files show. – *keithtopping.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st January **2016**

Margaret Thatcher; Maggie Thatcher; margaret; maggie*noun*

1 a bed [IRELAND/UK; SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *scratcher*. < English Conservative Party politician Margaret Thatcher (1925–2013), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990.

- BED – Maggie = Margaret Thatcher = Scratcher = Scratch yer head. – *h2g2* forum, 29th January **2003**
- It's, like, midnight, roysh, and I'm in the Margaret – on my own, for once [...] so I go in on Saturday afternoon – still making the old man pay for Jo Maxis for me everywhere – hit BTs and end up getting suited-up in less time than it takes to talk an Ors fresher into the old Margaret Thatcher, in other words fifteen minutes. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, pp.28/156, **2004**
- I was in the Margaret, watching a totally tangoed bird on the Savalas[...] – www.independent.ie, 8th February **2006**
- It contains nae Margaret Thatcher but thir's loads ay lassies' clathes hingin oan the racks. – I. Welsh, *If You Liked School*, p.257, **2007**

· In good news for mobile phone companies and bad news for our work/life balance, more of us than ever are sending work-related texts from our Margaret Thatchers (that's scratchers, to non-adopters of Cockney rhyming slang). – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 2nd June **2008**

· About to hit the Margaret Thatcher. – *twitter.com*, 28th November **2013**

· That was me done and ready for my Maggie Thatcher (scratcher). I lay on my bed with my television on[...] – S. Connolly, *B.A.O.R.*, p.117, **2014**

2 a scratchcard [UK]

Rhymes on *scratcher*. Recorded in the form *Maggie Thatcher*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Margarit*noun*

▶ see SWEET MARGARET

Margate sand; margate*noun*

the hand [UK]

Margate is a seaside resort in Kent, in the south-east of England.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- Get you Margates off me! – julien.court.free.fr, August **2005**

Mariah Carey; mariah*adjective*

1 aggressive or rowdy [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *lairy*. < American pop singer Mariah Carey (b.1970).

- And golf fans could see Tiger Woods getting a bit Mariah Carey – lairy – after a bust-up with his Puff Daddy – golf caddy. – www.mcarchives.com, 14th January **2001**
- Are you getting a bit Mariah? – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 17th November **2008**

· And no cheating, or your golf buddy might go a bit Mariah and punch you in the Ax[...] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

2 flashy, showy, garish [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Rhymes on *lairy*.

- Cor! that shirt's a bit Mariah! – *Loving Links* forum, 13th December **2002**

3 scary [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th October **2003**

· It's All a Bit Mariah – Rhyming Slang is Brown Bread. [...] Blimey, it's all a bit Mariah Carey, innit? – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd August **2005**

- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

· Yeah, she's a Jerry Springer (minger) and I find her quite Mariah Carey too. – blog.theoddballenglish.com, blog, 20th June **2012**

Maria Hunt*noun*

an obnoxious or stupid man [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A nonce word coined by English poet David Jones in *In Parenthesis* (1937), a long poem in which he drew upon his experiences as a soldier in World War I.

• Lower you lower you prize Maria Hunt, an' gammy fingered upland Gamalin-down cantcher – low – hands away me ducky – down on hands on hands down and flattened belly and face pressed and curroodle mother earth[.] – D. Jones, *In Parenthesis*, p.176, **1937**

Maria Monk; maria

noun

1 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < Maria Monk, the supposed author and title character of *The Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk*, an alleged autobiographical account of life in a Montreal convent, published in 1836.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Maria = Sperm (Maria Monk/Spunk). – B. Robinson, *Peculiar Memories*, p.8 [1999], **1998**

• I had to use the Daz to get her maria out o' me libbage. – *Putting on the Dish*, UK film, script by K. Eccleston and B. Fairbairn, **2015**

2 courage and determination [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• Tracey's a looker – and she's got plenty of Maria. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Maria Monk

adjective

drunk [IRELAND]

< Maria Monk, the supposed author and title character of *The Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk*, an alleged autobiographical account of life in a Montreal convent, published in 1836.

• Well well... couple of large bottles of Winona Ryder under the heat of the currant bun & I'm a little Maria Monk... – *twitter.com*, 23rd May **2010**

Marie Corelli; Marie Correlli; marie

noun

television; a television [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*. < Marie Corelli, the pen name of English novelist Mary Mackay (1855–1924). The variant *Marie Correlli* is given by Kendall (1969), Jones (1971) and Aylwin (1973).

• – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**

• – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

• [T]o see something 'on the Marie', is to see a programme on the television (Marie Corelli–telly). – B. Masters, *Barabbas*, p.7, **1978**

• I'm boracic, honest, spent the week stretched in front of the Marie Corelli without so much as a glass. – *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

• In playful Cockney rhyming slang, a telephone is a Molly, a television a Marie and the army is Kate. – *The Whig-Standard*, Kingston, Ontario, 22nd November **1991**
• – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

Marie La Var

noun

a car [AUSTRALIA]

< English actress and singer Marie La Varre, who was active from the early 1910s through the 1940s.

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Marilu Henner; marilu

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < American actress Marilu Henner (b.1952).

• I forked out a Marilu Henner for a crate of Mick Jagger[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November **2000**

• [L]end us a marilu!!! – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th June **2012**

Marilyn

nickname

the Ballymun Road in north Dublin

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the quasi-homophones *Mun Road*, the local name of the Ballymun Road, and *Monroe*. < Marilyn Monroe, the stage name of American actress Norma Jeane Baker (born Norma Jeane Mortenson; 1926–62).

• – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.238, **2007**

• I have to say, I love the way Dublin taxi drivers call the Ballymun Road "the Marilyn" (Mun Road). – *twitter.com*, 28th March **2013**

Marilyn Manson

adjective

(of a man) handsome [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Marilyn Manson, the stage name of American rock musician Brian Warner (b.1969), whose ghoulish onstage persona is anything but handsome.

• Your looking Marilyn Manson today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**

• – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• [W]here are you off to? Looking very Marilyn Manson tonight. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

• Blimey, you didn't tell me your manhole cover was Marilyn Manson as well'. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June **2012**

Marilyn Monroe

noun

the toe [UK]

< Marilyn Monroe, the stage name of American actress Norma Jeane Baker (born Norma Jeane Mortenson, 1926–62).

· I had to take my Gloria Gaynors off and then I got Ray Miland in between me Marilyn Monroes, a real pain in the rear to be honest with ya. – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November **2005**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st January **2008**

· Ouch! I just stubbed my **Marilyn Monroe**. – *hollywoodrhymingslang.com*, **2015**

mariner's grave; mariner's

noun

a shave [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· Now I come to pass my bag of sand round my out-and-in, I think I want a mariner's grave. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Mariner's (mariner's grave), shave–c.f. "ocean." – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

Marino Keith

noun

the teeth [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Marino Keith (b.1974).

· One of my former workmates once said that a new lassie who had started with us had some size of Marino Keith. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 9th August **2010**

Mario Lanza

noun

cancer [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Mario Lanza, the stage name of American opera singer and actor Alfredo Cocozza (1921–59).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Maris Piper

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

A punning variation of BAKED POTATO or MASHED POTATO. < *Maris Piper* 'a popular potato variety'.

· *Mashed potato* – later. But then you can take it a bit further and say 'Maris Piper'. – *Mid-Morning Show*, 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Marjorie Daw; Marjorie Dawe

noun

a whore [UK]

< 'See-Saw Marjorie Daw' (or 'See-Saw Margerie Daw'), an English nursery rhyme first recorded in the 1760s. Probably inspired by the word *slut*, used in the old sense 'a dirty or slovenly woman' in one of the versions of the rhyme: 'See-Saw Margery Daw, / Sold her

bed, and lay upon straw. / Was not she a dirty slut / To sell her bed and lie upon dirt?'

· Marjorie Dawe, through Cockney rhyming slang, was the East End name for a prostitute[.] – K. de Barri, *Bucks and Bawds*, p.114, **1974**

· **Of Words, Phrases and Things from Dictionary** [...] Marine Officer...An empty bottle. Marjorie Daw...Whore. Master of the Mint...A gardener. – *www.forkinggeorge.com*, 27th February **2012**

Marjorie Moon

noun

a spoon [AUSTRALIA]

< English xylophonist Marjorie Moon (1925–2005), a popular entertainer who was well-known in Australia.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mark Boucher

noun

a voucher [AUSTRALIA]

< South African cricketer Mark Boucher (b.1976).

· – *www.whitehat.com.au*, 10th February **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Looking forward to spending my Mark Boucher. – *twitter.com*, 18th July **2013**

Mark Bright

noun

1 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < English footballer Mark Bright (b.1962).

· The comeback was great, everything else about the game (until big Clive came on) was a pile of Mark Bright. – *www.skybluesblog.co.uk*, blog, 20th August **2010**

· I'M afraid I am going to have to declare this year's Premier League null and void on the grounds that every team in the whole division is a load of Mark Bright. – *www.islingtontribune.com*, 19th April **2012**

· This referee is having an absolute Mark Bright of a game. – *twitter.com*, 8th June **2012**

· You are talking a load of mark bright. – *twitter.com*, 16th December **2012**

2 a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· jim beglin is a complete and utter mark bright. – *n3ta* forum, 8th June **2012**

3 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· I'd be as well taking a Mark Bright on a piece of paper and handing it in tomorrow[.] – *twitter.com*, 16th May **2013**

· – Why can't she sit in a car for more than 2 hours without stopping for a Michael Twiss? – better than a mark bright! – *twitter.com*, 19th September **2014**

Mark Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Scottish footballer Mark Brown (b.1981).

- [P]robably couldnt have asked for a better shot stopper to be in goals for a penalty shootout, mon the mark broon. – *twitter.com*, 21st September **2011**
- I'll no make cav this week but I'll see you next and show a few tricks up the mark broon – *twitter.com*, 21st July **2016**

market stalls; markets

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*.

- I got itchy Markets. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th January **2007**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Joe Kinnear gets a kick in the market stalls after landing the Newcastle job. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 30th September **2008**

Mark Foy

noun

1 a boy [AUSTRALIA]

< Mark Foy's, a long-gone Sydney department store.

- Blimey, no Mark Foy is going to give me a dig in th' grave. Yer might take me Port Melbourne pier off. – *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October **1942**
- – S.J. Baker, *PDAS3*, **1943**
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**
- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.36, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- 2 a deck boy [AUSTRALIA]
- Seamen's slang.
- – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.25, **1984**

Mark Foy; Mark

nickname

Australian swindler and gangster James Mann (1901–47), best known as James Coates

Rhymes on *boy*. < Mark Foy's, a long-gone Sydney department store. The short form is used with the definite article.

- Police to-day revealed that Coates' real name was James Mann. [...] He was best known to the police and criminal associates as "Mark Foy". – *Townsville Daily Bulletin*, Townsville, Queensland, 22nd July **1947**
- James Coates, alias Mark Foy, international swindler and confidence man, was shot in revenge by a former associate. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 26th July **1947**
- Coates became known internationally as "The Mark," or as "Mark Foy". – *Truth*, Brisbane, 27th July **1947**
- Christened James Mann when he was born in Perth in 1901, he often went by the name of Mark Foy (rhyming slang for boy). He had claimed he was only a Mark Foy when he was caught by a steward rifling a cabin on a liner and the name stuck. – J. Morton and S. Lobez, *Gangland Australia*, p.60, **2010**

Mark Lamaar

noun

a bar [UK]

< Mark Lamarr, the stage name of English comedian Mark Jones (b.1967).

- Get yourself up to the mark lamaar and get the britneys in. – *FMTTM* forum, 23rd February **2012**

Mark McGhee

noun

tea [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish football player and manager Mark McGhee (b.1957).

- Excuse me pal, can you spare a few Jim Spence for a cup of Mark McGhee? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**
- Golf Day. No my cup of Mark McGhee but I know a few of you are budding tiger woods. – *The Stomp* forum, 31st March **2009**

Mark McGhees

noun

tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as

ecstasy [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *E's*. < Scottish football player and manager Mark McGhee (b.1957).

- Christian Benteke is the rhyming slang the kids use these days. Was Mark McGhee's back in my day. – *twitter.com*, 17th August **2015**
- Goat any Mark McGhees chief? – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**
- Haha, what absolute nonsense. Mark McGhee has been on the Mark McGhees. – *twitter.com*, 16th September **2016**

Mark Merenda

noun

a drinking bout [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bender*. < Australian Rules footballer Mark Merenda (b.1975).

- I was a bit Max Rooke after the weekend's Mark Merenda and had a Stewie Dew. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 14th October **2009**
- You've had a big Sunday Mark Merenda. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Mark Ramprakash

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < English cricketer Mark Ramprakash (b.1969).

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- Off to the Gary Glitter for a Mark Ramprakash[.] – *rec.humor.oracle.d.narkive.com*, 1st February **2005**

Mark Scratchter

nickname

► see SCRATCHTER

Mark Twain*noun*

rain [UK]

< Mark Twain, the pen name of American writer Samuel Clemens (1835–1910).

· Oy Vey, the Ancient Crovis is double treacherous now because the Mark Twain has left the newly formed tadpoles disguised as puddles. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 24th May **2014**

Mark Viduka; mark*noun*

snooker [UK]

< Australian footballer Mark Viduka (b.1975).

· Play some Mark. – *www.absoluteradio.co.uk*, 29th September **2006**

· I used to play Nigel (Reo-Coker, poker) with friends, and also used to go to the snooker hall for a game of Mark Viduka. The sad thing is that we genuinely did use those terms for years. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 9th August **2010**

· [W]anna play a game of mark? – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**

· You watching the Mark? – *twitter.com*, 24th April **2013**

Mark Waugh*noun*

a tedious person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bore*. < Australian cricketer Mark Waugh (b.1965), twin brother of Steve Waugh. Synonymous with STEVE WAUGH.

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Marley tiles; marleys*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < *Marley tiles* ‘tiles made by Marley Eternit’.

· A little cockney rhyming slang for you my darling :) Marley Tiles = Marleys. – *PC Review* forum, 9th March **2006**

· True Cockney rhyming slang for piles is Farmers (Farmer Giles), a later adaptation is Marleys (Marley Tiles). – *uk.media.tv.misc*, *Google Groups*, 13th August **2006**

· “My Marleys Are Killing Me” Marley Tiles = Piles[.] – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

marlin spike*noun*

a Roman Catholic [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *tyke*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

Marlon*noun*

brandy [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *brandy* and *Brando*. < American actor Marlon Brando (1924–2004).

· Getting to the bar’s going to be trouble, / So the Marlons will have to be doubles[.] – *Too Much Brandy*, lyric, *The Streets*, **2002**

· Got a recording of some Goon Shows. They used to drink brandy during the performance. “Time for a Marlon, folks!” – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April **2013**

Marmite*noun*

excrement; hence, something of little or no value, nonsense, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < Marmite, a branded yeast extract spread. Perhaps originally suggested by the colour and distinctive texture of this spread.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I think it’s all a load of marmite. – *Wines at home* forum, 7th April **2010**

· I don’t give a marmite, to be frank. The wankers will ban me but I’ll pop by whenever our coaches reveal themselves to be braindead shitheads[.] – *Ospreys Rugby* forum, 19th November **2011**

Marquess of Lorne; Marquis of Lorne; marquis;**marquess***noun*

the penis; an erection [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*. < Marquess of Lorne, courtesy title of John George Henry Douglas Sutherland Campbell (1845–1914), who later became the 9th Duke of Argyll and governor-general of Canada. ▶ see MARQUIS DE SADE

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· My, but she’s a big girl. So big that it is impossible to avoid your Marquis of Lorne slipping into her grumble and grunt. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.121, **1974**

· ‘I fancy mine,’ she says, running her fingers up and down my marquis. – T. Lea, *Ice Cream Man*, p.57, **1977**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.116, **1978**

· **Marquess = Marquess of Lorne**[.] – T. Healey, *A New Erotic Vocabulary*, p.192, **1980**

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**

· “They’ve all got this picture of a naked bloke with wings and no Marquess–” ‘No what?’ Dave asked. ‘Dick,’ replied Rajeb. Dave shook his head in bewilderment. ‘How do you make that out?’ ‘Marquess of Lorne, *horn*. It’s Cockney rhyming slang.’ – G. Kilworth, *Archangel*, [2013], **1994**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.55, **1999**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [T]hose men who originally described their standing member as a ‘marquis’ will now be long-departed or in need of a vanload of Viagra. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Marquis de Sade; marquis*noun*

an erection [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *hard*. < Marquis de Sade, the popular name of French aristocrat and writer Donatien Alphonse François de Sade, comte de Sade (1740–1814), noted for his examination of human cruelty as a source of sexual pleasure, hence the word *sadism*. Perhaps suggested by *Marquis of Lorne*, a variant of MARQUESS OF LORNE.

- Marquis de Sade is Cockney slang for Hard (Erection). “Look at the Marquis on that Geezer!” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th April 2003
- – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.204, 2009

Marquis de Sade

adjective

hard [UK]

< Marquis de Sade, the popular name of French aristocrat and writer Donatien Alphonse François de Sade, comte de Sade (1740–1814), noted for his examination of human cruelty as a source of sexual pleasure.

- One look at ‘er red rubies an’ me Hampton is Marquis de Sade. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Marquis de Sade

adverb

hard [UK]

< Marquis de Sade, the popular name of French aristocrat and writer Donatien Alphonse François de Sade, comte de Sade (1740–1814).

- “Did you train Marquis de Sade?” “Of course I trained hard, Dad. I wanted to be in the team, didn’t I?” [...] “Obviously you didn’t try Marquis de Sade enough, son[.]” – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.34, 2012

Marquis of Bath

noun

a laugh [UK]

A genuine rhyme in Cockney.

- You’re ‘avin a Marquis of Bath, ain’t yer? – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March 2012

Marquis of Lorne; marquis

noun

▶ see MARQUESS OF LORNE

marriage-bell

noun

an explosive shell [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in use among soldiers during World War I.

- [T]he big cut-an’-runs on the Goeben was droppin’ marriage-bells on us all the time. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

Mars and Venus; mars

noun

the penis [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- I’ve got a Mars so big I bet it stretches further than Uranus. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

• [Y]our mrs tells me you’ve got a tiny mars and venus. – *UD(.com)*, 24th September 2003

• – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.45, 2004

• When she loses the Kuala Lumpur an’ I ‘ave a gander at ‘er raspberry ripples I think me Mars an’ Venus is gonna explode. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

• I ‘eard ‘e ‘ad a problem with the old mars and venus. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

• He’s an astrologist alright. He’s guided by his Mars and Venus in everything he does. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June 2012

Mars Bar; mars

noun

1 a scar, especially a facial scar resulting from a knife or glass wound [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Mars Bar, a confectionery bar manufactured by Mars, Inc., since 1932. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• Some examples were readily understood [...] scars were ‘Mars Bars’[.] – J. Patrick, ‘A Glasgow Gang Observed’, in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June 1969

• – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, 1989

• Some Mars Bar you’ve got yourself there, man, Donny says. – I. Welsh, *The Acid House*, p.239 [1995], 1994

• At the same time, the loan shark is giving them a Mars Bar [scar], as they say in Glasgow. – *The Independent*, London, 6th December 1997

• I have never forgotten being in a prison shower with a man who had scars all over his body. Recent, red, raw scars. He said to me, aggressively: “I can see you looking at my mars” – jail rhyming slang for scars. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 27th January 2007

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a car [AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

• So much so I got in the ‘Mars bar’ and had a Paul Keating with the ATM to get out some ‘Bugs Bunny’. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

• I haven’t got any Bugs Bunny and I need the Mars bar. – *How to Talk Australians*, web TV: *www.youtube.com*, 29th July 2014

Marsha Hunt; marsha

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person; a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < American actress, model, singer and writer Marsha Hunt (b.1946), the mother of Mick Jagger’s first child and the inspiration for the Rolling Stones’ 1971 hit ‘Brown Sugar’.

• What would you prefer, mate? Unplugged? A bunch of Marshas sitting on stools, strumming acoustic guitars? – R. Rankin, *Knees Up*, p.115, 2004

• They are and always will be a bunch of Marsha Hunts. – *www.dearmrlevy.com*, blog, 20th May 2012

2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I said “Tracey, you’re a rough tough old bird with a right Marsha Hunt but still I think this has been the happiest twenty minutes of my life, I’m genuinely sorry to have to drop you off”, and she says “Bye then, I’ll wash the panties and send them back to you at the Central Cab Office”. – *ungry469.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th October **2006**

mart; martini

noun

1 the hand [UK]

A shortening (*mart*) and an embellishment (*martini*) of *martin*, itself ultimately a reduced form of ST MARTINS-LE-GRAND. Possibly influenced by the French *main* ‘the hand’. Gay use. *Martini* is a play on the name of both a brand of Italian vermouth and a gin-and-vermouth cocktail. Hence DRY MARTINI and SWEET MARTINI.

► see also MART COVERS

· Your martinis look really nice in that frock, Albert. – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: **1989–1992**

· **marts, martinis** [...] hands. – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· Doesn’t really go with her big tattooed navy’s marts which she waves around a lot to show off the groins[.] – *languagecontact.humanities.manchester.ac.uk*, 2nd June **2007**

· I cupped the back of Bertrand’s napper with my martini, rubbing his short brown riah... – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 23rd November **2008**

· Marts – hands. – *Sanctum Zone* forum, 11th February **2014**

2 a ring (for the finger) [UK]

From sense 1. Only recorded in the form *martini*. Gay use.

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

mart covers

noun

gloves [UK]

Formed on MART.

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

Martha Ray

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lay*. Probably < English singer Martha Ray (1742–79), best known for being the mistress of the 4th Earl of Sandwich, or American actress and singer Martha Raye (1916–94).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

martial arts

noun

darts (as a game or sport) [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th May **2007**

· If your gona speak to me in rhyming slang. Get it right! Martial arts = darts! – *twitter.com*, 3rd January **2007**

Martin Chariots

nickname

► see CHARIOTS

Martin Chuzzlewit

noun

faeces; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < *Martin Chuzzlewit* (in full *The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit*), an 1844 novel by Charles Dickens.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, **2009**

martin dawe; martin

noun

in dominoes, the number four [UK]

< English entrepreneur Martin Dawes (b.1943), founder of several eponymous companies, including Martin Dawes Ltd, a well-known TV rental and white goods retailer.

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 4. Martin (Dawe)[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Martin Ferris

noun

an open area for standing spectators at a sports ground [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *terrace*. < Irish Sinn Féin politician Martin Ferris (b.1952).

· On the Martin Ferris (terrace) watching these Kilkenny mulchies run amok. – *twitter.com*, 20th June **2010**

Martin Jol

noun

sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. < Dutch football player and manager Marteen Cornelis ‘Martin’ Jol (b.1956); he was manager of Tottenham Hotspur from 2004 to 2007.

· i need me martin jol. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Martin Kemp; martin

noun

hemp [UK]

< English pop musician and actor Martin Kemp (b.1961). Drug users’ and anglers’ slang. Marijuana and hemp seeds (the latter are widely used as fish bait) are derived from varieties of the cannabis plant.

· Got any martin??? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th August **2003**

· [H]eres a few my mates and i like to use [...] Martin!! Martin kemp = Hemp. – *The Anglers Forum*, 7th May **2005**

Martin-le-Grand; martin

noun

► see ST MARTINS-LE-GRAND

Martin Luther King; martin luther*verb*

to work as a stringer (for a periodical publication or news agency) [UK]

Rhymes on *string*. < American clergyman and civil rights leader Martin Luther King (1929–68).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Martin Place*noun*

the face [AUSTRALIA]

< Martin Place, a pedestrian mall in Sydney's central business district.

• Later, Digby and Lucky will teach Fran Warren the mysteries of Australian rhyming slang in an original song called "I Love Your Martin Place." – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 1st July 1962

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, 1966

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.36, 1983

• – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.25, 1984

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

Martin's-le-Grand; martins*noun*

▶ see ST MARTINS-LE-GRAND

Martin Tupper*noun*

supper [UK]

< English writer Martin Tupper (1810–89).

• Proper names are always very popular (Martin Tupper = supper, Wilkie Bards = cards, Jeremiah = fire). – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 26th April 1924

Marti Pellow; marti*noun*

in snooker, the yellow ball [UK]

< Marti Pellow, the stage name of Scottish singer Mark McLachlan (b.1965), best known as frontman of pop band Wet Wet Wet.

• He's goin' for the Marti! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th November 2004

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Marti Pellow*adjective*

yellow [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Marti Pellow, the stage name of Scottish singer Mark McLachlan (b.1965), best known as frontman of pop band Wet Wet Wet.

• Whatever you call your teeth, you can turn them from Marti Pellow (yellow) to Pearly White in just 30 minutes with today's itison deal for express laser teeth whitening at The Teeth Whitening Shop in either Edinburgh or Glasgow City Centre for just £39! – *www.itison.com*, 29th August 2013

Marti Pellows*noun*

bellows [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Marti Pellow, the stage name of Scottish singer Mark McLachlan (b.1965), best known as frontman of pop band Wet Wet Wet.

• Granny always wears a John Swinney when doing the housework and uses a pair of Marti Pellows to kindle the fire. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Marty Draper*noun*

a newspaper [US]

• – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

• – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August 2004

Marty Wilde*noun*

mild ale [UK]

< Marty Wilde, the stage name of English rock and roll singer Reginald Smith (b.1939).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Marvin Hagler; marvin*noun*

a waggler (a type of float used by anglers) [IRELAND]

< American boxer Marvin Hagler (b.1954). Angling slang.

• I'm fishing the Marvin (Marvin Hagler – Waggler). – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June 2008

Mary and Kate*noun*

in bingo, the number eighty-eight [IRELAND]

• – M. Duffy, *The Terrace*, 2012

Mary Ann; Mary*noun*

the hand [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the Cockney pronunciation of *hand* as homophonous with *Ann*.

• Five little fags in a dainty little packet, / Five cigarettes that cost one D / Five little pains underneath his jacket, / Five wobbles in his little Mary[.] – *Little Billy's Wild Woodbines*, lyric, Billy Williams, 1913; words and music by Fred J. Barnes and Robert P. Preston, 1908

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Mary Ann; Mary Anne*noun*

1 a hand-held or electric fan [UK]

Recorded in the form *Mary Ann*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 the vagina [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *fan*. Perhaps simply a playful euphemistic personification.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• My mam used to call it Mary Ann rhymes with Fan. Nice. – *twitter.com*, 6th January 2010

· Names for girlie parts?? [...] When I was small my parents and my Nan would call it my 'mary anne'! – *Netmums* forum, 25th August **2010**

· I used to call mine my “Mary-Anne” as a child! My niece calls hers her front bum also. – *Rollercoaster.ie* forum, 15th September **2010**

· What do you/your children call girls parts? [...] Have used “Mary Ann” in the past. Actually, I still do even though DD is now 18. – *Netmums* forum, 22nd July **2013**

Mary at the cottage gate

numeral

eight [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Two, four, six, eight, / Mary at the cottage gate[.]’, the opening lines of a traditional English nursery rhyme. The 2010 quotation below is from a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.36, **1983**

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: [...] Mary at The Cottage Gate = 8 Tilly Devine = 9 Big Ben = 10. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

Mary Blane; Mary Blain; mary

noun

1 rain [UK]

< ‘Mary Blane’ or ‘Mary Blain’, an American ballad of the 1840s. Recorded in the forms *Mary Blane* and *mary*.

· [I]t must be borne in mind that the rhymes are all matters of individual opinion, and that if one man says Al-lacompain means rain, another is quite justified in preferring Mary Blane, if his individual fancy lies in that direction. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, p.363, **1874**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· It hasn’t been ‘honking down a Mary’ for years. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a train [UK/US]

Recorded in the forms *Mary Blane* and *Mary Blain*. The latter is recorded in an American source. Criminal slang.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· Get the Mary Blane—that’s the easy way to get there from here. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

Mary Blane

verb

to meet a train, often specifically for taking advantage of travellers [UK/US?]

Criminal slang. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medi-

cal Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.271, **1891**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

Mary Ellens

noun

large female breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *melons*. Perhaps based, with a touch of irony, on the music-hall song ‘I’m Shy, Mary Ellen, I’m Shy’, written in 1910 by Charles Ridgwell and George A. Stevens.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· That Cynthia’s got a wonderful pair of Mary Ellens. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [N]ow where’s my Fav link to them huge ‘Mary Ellens’ I need a ‘Jodrell Bank’. – *The Concrete Roundabout* forum, 27th November **2010**

Mary Green; mary

noun

in any suit of cards, the queen [UK]

Always with the definite article.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Mary Jane

noun

1 rain [US]

· The rhyming slang which speaks of rain as “Mary Jane” or “alecampane” indifferently is of no possible interest. – J. Maitland, *ASD*, p.10, **1891**

2 a train [US/UK]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Train, Mary Jane. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· I’m going on the Mary Jane. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.73, **1968**

3 a walking stick [US]

Rhymes on *cane*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.72, **1968**

4 cocaine [UK]

With a teasing side glance at the slang term *Mary Jane* ‘marijuana’.

· Users planning to buy might e.g. ask ‘Is Mary-Jane coming out tonight?’ – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· Mary Jane, that's what they called the stuff now, so Selby had told him. In Leeds it was known as Bolivian marching powder. – K. Waterhouse, *Soho*, p.51, **2001**

· – For the record, I have never done cocaine, meth I will never do again cause its just... ick, and Mary Jane is my girlfriend... fuckin cheating whore, seems like every one has had her :(– Off topic: Thought Mary Jane WAS cocaine? I may have been confused, since there is a weird type of London-speak called “cockney” here, where they say stuff that rhymes, instead of the actual words[.] – *Shennue Dojo* forum, 8th March **2011**

· – The “Mary Jane” referred to in JoS is not a person, but slang for marijuana. – No it's not. It's rhyming slang for cocaine. Get your drugs right chump... – *Green Day Community* forum, 29th June **2012**

Mary Lee

noun

tea [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Do you want some Mary Lee? – *darkangelbattalion 79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

· CURRENTLY 49. Eating = Nothing 50. Drinking = Cup of mary lee 51. Staying = At home[.] – *AAT* forum, 27th August **2007**

· Have a coke or a cup of Mary Lee while you're taking a break. – *www.forandagainst.com*, 13th July **2008**

· I'm off to the Junior Hoillett then downstairs for a cup of Mary Lee. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 10th March **2012**

Mary Lou; Marilou

noun

1 ■ **bet on the Mary Lou** in horse racing, to bet on credit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *blue*, used in the phrase *bet on the blue*.

· He was betting on credit—“Lucky” called it betting “on the blue,” “on the Mary Lou” “or on the nod.” – L. Glassop, *Lucky Palmer*, p.248, **1949**

· – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.116, **1953**

2 ■ glue [UK]

Recorded in the form *Marilou*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Mary Malone

noun

a telephone [UK]

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Mary Queen of Scots; Mary Queen o' Scots

noun

1 ■ spots (on the skin) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots (1542–87).

· Look at yer pus man, it's covered wi' Mary Queen o' Scots. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

2 ■ diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the trots*.

· He ate a dodgy Andy Murray last night and now he's got a severe case of the Mary Queen of Scots. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Mary Rose; mary

noun

the nose [UK]

Probably < Mary Rose, Henry VIII's flagship, which sank in the Solent in 1545; its wreck was discovered in 1971 and raised from the seabed in 1982.

· Cop the Mary Rose on ol' Hugh Jooter over there. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Keep yer Mary outa me business mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2005**

· I go apeshit, smack 'im twice on the **Mary Rose** and kick 'im in the **Alberts**. – *www.wordsyoudontknow.com*, 24th August **2009**

Mary Rose; marys

noun

the toes [UK]

Probably < Mary Rose, Henry VIII's flagship, which sank in the Solent in 1545; its wreck was discovered in 1971 and raised from the seabed in 1982.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.8, **1979**

mashed potatoes

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *laters*.

· Mashed potatoes folks! – *www.wolf-e-boy.com*, blog, 23rd October **2007**

mashed potato

noun

a waiter [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

mashed potato; mash potato; mashed tater

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*, thus rhyming on *see you later*. Possibly < *see you later, mashed potato*, a catchphrase formed on *see you later, alligator*. ▶ see MARIS PIPER

· [G]otta ran for na, Kathy Burke ter do. Mashed 'tater! – *ZAM* forum, 23rd May **2007**

· Ha ha ha sugar and spice try! But tough Bristol cities, so get a Porridge Knife and stop bein' a lil' tell Alderman's Nail moaner and winger, me profile will stand. Mash potato. – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 14th October **2009**

· – *Mid-Morning Show*, ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

mash hammer and nicker

noun

a vicar [UK: SUNDERLAND]

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th October **2014**

Master McGrath*noun*

a bra [UK]

< Master McGrath (1866–73), a champion Irish greyhound celebrated in a popular 19th-century ballad; he won the Waterloo Cup hare coursing competition in Lancashire three times (1868, 1869 and 1871).

- – *Spring.net* forum, 10th February **2000**
- – *The Guardian*, London, 26th November **2001**
- – *The Independent*, London, 15th August **2007**
- – *The Dog Rescue Pages* forum, 29th October **2008**

matagouri*noun*

a Maori [NEW ZEALAND]

< *matagouri* (an alteration of the Maori *tumatakuru*) 'a thorny shrub or small tree endemic to New Zealand'.

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Match of the Day*adjective*

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < *Match of the Day*, a TV football programme broadcast on the BBC since 1964.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Mather and Platt; mather*noun*

a stupid or unpleasant person [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *twat*. < Mather and Platt Ltd, a Manchester engineering firm.

- I find rhyming slang's used more in Manchester than it is here. It's always been big 'cos you can make your own up, like Mather and Platt which is a large engineering firm in Manchester, it means twat. – *Sounds* magazine, London, 9th September **1978**
- [W]e also have our own rhyming slang, newtons = newton heath = teeth mather = mather and platt = twat[.] – *Bluemoon* forum, 21st November **2008**
- He's a right 'Mather'[.] – *Bluemoon* forum, 26th August **2009**

Matheson Lang; Matteson Lang; matheson*noun*

rhyming slang; slang [UK]

< Canadian actor Matheson Lang (1879–1948).

- Matheson Lang spoken here. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.66, **1973**
- Scottish-Canadian actor Matheson Lang (1879–1948) may be unknown to you but gives us the rhyme for rhyming slang itself. – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.151, **1977**
- The charge is sometimes brought that rhyming slang, called by some of its speakers *Matteson Lang*, is far too contrived. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.95, **1981**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- The J Arthur is going to have Matheson on its ATMs. – *terryfreedman.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th August **2009**

- What's Pete Tong wif rhymin' Matheson Lang? I fin' it's Calvin Klein. – *The Escapist* forum, 2nd October **2011**

Matt and Luke Goss; matt and luke*noun*

▶ see LUKE AND MATT GOSS

Matt Burke*noun*

a contemptible fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhyming slang on *jerk* or pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *berk* and *Burke*. < Australian rugby union footballer Matt Burke (b.1973).

- ****en Matt Burke. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Matt Dillon*noun*

a shilling [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shillin*. < Marshal Matt Dillon, a character in the long-running TV western *Gunsmoke* (played by American actor James Arness; 1923–2011), or American actor and director Matt Dillon (b.1964).

- – *Belfast Forum*, 5th November **2009**

Matt Goss*noun*

something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Matt Goss* 'to not care at all'. < English singer and songwriter Matt Goss (b.1968), who rose to fame as the lead vocalist of the late 1980s-early 1990s pop band Bros. A later variation of LUKE AND MATT GOSS.

- When up North gets it you don't give a Matt Goss. – *twitter.com*, 20th November **2016**

Matthew Kelly*noun*

1 the belly [UK]

< Matthew Kelly, the stage name of English actor and TV presenter David Kelly (b.1950).

- I've got a bit of Shania in me Matthew Kelly. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May **2002**
- I'm going to lay my Simon Cowell down by the pool, crack open a couple of Britney Spears and get a nice meal in my Matthew Kelly! – *www.northantstelegraph.co.uk*, 12th July **2012**
- 2 television; a television [UK]
- What's on the Matthew Kelly tonight mate? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th May **2004**
- [P]op on the Matthew Kelly and enjoy an episode of Eastenders. – *www.victoriaeggs.com*, blog, 3rd April **2013**

Matthew Ridge*noun*

a fridge [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand rugby league player Matthew Ridge (b.1968).

- [J]ust stick your greg deer in the matthew ridge. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Matt Horne*noun*

a prawn [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < New Zealand cricketer Matt Horne (b.1970).
 · [P]ass the matt horne's over. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Matt Le Tiss*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Guernsey-born, Southampton and England footballer Matt Le Tissier (b.1968), more familiarly known to football fans as Matt Le Tiss. Also used in the phrase *take the Matt Le Tiss*.

· If you are a blind bloke sitting in a pub and someone asks you if you want a game of darts, you will obviously think they're taking the Matt Le Tiss and set your labrador on them. – *Racing Post*, London, 21st October **2003**
 · I am off to the toilet for a Matt le Tiss now. – *The Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 17th August **2006**
 · Ref, you're taking the Matt Le Tiss[.] – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 10th June **2010**

Matt Monroes*noun*

the toes [AUSTRALIA]

< Matt Monro, the stage name of English singer Terence Edward 'Terry' Parsons (1930–85).
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Matt Seers*noun*

beers [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league footballer Matt Seers (b.1974).
 · – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

Maud and Ruth*noun*

the truth [UK]

· But it is not the whole truth! I would like to emphasise that. It is far from the complete Maud and Ruth! – D. Clement and I. La Frenais, *A Further Stir of Porridge*, p.43, **1977**
 · – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
 · To tell you the Maud and Ruth, I reckon the whole Cockney rhyming slang business is quite mum and dad. – *The Express on Sunday*, London, 11th May **2003**

Maurice Gibb; maurice*noun*

1 a fib [UK]

< British pop musician and singer Maurice Gibb (1949–2003), best known as a member of the Bee Gees.
 · Maurice Gibb is Cockney slang for Fib. "Oi, you tellin' a Maurice?" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd January **2003**
 · – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.25, **2007**

2 a fibber or liar [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the short form.

· Well, me little maurice, it's your rolls. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

Maurice O'Dowd*noun*

a cloud [AUSTRALIA]

· Well, it's a grouse sort of a Nuts and May, with very few Maurice O'Dowds in the Meat Pie, and no chance of any King of Spain. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

Maurice Trapp*noun*

excrement [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *crap*. < English-born New Zealand rugby player and coach Maurice Trapp (b.ca 1948). Prison use.
 · – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Mavis Fritter; mavis*noun*

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < Mavis Fritter – She Takes it Up the Shitter, a character in the British adult comic *Zit*. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *talk out of one's Mavis Fritter* 'to talk rubbish'.
 · If I ask you nicely will you take it up the Mavis? – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
 · [Y]ou talk out of your mavis fritter. – *Wrath of the Barclay* forum, 16th August **2005**
 · [D]o you like it up the mavis fritter? – *ScoobyNet* forum, 22nd December **2006**
 · Within no time, I could feel the shitty baby gravy sliming from my mavis fritter and all over my spam castanets. – *www.sickchirpse.com*, blog, 29th July **2012**

Max Factor*noun*

an actor [UK/IRELAND]

< Max Factor, a cosmetic brand owned by Procter & Gamble; originally, a company founded in 1909 by Polish-born American make-up expert Max Factor (born Maks Faktor; 1872–1938). Factor created the first make-up specifically for use by film actors, one that would not crack or cake under studio lights.
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · The first job I ever got as a professional paid Max Factor was with the BBC. – R. Griffiths, *That Reminds Me*, UK Radio: BBC Radio 4, September **2003**
 · The Max Factors are on stage. – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**
 · – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th April **2005**

Max Miller*noun*

a pillow [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *pillow* as *pill-er*. < Max Miller, the stage name of English comedian Thomas Sargent (1895–63).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Living Language*, p.206, **2014**

Max Rooke*adjective*

ill [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *crook*. < Australian Rules footballer Max Rooke (b.1981).

- I was a bit Max Rooke after the weekend's Mark Merenda and had a Stewie Dew. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 14th October **2009**
- [F]eeling max rooke!!!!!!!!!!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 6th October **2010**

Max Walker*noun*

an excellent thing or person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *corker*. < Australian cricketer and VFL/AFL footballer Max Walker (1948–2016).

- [A] max walker of a game last weekend. – *BigFooty AFL forum*, 12th January **2004**

Max Walls; maxies*noun*

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < English comedian Max Wall (1908–90).

- **Max Walls Balls (Testicles)** Often shortened to 'Maxies' [...] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [M]y lass would cut my Max Walls off if I went there! – *Cricket Web forum*, 28th January **2005**
- [A]nother kick in the "max walls" for those of us already on a strangling tight budget? – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th January **2011**

Maxwell House*noun*

a mouse [UK]

< Maxwell House, a brand of instant coffee.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

May West*noun*

▶ see MAE WEST

Mazawattee; maza*noun*

a potty [UK]

< Mazawattee Tea, a leading British brand of tea in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- When there's a piece of 'maza' in the 'maza', empty it or it'll attract 'meat pies' (qv). – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Mazawattee*adjective*

crazy [UK]

Rhymes on *potty* and *dotty*. < Mazawattee Tea, a leading British brand of tea in the 19th and early 20th cen-

turies. First recorded by Puxley (1992) with the spelling *Mazawattee*. However, Puxley himself corrected this in a later dictionary (2003).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Don't listen to him, he's mazawattee. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – S. Binns, *The Shadow of War*, **2014**

me and you*noun*

1 a Jew [UK]

· – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, 1943, 'Note on the Language', p.11, **1970**

2 in bingo, the number two [UK/IRELAND]

- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**
- – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.131, **1987**
- – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

3 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *screw*.

- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.117, **1978**
- – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.98, **2002**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

4 in bingo, the number twenty-two [UK]

· The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] Twenty-two, me and you. Twenty-three, you and me. – M. McGrath, *Silvertown*, p.219 [2003], **2002**

measles and mumps*noun*

in cricket, the stumps [AUSTRALIA]

· It was a beauty, right down the high-diddle-diddle of the surfer's itch and dead on the measles and mumps.[...] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

meat and gravy*noun*

a man [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang used by children. Rhymes on *Davey*, the first part of the expression DAVEY CLOKE.

- – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Meat and Two Veg; Meat and Veg; Meat*nickname*

1 used as a substitute for *Reg*, a pet form of *Reginald* [UK]

< *meat and two veg* 'a traditional British dish consisting of meat and two kinds of vegetable; hence, colloquially, the male sexual organs'. Recorded in the forms *Meat and Two Veg* and *Meat*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the Parachute Regiment of the British Army; hence, a member or members of the Parachute Regiment of the British Army [UK]

Rhymes on *Para Reg*, a shortening of *Parachute Regiment*. Recorded in the forms *Meat and Two Veg* and *Meat and Veg*.

• The meat and veg is young in terms of history, but boy have we gone down in history for events around the world. – *Military Forums*, 18th January **2003**

• Para = Meat and Two veg {Para reg}. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 1st March **2005**

• Finally the term ‘Crap Hat’ is an affectionate nick name for all other Non-Para members of the British Armed Forces from the Meat and Veg (Para Reg). – *Black and White Army* forum, 27th August **2009**

• Funny that we were always trying to swap our smocks with the Meat and Veg (Para Reg) and they with us. – *Zero In: Airsoft Forums*, 12th July **2011**

• – Are you aircrew Skygod?? Anyone I know. – Negative, Para Reg. – Meat and Veg. – *Adventure Bike Rider* forum, 6th January **2014**

meatball

noun

a prison wall [SOUTH AFRICA]

Only evidenced in the expression *go over the meatball* ‘to escape from prison’.

• To escape is to *break* (rhyming slang accounts for another expression *over the meat ball* = wall), or to *spring*.

• Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.9, **1974**

• – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.11, **1992**

meaties

noun

the eyes [AUSTRALIA]

A pluralised shortening of MEAT PIE. Children’s slang.

• You’ve got cock-eyed meaties. – J. Factor, *KidSpeak*, **2000**

meat pie; meat

noun

1 the sky [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

• Well, it’s a grouse sort of a Nuts and May, with very few Maurice O’Dowds in the Meat Pie, and no chance of any King of Spain. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

2 an eye [AUSTRALIA]

Never abbreviated when used in the singular. The plural form *meat pies* is shortened to MEATIES in children’s speech.

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.73, **1968**

• – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, **1970**

• – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

• – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

3 a fly [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

4 a trouser fly [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Do your meat pie up this instant, Fred! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

5 in rugby, a try [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

In New Zealand English, only recorded in the full form.

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

• – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

• I have a bunch of mates who still use uniquely Australian rhyming slang on a daily basis – “A left jab” (a cab), “A Rodney Hogg” (a hotdog), “A meat pie under the Holy Ghosts” (a try under the goal posts), “A Captain Cook” (a bit of a look) and dozens more. – *www.smh.com.au*, 9th January **2004**

• And when you team kicks a sausage roll after scoring a meat pie. – *Ozgoldf.net* forum, 29th July **2011**

• I just saw the line, pinned me ears back and ended bagging a bit of meat in the corner there, which was tops! – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 18th November **2012**

• “This game might be something we can draw on when the time comes,” said Nick Cummins, one of a raft of stand-ins to shine in scoring his first Test try or, as he put it in Aussie rhyming slang, “meat pie”. – *www.express.co.uk*, 19th November **2012**

• It’s tradition for the club’s colts players who fail to score a “meat pie” to streak during half-time of the John I Dent Cup grand final. – *www.canberratimes.com.au*, 21st July **2013**

• – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

• “If anything I just remember dotting down for a cheeky meat pie [try],” Vito reflected. – *www.stuff.co.nz*, 13th September **2015**

6 a lie [NEW ZEALAND]

A variation of PORK PIE. Only recorded in the full form.

• – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Meat Pie

nickname

the town of Eye in Suffolk, England

Citizens’ Band radio slang.

• – P. Chippindale, *The British CB Book*, p.174, **1981**

meat with rubber

noun

a cover [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Perhaps also a pun on *rubber* ‘a condom’.

• – J. Factor, *KidSpeak*, **2000**

mechanical digger; mechanical

noun

a black person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *nigger*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Oi’ John take a look at those two smelly mechanicals over there. – *Niggermania* forum, 10th October **2008**

• i used to work with a guy who went on about “mechanicals”... took me a while to work out he was referring to “mechanical diggers”. – *Not606* forum, 16th February **2010**

· A sinister development which has crept in unnoticed at grass roots level is the use of rhyming slang to avoid sanction. “Youngsters who are using racist terminology aren’t using the n-word anymore,” says McCue. “They use terms like ‘mechanical digger’, and if the referee doesn’t include that in the report, there’s nothing that can be done.” – *campus.ie*, 29th February **2012**

· [L]ondon is now full of mechanical diggers, lucozades, half ounces of baccies, jam roles and other assorted non white foreign scum[.] – *Stormfront* forum, 29th March **2012**

· [I]f everyone liked the Beatles and Mechanical diggers music the world would be a sad place. – *twitter.com*, 5th April **2013**

meet the golfer

verb

to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

A punning variation of the rhyming slang TOM KITE. · I’ll be back in a minute. I’ve just got to meet the golfer.’ – *Personal correspondence*, 14th September **2006**

Megadeth

noun

bad breath [UK]

< American heavy metal band Megadeth.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Meg Ryan

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *iron*, the short version of IRON HOOF. < Meg Ryan, the stage name of American actress Margaret Hyra (b.1961).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Melanie Sykes

noun

lesbians [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dykes*. < English TV presenter Melanie Sykes (b.1970).

· If I dinnae get a Joe McBride the night then they’re all Melanie Sykes! – *HibeasBounce* forum, 18th June **2006**

Mel B

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < Mel B, the stage name of English singer Melanie Brown (b.1975), best known as a member of the all-girl pop group the Spice Girls.

· I used to say: “I’m going for a Mel B” when going to the toilet! – *Retro Gamer* forum, 22nd November **2008**

Melbourne Grammar; melbourne

noun

1 the back [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on *hammer*, the short version of HAMMER AND TACK. < Melbourne

Grammar, the popular name of Melbourne Grammar School. Only recorded in the short form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 in pre-decimalisation currency, a sixpenny coin [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on *hammer*, the short version of HAMMER AND TACK, rhyming on *zack*. Only recorded in the short form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.360, **1966**

3 a hammer [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *hammer*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Melbourne pier; Melborn pier

noun

the ear [US]

A variation of PORT MELBOURNE PIER. Usually in the plural. The spelling *Melbourne pier* is recorded in 1989.

· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

Mel C

noun

tea [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Mel C, the stage name of English pop singer Melanie Chisholm (b.1974), one of the members of the Spice Girls.

· Mel C – cup of tea. – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

melody lingers; melodies

noun

the fingers [UK]

· I have seen it done by a lone operator, a wizard whose melody lingers could make cards stand on end and do back-springs. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.57 [1977], **1975**

· comic singers, bell ringers, melodies[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

· Sure enough, there he was, turtles on the melodies, sky-rockets full of charlie, elephant all over his oedipus[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

· I had to give up the violin; my Melodies were too short. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th April **2010**

· *Melody lingers*. Get your melodies round this. – *Mid-Morning Show*, ‘The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko’, UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Melrose Place

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA]

< American TV series *Melrose Place* (1992–99).

· – www.whitehat.com.au, 10th February 2006

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

melvinned

adjective

▶ see MELVYN BRAGGED

melvyn

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Probably a shortening of *Melvyn Riss*, itself an alteration or variant of *Melvyn Riss*, rhyming on *piss*. < Melvyn Riss, the ring name of English wrestler Harold Winstanley (1930–83).

· Going for a pee in their parlance became “going for a Melvyn”. – P. Gilbert, *Shut It!*, 2010

Melvyn Bragg; Melvin Bragg; melvyn; melvin

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *shag*. < English writer and TV presenter Melvyn Bragg (b.1939). The word came into use in early 1992, when the sexually explicit television adaptation of his 1990 novel *A Time to Dance* was first broadcast. Recorded in the forms *Melvyn Bragg*, *Melvin Bragg* and *melvyn*.

· Oy, darlin’ fancy a Melvyn Bragg? – *Private Eye* magazine, London, 14th February 1992

· I mean, I’m a bloke and I don’t think most other blokes’d think old Sophe’s that desperate for a Melvyn. – E. Young, *Asking for Trouble*, p.20, 2000

· One does love a Melvyn Bragg up the Gary. – *Belmsford* forum, 17th February 2005

· His very name has become rhyming slang for sex—a Melvin Bragg = a shag. – www.bookride.com, blog, 16th February 2009

· Listen pal, you couldn’t get a Melvyn in a brothel. – *Mellophant* forum, 14th March 2009

2 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. Recorded in the forms *Melvyn Bragg*, *Melvin Bragg* and *melvyn*.

· [G]ive me a Melvyn[.] – *alt.fan.british-accent*, *Google Groups*, 29th April 1994

· **Melvyn Bragg** [...] 3 **Fag**. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Oi mate, can I scrounge a Melvynn off you? – *h2g2* forum, 30th July 1999

· Has anyone got a Melvin Bragg coz im absolutley Polo Mint!! – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 17th August 2004

3 a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*. Recorded in the forms *Melvyn Bragg*, *Melvin Bragg* and *melvin*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Calling someone a Melvyn (Bragg) is just rude. – *The Independent*, London, 6th November 2006

· – British insults don’t make sense to us. A guy called me a Melvin, wtf is that? – Melvin bragg, slag, cockney rhyming slang, I prefer to call them kunts (notice thats with a k, my missus hates me using the c word). – *EA Sports* forum, 5th June 2010

4 a flag [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Melvyn Bragg* and *melvyn*.

· Melvyn Bragg/flag, as in “Rally round the Melvyn, boys.” – *The Independent*, London, 21st July 1999

5 a promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*. Recorded in the form *Melvyn Bragg*.

· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.143, 2007

Melvyn Bragg; melvyn

verb

to have sex (with someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *shag*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Melvyn Bragged with a Jack the Ripper[.] – www.fanfiction.net, 25th November 2001

· im off to the gates of rome to melvyn bragg the trouble and strife! – answers.yahoo.com, 9th December 2006

· [H]e started Melvyning Jordan. – *Mellophant* forum, 14th March 2009

· I’m really sorry and feel as guilty as hell that I’ve been Melvyn Braggging the wife of a fellow Sunderland supporter[.] – uk.eurosport.yahoo.com, 26th July 2011

· But the problem was that Dionne was very partial to being melvyn bragged by everything in strides[.] – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012

melvyn bragged; melvinned; melvyned out

adjective

1 exhausted [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *shagged*. The phrasal form *melvyned out* is the euphemistic version of *shagged out*.

· ‘Anyway,’ he said, ‘got to split, Dave, I’m feeling totally Melvinned.’ ‘Oh,’ I said, ‘what does that mean?’ ‘Melvinned,’ he said, correcting himself, ‘oh sorry, we have this rhyming slang in the office. Melvyn Braggged, you know. It means shagged. Gas, eh?’ – J. O’Connor, *True Believers*, p.40 [2008], 1991

· I’m all Melvyned out. – S. Permutt, *Cinderella and Her Very Ugly Sisters*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 25th December 1998

2 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *shagged*. Recorded in the form *melvyn bragged*.

· SHAGGED. MELVYN BRAGGED. – www.oocities.org/knightshade3/cockney.html, 1st February 2001

· [T]he engine could be well and truly ‘Melvyn Braggged’ couldn’t it. – *Retro Rides* forum, 29th January 2007

· Outer arch was Melvyn Braggged. – *Retro Rides* forum, 31st August 2008

3 defeated, beaten [UK]

Rhymes on *shagged* as a play on the otherwise synonymous *fucked*. Recorded in the form *melvyn bragged*.

· [W]e will be in full Spurs kit with a tub of jellied eels by our side as we don the Gregory Pecks to hopefully witness the Willy Wonka get well and truly Melvyn Braggged. – fantasyfootball247.co.uk, 22nd March 2015

me mother's away*noun*

the other day [AUSTRALIA]

· Me mother's away, as I was swiftly-flowing up the field of wheat in the bread-and-jam, a heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

me mum's tampax*noun*

anthrax [UK]

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· I doubt Jones is a Bob Cryer, but someone should Bill Murray to that site and add a definition before we all catch Me Mum's Tampax! – *Conquer Club* forum, 12th September **2008**

men of Harlech*noun*

garlic [UK]

< 'Men of Harlech', a Welsh marching song commemorating the defence of Harlech Castle in the county of Gwynedd against the English in 1468.

· Some 'men of Harlech' hanging around a room will apparently keep vampires away. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Mental Coast*nickname*

1 the Central Coast region of New South Wales, Australia

A slang rhyme.

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· Of course the Mental Coast is not on iiNet's sales radar. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 28th February **2006**

2 Central Coast Mariners, a football club based in Gosford, on the Central Coast of New South Wales, Australia

· Hopefully we can beat the Mental Coast but would gladly settle for a point from a very tough away game. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th December **2009**

Mercedes Benz; mercedes*noun*

a camera lens [UK]

< *Mercedes-Benz* 'a car manufactured by Mercedes-Benz'.

· I had a good look on the way back from the bird reserve after the Lady J tip-off, with my trusty smudge box and Mercedes* on the passenger seat, much to the disapproval of Master Kaibosh who had to sit in the cheap seats at the back of the kipper. [...] *Mercedes Benz = lens. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 6th December **2013**

Mercedes-Benzenes; mercs*noun*

contact lenses [UK]

< *Mercedes-Benz* (or, colloquially, *Merc*) 'a car manufactured by Mercedes-Benz'.

· **mercs** Rhyming slang for contact lenses, i.e. mercedes-benzenes, contact lenses. *I'm not wearing glasses today, I've got my mercs in.* – *UD(.com)*, 23rd January **2010**

merchant bank; merchant*noun*

1 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *shank*. Used euphemistically, *shank* being a dreaded word among golfers. Only evidenced in the full form.

· "Shank" is to golfers what Macbeth is to actors: It is considered bad form to utter the word. Hence the variety of euphemisms, including: [...] "El Hosél," "the shot that dare not speak its name," and the Cockney rhyming slang, "merchant bank," "Sherman tank," and "J. Arthur" (short for "J. Arthur Rank"). – J. Winokur, *How to Win at Golf*, pp.46–47, **2001**

2 an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· Going up the Apples and Pears for a merchant Bank... – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 23rd November **2004**

· [A] merchant bank, (he's gone for a merchant, I come home and I only caught him off for a merchant). – *h2g2* forum, 18th March **2005**

· Careful, or Bear's claws may ensure you're left incapable of err... well... having a "merchant bank". – *twitter.com*, 30th August **2013**

merchant banker; merchant*noun*

a despicable person [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*. The short form is exclusively British. ▶ see **BANKER**

· Here are some more examples of cockney rhyming slang [...] Merchant Banker : wanker[.] – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 4th June **1991**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The Cockney rhyming slang and "Arfur-speak" made famous in *Minder* includes: [...] Merchant banker: an incompetent. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 9th October **1993**

· On the way out, some merchant banker was playing about with what Rupert took to be a tin of hairspray. – P. Lovesey, *Bloodhounds*, pp.331–332 [2004], **1996**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· The old Merchant's worried he's regarded as someone who routinely goes "down the pub ..." – *The Guardian*, London, 17th February **2000**

· Indeed, by this point, I was coming to the conclusion that Berkshire was also a complete and utter Merchant Banker. – *Evening Standard*, London, 16th November **2000**

· What a merchant banker. – M. Rothwell, *Drunk*, p.285, **2007**

· But perhaps the most important was his time as a “merchant banker”, an occupation which became terminally unfashionable in the 1990s when it became rhyming slang for “wanker”. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 23rd September **2008**

· What a start ... Champions league!!! no pressure at all eh BK really is a merchant banker of the highest order. – *members2.boardhost.com/EvertonIreland*, forum, 6th June **2013**

merchant banking

noun

masturbating [UK]

Rhymes on *wanking*. From an unrecorded (and therefore hypothetical) base form of the verb *merchant bank*, itself hypothetically back-formed from MERCHANT BANKER.

· – *alt.punk.uk.narkive.com*, 10th April **2006**

merchant navy; merchant

noun

gravy [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

In Irish and Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· Pass the Merchant. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th July **2004**

· – *Ships Nostalgia* forum, 19th October **2008**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Sticking on the Frank Skinner... 2 Roast Charles Dickens to be coveted by some merchant navy... – *twitter.com*, 30th May **2010**

· [W]ho knows what the following mean in Aussie. slang? [...] Yep i know them all, was brought up in a household that would use these sayings a lot. Here's a few more... you might know 1. Frog and toad = The road 2. Brown bread = Dead 3. Merchant navy = Gravy 4. Dead horse = Tomato sauce[...] – *www.akaqa.com*, **2012**

· – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 27th June **2012**

merci boko

noun

cocoa [UK]

< *merci boko*, an altered form of the French *merci beaucoup* ‘thank you very much’.

· I ate a good Lord-direct-us, which consisted of two rashers of offered-and-taken, two nutmegs, and a steam tug of merci boko. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April **1938**

Merle Haggard; Merle

adjective

(of someone’s appearance) unhealthy, drawn [US/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *haggard* and *Haggard*. < American country music singer Merle Haggard (1937–2016).

· If Rafa wins this 3rd set, does he become the favorite or are we still at even money? Brutal 3hrs 25minutes, Djoker’s looking Merle Haggard. – *twitter.com*, 13th September **2011**

· Drunk too much and slept too little. Feeling “Merle”. – *twitter.com*, 5th June **2013**

· Great night, no drink but still looking Merle this morning! – *twitter.com*, 12th October **2014**

· [Y]ou were looking Merle haggard last night son. Go outside and breathe that fresh Main Street air. – *twitter.com*, 12th August **2015**

Merlyn Rees

noun

a packed lunch [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *piece*. < Welsh politician Merlyn Rees (1920–2006), who served as Home Secretary and Northern Ireland Secretary in the British Labour governments of the 1970s.

· – *Lisburn, County Antrim*, spoken, male, 45, December **2009**

· – *www.pontytown.co.uk*, accessed 30th July **2013**

Merri Creek

noun

a Greek [AUSTRALIA]

< Merri Creek, a major tributary of the Yarra River that runs through the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

merry and bright

noun

light; a light [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· As Saul was getting quite close to the city of Damascus, there was suddenly this real dazzling merry-and-bright that flashed in the apple pie all around him. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.77, **2002**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

merry and frisky

noun

whisky [UK]

· To illustrate the three systems the common liquors are shown as they appear respectively in Kacab Genals, Angsla and Slap Bang, thus: Brandy–Ydnary, andy-bra, Jack the Dandy. Whisky–Yksiew, eske-why, merry and frisky. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

merry-go-round; merry

noun

one pound sterling [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· He tenders a merry-go-round and receives in rifle three half Oxfords. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, **1973**

· A ‘Merry’ is £1. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

merry heart

noun

a girlfriend; a prostitute or promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *tart*.

· Merryheart ... Tart (Sweetheart). – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

- **merry heart** or **merryheart**. A sweetheart: C. 20. Rhyming on *tart*. – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**
- Take the night off, son, but no booze and no merryhearts. – G.F. Newman, *Crime and Punishment*, **2009**
- This term is mainly used between men, as in ‘I’m taking my merry heart to the pictures tonight’, but rarely to a girlfriend’s face. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.363, **2015**

merry laird*noun*

a beard [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *baird* or *berrd*. *Laird* is the Scots form of English *lord*, though the meanings of these two words have diverged.

- Ah see ye’ve taken aff the merry laird. – M. Munro, *Pat-ter-2*, **1988**

Merry Mac; merry*noun*

crack cocaine [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Merry Mac*, a page of jokes in the ‘Fun Section’ of the Scottish *Sunday Post*, published in Dundee. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Scottish usage.

- “How long have you been on the Bob Hope, Kirstie?” “You mean the Merry?” Duggan looked at Rebus. “Merry Mac, crack,” he explained. – I. Rankin, *Let It Bleed*, p.268 [2009], **1995**

merry old soul*noun*

1 a hole [UK/US]

< *merry old soul*, a phrase taken from ‘Old King Cole’, a traditional English nursery rhyme first recorded in the early 18th century.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.515, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 coal [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *hole* and *arsehole*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a stupid, unpleasant or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *arsehole*.

- ‘e’s a bit of a merry old soul. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

- It’s just that this one here is being a merry ol’ soul, if you know what I mean. – C. Ahern, *Thanks*, p.214 [2010], **2008**

Merv Hughes*noun*

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Merv Hughes (b.1961).

- Clothes. Bag of fruit (suit), Merv Hughes (shoes), Reg Grundy’s (undies). – *www.donteverlookback.com*, blog, 20th October **2010**

- Polished my Merv Hughes[,] – *first-thoughts.org*, 21st October **2013**

Meryl Streep; meryl*noun*

1 sleep [UK]

< American actress Meryl Streep (b.1949).

- The desire to get your bonce down is to need to get some ‘Meryl’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a jeep [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – Thatcher was a horrible witch, but it’s worth watching just to see more proof that Meryl Streep is the best film actor, male or female, of all time. – She is also rhyming slang for jeep. – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th October **2012**

Meryl Streep; meryl*adjective*

cheap [UK]

< American actress Meryl Streep (b.1949).

- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

- That car is well Meryl Streep. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd October **2006**

- – *National Post*, Toronto, 4th January **2007**

- This looks a bit meryl. – *Trade2Win* forum, 3rd November **2008**

- Victoria is seen here wearing the gold aviators (also available in purple) priced at £135. Hardly Meryl Streep (= cheap)! – *www.spectaclesblog.com*, blog, 5th March **2009**

- And with the *Meryl Streep* (cheap) door price of 3 *saucepan lid* (quid) before midnight, plus B.O.R. resident **The Filth Wizard** making you *Jack Palance* (dance) and the cheap *Tom Cruise* (booze) behind the *Ringo Starr* (bar), it makes complete sense to GET INVOLVED and have a right knees up (mother brown, etc). – *myspace.com*, **2009**

- Today, everything’s Meryl Streep. All under an Ayrton Senna. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June **2012**

Meryl Streep; meryl*verb*

to sleep [UK]

< American actress Meryl Streep (b.1949).

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- I’m off to Meryl Streep. – *twitter.com*, 28th June **2012**

Metal Mickey; metal*noun*

a feigned illness as a pretext for missing work [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sickie*, used in the phrase *pull a sickie* or *throw a sickie*. < Metal Mickey, a robot character in *The Metal Mickey TV Show*, a popular British television series broadcast in the early 1980s; it made its debut in 1978 in the children's show *The Saturday Banana*.

- Es pulled a Metal Mickey today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May **2002**
- I threw a metal today[.] – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**
- I'm in this deep an' I ain't pullin' a Metal Mickey nah. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- The man in the picture is “pulling a Metal Mickey” (sickey) as visualised by the image and described by the phone call to his office. – *b3ta* forum, 4th May **2007**
- And before you ask – yes I did pull a metal Mickey. – *Heroes & Villains – The Aston Villa Fanzine* forum, 25th May **2014**

metric miles; metrics

noun

haemorrhoids [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piles*. The short form is only recorded in British usage.

- ‘Look, what I’m trying to say is, well, er, you see, you have a certain problem.’ ‘You mean the metrics?’ ‘Metrics?’ ‘Yes, the metric miles’ ‘Oh, you mean the piles.’ – *There’s a Lot of It About*, UK TV: BBC2, 27th September **1982**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- I laughed so much I nearly got a dose of the metric miles myself. – *Invision Power Services* forum, 10th February **2007**
- [T]rue to NHS waiting lists, by the time by hospital appointment came around - my metric miles has virtually disappeared. – *Conquer Club* forum, 5th October **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**
- John: Anything nice? Virg: No John, I had to pop to the chemist. John: Prescription? Virg: No, I had to go and get some medication. Been having problems with my metrics. John: Metrics? Virg: Metric miles. John: Oh the infernal problem of conversion from the traditional imperial to the modern metric standard. [...] Virg: Haemorrhoids. John: Bless you. Virg: No a problem with my haemorrhoids. – *www.travelsonmydonkey.50megs.com*, accessed 10th March **2013**
- In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Metrics, Nobbys (or Norberts), Belindas, four minutes, Sieg Heils. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**

Mexican wave; mexican

noun

a shave [UK]

< *Mexican wave* ‘an undulating effect formed when a crowd of people spontaneously stand up and sit down in a sequential succession’.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- I am away to have a shower and a Mexican. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th February **2007**
- [Y]ou need a mexican. – *www.moove2london.co.uk*, 16th April **2010**
- Had a mexican and brushed me hampsteads. – *Charlton Life* forum, 12th January **2012**
- Give me 20 minutes for a Mexican wave and a Brad Pitt and I’ll be ready’. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

Miami Vice; miami

noun

ice (as served with a drink) [UK]

< *Miami Vice*, an American TV series originally broadcast from 1984 to 1989.

- [T]his was heard in a West End club when a customer wanted some ‘Miami’ in his scotch. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Michael

noun

a portable toilet [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *Portaloos*, a trademarked name for a portable toilet, and *Portillo*. < English Conservative politician and television presenter Michael Portillo (b.1953).

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Michael Bliss

noun

▶ see MICKEY BLISS

Michael Caine; Sir Michael Caine; michael

noun

1 the ability to think intelligently [UK]

Rhymes on *brain*. Used in the phrase *use your Michael Caine* (or *use your michael*). < English actor Michael Caine (b.1933).

- “Oh, come on, Charles. Use your Michael.” “Er?” “Michael Caine–Brain.[”] – S. Brett, *Not Dead, Only Resting*, p.52, **1984**
- Just for once, use your **Michael Caine!** – *hollywoodrhymingslang.com*, **2015**

2 pain; a pain [UK]

Used as a synonym of *pain* in all its senses. Also in the phrases *a Michael Caine in the arse* and *a michael in the khyber* ‘an annoying person or thing’, the direct equivalents of *a pain in the arse*. ▶ see KHYBER PASS

- [A] pest can be a ‘Michael in the Khyber’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- His [Michael Caine’s] critics will be pleased to note it [his name] can also stand in for “pain”. – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 19th January **2004**
- Sir Michael Caine – pain. – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**
- Me Plates are sure giving me some Michael Caine. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March **2010**
- You're a MICHAEL CAINE in the arse! – *twitter.com*, 6th February **2013**
- You may have valid four seasons to Botany Bay but don't be a Michael Caine! – *hubpages.com*, 19th February **2014**
- That george on me gregory is a bit of a michael! – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August **2014**
- They're a proper Michael Caine. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

3 rain [UK]

- Recorded in the forms *Michael Caine* and *michael*.
- I mean, look at this bladdy wevah... non-stop Michael Caine all day... – *Viz* comic, October/November **1996**
- Love him or loathe him, 70-year-old Michael Caine is as much a British institution as rain. In fact, his name actually means that in Cockney rhyming slang. – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 19th January **2004**
- – what the slang then guys use in the scaffolding trade? – my dad was a scaff for 30 years and 30 years of listenting to him and his scaff mates watching the footy, immediate ones spring to mind: [...] michael (caine) – rain. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 29th April **2013**

4 a train [UK]

- Recorded in the forms *Michael Caine* and *michael*.
- I missed me Michael. – *A(.com)*, 9th June **2001**
- Got me Wilson picket for the Michael Caine. – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd January **2014**
- [T]hen down the Oxo cube to get the Michael Caine. – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March **2016**

5 cocaine [UK]

- Only recorded in the form *Michael Caine*. Perhaps influenced by the punning similarity between *Michael Caine* and *my cocaine*. These two phrases are homophonous in those dialects where the *l* of *Michael* is vocalised.
- We were half way through a line of 'Michael Caine' when Suggs started to go cold. – *alt.atheism*, *Google Groups*, 23rd February **2002**

6 a stain [UK]

- Only recorded in the form *Michael Caine*.
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Oh look, you've got a Michael Caine on your mustard. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June **2012**

Michael Chang; Micheal Chang

noun

slang [UK]

- < American tennis player Michael Chang (b.1972). Hence RHYMING MICHAEL CHANG.
- Cockney awer "Cockney Rhymin' Micheal Chang" is a Micheal Chang language spoken in London. – *Piston-Heads* forum, 2nd August **2003**
- Michael Chang = Slang. – *Skincell* forum, 18th November **2004**

Michael Klim

noun

a swim [AUSTRALIA]

- < Polish-born Australian swimmer Michael Klim (b.1977).
- – *Melbourne Beats* forum, 21st October **2005**
- Just heading to the beach for a Michael Klim (swim)[.] – *blogs.theage.com.au*, blog, 15th May **2007**
- I like to go for a Michael Klim on a hot day... – *twitter.com*, 3rd November **2013**

Michael Knight

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

- Rhymes on *shite*. < Michael Knight, the hero of the American TV series *Knight Rider* (1982–86), played by David Hasselhoff (b.1952). Hence HASSELHOFF.
- – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**
- I have just done a Michael Knight. – *UD(.com)*, 3rd January **2011**
- I'm off for a Michael Knight. – *Pigeon Watch* forum, 28th January **2012**

Michael Miles; michaels

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- Rhymes on *piles*. < New Zealand-born, British-based TV presenter Michael Miles (1919–71).
- Michael Miles Piles. Also Farmers (Farmer Giles). – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, **1989**
- Dooh! Dooh! Get it off! Get it off me Michaels! – *Viz* comic, June/July **1995**
- You can do what you like down there, just watch out for my Michaels. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- The Scurra's item about how there are five Cockney rhyming slang phrases for piles and haemorrhoids has sparked an unnatural response from readers. Roger Turner emails: "For goodness sake, there are many more than five! I remembered a further five that are commonplace round our neck of the woods. Ceramics (tiles), Lever Arches (files), Dukes (of Argylls), Michaels (Miles) and finally Emmas (Freuds). There will be others." – *Daily Mirror*, London, 7th July **2003**
- I have been suffering from 'Michael Miles', piles, for years until I was introduced to Aloe Vera Gel. – *ukforeverliving.com*, accessed 5th April **2012**

Michael Moore

noun

a whore [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Scottish footballer Michael Moore (b.1981).
- [G]o and see the "Michael Moore's" in the Anderston area of Glasgow. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 18th January **2007**

Michael Owen

verb

going [UK]

Rhymes on *goin'*. < English footballer Michael Owen (b.1979).

· That made me smile as I thought i' was *michael owen* ter be *ham an' cheesey*[.] – *My 888poker* forum, 20th March **2008**

· Pat rafter me compass an' map I'm michael owen down the apples ter make bertie mee an' get some grub... as we say daan Saaf. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2010**

Michael Pate

noun

a plate [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian actor Michael Pate (born Edward Pate; 1920–2008).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Michael Portillo

noun

a pillow [UK]

< English Conservative politician and broadcaster Michael Portillo (b.1953).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 29th July **2010**

Michael Portillo

adjective

excellent [UK]

Rhymes on *brillo*, a shortened form of *brilliant*. < English Conservative politician and broadcaster Michael Portillo (b.1953).

· MICHAEL ROSEN: I am ashamed of saying 'brillo'. I text it to my children, some of whom are very young, and some are old, but when they write to me and say 'I will see you on Friday', I text back 'brillo'. GYLES BRANDRETH: They go into Tesco and buy the pads do they, thinking they are doing an errand for Daddy? [...] PAUL SINHA: You can do what the cockneys do and text 'Michael Portillo'. MICHAEL ROSEN: Is that rhyming slang? PAUL SINHA: It's rhyming slang for *brillo*, it's official rhyming slang: *Michael Portillo*. MICHAEL ROSEN: Right, so I could now just text back 'Michael'? PAUL SINHA: Yes. – *Wordaholics*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 27th February **2012**

Michael Rodent

noun

an outstanding thing; the best [AUSTRALIA]

A punning variation of the substantivised superlative MICKEY MOUSE.

· The tucker in the bayne marie looked like it was the Michael Rodent, and he settled on a portion of rats and mice with a chow style loop the loop. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**

Michael Schumacher

noun

tobacco [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *tobacco* as *terbacker*. < German racing driver Michael Schumacher

(b.1969), who drove for the Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro team from 1997 to 2006.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Michael Schumachers

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *knackers*. < German racing driver Michael Schumacher (b.1969), who drove for the Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro team from 1997 to 2006. Probably triggered by SCHUMACHERS.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th August **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Michael Slater

noun

a grater [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Michael Slater (b.1970).

· Pass us the Michael Slater, champ. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006**

Michael Slater; micky slats

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *see you later*. < Australian cricketer Michael Slater (b.1970).

· Michael Slater (name of a retired cricketer) – evolved from people saying “later” as goodbye. – *Medieval 2: Total War Heaven* forum, 8th April **2007**

· Micky Slats! (rhyming slang – short for Michael Slater = See ya later!). – *blogs.theage.com.au*, blog, 15th May **2007**

Michael Stipe

noun

a pipe (for smoking tobacco or other substances) [UK: SUNDERLAND]

< American singer and film producer Michael Stipe (b.1960), best known as the frontman of the rock band R.E.M.

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Michael Stoute

noun

one's turn to buy a round of drinks [UK]

Rhymes on *shout*. < Barbados-born racehorse trainer Michael Stoute (b.1945).

· Get your money out, Roger, it's your michael stoute. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Michael Tuck

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Australian Rules footballer Michael Tuck (b.1953). Synonymous with TRAVIS TUCK.

· – *Melbourne Beats* forum, 21st October **2005**

· [W]ho wants a michael tuck? – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October **2009**

· I always considered myself lucky to pull a Michael Tuck on a Satdee night at The Cathouse, but I never consid-

ered that one could drop a Royce Hart. You learn something everyday! – *www.footyalmanac.com.au*, 2nd September **2014**

2 something of no value [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Michael Tuck* 'to not care at all'. Synonymous with TRAVIS TUCK.

· Don't really care...couldn't give a Michael Tuck! – *www.facebook.com*, 11th May **2012**

· Yeah can't argue there, cos us West Aussies generally couldn't give a Michael Tuck about Origin. – *twitter.com*, 24th May **2014**

Michael Twiss

noun

1 ■ **take the Michael Twiss** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*. < English footballer Michael Twiss (b.1977). *Take the Michael Twiss* is an elaboration of *take the michael*, itself a jocular variant of the colloquial *take the mickey*.

· He's a miserable, up his own arse idiot who obviously gets pleasure from taking the Michael Twiss out of other people. – *Digital Spy* forum, 20th January **2010**

· EA Servers taking the Michael Twiss, what's all this about! – *twitter.com*, 4th March **2013**

· Shouldn't take the Michael Twiss. – *twitter.com*, 19th October **2013**

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· Why can't she sit in a car for more than 2 hours without stopping for a Michael Twiss? – *twitter.com*, 19th September **2014**

· Off for a Michael Twiss. – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2015**

· I don't follow or watch the golf, but a friend of mine has gone and she says she saw Garcia having a Michael Twiss behind one of the scoreboards. – *Footymad* forum, 19th July **2015**

Michael Winner; michael

noun

a dinner [UK]

< English film director and restaurant critic Michael Winner (1935–2013).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I'm Hank Marvin. I could use some top Jackie for me Michael Winner. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· i decided to go out for my Michael Winner[.] – *GST wins.com* forum, 28th September **2007**

· [T]he trouble and strife will kick me in the davina mcalls if i havent made the michael winner[.] – *www.forumwomansowndiets.co.uk*, 14th March **2008**

· I've just had a very nice roast 'Michael'. – *www.noddleit.com*, 1st November **2009**

Micheal Chang

noun

► see MICHAEL CHANG

Michelle Mone

noun

a telephone call [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *phone*. < Scottish lingerie entrepreneur Michelle Mone (b.1971).

· I'm all bunged up with the Deacon Blue. I think I'll give the doctor a Michelle Mone. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Michelle Pfeiffer; Michelle Pfive-for; Michelle

noun

in cricket, a score of five wickets taken in an innings

[UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

A pun on the homophones *five-for* (sometimes spelt *fifer*), a technical cricket term for this score, and *Pfeiffer*, playfully masquerading as pseudo-rhyming slang. < American actress Michelle Pfeiffer (b.1958).

· It has become the fashion for bowlers who capture five wickets in an innings to say that they have taken a Michelle. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 13th September **1998**

· They wasted their opposition, rolling them for 83 and 88 ("Gob" O'Brien 4/23 and a Michelle (five-for) in the first innings). – *www.stpatricksc.com.au*, 26th March **2001**

· His amazing haul consists of a nine-for, an eight-for, a six-for (all clean-bowled) and a four-for. A Michelle Pfive-for this weekend will complete the set. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 19th May **2002**

· For yesterday's main man was the people's favourite, Andrew Flintoff, whose quest for a maiden Test "Michelle [five-for]" has finally come to fruition. – *www.espnricinfo.com*, 'South Africa/News', 2nd April **2004**

· During their last tour of England, the Australians clearly had discussed this, and decided that any bowler with a Michelle, as they call it (you work it out), should take the ball and raise it aloft[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 31st July **2004**

· This is commonly known as a 'five-for', which is always shortened to a 'fifer' and then occasionally rhyming-slanged to a 'Michelle', as in Michelle Pfeiffer. – I. Macintosh, *Cricket*, p.56, **2010**

· Watson got a michelle. – *The Free Kick* forum, 14th July **2010**

· I finished with a Michelle Pfeiffer in the first innings in Johannesburg and seven wickets in all[.] – G. Swann, *The Breaks are Off*, p.54, **2011**

· Nice to see Doug Bracewell get a Michelle (Pfeiffer = five-for) on Test debut. – *Ferndale Talk* forum, 5th November **2011**

· In these days of bowlers spells being limited to 10, 9 or even 8 overs taking a "Michelle" is more and more impressive. – *www.crickettleinster.ie*, 19th July **2012**

· Dale Steyn goes for 8 and Starc's got a Michelle Pfeiffer. – *www.abc.net.au*, 2nd December **2012**

· And SinghDude gets another wicket. He's in for a Michelle Pfeiffer here... – *Mybroadband.co.za* forum, 31st August **2012**

Michelle Wie

noun

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. < American golfer Michelle Wie (b.1989).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Mickey and Billy

adjective

silly [UK]

· More modern variations on the CRS are Ruby Murray = Curry, Ricki Lake = Steak, Pete Tong = Wrong, Mickey n Billy = Silly. – *York and District Plastic Model Society, Yahoo! Groups*, 11th March **2010**

Mickey Bliss; Micky Bliss; Mike Bliss; Michael Bliss

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. Recorded in the forms *Mickey Bliss*, *Micky Bliss* and *Mike Bliss*. Often claimed to be the source of *mickey* in the colloquial British phrase *take the mickey*. This theory, however, cannot be substantiated: the earliest known use of *take the mickey* is in Alexander Baron's *From the City, From the Plough*, published in 1948 (the variant *take the mike* occurs even earlier, in T. E. Lawrence's posthumous *The Mint*, written in the 1920s), while the rhyming slang *Micky Bliss* (along with the variant *Mike Bliss*) is first recorded in 1961. It is true that *Mickey Bliss* is often used idiomatically in the phrase *take the Mickey Bliss* (see below), but that, according to the available evidence, is a post-1960 development.

· **Micky Bliss** An alternative form of the next: **Mike Bliss Piss** (to urinate)[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· In the front, I heard Johnny say that he needed a mickey bliss, like some annoying fucking kid. – S. Kernick, *The Murder Exchange*, p.239, **2003**

· The second time I drove that last 10 miles of the route I had 60 passengers. We all survived and all I lost was time for a Mickey Bliss at turn-around. – *Bus and Coach Forum*, 10th October **2009**

· Really need a Mickey Bliss but if I go to the toilet, I know I'm gonna miss a knockout. – *twitter.com*, 23rd November **2013**

2 ■ **take the Mickey Bliss; take the Micky Bliss; take the Michael Bliss** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*.

· Thought my wife was taking the micky bliss but apparently kippers were on special in tesco. – *twitter.com*, 12th January **2010**

· This full-on Monty is a right blinding time, not just for the Hoskins performance but also [...] for the charming delicacy of when it occasionally decides to take the

mickey bliss out of you. – *www.imdb.com*, 5th November **2010**

· Maybe he takes the Michael Bliss (Cockney rhyming slang; character of uncertain origin, representing forced removal of urine without catheter), by parodying lazy, racist assumptions about Chinese people[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 19th January **2013**

· Again 'beancounter' Beaker takes the mickey bliss out of an excellent research paper by Dr Walker and Mr Bills[.] – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 17th June **2013**

Mickey Duck

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Mickey Duck*, a playful ad hoc combination of the names of the Disney characters Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a truck [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mickey Duff

noun

marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on *puff*. < Mickey Duff, the professional name of Polish-born British boxing manager and promoter Monek Prager (1929–2014).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· He asked if I could bring some 'birds', slang for doves, a type of Ecstasy, and some 'Mickey Duff'[.] – B. O'Mahoney, *Wannabe in My Gang?*, p.111, **2004**

· – A. Wade, *Wrecking Machine*, p.181 [2006], **2005**

· I haven't bought any Jack Flash or Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, Mickey Duff or slippery slope since me boy was born[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· And some oats and barley and a bit of mickey duff. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th September **2006**

Mickey Duff; Micky Duff

adjective

unwell [UK]

Rhymes on *rough*. < Mickey Duff, the professional name of Polish-born British boxing manager and promoter Monek Prager (1929–2014).

· You alright? You look a bit Micky Duff. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· If you emerge the next morning with a hangover then he'll be curious to know whether you are feeling 'Mickey Duff'. – *Khmer440.com* forum, 3rd December **2004**

Mickey Fritt

noun

faeces [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

Mickey Mills

noun

▶ see MICK MILLS

Mickey Monk; Micky Monk; mickey; micky

adjective

drunk [IRELAND]

· Last Saturday, this night last week, drink after Spiders nightclub in Feggy Fennelly's house and I'm fairly Mickey Monk and I'm talkin' fierce shorthand[.] – E. O'Brien, *Eden*, p.4, **2001**

· As the play progresses, so does Billy's state of intoxication, he is "Micky" (Micky Monk = drunk) and starts to slur his words. – *www.curtainup.com*, accessed 5th March **2004**

· Now i don't normally ask this kind of question but as I'm a bit mickey monk, I'm allowed!! – *Yahoo! UK & Ireland Answers*, 25th September **2009**

· [L]ook at that mickey monk oulfella. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 22nd March **2013**

Mickey Monk

verb

(of a man) to ejaculate [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

· Id Mickey Monk all over her. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

Mickey Most

noun

▶ see MICKIE MOST

Mickey Mouse; mickey

noun

1 a theatre; an auditorium; an audience [UK]

Rhymes on *house*. < Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928. Only evidenced in the full form. Theatrical slang.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

2 a louse [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

3 a house [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**

· When I get back to the Mickey Mouse everybody is still recovering from Jim Skinner[.] – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.94, **1974**

· We reckon the photographs were taken in a posh Mickey Mouse but there's millions of them round here[.] – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.128, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Take these lads to my Mickey. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.34, **2001**

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· He just wanted to loaf of bread to their Mickey Mouse, have a David Gower and hit the Big Mac for Posh and Becks. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· In the Mickey Mouse (house), it's bird lime (time) for some wobbly jelly (telly)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

· 'One time he said, "Where's Mickey Mouse? I need Mickey Mouse."' Carolyn saw that he had his coat on and was ready to walk the dog. 'I thought, what does he need? The house key. Mickey Mouse – house. He'd invented rhyming slang to help him.' – *myhealth.london.nhs.uk*, 4th March **2013**

· Gotta get on the Eau de Cologne (phone) for a Slapsy Maxie (taxi) to the Mickey Mouse (house). – *www.theherald.com.au*, 7th June **2013**

4 Famous Grouse branded whisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

An alternative name for this whisky is CAT AND MOUSE.

· A Mick Jagger and a Mickey mouse, barman. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Ah'll hae a double Mickey please. Nae ice. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

· On being given sherry, he muttered: "Naw, naw ... that's no' right ... ah wanted a Mickey Mouse." – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August **2006**

5 a person from Liverpool, a city in the north-west of England [UK]

Rhymes on *Scouse*. Often tainted with negative connotations due to its association with the adjective *Mickey Mouse* 'inferior, ineffective or unimportant; worthless'. Synonymous with MICKEY MOUSER. ▶ see SCOUSE

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

6 an outstanding thing; the best [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *grouse*. A substantivised superlative. ▶ see MICHAEL RODENT

· If something was considered the best you'd say it was the "grouse" or the "mickey mouse" or even the "mickey" for short. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 7th June **2010**

· The Mickey Mouse, The Grouse, The Cousta Barramundi, The Ducks Nuts etc, etc all = Good. – *ThumperTalk* forum, 23rd November **2013**

Mickey Mouse; Mickey

nickname

Arlington House, originally the Camden Town Rowton House, a hostel for working men in Camden Town, north London

< Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928. Built in 1905, the Rowton House in Camden Town was the last of the six hostels established in London by Montagu Lowry-Corry, 1st Baron Rowton, one-time secretary to Benjamin Disraeli.

· People love nicknames anyway, but I think Rowton House has more than most places because of shame. Its inmates speak of it as the House, the Big House, the Mickey, or the Mickey Mouse which is their rhyming slang for house, as San Quentin or Dracula's or the Castle. – D. Thomson, *In Camden Town*, p.122, **1983**

· The only remaining Rowton house still used as a men's hostel is Arlington House in Camden, north London, also known to its largely Irish population as "The Mickey" or "Dracula's Castle". – *The Guardian*, London, 18th April **2001**

· "The Mickey" was often the first stop to get a bed for the night while the area's numerous pubs and dancehalls served pints of stout to workmen whose thick accents betrayed origins ranging from Antrim to Cork. – *www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk*, 7th October **2003**

· [T]he only Rowton House still used for its original purpose is Arlington House in Camden Town, known as 'Dracula's Castle' or, for its largely Irish population, 'The Mickey'. – S. Halliday, *The Great Filth*, p.42 [2011], **2007**

Mickey Mouse

adjective

1 excellent [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the Australian and New Zealand slang *grouse*. < Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928. Also used as a substantivised superlative.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**

· Wowie, it's the Mickey Mouse gear, fur coat. – Bluey, *Bush Contractors*, p.373, **1975**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· A Mickey Mouse result is a good result[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Here in Brissy we use the term 'Mickey Mouse' to refer to something that is very good[.] – *www2b.abc.net.au*, forum, 2nd May **2003**

· Though I use a hand held drill most of the time as well, I will use the drill press if the hole needs to look Mickey Mouse. – *AX84* forum, 21st March **2007**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· The term "Mickey Mouse" to Queenslanders means that something is top notch, good, the best there is. – *The Press*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 23rd January **2015**

2 from or relating to Liverpool, a city in the north-west of England [UK]

Rhymes on the British colloquialism *Scouse*. Often tainted with negative connotations due to its association with the adjective *Mickey Mouse* 'inferior, ineffective or unimportant; worthless'. Thus MICKEY MOUSE LAND.

· mickey mouse twats!!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd May **2011**

· – Whilst in hospital near Liverpool in June 2014, I watched with amazement as a young builder build a stack of scaffolding boards by kicking them across the site. [...] – That's a hard working Mickey Mouse

cunt. – *www.liveleak.com*, 20th and 21st January **2015**

Mickey Mouse land

nickname

the city of Liverpool, in the north-west of England

Based on MICKEY MOUSE. Formed on the analogy of *Scouseland*.

· If we were the best, as we thought we were, then we knew we had to prove it in Mickey Mouse land. – C. Penant, *Congratulations*, p.251, **2002**

· Topic: Liverpool Night Out. – Anyone been recently I'm going Fri for my Stag weekend, ive heard Concert square is the place to go, if you've been where do you recommend? [...] – You cant go wrong for ale houses in mickey mouse land and bints with fake tans. – *Non-League Football* forum, 12th and 13th June **2012**

Mickey Mouser; Mickey

noun

1 a person from Liverpool, a city in the north-west of England [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *Scouser*. < Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928. Often tainted with negative connotations due to its association with the adjective *Mickey Mouse* 'inferior, ineffective or unimportant; worthless'. Synonymous with MICKEY MOUSE.

· The early sixties were a good time to be a Scouse in London. All of a sudden, it was very fashionable to be able to say you were from Liverpool, and I even knew one or two Mickey Mousers that were from Leeds. – Worker Writers and Community Publishers, *Writing*, p.218, **1978**

· There is still a drop of grass between the two and the character of the Manks and the Mickey Mousers is vastly different. The Manks are droll, dry, think every cunt's soft, whereas the Mickeys are the gobby, have-the-crack-at-all-costs, jokers in the pack. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.122 [2001], **2000**

· I went to uni in Liverpool and was friends with some Mickey Mousers even though I'm a Manc[.] – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th June **2011**

2 a supporter of Liverpool FC [UK]

Rhymes on *Scouser*.

· – One thing I did notice last night were the amount of Mickey's in the club level. A fucking mob above us were jumping around when they scored. [...] – A bunch of Mickey mousers in the wrong end openly letting Arsenal fans have it and fucking NADA. Zilch, nothing. – *le-grove.co.uk*, blog, 3rd April **2008**

· In rhyming slang a "Mickey" refers to a Liverpoolian or Liverpool FC supporter[.] – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 8th November **2009**

Mickey Mousers

nickname

Liverpool FC, a football team based in Liverpool, in the north-west of England

Rhymes on the colloquialism *Scousers*. < Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928.

- – *www.footballfanscensus.com*, 15th December **2003**
- Nice one the Mickey Mousers. Well done Liverpool FC. – *Morrissey-solo* forum, 25th May **2005**
- For Manchester United fans there is no more hated team than Liverpool Football Club AKA “The Scousers”, “Mickey Mousers” or as some might say “The Bindippers” or alternatively, “The Grannystabbers”. – *www.unitedsredarmy.com*, July **2007**

mickey roon; micky roon

noun

a spoon [UK]

< American actor and entertainer Mickey Rooney (1920–2014).

- From the old boxer’s names come *Jem Mace* (face) and *Jimmy Wilde* (glass of mild), from old entertainers *Mickey Roon* (spoon, with the surname’s -ey lost) and *Wilkie Bards* (cards). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.88, **1974**
- Micky Roon ‘spoon’. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

Mickey Rooney

noun

a crazy or silly person [UK]

Rhymes on *loony*. < American actor and entertainer Mickey Rooney (1920–2014).

- It’s no joke stayin through the waw fae a Mickey Rooney lik that. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Mickey Rooney – not the full ticket. – *Hard Facts* forum, 22nd May **2006**
- – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

Mickey Rourke

noun

1 pork [UK]

< Mickey Rourke, the professional name of American actor Philip Andre Rourke (b.1952). ► see ROURKE ISLE OF SKYE

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – [O]ld pork sausages. – Old Mickey Rourke sausages. – *www.akaqa.com*, **2013**

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pork*.

- Harry, you lie down on your cadbury snack and Dionne can get on board your micky rourke. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

3 a fork [UK]

- A **Mickey Rourke** is the ultimate on-the-go eating utensil. – *hollywoodrhymingslang.com*, **2015**

mickey’s

noun

chips (deep-fried chipped potatoes) [UK]

A shortening of *Mickey’s lips*, itself a variation of the plural of JAGGER’S LIP. < *Mickey*, a variation of the name of English rock musician Mick Jagger (b.1943), the lead singer of the Rolling Stones.

- Lillian & Mickey’s, salt and vinegar, what could be better? – *justindequack.com*, blog, 19th April **2014**

Mickey Spillane; Micky Spillane

noun

a game [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Mickey Spillane, the pen name of American crime writer Frank Spillane (1918–2006). First recorded with the spelling *Micky Spillane*.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mickie Most; Mickey Most

noun

toast [UK]

< English record producer Mickie Most (1938–2003). Puxley (2008) notes the term has been in use since the 1970s, when Mickie Most was a panellist on the popular ITV talent show *New Faces*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- [W]ill see y’all in the Gypsies Warning after I’ve had my Mickey Most and Cornflakes with Kilroy on....cos I’ll be Lee Marvin by then. – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Mick Jagger; mick

noun

1 lager [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Scottish English. < English rock musician Sir Michael Philip ‘Mick’ Jagger (b.1943), the lead singer of the Rolling Stones.

- Three heavies an a Mick Jagger. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**
- Mick Jagger is a lager[.] – *Evening Tribune*, San Diego, CA, 7th April **1988**
- And you get thee in front of me a pint of Mick Jagger pronto! – *Rab C. Nesbitt*, UK TV: BBC2, 18th June **1992**
- How ye doin, Andy? A Mick Jagger? – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, 27, January **1997**
- [W]e’ll have a wee Salvador. Mine’s a Mick by the way. – I. Black, *Weegie Wit*, p.80, **2006**
- [W]e intend to visit the probability calculations analyst – where we are confident of going through the cards at Haydock and Kempton – before dropping in on the restorative fluids dispensing office for four or five pints of Mick Jagger. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 7th April **2007**
- Mibbe he wis oot doon the boozier huvvin a pint o’ Mick Jagger. – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 22nd March **2009**
- I remember we used to say “a pint of mick” = “pint of mick jagger” = pint of lager. – *45cat* forum, 28th June **2011**

- Get us a Mick Jagger, pal? – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

2 a swagger [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – *TalkCeltic* forum, 13th November **2010**
- – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2013**

Mick Jones*noun*

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Mick Jones* [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English rock musician Mick Jones (b.1955), best known for his work as guitarist with the Clash. A variation of JACK JONES.

· Feist is putting the land of the maple leaf on the musical map. Does anyone here like her? Or am I all on my Mick Jones? – *Drowned in Sound* forum, 27th January 2006

Mick McCarty*noun*

a party [IRELAND]

< English football player and manager Mick McCarthy (b.1959); he played for the Republic of Ireland from 1984 to 1992 and was their manager from 1996 to 2002.

· Was at a great Mick mc carty the other night. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October 2012

Mick Mills; Mickey Mills; micks*noun*

-pills; often, tablets of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< English footballer Mick Mills (b.1949). The form *Mickey Mills* has been recorded in British usage.

· Mick Mills – Pills (again Ecstasy). – *alt.sports.soccer.europe.uk*, *Google Groups*, 24th February 1998

· This is a comment from one of the Top London Police fellas and what he thinks of Clubbers and Mick Mills (pills). – *The Scene* forum, 30th November 2001

· The music played in Niche is only bearable after a few 'mick mills'[,] – *Sheffield Forum*, 30th November 2005

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Hey, I'm good to go. Those wee Mick Mills have done the trick. – T. Black, *Loss*, p.162, 2010

· [R]hyming slang, favourites. – Gary Ablett. – Mickey Mills. – *RTS Sunderland* forum, 14th March 2012

· Coincidentally, the only time I've felt bad on the mickey mills was at a Warehouse Project night the 1st year it moved from the Boddingtons Brewery to near / under Piccadilly Station[,] – *Matt Hardwick* forum, 30th September 2013

Mick O'Dwyer*noun*

a domestic fire [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

Micky Bliss*noun*

▶ see MICKEY BLISS

micky blisser*noun*

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *pisser*. A derivative of *Micky Bliss*, itself a variant of MICKEY BLISS.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Micky Duff*adjective*

▶ see MICKEY DUFF

Micky Monk; micky*adjective*

▶ see MICKEY MONK

micky roon*noun*

▶ see MICKEY ROON

micky slats*exclamation*

▶ see MICHAEL SLATER

Micky Spillane*noun*

▶ see MICKEY SPILLANE

microchip; micro*noun*

1 a Japanese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Nip*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.70, 2002

2 a whip [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, 2008

microchip*verb*

to nip (bite lightly) [UK]

· That dog's a menace; he's just microchipped my Mystic Meg! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Midge Ure*adjective*

dour [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Midge Ure, the stage name of Scottish rock musician James Ure (b.1953).

· Whit's wrang wi' yer face? Yer affy Midge Ure the day. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Midland Bank*noun*

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Midland Bank, a major British bank.

· Frank ... having a Midland Bank. – R. Palmer, *Lovely War*, p.45, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Off for a Midland Bank[,] – *BBC 606* forum, 18th June 2008

Midland banker*noun*

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. Derived from MIDLAND BANK.

- Before I met him, I thought Barry was a bit of a Midland banker. – *This Is Your Life*, UK TV: ITV, 25th January **1978**
- Had you down for a Midland Banker, son. – N. Quinn, *Autobiography*, p.73 [2003], **2002**
- [W]hat a load of Midland Bankers, have they not heard of Navy Mats, its the only way to stay on top of slop???
- *Classic Machinery Network* forum, 20th March **2009**
- [W]hat a Midland Banker the Driver is with the Apron Up???
- *The British Construction Equipment Forum*, 5th May **2010**

midnight mass; midnight

noun

1 brass [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Scottish English. Only recorded in the full form. Used by scrap-metal dealers in Glasgow.

- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

2 an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASS-HOPPER. A perfect rhyme in some regional accents. Criminal slang.

- **midnight mass** informer[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

- But take prisoners as another example. They have an argot all their own. The word bird is one of a long list for time in prison – others are bit, cons, lagging and porridge. [...] Others are bucket (bucket and pail) for jail, Olly (from the actor Oliver Reed) for the drug speed, midnight mass, from grass, another word for informer.
- *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 28th December **1996**

- **Midnight:** Midnight mass – grass. – *Do or Die* magazine, Brighton, ‘The Prison Lexicon’, **2003**

- *Midnight* More slang, this time: Midnight mass = grass. An unpopular career move in Big House. – N. Harper, *Man Skills*, p.87, **2006**

- Is anyone aware that on the streets, ‘midnight mass’ is rhyming slang for a ‘grass’?
- SAUK forum, 24th December **2010**

- But they’re saying that one of youse is a midnight mass.
- G. Johnson, *Gang War*, p.181, **2011**

- If someone accuses you of being a **midnight**, they are calling you a **grass** or an informer[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.296, **2015**

might and main; might

noun

rain [UK]

- [T]he *might* (*might and main* – last word rhymes with “rain”). [...] Some people get in a *two and eight* or become *milkman*s about the *might*[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.78, **1973**

Mighty Duck

noun

1 something of no value [us]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *The Mighty Ducks*, a 1992 Walt Disney Pictures production directed by Stephen Herek. In Britain, the film was released under the title *Champi-*

ons, but the video and DVD releases were titled *The Mighty Ducks Are the Champions*. Used in the phrase *not give a Mighty Duck* ‘to not care at all’. Only recorded in the full form.

- Disney doesn’t give a Mighty Duck about anything but the almighty buck. – *Morning Star*, Wilmington, NC, 28th June **1997**

- IF U GOT A PROBLEM WIT ME OH THE *** WELL I DONT GIVE A MIGHTY DUCK *** ITS WATEVEA BUT ITS NICE TO KNO THAT IM ON YOUR MIND LOL[.] – *www.urbanchat.com*, 19th August **2008**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- I gave her the old mighty! – *The Caffeine Machine* forum, 17th October **2009**

- I’d give her a MIGHTY DUCK. – *eBaum’s World* forum, 3rd May **2012**

Mike Bliss

noun

▶ see MICKEY BLISS

Mike Dickin

noun

a chicken [UK]

- < English radio presenter Mike Dickin (1943–2006).

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Mike Hunt; mike

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person; a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Based on *Mike Hunt*, a common pun on *my cunt*.

- **mike hunt** cockney rhyming slang for cunt *you fucking mike!!!!!!* – *UD(.com)*, 24th September **2003**

- Have a word with yourself kid. You’re a right Mike Hunt.
- *BBC 606* forum, 31st May **2006**

- Just more proof the FA is run by ABU’s, and a bunch of Mike Hunts. – *PlayStation Universe* forum, 13th May **2011**

Mike Malone

noun

a telephone [UK]

- – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.206, **1950**

- – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, **1953**

- – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.193, **1989**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Mike Rayer; Mikey Rayer; mikey

noun

an all-day drinking session [UK]

Rhymes on *all-dayer*. < Welsh rugby union player Mike Rayer (b.1965).

- Go on a Mikey = Mikey Rayer – All Dayer. – *rec.sport.rugby.union*, *Google Groups*, 15th March **1998**

- – How many pints can you handle? – 23 pint bottles of Magners on a Mikey Rayer once. – *United Forum*, 14th November **2007**

· Does anybody fancy a Mike Rayer on matchday???? – *Scarlet Fever* forum, 31st March **2009**

· Haven't had a slurp for 3 wks and not missing it to say the least. A Mikey Rayer tomorrow should sort that out though. – *Planet Swans* forum, 3rd July **2009**

· His wife told me a story once about when she was out in town for the rugby once and a Valley Pink Cowgirl wearing trollop said "I'm off to do a Mikey Rayer" [.] – *Rugby Rebels* forum, 27th June **2011**

· As one of my acquaintances put it this week, it will be time for a "Mikey Rayer" – or an all-dayer in drinking translation. – *www.walesonline.co.uk*, 15th October **2011**

· A half 12 kick off then out on a mikey rayer to watch wales smash england!! – *www.pitchero.com*, forum, March **2012**

· Nothing better than to be working a night shift when all your mates are going on a "Mike Rayer". – *twitter.com*, 13th January **2013**

· Kids picked up, KFC tonight with Munster v Sarries & off on a Mike Rayer with the boys to watch the Scarlets tomorrow. – *twitter.com*, 24th October **2014**

Mikkel Becks; mikkels

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

Rhymes on *specs*. < Danish footballer Mikkel Beck (b.1973).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Where did I put me Mikkel's? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**

mild and meek

noun

1 impudence or effrontery [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cheek*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

2 the cheek [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.18, **2002**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

mile and a quarter

noun

1 gin and water [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

2 a daughter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

▶ see TEN FURLONGS

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mile End; mile

noun

a friend [UK]

< Mile End, an area of east London.

· I'd like you to meet a Mile End of mine. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· 'Now, it ain't good for the geezer to live on 'is Tod. I'm gonna make 'im a Mile End to help 'im. [...] But after all that, none of them was a suitable Mile to help him. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.12, **2001**

· 'Ello me old Mile Ends. Me Plates are sure giving me some Michael Caine. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March **2010**

Mile End Gate

adjective/adverb

late [UK]

< Mile End Gate, a location in the East End of London named for, and on the site of, a former toll gate.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] late – Mile End Gate[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

Miles Hunt

noun

a contemptible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English singer and guitarist Miles Hunt (b.1966).

· Who's the biggest 'Miles Hunt' around? – *Shacknet* forum, 2nd December **2003**

· – If anyone can give a better, and more appropriate, alternative rhyming slang than James Blunt, then i'll personally send you a chomp bar in th post. ie. you fucking great james blunt. – Back in the day it used to be Miles Hunt [Wonderstuff] = cunt. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**

· I'd rather just give the money straight to them than have bleeding ears. What a Miles Hunt... – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

Miles Platting

noun

an act of hitting, punching, head-butting or slapping someone, generally to the head [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on the slang *twatting*. < Miles Platting, an area of east Manchester.

· – *Bluemoon* forum, 21st November **2008**

Miley Cyrus; miley

noun

1 a virus; an infectious viral disease [UK/IRELAND]

< American singer and actress Miley Cyrus (born Destiny Hope Cyrus, 1992), daughter of BILLY RAY CYRUS. Influenced by Cyrus the Virus, a character portrayed by John Malkovich in the 1997 film *Con Air*.

· – *www.zootoday.com*, 26th November **2008**

· – *Back To The Oldskool* forum, 29th November **2008**

· He's home in bed with a Justin Bieber of a hundred and three. Doctor said he's after picking up some sort of Miley Cyrus. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

· I've got a bit of a temperature today. It could be a Miley Cyrus. – *twitter.com*, 5th July **2016**

2 a computer virus [UK]

· I think my computer's got a Miley. – *www.capitalfm.com*, 29th March **2012**

Milk and Beans; Land of Milk and Beans

nickname

Milton Keynes, a town in Buckinghamshire, in the south-east of England

A slang rhyme.

· Alright Dan, what you up to this weekend? Oh, i'm going to milk and beans to see the concrete cows. – *UD (.com)*, 10th August **2006**

· The Land Of Milk and Beans (Milton Keynes) UK. – *It's Only Rock'n Roll* forum, 3rd September **2007**

· Call me a philistine but I have to confess I quite like Milton Keynes. The much maligned 'Milk and Beans' gets a bad rep from many in the UK but there are many positives about the place. – *prohockeynews.com*, 10th October **2009**

· Land of milk and beans, Milton Keynes :), United Kingdom. – *www.writerscafe.org*, 13th July **2010**

· We live in Milk and Beans... – *ric-rac-uk.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th June **2011**

· Have a good day all, from the Land of Milk and Beans. – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 5th November **2014**

· According to neighbouring cities Bedfordshire and Northampton Milton Keynes is lovingly referred to as Milk and Beans. – *www.mkweb.co.uk*, 10th March **2015**

milk and cream

noun

a dream [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.515, **1984**

milk jug; milkie

noun

a fool; a dupe [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *mug*. *Milkie* has been recorded in Australian usage.

· Australia's underworldsters have commemorated the services of their victims by calling them any of these assorted terms: *possum*, *poss*, *possodeluxe*, *galah*, *imbo*, *gay*, *thirty-first of May*, *mug*, *milkjug*, *milkie*[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.125, **1953**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

milkman's horse; milkman's 'orse

noun

a cross [UK]

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect.

· Milkman's horse: *Cross (Cockney rhyming slang)*. [...] A tosser on a Wilkie Bard, / A lord on a Charing Cross, / Is 'ow I fell, and it's bread-'n-lard / To bear my milkman's 'orse. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, pp.ix/292, **1957**

milkman's horse; milkman's awce; milkman's; milkmans

adjective

cross, angry [UK]

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect.

· If I 'ave to tell yeh agin I'll git milkman's awce I will, so stop it when yeh told! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· Some people get in a *two and eight* or become *milkmans* about the *might*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.78, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· To say that Fred was milkman's don't really tell you how angry he was. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

milkman's horse

verb

to intersect [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A perfect rhyme on *cross* in traditional Cockney dialect. A nonce word.

· We'll little and big more than one steamship funnel, some that milkman's horse another[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.126, **1973**

Milky Bar kid

noun

a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. < Milkybar kid, a cowboy character that has appeared in TV commercials for Milkybar, a popular brand of chocolate bar, since 1961.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Milky Way

adjective

homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. Probably < Milky Way, a branded chocolate bar manufactured by Mars, Inc., since 1923.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2001**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· He's a little Milky. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I told you he'd turn out Milky Way. – *blog.theoddball-english.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

Millennium Dome

noun

1 a comb [UK]

< the Millennium Dome, a large shallow dome in Greenwich, south-east London, built to house a major exhibition to celebrate the turn of the third millennium. ► see MANDY'S PLACE

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a telephone [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· Yeah she gave me a tinkle on the Millenium Dome last night. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

miller's daughter; miller

noun

1 a porter [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· It's all right, but chuck this 'port and wine' as you pass the 'Miller's daughter' at the 'Cain and Abel' on the 'Ap-

ples and Pears.' I successfully mastered the password and sign, and was ushered into the club-room, which contained about twenty men. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

2 water [UK]

· "Pass me the miller" refers to the "miller's daughter," and signifies "water." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

Millers Point; millers

noun

a marijuana cigarette [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *joint*. < Millers Point, an area of Sydney.

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.251, **1982**

· He produces a marijuana cigarette. "I got a big fat millers here, Dee. Me last one." – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001: B. Payne, *Poor Behaviour*, p.81, **1994**

Milli Vanilli

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *willy*. < Milli Vanilli, an infamous pop duo of the late 1980s and early 1990s; they were forced to return a Grammy Award given for their 1990 debut album after it was revealed that neither of the duo had sung the lead vocals.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Mills and Boon; mills

noun

1 a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; often specifically Glasgow or Newcastle [UK: SCOTLAND, NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots and Tyneside English form of *town*. < Mills & Boon, now part of Harlequin Mills & Boon, a well-known British publisher of romantic fiction.

· – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th January **2001**

· [S]een some crackers in a sex shop up the mills and boon. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2012**

· I'll see yer in the mills at 8 lyke! – *twitter.com*, 31st May **2013**

· Need to get a jolly sorted up the mills and boon one Saturday. Do a pub crawl watch the scores. – *twitter.com*, 5th October **2015**

2 a black person [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *coon*. Only recorded in the full form.

· And in Manchester coon is used as slang for a black person and Mills and boon is slang for coon. – *Digital Spy* forum, 25th June **2005**

Millwall in riot

adjective

unauthorised, copied without permission [UK]

Rhymes on *pirate*. < 'Millwall in Riot', a hypothetical newspaper headline in reference to Millwall FC or the team's more aggressive supporters.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th October **2004**

· All my mates DVD's are Millwall In Riot. – *twitter.com*, 18th May **2013**

· – I. Hall, *RCDDBS*, **2016**

Millwall Reserves; millwalls

noun

nerves [UK]

< Millwall FC Reserves, the reserve team of Millwall, a south London football club.

· He gets right on my Millwalls he does. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Milngavie

noun

a lavatory [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *lavvy*. < Milngavie, pronounced *Millguy* or *Mullguy*, a small town in the north-west of Glasgow. The rhyme is based on the spelling pronunciation.

· – C. Macafee, *Glasgow*, p.45, **1983**

Milou

noun

the number one hundred [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *ten ten*, interpreted as meaning 'ten times ten', and *Tintin*. < Milou and Tintin, two characters in the *Adventures of Tintin* series of comics by Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi, best known as Hergé.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January **2010**

Milton Keynes; miltons

noun

1 homosexuals [UK]

Rhymes on *queens*. < Milton Keynes, a town in Buckinghamshire, England.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· The pub was full of Miltons. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· I also love how language is so fluid and mirrors society – read today that gentlemen of a homosexual disposition are known in Cockney Rhyming slang as "Miltons" (Milton Keynes = queens). – *ABCtales.com* forum, 6th July **2005**

2 beans, especially baked beans when served on toast [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.117, **2007**

· [W]ould you like Milton keynes on toast haha[.] – *www.crunchyroll.com*, 24th October **2007**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – Hello every one what is your favourite food? – Milton Keynes on toast... – *www.facebook.com*, 5th March **2011**

· By the way, none of that fancy potato stuff for me tonight, just plain old Miltons on Toast. – *Digital Spy* forum, 21st August **2012**

· A full English ain't proper unless it's topped off with Miltons. – *twitter.com*, 10th July **2016**

3 jeans [UK]

· Milton Keynes is Cockney slang for Jeans. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Whereas once it was a small village it is now a thriving city with plenty of shops in which to buy a new pair of Miltons. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

mince

verb

to see [UK]

Derives from *mince*, the reduced form of MINCE PIE.

· Have to mince the papers when they come out[.] – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, **1968**

· She was a bit upset (lots) when i minced her cheque and said she never had it. – *Passion Ford* forum, 28th May **2011**

mince meat

noun

the feet [IRELAND]

· [S]mell off your mince meat. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

mince pie; mincy pie; mince; mincy; mincer

noun

1 the eye [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Recorded in the forms *mince pie*, *mince*, *mincy* and *mincer*. These are geographically distributed as follows: *mince pie* (UK, Australia, US, Ireland, New Zealand), *mince* (UK, Australia, New Zealand), *mincy* (UK), *mincer* (UK). Both *mince pie* and its shortened versions usually occur in the plural. In fact, *mince pies* is the only form given by most authorities, including Anglicus (1857), Hotten (1859), Brophy and Partridge (1930), Pollock (1935), Maurer (1944), Johansen (1988), Looser (2001) and Kelly (2015). In her study of prison slang in New Zealand, Looser (2001) also records it in the nuanced sense of 'black eyes'. In Irish English, *mince pies* also occurs in the phrase *give someone the mince pies* 'to look at someone with romantic or sexual interest', the direct equivalent of *give someone the eyes*.

► see BIG MINCES and PAUL INCE

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· And I smiled as I closed my two mince pies / In my insect promenade[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· [H]e accompanied the remark with a peculiar jerky movement of his left "mince pie," commonly known as a "knowing wink." – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· [T]he eye is a *mince*, from *mince pie*; the hand is *bag*, from *bag of sand*; the arm the *false*, from *false alarm*. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· Eye-Mince pie, or just plain mince. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· Odd might be interested in knowing that these freakish synonyms also are used: [...] mince pies-eyes [...] There are hoodlums who can carry on a complete conversation using almost entirely such words and phrases. – *The Sioux City Journal*, 30th January **1931**

· The following are Australian slang terms which, however, are used extensively on the Pacific Coast: [...] Eyes-mince pies. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· If I get my minces on the bastard again I'll break him in half, straight I will. – J. Curtis, *No Justice*, p.129, **1937**

· Get your mince pies to work on that, brother. – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.199 [1938], **1937**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· Pinkie, stick your minces on that. – *Brighton Rock*, UK film, script by Graham Greene, **1947**

· My poor mince pies are full o' tears[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.291, **1957**

· 'One pack dealer's choice,' he says, minces all gleaming. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.39, **1962**

· Never clapped mincers on him myself. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.121, **1968**

· [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef – Chief; Bit-an-Brace – Face; Mince Pies – Eyes*[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

· Straining of the mince pies. – *The Spectator*, London, 26th April **1975**

· Mince pies, mincers Eyes. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, **1976**

· [B]rother George and his gang of mates had a slang word for everything and abbreviated that as well, for instance, "trousers" were "around the houses" but they were known as "roundies", and "eyes" were "mince pies" but known as "mincers". – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Mincies = Mince Pies = Eyes. – H. Bowling, *Tuppence*, p.306 [2008], **1989**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.33, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**

· – R.S. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· [J]ust in case the Alert did not reach your mincers (eyes) yesterday, we are republishing it's most important and cautionary comments[.] – *rec.sport.golf*, *Google Groups*, 4th September **1998**

· Now if a Noah's Ark (shark) catches you in his mince pie (eye), he will open his north and south (mouth) and chomp on you with his Hampstead Heath (teeth). – *New York Post*, 17th September **2000**

· And this bird, roysh, she's still giving me the mince pies[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.108, **2003**

· Well, feast your mincers on this little gem (from the ‘How to Play’ section), NOT! – *FISO* forum, 12th June **2007**

· All of a sudden, roysh, everyone in the restaurant stops talking and every set of mince pies in the place is suddenly on *me*. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.313, **2008**

· ‘Or,’ I go, giving her the old mince pies, ‘we *could* just go back to bed.’ – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.247, **2011**

· I love lasers, they can come and shine them in my mincers any day. – *Sheffield Forum*, 26th October **2011**

· Geezer with a glass mince pie staggers home from the battlecruiser pissed as a fart. [...] Next morning can’t find his mincer, and remembering nothing from the night before, thinks he must have lost it when he was pissed. – *The British Airborne Forces Club* forum, 13th February **2013**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 the thigh [UK]

Recorded in the form *mince pie*.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.73, **1968**

3 a lie [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA]

A variation of PORK PIE. Recorded in the forms *mince pie* and *mincy pie*, the latter (or rather, the plural *mincy pies*) being found in New Zealand prison parlance.

· **mince pies** [...] (also **mincy pies**) lies. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· It sounds wrong, but I really think that these 2 people are either telling mince pies or defrauding th system somewhere. – *Babyworld.co.uk* forum, 15th April **2008**

· Penney was certainly telling mince pies about his well-being. He is banged up. Hurting like heck. – *www.stuff.co.nz*, 6th December **2008**

· Now now then Charlie Bhoyn, what you doing telling ‘mince pies’! Get tae confession Charlie ya wee rascal ye. – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 15th August **2012**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

· Everyone gives to recieve at christmas if anyone says they dont there telling mince pies (lies). – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2012**

Mince Pie

nickname

the London Eye, a popular tourist attraction in London

Recorded in use among London taxi drivers.

· – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**

mincepiebrows

noun

eyebrows [IRELAND]

Formed on MINCE PIE.

· – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th December **2007**

mincepielashes

noun

eyelashes [IRELAND]

Formed on MINCE PIE.

· Johnathon R-M: Fake Mincepielashes? – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th December **2007**

mince pie up

verb

to look at someone in a sexually interested way [UK]

A verbal offshoot of MINCE PIE. Formed as a rhyming equivalent of *eye up*.

· You’d be well p____ed if you spent all night in a club mince pieing up a bird[.] – *RRSPORT.CO.UK* forum, 3rd June **2007**

mincer

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A distorted form of *mince*, itself a shortening of *mince pie*, rhyming on *tie*. ▶ see MINCE PIE

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.46, **1972**

mince tart

noun

1 a fart [UK]

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· – *Astra Owners Club* forum, 1st November **2003**

· I just baked a mince tart. – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

2 a boring or unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *fart*. Used in the expression *old mince tart*.

· Bert, you old mince tart. – *B.I.R.D* forum, 3rd January **2003**

mincy pie; mincy

noun

▶ see MINCE PIE

Mini Moke

noun

a cigar, cigarette or pipe [UK]

Rhymes on *smoke*. < Mini Moke, a type of small car manufactured from 1964 to 1993.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Minister for Rhyming Slang

nickname

Australian politician Greg Hunt (b.1965), who served as Minister for the Environment between September 2013 and July 2016

Based on the rhyme *Hunt – cunt*, itself the source of the sobriquets *Greg Rhyming Slang*, *Greg Rhyming Slang Hunt* and *Rhyming Slang Hunt*. ▶ see GREG HUNT and RHYMING SLANG

· Greg Hunt, minister for rhyming slang. – *www.facebook.com*, 16th December **2013**

· I understand Mr Pyne’s response will be made by the newly appointed Minister for Rhyming Slang, Greg Hunt. – *twitter.com*, 14th May **2014**

· The minister for rhyming slang defended this fallacy[.] – *www.crikey.com.au*, blog, 13th July **2015**

· Wow! The Minister for Rhyming Slang! – *twitter.com*, 15th September **2015**

Minka Kelly*noun*

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [IRELAND]

< American actress Minka Kelly (b.1980).

- He looks at my big Minka Kelly, sticking out of my T-shirt like it's maternity wear. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Game of Throw-ins*, p.151, **2016**

Minnie Driver; minnie*noun*

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *five*. < Minnie Driver, the stage name of English actress Amelia Driver (b.1970).

- He owes me a Minnie. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th November **2004**
- I hear his hourly rate's a Minnie (Driver = five). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**
- 2 Fish & Chips for a Minnie driver! – *www.facebook.com*, 21st August **2012**

Minnie Mouse*noun*

a house [AUSTRALIA]

< Minnie Mouse, an animated cartoon character created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney in 1928.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Minnie the Minx; minnie*noun*

a jinx [UK]

< Minnie the Minx, a comic strip character created by Leo Baxendale in 1953 for *The Beano*.

- [O]ne whose mere presence seems to put the mockers on you, that's a 'minnie'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Minnie the Minx*verb*

to jinx [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- I think ive minnie the minxed this goals thread. – *Bet-fair Community* forum, 10th February **2010**

minorca*noun*

among London taxi drivers, a person who chooses to walk rather than take a taxi [UK]

Rhymes on *walker*. < Minorca, one of the Balearic Islands off the east coast of Spain.

- – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**

Mint; Minty*nickname*

used as a substitute for the name of someone who is always late, especially for work [UK]

A punning variation of *After Eight*, rhyming on *late*. < After Eight, a popular brand of after-dinner mint chocolates made by Nestlé.

- In his enforced absence, Phil has provided Sam with a bodyguard in the shape of his old mate Minty

Peterson[.] – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 21st December **2003**

- The most convoluted example I can think of is the name of a character in EastEnders (British soap opera). He's called Minty, because he was always late for work. – *Chamber of Secrets* forum, 9th January **2005**

- He got his big break in East-Enders in March 2002, when cast as a minder and side-kick for hard-man Phil Mitchell – earning the nickname Minty because he was always late (After Eight) for every job. – *The People*, London, 10th September **2006**

- His lifelong friend was his officer's servant, "Mint" Burkenshaw, so called because he was always late – or, in rhyming slang "After Eight" – on parade. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 4th October **2010**

mint rocks*noun*

socks [UK: LIVERPOOL]

- [N]ow we have a new restaurant called Billy Munk (one word and it means The Drunk) run by a chap named Moss Cooney who spent some years in the British and Irish shipping service and Moss has forwarded some rhyming English-Irish expressions as used by seamen. For instance: [...] Mint Rocks are your socks. – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 26th October **1971**
- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.46, **1972**
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

- – *Liverpool FC* forum, 7th February **2007**

misbehave*noun*

a shave [AUSTRALIA/US]

Thus the American expression *misbehave and an ocean wave* 'a shave and a massage', recorded in prison use by Cardozo-Freeman (1978; 1984).

- I said to the cheese and kisses (missus), 'I'm goin' up the frog and toad (road) for a misbehave' (shave). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**

- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.515, **1984**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

misbehave*verb*

to shave [UK]

- When a man says that he is going into the bathroom to misbehave you now know what he is doing. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

miser's hoard*noun*

a board (of wood) [UK]

· “Pu’ ve puppy’s tail in the Johnny ’orner ov ve miser’s ’oard,” said Ted one night to a bewildered undergraduate, meaning to direct the putting of a nail in the corner of a board. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

Miss Fitch

noun

a spiteful woman [UK]

Rhymes on *bitch*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.36, **1973**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

missing link

noun

1 a drink [UK]

- – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**
- I need a few missing links before I get into the Richards. [...] Nah, just want to have a few drinks, mate, before we look for the birds, you know, Richard the Third, bird. – R. Crutchley, *Post Script*, p.164, **1992**

2 zinc [UK: SCOTLAND]

Used by scrap-metal dealers in Glasgow.

- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

3 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

- That geezer is a Missing Link. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th February **2005**
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th January **2007**
- – Chinky is racist too now, so Ive changed it to a rinky dink! [...] – Disagree pork link or missing link for me. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 29th and 30th November **2015**

Mississippi Delta

noun

an air-raid shelter [UK]

- < Mississippi Delta, an area in the northwestern part of Mississippi, USA.
- Bomb stories were two a penny. Every morning you’d say, “Anything happen last night? Any Derry and Toms about?” They’d say “Well, so and so got it. We were down the Mississippi Delta.” – K. Grime, *Jazz at Ronnie Scott’s*, p.16, **1979**

miss or hit

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. By reversal of *hit* or *miss*, a common variant of HIT AND MISS.

- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Miss Piggy

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *ciggy*. < Miss Piggy, a television puppet character in *The Muppet Show* (1976–81), subsequent television specials and Muppet films.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Miss Pringle

noun

in scaffolding, a metal clamp used for joining putlogs or transom tubes to ledgers [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *single*, an elliptical form of *single coupler*.

- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**

Mister Ed

noun

bread [UK]

< *Mister Ed*, an American sitcom broadcast from 1961 to 1966 and its eponymous talking horse character.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Mister Hyde; Mr Hyde

noun

a dishonest, untrustworthy person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *snide*. Influenced by the standard English use of *Jekyll and Hyde* to refer to a two-sided person. < Mr Hyde, the evil alter ego of the protagonist in *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1886) by Robert Louis Stevenson. Synonymous with JEKYLL AND HYDE.

- Don’t trust him, he’s a right Mr Hyde. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Mister Mutch; Mr Mutch

noun

the crotch (of a person or animal) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crutch*.

- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**
- – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**

mistress

noun

a dress [NEW ZEALAND]

- I’m gonna give you back a bit of your pie and take a random guess and say you’re from the North Shore where parents abandon kids while shopping for jimmy choos and mistresses. – *www.whaleoil.co.nz*, blog, 11th September **2013**

mivvie

noun

▶ see STRAWBERRY MIVVI

MiWadi; Mi Wadi

noun

the human body [IRELAND]

< MiWadi (an abbreviation of Mineral Water Distributors), the brand name of a range of non-alcoholic drinks.

- – *Dublin*, spoken, male, 30, June **2001**

· [A] cracking mi wadi. – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, **2009**

mix and muddle; mix

noun

a cuddle [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [H]ere's a big Mix and Muddle for you hope this made you Steffi Graf... – *Tech Support Guy* forum, 23rd April **2007**

· A mix and muddle can sometimes lead to a bit of Posh 'n' Becks. – *tubalips-trumpetsoul.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th June **2008**

· He was about to move in for a *hit* and *mix* and meant to whisper a sweet nothing in her ear. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

mmm, divine

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-nine

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

mo

noun

an informer [UK]

A spelling alteration of *mow*, punning on *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASSHOPPER.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

moan and groan

noun

1 a telephone [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.74, **1968**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Moan and Groan–The telephone. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

2 a phone call [US]

Extended from the previous sense.

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

moan and wail

noun

a jail [US/AUSTRALIA]

· The moan an' wail, that's the jail. – D. Ryan, *Angel's Flight*, p.20, **1927**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· An American switch on "sorrowful tale" is "moan and wail" meaning jail, which I think is most certainly allegorical and quite an improvement. – *The Marion Star*, Marion, OH, D. Runyon, 'Rhyming Slang', 31st July **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· The artful dodger beat his storm and strife for not darn'ing his charley rocks and went to moan and wail. – *Writer's Monthly*, Springfield, MA, **1945**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [L]ocked up in "the moan and wail." – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June **1966**

· They put baddies in the moan-and-wail for six months while they just THINK about their case. – *St. Petersburg Times*, 10th January **1971**

mobile dog and bone; mobile dog

noun

a mobile phone [UK]

Formed on DOG AND BONE. ▶ see IDOG AND BONE and SMART DOG AND BONE

· i have spoken to him a few times on the mobile dog and bone. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 20th December **2007**

· I got straight on the mobile dog to the duchess. – *terry-freedman.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th August **2009**

· Mobile dog and bone is essential vets' tool. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd September **2011**

· With about 10% of car drivers also being on the mobile 'dog and bone'. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 10th December **2014**

mobile eau-de-Cologne; mobile eau-de

noun

a mobile phone [UK]

Formed on EAU DE COLOGNE.

· My mobile eau-de-Cologne went off, and I had to leave the meeting. – E. James, *DBSCE*, s.v. *eau-de(-Cologne)*, **1997**

mobile minx

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-six [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Probably < *mobile minx* 'a flirtatious young woman who "gets about a bit"'.

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

mobile Molly Malone; mobile molly

noun

a mobile phone [UK]

Formed on MOLLY MALONE.

· What was extremely beneficial in this process was the invention of a new mobile Molly Malone (Phone). [...] The minute charge plus the monthly fee made the use of this mobile Molly very expensive. – J. Wright, *Voyages*, pp.304/305, **2010**

Moby Dick; moby

noun

1 prison [UK]

Rhymes on *the nick*. < Moby Dick, the great white whale in the 1851 novel of the same name by American writer Herman Melville.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 • He chuckled them both into the Moby, where Joseph was. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.29, **2001**

• – B. Hawkins, *The Complete 'Minder'*, p.106, **2014**

2 ■ **on the Moby Dick; on the moby** on sick leave [UK]
 Rhymes on *sick*, used in the phrase *on the sick*.

• Time away from work due to illness is known as being 'on the Moby Dick'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 • Fred's on the Moby. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *prick*. Perhaps size is suggested by allusion to the whale. Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Did he ever get a chance to whip his moby dick out for her? – *The Holmesdale Online* forum, 23rd January **2006**

4 a foolish or obnoxious person [UK/IRELAND]

Genuine or pseudo-rhyming slang. The expression rhymes on *prick*, but the second element is also a homophone of *dick*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• That kid down the pub was a right Moby. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2007**

• He he, he's a Moby-dick. – *Raptr* forum, 19th June **2013**

• Ah Philip you're a right moby dick with that comment. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th June **2013**

• – He's a right moby... – Wish both their fathers had used condoms, myself. – *www.facebook.com*, 9th January **2014**

• In no time at all we received our first call – from the Sultan of Brunei. Rodney, being a total moby, couldn't believe his luck, right up till 'the Sultan' asked for advice on 'how to start a crappy three-wheeled van on cold winter mornings'. – D. Trotter, *He Who Dares...*, pp.272–273, **2015**

Moby Dick; moby

adjective

nauseous, sick [UK/IRELAND]

< Moby Dick, the great white whale in the 1851 novel of the same name by American writer Herman Melville.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• He came out eventually, very apologetic looking and said to me, 'sorry I'm late, Pete, but I've just been a bit Moby...' – P. Stump, *Go Ahead John*, p.22, **2000**

• I'm feeling a bit Moby and I think I'm going to vom. [...] [A]nd I'm storting to feel Moby Dick all of a sudden. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, pp.4/21, **2005**

• I'm suddenly feeling seriously Moby. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.226, **2006**

• He's moby dick[.] – *www.londonschool.com*, 27th April **2011**

• I'm feeling a bit Moby just now. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October **2014**

mocking bird; mocka; mocker

noun

1 a word [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• When I use a mocking bird. – *British Medical Journal*, 3rd August **2002**

2 a piece of excrement [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*. The shortened forms may be influenced by a metaphorical pun on *mocha beans*.

• – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

• a **mock**er or 'Mocka' [...] Where's the dunny? I have to hang a mocka. – *UD(.com)*, 15th September **2003**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mock martins

noun

Englishmen who, in the 1950s, masqueraded as Americans, mainly by adopting American dress, accents and vocabulary, in order to achieve social prestige [UK: MANCHESTER]

Formed on *martins*, an elliptical form of *Martins Bank*, rhyming on *Yank*. < Martins Bank, a British bank taken over by Barclays in 1968.

• Certainly, the phoney American had become a recognizable social category in Manchester by the early 1950s. Eddie Conway (now a labour historian and adult education worker, but then a teenager) recalls that they were known as 'mock martins' (rhyming slang: Martin's Bank = Yank), and clearly remembers one familiar face in jazz clubs of the mid-1950s who claimed to be from Alabama but really hailed from Salford. [...] Mock martins and pseudo-American gangster novels may now seem nothing more than quaint footnotes in cultural history[.] – S. Chibnall, *Counterfeit Yanks*, pp.157–158, **1996**

mods and rockers; mods

noun

the female breasts [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *knockers*. < *mods and rockers*, a reference to two rival British youth movements of the 1960s.

• Cor, look at the mods on that[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 • [L]iked her mods n rockers though. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July **2006**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Mohammed

noun

aluminium [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *ally* 'aluminium' and *Ali*. < American boxer Muhammad Ali (1942–2016), originally known as Cassius Clay. Scaffolders' slang.

• – *Scaffolders Forum*, 9th November **2012**

Mohammed Ali

noun

1 a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < American boxer Muhammad Ali (1942–2016), originally known as Cassius Clay.

· – J. Holland, *Lost in Care*, p.xv, **2005**

② an amount of drugs swallowed in a single action [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *swally*, the Scots form of *swallow*.

· – J. Holland, *Lost in Care*, p.xv, **2005**

Molly Maguire; Mollie Maguire

noun

a fire [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < the Molly Maguires, an Irish secret society known to be active in Ireland, Britain and America in the 19th century; or < ‘Mollie McGuire’, an 1874 song by William Shakespeare Hays.

· You take the drive-me-silly and go down to the bubble-and-squeak and get some mother-and-daughter, and I’ll light the Mollie-Maguire and we’ll have some Gypsy Lee.

– E. Hill, *The Territory*, p.446, **1951**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.362, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – www.krackatinni.net.au, accessed 21st September **2012**

molly maguired

adjective

tired [UK]

< the Molly Maguires, an Irish secret society known to be active in Ireland, Britain and America in the 19th century.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Molly Malone; molly

noun

① a telephone [UK]

< Molly Malone, the fishmonger heroine of an eponymous ballad (also known as ‘Cockles and Mussels’) first recorded in the 1880s and popularly regarded as the unofficial anthem of Dublin. Hence MOBILE MOLLY MALONE.

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· **THE MOLLY MALONE** – The Molly – **The Phone**. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· In playful Cockney rhyming slang, a telephone is a Molly, a television a Marie and the army is Kate. – *The Whig-Standard*, Kingston, Ontario, 22nd November **1991**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Personally my molly does what I need on the go that the tablet does and then I have my HTPC and work rig for more serious tasks. – *Overclockers UK* forum, 7th January **2013**

② used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one’s Molly Malone* [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· He usually campaigns on his Molly Malone, but this time he’s asked his missus to come along. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 20th February **2010**

· – The total lack of response to this thread suggests I’m going to be more or less on my own tonight! – See you there owd lad, many a ressie game ive been on me molly malone[.] – *Blue and Amber* forum, 6th April **2011**

· I’ll be all right on me Molly Malone. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.84, **2016**

molly maloned

adjective

intoxicated by drugs [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *stoned*. < Molly Malone, the fishmonger heroine of an eponymous ballad (also known as ‘Cockles and Mussels’) first recorded in the 1880s and popularly regarded as the unofficial anthem of Dublin.

· – *Network54* forum, ‘Dublin Slang’, 16th October **2002**

Molly Morgan

noun

▶ see MOLLY O’MORGAN

Molly O’Grady

noun

a lady [US]

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

Molly O’Morgan; Molly Morgan

noun

an organ [UK/US?]

Originally with reference to a barrel organ, but now used as a synonym of *organ* in all its senses. < ‘Molly O’Morgan, with her little organ’, a line from the chorus of ‘Molly O’Morgan (The Irish-Italian Girl)’, a song written in 1909 by Will Letters and Fred Godfrey. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The variant *Molly Morgan*, recorded in 2012, is exclusively British.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, **1973**

· I scramble across her Derby Kell so that my orchestras are hatching her belly button and my Molly O’Morgan is dead on line for her top bollocks. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.69, **1976**

- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**
- My cousin plays the Molly O'Morgan in the left in the lurch. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

molly the monk

adjective

drunk [AUSTRALIA]

- Suggested or informed by *molo* 'drunk' (in use since 1906) and its variant *mollies* (in use at least since 1952).
- Now the basic type of booze [...] and that which induces the most popular results (gets you molly the monk) is—wait for it—beer. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXVI, **1966**
- [T]here'll be lots of guys back home in Melbourne who will be "Molly the Monk" by the time the news hits the wireless. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, 'Aussie Dialog', 24th August **1969**
- mollo/molly the monk (drunk). – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- That's your lot, I'm off to the Rubbity Dub! Any chance you'll get Molly the Monk there? – *soc.culture.irish*, *Google Groups*, 26th October **2001**
- [W]e were both a bit molly the monk & he looks much the same in that picture. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th June **2002**
- Is that what you did on the night you got "molly the monk" and posted some lame threads? – *www.strategypage.com*, forum, 27th April **2004**

Molly Weirs

noun

- beers [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - < Scottish actress Molly Weir (1910–2004).
- I'm just nipping down the pub for a couple of Molly Weirs. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May **2007**
- – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

molten toffee; molten

noun

- coffee [UK]
- Fancy a nice cuppa Molten. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st July **2004**
- Increasingly, they are finding their caffeine kicks in a cup of molten toffee[.] – *www.timetalk.co.uk*, 25th April **2014**

Mona Lisa; mona

noun

- 1 a freezer [UK]
 - < *Mona Lisa* (also known as *La Gioconda*), a 16th-century portrait by Leonardo da Vinci. Only recorded in the full form.
- When Ma finds out that Willy's raided the Mona Lisa, she'll wipe that smile off his face. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.12, **1985**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Oh yeh i also said i had to put my cock (stick of rock) in the freezer (mona lisa) to kill them crabs! – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 12th July **2006**

2 a pizza [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Do you fancy a Giorgio? Or shall we get a Mona? – *Daily Mail*, London, 7th November **1998**
- [I]s there any chance you could sort out something to eat?, how about a Mona Lisa? – *www.muhih.f2s.com*, accessed 25th May **2012**

money well spent

noun

- a tent [UK: SCOTLAND]
- [O]ne of the guys said last week "och a baught a money well spent at the weekend its a cracker" what he ment was he baught a **tent**. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 17th September **2009**

Monica Rose

noun

- the nose [UK]
 - < English TV game show hostess Monica Rose (1948–94).
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- It's rhyming slang for Monica Rose (nose)[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 28th August **2006**

monk

noun

- skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]
 - A slang rhyme or a shortening of HARRY MONK.
- Cuz he spits like he's smoking monk [skunk]. – *Vice* magazine, London, 1st December **2003**
- Nothing wrong with a bit of monk you French wino. – *Football Forums.net*, 28th April **2004**
- (harry) Monk: Skunk. – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2007**

monkey on the tree

noun

- in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**
- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

monkeys

noun

- darts [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - Possibly a shortening of *monkey's farts*.
- We play a few games of Monkeys, which is Jockney rhyming slang for darts. Work it out. – *www.oldblinddogs.co.uk*, spring **2004**

monkeys and chimps

noun

- pimps [UK]
 - – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

monkey's arses; monkeys

noun

- a pair of glasses [AUSTRALIA]

- – *1stgencivic.org* forum, 24th May **2011**
- Anyone seen my monkeys[?] – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**
- Anyway, why are you wearing sunny ‘monkey’s arses’ at 6am? – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December **2011**

monkey's cousin

noun

in bingo, the number twelve [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *a dozen*.

- “Monkey’s Cousin,” the caller coughed into the microphone. – J. Papernick, *Who by Fire*, p.240, **2007**
- – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffling*, p.120, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Monkey's Heed

nickname

English football manager Peter Reid (b.1956)

< *monkey's heed*, a north-east dialect form of *monkey's head*. Coined by Newcastle United fans during Reid's time as manager of Sunderland (1995–2002), Newcastle's biggest rival. The expression is taken from a Newcastle football chant, sung to the tune of ‘Yellow Submarine’: ‘In the land where I was born / Lives a man with a monkey's heed, / And he went to Sunderland, / And his name is Peter Reid. / Peter Reid's got a fuckin' monkey's heed, / A fuckin' monkey's heed, / A fuckin' monkey's heed’.

- Reid (or “Monkey’s Heed” as grudgingly respectful Newcastle fans routinely refer to him) has proved he is not a bad manager either. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 26th August **2001**
- Seven years is a lifetime in his calling, even for someone whose protuberant ears have earned him the affectionate nickname Monkey’s Heed. – *The Independent*, London, 24th February **2002**
- Peter ‘Monkey’s Heed’ Reid has decided Stoke is a much more attractive environment than Bangkok[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 14th September **2009**
- Plymouth were too good to go down and with Monkey’s heed in charge I reckon 12’s was a canny price too. – *Talk of the Tyne* forum, 22nd July **2010**

monkey's nuts

noun

cigarette butts [UK]

- – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

monkey's paw; monkeys

noun

1 in various sports (especially in professional wrestling), a draw in a bout [UK]

· Or we might arrange for a monkey’s (monkey’s paw – draw) so that we can have a return. – *The Guardian*, London, 2nd March **1964**

· If a bout is said to be ‘cats’ or ‘monkeys’, it means that nobody will win, as cat’s paw and monkey’s paw are rhyming slang for ‘draw’. – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.14 [1987], **1985**

2 an inhalation of smoke from a cigarette [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *draw*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – *Network54* forum, ‘Dublin Slang’, 16th October **2002**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

monkey's tail; monkeys

noun

among workmen, a nail [UK]

The full form was noted by Franklyn (1961) as ‘[c]urrent among the carpenters and joiners, and other workmen at Ealing Studios (1935–9)’.

· [A]nd I also strikes a monkey’s tail with a Paddy rammer now and then. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Monkey’s Tails is Cockney slang for Nails. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Well I’d only gone ‘n’ got a bloomin’ monkey’s tail (nail) in me tire! – *my.opera.com/BIGDADGIB*, blog, 5th June **2007**

· This lot obviously think they are hard as monkeys. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th October **2008**

monkey wrench; monkey

noun

1 a young woman [UK]

Rhymes on *wench*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

2 a tench [UK]

Angling slang.

· [H]eres a few my mates and i like to use Monkey!! monkey wrench = Tench. – *The Anglers Forum*, 7th May **2005**

· I may say I caught a monkey....meaning a monkey wrench.....TENCH. – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June **2008**

· Kit to catch monkeys with! – *www.speci-angler.co.uk*, 11th May **2012**

monks' habits

noun

rabbits [UK]

· Cockney Rhyming Slang isn’t limited to sitcoms and soap-operas, it’s alive and well and breeding like monks’ habits. – *Wordcraft* forum, 18th October **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Monkton Farley

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < Monkton Farleigh, a small village in Wiltshire, England.

- Pill dispensers on the wall next to the washing powder. Dot Cotton gurning her face off to wonky old acid house. Afterparty at 'R&R'. Sean Slater providing the Monkton Farley while that Roxy hint plays garage on the decks. – *DJHistory* forum, 10th March **2008**

monsters near

noun

fear [UK]

Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

- [T]hey use their powerful scratch and itch china plates to spread monsters near[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

Monte Cairo

noun

a giro cheque, a social security cheque [UK]

Rhymes on *giro*. < Monte Cairo, a mountain in the Lazio region of Italy.

- It's the look of poverty and scraping by week after week, year in year out, stretching out the Monte Cairo till next pay day, living on subs and Christmas clubs and it's at times like this I'm glad I'm in the business I'm in. [...] You can cash your giro cheque in Tottenham or Brixton, Kilburn or Aldgate in the morning, jump on the Oxo cube, come here and spend the afternoon ironing it out [...] and still have time to be back at the dole shop before closing time to report Monte Cairo missing. – J.J. Conolly, *Layer Cake*, pp.37/105 [2001], **2000**

Montezumas

noun

bloomers (loose knee-length knickers) [UK]

< Montezuma II (1466–1520), the last Aztec emperor.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Montgomery Clift; montgomery

noun

1 a lift (for conveying people to different floors) [UK]

< American actor Montgomery Clift (1920–66). No evidence of use in the short form.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a lift in a car [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• I got a Montgomery from a friend. – *julien.court.free.fr*, August **2005**

• I didn't own a car at this period so had to rely on mates giving me a Montgomery Clift (lift) to work and back. – H. Fielder, *Extra, Extra*, [2015], **2012**

month of May

noun

a day [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Monty's army

adjective

mad, crazy; foolish [UK]

Rhymes on *barmy*. < *Monty's army*, a reference to the British Army, and the successive commands of Bernard Law 'Monty' Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein (1887–1976).

• I'm Monty's Army over that Twist and Twirl. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 5th August **2003**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Moody and Sankey; moody

noun

lies, deceit, verbal trickery [UK]

Rhymes on *hanky-panky*. < Moody and Sankey, American evangelists Dwight L. Moody (1837–99) and Ira D. Sankey (1840–1908). Often in the form *old moody*. It is not clear, however, if *Moody and Sankey* arose as an elaboration of *moody* 'blarney; nonsense, rubbish', first recorded in 1934, or this latter form is a shortening of the rhyming slang expression. *Moody and Sankey* is first recorded in 1961. ▶ see PUNCH AND JUDY and RICHARD AND JUDY

• **Moody and Sankey** *Hanky-panky* [...]. 'Don't try that old Moody on me—I know all the answers!' – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• **MOODY & SANKEY** – Moody – e.g. "Don't give me your ol' moody"[.] – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Moody Blues; moodies

noun

shoes [UK]

< The Moody Blues, an English rock band popular in the 1960s and 1970s.

• What are Moody Blues? Shoes. – *www.funtrivia.com*, 31st August **2009**

• Smart pair of moodies shoes. – *www.facebook.com*, 27th March **2014**

moonlight flits; moonlights

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*.

• Women with extra large 'moonlights' are sometimes referred to as hunchfronts. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• That's the distance between her moonlights?! – *www.youtube.com*, comment on clip uploaded 20th October **2008**

• We now come to your East and West / The ladies have their Moonlight Flits / They're just above your Derby Kelly / Upset that you'll get the Eartha Kitts. – *members.virtualtourist.com*, 14th July **2013**

mop and bucket

exclamation

used as an expression of annoyance, disgust, rejection or dismissal [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck it*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

mop and pail*noun*

a jail [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Mop and pail–jail. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April 1941

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.74, 1968· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, 1978· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August 2008**Mop and Pail***nickname*the *Globe and Mail* newspaper (Toronto)

A slang rhyme.

· The *Globe and Mail*–immortalized by columnist Richard J. Needham as the Grope and Flail, or the Mop and Pail–is going through a sticky patch at the moment[.] – A. Fotheringham, *Malice in Blunderland*, p.90, 1983

· I never read the “Mop and Pail” anymore because they systematically dump their good writers[.] – *mytorontoeh.com*, blog, 26th January 2003

· You must be reading the Mop and Pail and the Communist Star far, far too much. – *www.smalldeadanimals.com*, 26th September 2007

Mopsy Fraser*noun*

a razor [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Don ‘Mopsy’ Fraser (1922–87).

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December 2013

mop the floor*noun*

in bingo, the number fifty-four [UK]

· – *www.playfreebingoonline.co.uk*, ‘Bingo Calls (Part 1)’, 28th January 2013

Morecambe and Wise; morecambe*noun*

1 a pay rise [UK]

< Morecambe and Wise, an English comedy double act made up of Eric Morecambe (born John Eric Bartholomew; 1926–84) and Ernie Wise (born Ernest Wiseman; 1925–99).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 flies [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – N. Edworthy, *Christmas*, p.98, 2007· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Where have all these Morecambe and Wise come from?

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015**more or less***noun*

a dress [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004**more than eleven***noun*

in bingo, the number thirty-seven [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, 2002

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**Moreton Bay***noun*

a trickster's dupe [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *gay*. < Moreton Bay, a bay on the east coast of Australia, near Brisbane.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.267, 1966**Moreton Bay bugs***noun*

drugs [AUSTRALIA]

< *Moreton Bay bug* ‘any of several edible marine crustaceans (especially *Thenus orientalis*) of northern Australian waters’.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Moreton Bay fig; Morton Bay fig; moreton bay; morton bay; moreton; morton***noun*

1 an overly inquisitive person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gig*. < *Moreton Bay fig* ‘an Australian native tree (*Ficus macrophylla*)’. The forms *Morton Bay fig*, *morton bay* are first recorded in 1944 and 1950 respectively (Simes 1993). In children's speech the word is always shortened to *morton* (Factor 2000).

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1944

· The psychologists would call him an “under achiever”. Cruikshank would call them “Moreton Bays”. – *The Canberra Times*, 31st January 1976: G. Phair, ‘The Girl on the Tree’, short story, 1975

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

· I'm what used to be referred to in rhyming slang as, ‘A Moreton Bay Fig’ – a gig. My curiosity causes me to want to know what's going to happen. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th January 2006

· But I was dead sure I didn't want to stay at Shirl's after seeing that moreton in the Kingswood. – P. Doyle, *The Big Whatever*, p.244, 2015

2 a cigarette [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cig*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· Moreton Bay figs .. Cigarettes. – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**

3 a police informer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gig* and *fizgig*. Recorded in the forms *Moreton Bay fig*, *Morton Bay fig*, *moreton bay* and *morton*.

· Long before the word “gear” became popular, the knock-about used it to denote something specifically undefined. If there were Mortons nearby (Morton Bay Figs; gigs, meaning busybodies) the knock-around would refer to whatever it was he didn’t want overheard as “gear.” – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April **1975**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

4 a wig [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Morton Bay fig* and *moreton bay*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter; morgan stanley; morgan

noun

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, the former name (1999–2001) of the American financial services firm now known as Morgan Stanley.

· [S]he’d have to take it up the Morgan Stanley as well[.] – *www.lists.soton.ac.uk*, 17th October **2001**

· Do they take it up the Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter? – *Bike Magic* forum, 6th November **2004**

· Mind you, I would rather take it up the Morgan Stanley Dean Witter than be a northerner now that I come to think of it. – *Open City* forum, 25th May **2008**

· [T]ake her up the Morgan. – *The Holmesdale Online* forum, 5th August **2014**

Moriarty; mori; morry

noun

a party, a celebration [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Moriarty, one of two fictional characters: either Professor James Moriarty, the arch-enemy of Sherlock Holmes, or Count Jim Moriarty, a French aristocrat-turned-criminal played by Spike Milligan in the 1950s BBC radio comedy *The Goons*. The short forms *mori* and *morry* are exclusively British. The former is given by Puxley (1992).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· Vogue names will creep into the vocabulary, e.g. Russell Harty = party (usurping the more traditional Moriarty. I still use that myself). – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley’s Guide*, p.119, **1985**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Even if you have been, the chances are that the ‘moriarty’ – as it is sometimes known in rhyming slang – was not half as enjoyable as those student affairs you attended when you were younger. – *The Belfast Telegraph*, 14th November **2001**

· Mental morry mate. – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mork and Mindy; mork; morko

adjective

1 windy, blowy [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

< *Mork and Mindy*, an American television comedy originally broadcast from 1978 to 1982. The short forms have been recorded in British usage.

· It’s a little bit Mork and Mindy today, innit? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· Cor, it’s bloody mork today. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· George Raft is a right nasty old lemon-squeezer when it’s a bit Mork and Mindy outside[.] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 26th November **2006**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang In the jammer going to work... sun in the sky and it’s not too Mork and Mindy (windy)... – *twitter.com*, 18th May **2010**

· Will also be mork and mindy. – *twitter.com*, 21st May **2013**

· Getting mork and mindy here in steak and kidney! – *twitter.com*, 5th August **2013**

· It was very Morko* at the scrape this morning[.] – *justin-dequack.com*, blog, 31st December **2013**

· Getting a bit Mork down here in Crawley. – *twitter.com*, 3rd September **2016**

2 flatulent [UK]

Rhymes on *windy*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I’m always Mork and Mindy, my Eddie Grundies are a disaster and having a horse and cart every two minutes plays havoc with my Samuel Smiles. – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.39, **2007**

· Don’t feed him brussel sprouts again – he gets all Mork & Mindy. – *A(.com)*, accessed 4th January **2007**

· It’s just I’m so Mork & Mindy (windy) that I’ve let out a raspberry tart (fart)! – J. Tovey and V. Clark, *Puppy*, p.49, **2015**

morning dew

noun

a prison officer [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *screw*. Misprinted as *morning Jew* in the first (1974) edition of Éamonn Mac Thomáis’s *Me Jewel and Darlin’ Dublin*. The error was corrected in later editions of the book.

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

morning glory

noun

a story [UK]

Suggested by the greeting *what’s the story, morning glory?*.

· Let me tell you a Morning Glory. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th February **2005**

· And amid all the morning glories (stories) about Jah rule (school) there were some familiar boats (boat race:

face – keep up!)[.] – M. Joy et al., *St. Mallory's Forever*, p.243, **2013**

morning mass

noun

Bass, a brand of pale ale [UK]

· We had a *ball of chalk* down the *channel fleet*; then went into the *rub-a-dub* and had two *Aristotles of morning mass* with *four languages*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

morphy

noun

a male homosexual, especially if effeminate [UK]

A covert pun on *iron*, the elliptical form of IRON HOOF. < Morphy Richards, a popular brand of electrical appliances, including irons.

· [H]e's a morphy[.] – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 25th January **2003**

Morris Minor; morris

noun

1 a black eye [UK]

Rhymes on *shiner*. < Morris Minor, a popular car model manufactured from 1948 to 1971. The short form is given by Puxley (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Have you seen Fred's eye? It's a proper Morris Minor. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 the vagina [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· Ok you are just about to go down on this chick and her Morris Minor smells like the grease trap at Doyles. – *Inthemix* forum, 3rd June **2005**

· – *PPRuNe* forum, 3rd June **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I've heard my cousin call it her "Morris Minor", but I'm not sure why. – D. Slinger, *Poppy Pretzel*, [2010], **2011**

mortal sin

noun

gin [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mortar and trowel; mortar

noun

a towel [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain,

clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. The short form is exclusively British.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Can you hand me a mortar for the Austin Power? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

morter an' brick

noun

prison [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *the nick*. An alteration of *bricks and mortar*. A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· It won't be the same, tyin' the knot in the old mortar an' brick. – *Viz* comic, May **2003**

morter and bricks

numeral

six [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

An alteration of *bricks and mortar*. A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· You shouldn't open ap till mortar and bricks o'clock! – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Morton Bay fig; morton bay; morton

noun

▶ see MORETON BAY FIG

Mort's Dock; Morts Dock; Mort Stock; morts

noun

the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Mort's Dock, a former dry dock and shipyard in Sydney. The form *Mort's Dock* is given by Baker (1966) and Seal (2009); *Morts Dock* is given by Aven-Bray (1983) and Meredith (1984). *Morts* is recorded by Seal (2009).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.36, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Mort Stock, or 8 day = C*ck. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mosambique

noun

▶ see MOZAMBIQUE

most unwilling

noun

a shilling [UK]

The 1905 quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal

evidence that the word has been used in America; at least some of the rhyming slang words in the greater text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English.

- Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] “Fine. Can you lend me a most unwilling?” – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**
- Perhaps the best example of rhyming slang we know is the translation of “Can you lend me a shilling?” into “Can you lend me a most unwilling?” – *New Statesman*, London, 25th August **1917**
- – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

mother and daughter; mother and darter

noun

- 1 water [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]
The form *mother and darter* is recorded in 1864. ▶ see GAY MOTHER
- – J.C. Hotten, *SD2*, **1860**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SD3*, **1864**
- “Yes,” we agreed, “we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, ‘Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I’ll get a false alarm of ricketty-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.’[”] – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**
- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- See if my china-plate is in the Duke-of-Kent and ask him to get some mother-and-daughter in the knock-me-silly, get an oh-Maria going and make some Jenny Lee! – *The Western Mail*, Perth, WA, 7th August **1941**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- You take the drive-me-silly and go down to the bubble-and-squeak and get some mother-and-daughter[.] – E. Hill, *The Territory*, p.446, **1951**
- According to Lynch the cockney on the south side of London has a rhyming type slang which baffles many of the English. A glass of water becomes a “jug of mother and daughter”[.] – *New York Age*, 10th October **1959**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- [W]hen he asks for “mother and daughter” he means that he wants water[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**
- So I threw off my barrel of fat, dicky dirt, rammy rousers and daisy roots, and dived into the mother and daughter. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- [A]ll I want is a bottle of “oh my dear” or a glass of “mother and daughter. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**
- – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.516, **1984**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- Get some mother and daughter will ya? – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**
- 2 a post for mooring a boat on a river [UK]
Rhymes on *quarter*, a shortening of *quarter post* ‘a quarter-mile marker on the railways’.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- 3 a quarter of an ounce of a drug [UK]
▶ see DAUGHTER
- – *b3ta.com* forum, 1st November **2007**

Mother Brown

noun

- a town; London; the West End of London [UK]
< ‘Knees Up Mother Brown’, a popular pub song particularly associated with Cockney culture and merry-making.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- After I’d gone into *mother brown*, I walked home via the *joan*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

Mother Goose

noun

- 1 in pre-decimal currency, a florin, a two-shilling coin [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on the slang *deuce*. < ‘Mother Goose’, the given author traditionally identified with variable collections of fairy tales and nursery rhymes.
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- 2 automobile fuel [UK]
Rhymes on the slang *juice*.
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

mother hen

noun

- a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]
· – *Daily Mail*, London, 26th April **2005**
- – *Expecting Rain* forum, 8th October **2010**
- Thats right, only a tenner, mother hen, an ayrton senna, a paul mckenna!! £10!! – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2012**

Mother Hubbard; mother

noun

- a cupboard [UK]
< ‘Old Mother Hubbard / Went to the cupboard’, the opening lines of the English nursery rhyme ‘Old Mother Hubbard’, first recorded in 1805.
- Inevitably the cupboard is “Mother Hubbard,” and “Tommy Tucker” by just due is “supper.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**
- – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**
- Then there is Mother Hubbard for cupboard[.] – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**
- Quite apart from accents, there is rhyming slang to contend with. “April Showers” means flowers, “Nelly

Blighs” flies, “Mother Hubbard” cupboard[.] – D. de Villiers, *South African Way*, p.93, **1969**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· There’s nothing in the mother. – *A(.com)*, accessed 3rd March **2001**

mother-in-law

noun

1 a saw [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.86, **2011**

· – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

2 twenty pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 29th September **2006**

Mother Kelly

noun

1 jelly [UK]

Probably < ‘On Mother Kelly’s Doorstep’, a 1925 music-hall song by George Alex Stevens. Also used in the phrase *turn to Mother Kelly*, the direct equivalent of *turn to jelly*.

· This vicious looking dog came bounding towards me barking its head off. Well, my legs turned to Mother Kelly. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Do you want some Mother Kelly with that? – S. Klein, *CRSl*, **2009**

2 television; a television set [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

Mother McCree; Mother Machree

noun

1 an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < ‘Mother Machree’, a 1910 ballad by Rida Johnson Young (lyrics), Chauncey Olcott and Ernest R. Ball (music). In this sense, recorded in the form *Mother McCree*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

2 tea [UK]

Recorded in the form *Mother Machree*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Mother McCree

numeral

three [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Mother Machree’, a 1910 ballad by Rida Johnson Young (lyrics), Chauncey Olcott and Ernest R. Ball (music). Recorded in a passage documenting the prac-

tices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

mother of mine

noun

1 in bingo, the number nine [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 nine pounds sterling [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

mother of pearl; mother

noun

a girl or young woman; often specifically one’s ‘old girl’, one’s wife [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The earliest quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that the word has been used in America; in fact, given that some of the rhyming slang words in the text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English, it seems reasonable to assume that this early record of the term is British too. In Australian English it is only recorded in the form *mother of pearl*.

· My old mother-o’-pearl has the bread and honey, but I’ll try and half-inch a jimmy o’goblin from her. – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**

· “Use your loaf” means “use your loaf of bread” (head) [...] and “mother of pearl” (girl). – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· [S]trangers hearing a middle-aged Cockney say: ‘No mate, I won’t have another drink: my mother will tear me up for waste-paper’, open their eyes in amazement. – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, **1960**

· That old Joey (Maxim. Ed.) about actions speaking louder than words was never truer than when applied to mothers of pearl. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.99, **1975**

· Brought the mother-of-pearl out for a bit of tommy-tucker, have we? – M. Macdonald, *The Sky with Diamonds*, [2013], **1988**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.27, **1989**

· Why didn’t she tell us she was bringing home a nice little mother of pearl – I’d have put on me best whistle and flute! – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.172, **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Have you seen the ‘Alan Wickers’ on the ‘mother of pearls’ in the running race[.] – *Burnham-On-Sea* forum, 29th March **2011**

mothers and babies

noun

scabies [UK]

· She was the nurse in charge of vermin control. This operation she carried out with a white sheet and a fine toothed comb. She also dealt with the ‘Mothers and Babies’ the cockney rhyming slang for Scabies. – *billstonemansnr.blogspot.com*, blog; Bill Stoneman, *From Mitcham Road to Mandalay*, 18th April **2011**

mother's joy

noun

a boy [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· We drove about ten miles to his place and he introduced me to his cheese an' kisses and four tin lids, two mothers joys and two twist and twirls. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mother's knees

noun

cheese [UK]

· The intervals between firing are enlivened by story-spinning and bantering to the accompaniment of much picturesque slang. For example, “possy” is jam; “rooty,” bread [...] “mother’s knees,” rhyming slang for cheese[.] – *The Courier and Argus*, Dundee, Scotland, 6th March **1915**

mother's pride

noun

1 a bride [UK]

Probably influenced by Mother’s Pride, a brand of bread made by British Bakeries.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a concealed shelter for observing birds [UK]

Rhymes on *hide*. Birdwatchers’ slang. Synonymous with JEKYLL and WOE BETIDE.

· It’s always a pleasure in the Mother’s pride when there’s knowledgeable birders there to help me quickly identify the wuzzoes. I was fortunate to have Andrew Lipczynski and John Hollier in the Mother’s this morning, both great spotters. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 19th April **2014**

mother's sin

noun

gin [AUSTRALIA]

Perhaps suggested by the older term *mother’s ruin*, which some authors unconvincingly claim to be rhyming slang. Both *mother’s ruin* and *mother’s sin* may have been inspired by the use of gin to induce abortion.

· [A]nother man might swill **aunty’s downfall** or **mother’s sin** (both terms for gin)[.] – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo’s Comments*, p.49, **1988**

Motley Crue; motley

noun

1 a lavatory [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *loo*. < American rock band Mötley Crüe.

· [W]e’ll sit down and sort out the broken Motley Crue (loo). – *www.insiders.co.uk*, 12th January **2001**

· So you may be desperate for a Mel B, find a long queue at the Motley Crue and end up with damp Adam and the Ants – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

· Heading off on a long car ride? Make sure everybody visits the Motley before you leave[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

2 a shoe [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· These new Motleys are pinching a bit... – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

motor boat

noun

1 the throat [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Taking a gargle and clearing his motor boat the Beecham commenced. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.13, **1983**

· If I get my hands round his motor I’ll give it full throttle. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· She stuck her Robert Young down me Motor boat. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· [H]ows your motor boat (throat)[?] – *www.phrasebase.com*, forum, ‘Linguistics and Language Tools – Australian English’, 12th May **2007**

· That would have been straight down his motor boat. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2017**

2 an overcoat [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mottle and mud

noun

blood [AUSTRALIA]

· “Go for the Nelly Blye!” will signal the eye punch in late rounds. Particularly if the opponent has “mottle and mud” trickling out of it. Type O, that is. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**

Mott the Hooples

noun

scruples [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < Mott the Hoople, an English rock band popular in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Ultimately from the 1966 novel *Mott the Hoople* by American writer Willard Manus.

· [H]aving no Mott the Hooples he goes out when it’s a bit Dave Clark. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Moulin Rouge; moulin

noun

1 in theatrical use, a comedian’s assistant [UK]

Rhymes somewhat imperfectly on *stooge*. < Moulin Rouge, the world-famous cabaret in Paris, lately cel-

ebreated in a musical directed by Baz Luhrmann. Only recorded in the full form.

• The late Monsewer Eddie Gray, in drag as a gypsy clairvoyant, used to invite questions from the audience... more accurately, planted Moulin Rouges—stooges. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniels, letter, **1980**

2 among drug users, a gravity bong, a homemade water pipe-like device for smoking marijuana, made with a plastic bottle and a bucket of water [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes somewhat imperfectly on the regional slang word *boosh*.

• [M]e geordie mate calls it a 'boosh' like... started callin them a 'Moulin' lately... Moulin Rouge = Boosh. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 15th August **2011**

mountain bike

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*.

• These two look like a couple of mountain bikes. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2003**

• I just don't like mountain bikes (three wheeled trikes). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

• [H]e said he thought of me when reading a book on rhyming slang and he came across three wheeled trike = d*ke. I'd always known it as mountain bike. – *Runner's World* forum, 31st July **2006**

mountain goat

noun

a coat [UK: SCOTLAND]

• Ah'm pittin oan ma mountain goat, case it gets hillbilly later oan. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

mountain passes; mountains

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• But he's blind as a bat and has lost his *mountains*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**

mountain ridge

noun

a fridge [UK]

• Get us a Richard Gere out of the mountain ridge. – *cheap-as-chips.livejournal.com*, blog, 11th June **2004**

• – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January **2009**

Mountains of Mourne; Mountains o' Mourne

noun

1 an erection (of the penis) [UK]

Rhymes on *horn*. < Mountains of Mourne, a mountain range in County Down, Northern Ireland, celebrated in a song written by Percy French in 1896.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a pawnshop [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *pawn*.

• Me kettle's in dtthe Mountains o' Morn. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.71, **1972**

mountain trout

noun

a bookmaker's tout [US]

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

mouse trap

noun

a nap (a short sleep) [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Mousy Brown

nickname

Rose and Crown, a common pub name [UK]

A variation of LOUSY BROWN.

• – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**

mouth is sore

noun

in bingo, the number forty-four [UK]

• The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they're called: [...] eighty-two, hole in me shoe, forty-four, mouth is sore[.] – M. McGrath, *Silvertown*, p.219 [2003], **2002**

mozam

noun

1 cocaine [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *beak* 'cocaine' and *-bique*, the final syllable of *Mozambique*. < Mozambique, a country in south-eastern Africa. ► see MOZAMBIQUE

• Alright boss, you gettin some mozam in. – *UD(.com)*, 3rd November **2003**

• Snorting a bit of Mozam. – *This Is Big Brother* forum, 29th November **2007**

2 the nose [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *beak* 'nose' and *-bique*, the final syllable of *Mozambique*.

• Best I ever heard was a ned referring to his nose as his Mozam[.] – *ilXor.com* forum, 7th December **2005**

Mozambique; Mosambique; mozam

noun

1 faeces; an act of defecation [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the dialect word *keek*. < Mozambique, a country in south-eastern Africa.

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

• I'd say 'away for a mozam'[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th May **2008**

• Going for a Mozambique. – *Belfast Forum*, 13th September **2011**

• i smell what we call in belfast rhyming slang as mosambique. – *twitter.com*, 30th August **2015**

2 a quick look [UK]

Rhymes on *peek*.

· The man sat next to me waiting for the bus this morning used the rhyming slang ‘I will have a mozam’, meaning Mozambique, meaning peak. – *twitter.com*, 14th March **2009**

3 something inferior or worthless; rubbish; nonsense

[UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the dialect word *keek*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· You don’t half talk a load of Mozambique wee man!!! – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2011**

· iOS 7 is Mozambique. – *twitter.com*, 19th September **2013**

· Haven’t watched X factor once this year cause it’s pure Mozambique. – *twitter.com*, 24th November **2013**

Mozambique; mozam

adjective

disappointed [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *seek*, the Scots form of *sick*. < Mozambique, a country in south-eastern Africa.

· He’s a bit mozam (more absurd Edinburgh rhyming slang—mozam is Mozambique is seek—sick—disappointed[.] – J. Meikle, *Pilton Keelie*, p.47, **2011**)

Mozart and Beethoven

adjective

drunk [UK]

An elaboration of *mozart*, the short form of MOZART AND LISZT, or perhaps a blend of this word and *beethoven*, the short version of BEETHOVEN AND LISZT.

· It appears that during the mid nineteen-sixties, there was a brief vogue for “Irish rhyming slang”. This was like the Cockney version, only it *didn’t* rhyme, e.g. “oranges and lemons” = ‘stairs’. The Irish rhyming slang for ‘intoxicated’ (Brahms and Liszt) was “Mozart and Beethoven”. – *Anthony Powell Discussion List, Yahoo! Groups*, 22nd October **2001**

Mozart and Liszt; mozart

adjective

drunk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < Mozart and Liszt, a tandem combination of the names of two composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91) and Franz Liszt (1811–86).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· PETER: I would say you are a trifle Mozart. DUDLEY: Pardon, officer? PETER: Rhyming slang, sir. Mozart and Liszt. To put it bluntly, sir, prestissimo out of your bleeding head. – W. Cook, *Goodbye Again*, p.183 [2005], 2004: Peter Cook and Dudley Moore’s sketch *Prestissimo*, Network Nine Television, Sydney, **1971**

· I always reckon that I get Mozart faster on spirits. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.125, **1974**

· A geezer is entitled to get Mozart and Liszt an’ ’ave a giggle nar an’ agin, ain’t ’e? – F. Norman, *Too Many Crooks*, p.36, **1979**

· Don’t think of the moments that life’s passed you by, / Don’t think of the chances you’ve missed, / Don’t think of ‘if only’ or ‘what might have been’. / Go out and get Mozart and Liszt. – *Hello Cheeky*, UK radio: BBC Radio 2, 4th November **1979**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· I was Mozart and Liszt! – *sudoku.com.au*, 23rd December **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Did that last post make sense? I’m a little Mozart and Liszt. – *OzPolitic* forum, 29th November **2010**

· [I]ts possible to sample a range of different drinks without getting totally mozart[.] – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 7th September **2012**

mozzle and brocha; mozzle

noun

1 ■ **on the mozzle and brocha** going from one house or building in an area to another (said of a door-to-door salesman or canvasser) [UK]

Rhymes on *knocker*, used in the phrase *on the knocker*. < *mazel und broche* ‘good luck and a blessing’, a Yiddish benediction traditionally used by Jewish diamond merchants when sealing a deal.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, **1973**

· On the other hand, *mozzle and brocha*, Yiddish words, are rhyming slang for *on the knocker*, said of a forty-four (‘door-to-door’) salesman. – J.T. Shipley, *In Praise of English*, p.150, **1977**

2 ■ **on the mozzle** on the cadge from a friend or neighbour for something small [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Mr Blobby

noun

an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. < Mr Blobby, a character in the BBC television show *Noel’s House Party* (1991–2000); he made his first appearance in the show in 1992.

· i’m off for a mr blobby... – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May **2005**

Mr Buffoon; Mr Buff

nickname

► see BUFFOON

Mr Cunt

nickname

► see JAMES CUNT

Mr Goss

noun

the boss [US]

Recorded in use among jewellery auctioneers.

· The jewelry auctioning racket has its own set of slang, which is used right out loud during auctions—for the benefit of shills and other employees, without the chumps

getting hep. [...] Anyone with whiskers is an “Airdale,” and distress merchandise is a dead horse. “B. C.” is the tipoff for the shill to be quiet and not to bid. The boss is referred to as “Mr. Goss” (rhyming slang), and anyone in the crowd who is a heckler or belittles goods is a “hammer.” – *The Scranton Republican*, Scranton, PA, 27th December **1933**

Mr Happy

noun

a nappy [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Mr Happy, a cartoon character created in 1971 by English writer and illustrator Roger Hargreaves (1935–88) for the ‘Mr Men’ children’s books and further popularised on television; it was used in the 1980s as the logo of a campaign to promote and rebrand Glasgow.

· It’s definitely your turn to change the wee guy’s Mr Happy. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Mr McGimp

noun

▶ see MACGIMP

Mr Magoo

noun

excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. < Mr Magoo, a TV cartoon character created in 1949 by American animator John Hubley (1914–77).

· – *Liverpool FC Forum*, contributor from Manchester, 9th June **2008**

Mr Rhyming Slang

nickname

▶ see RHYMING SLANG

Mr Shifter

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *shirtlifter*. < Mr Shifter, one of the chimp characters featured in a 1970s TV advert for the tea brand PG Tips.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Mr Useless

nickname

▶ see GEORGE USELESS

Mr Vague

nickname

English politician William Hague (b.1961), also known as WILLIAM VAGUE. He was leader of the British Conservative Party from 1997 to 2001 and Shadow Foreign Secretary from 2005 to 2010, when he became First Secretary of State and Foreign Secretary under David Cameron’s premiership. He served as Leader of the House of Commons between 2014 and 2015

A slang rhyme informed by the Haig whisky slogan ‘Don’t be vague – ask for Haig’ – hence ultimately a

covert pun on the homophones *Hague* and *Haig*. The slogan was launched in 1934 and continued into the 1970s.

· But Mr. Vague, never knowing when to quit while ahead, rambled on to list other satirical Labor Lord titles (too “in” to repeat here) until he finally put his foot in a doggy-doo. – *Jerusalem Post*, Jerusalem, 27th November **1998**

· He is still Mr Vague[.] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 6th September **2000**

· In Mr Vague’s case, it’s another case of an ex-public school boy hiding the sausage with a twink or two while the frigid Tory wife sits at home watching the news at Ten. No news there at all then. – *www.dailysquib.co.uk*, 1st September **2010**

Mr Whips

noun

LSD [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *trips*. < Mr Whip, a branded whipped cream charger (a device that employs nitrous oxide to achieve a culinary effect).

· – *Inthemix* forum, 16th April **2002**

Mrs Chant

noun

an aunt [UK]

< Mrs Ormiston Chant (1848–1923), an advocate for women’s suffrage, temperance and social purity, and crusader against the immorality of the music hall.

▶ see SEE MRS CHANT

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.65, **1973**

· – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**

· Don’t tell my Mrs Chant, she’ll go Radio Rental! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Mrs Doyle

noun

a boil [UK]

< Mrs Doyle, a character in the Channel 4 sitcom *Father Ted*, which ran from 1995 to 1998, played by Irish actress Pauline McLynn (b.1962).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Mrs Duckett

noun

a bucket [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.86, **2011**

Mrs Duckett

exclamation

used as an expression of annoyance, disgust, rejection or dismissal [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck it*.

· [T]he workman asked his reaction to doing overtime on Tuesday (or some other evening) may answer: 'I think Mrs Duckett', which means: No! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
 · If a workman had a mishap at a place where swearing would be considered unseemly, 'Mrs Duckett' would have to suffice. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Mrs Moore; Mrs More; Mrs

noun

the floor [US/UK]

Perhaps coined independently in American and British English. In American English, probably a variation of RORY O'MORE; in British English, < Mrs Moore, the title character in the music-hall song 'Don't Have Any More, Missus Moore', written in 1926 by Harry Castling and James Walsh and sung by Lily Morris. In American usage, only recorded in the form *Mrs Moore*.

· MRS. MOORE: FLOOR. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.301, 1978

· **Mrs More Floor** One can walk on, sit on, and, when drunk, fall on 'the Mrs'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· **Mrs Moore** floor [...] 'Oi, don't tread your muddy boots all over the Mrs!' – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Mrs Mopp

noun

a shop [UK]

< Mrs Mopp, a character in the BBC radio comedy *It's That Man Again* (better known as *ITMA*, 1939–49), played by English actress Dorothy Summers (–1964).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· These days I work in a *mrs mopp*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, 2011

Mrs Mopping

noun

the shopping [UK]

Formed on MRS MOPP.

· The place to do the 'Mrs Mopping'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Mrs Thatcher

noun

in football, a goal that ties the score in a game [UK]

Rhymes on *matcher*. < *Mrs Thatcher*, a familiar reference to English Conservative Party politician Margaret Thatcher (1925–2013), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, 1981

Muammar Gaddafi

noun

a coffee [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Muammar Gaddafi (1942–2011), leader of Libya.

· It was back to Bomber Command* for a warming cup of Muammar Gaddafi*, then into kipper* Walmer bound. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 6th December 2013

mucky duck

noun

█ an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < The Mucky Duck, a common nickname for a pub with *Swan* as part of its title (for instance, the White Swan), hence adopted as a more formal pub name.

· – Bloody hell... lots of rhyming slang for it eh??? – And yet strangely everyone's missed Blondie's offer of a Mucky Duck this evening... – *Visordown* forum, 4th July 2001

· – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 2nd October 2006

█ used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· Who the mucky duck (rhyming slang, don't you know) do the Early Learning Centre think they are marketing their dressing up outfits in such an appallingly outdated and misogynistic way? – *carons-musings.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th July 2010

· Who the mucky duck is Kabner? – *Simcountry* forum, 2nd February 2013

mud and ooze

noun

alcoholic drink [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *booze*.

· I have tossed my cherry ripe into the Barney McGuire and I have given the mud an' ooze right away. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

Muddy Talker; Muddy Talker

nickname

English motor-racing commentator Murray Walker (b.1923)

Two doubled slang rhymes suggested by Walker's famous gaffes and slips of the tongue. He is also known by the nickname 'Walker the Talker'.

· The television commentator best known as Muddy Talker is currently the subject of national debate. – *www.theguardian.com*, 2nd August 2000

· Murray Walker has a habit of coming over all peculiar before, during or after the Japanese Grand Prix and last Sunday another "sensational Suzuka showdown" had Muddy Talker, as he is known affectionately, confessing to sweaty palms as the grid was cleared. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 14th October 2000

· The Motoring News has launched a campaign to rename a corner at Silverstone after the Muddy Talker himself... – *Autosport* forum, 15th August 2001

· Also a county standard squash player and in his last years, F1 commentary partner to Murray Walker (aka Muddy Talker). – *Amateur Photographer* forum, 20th February 2007

· Murray Walker – the former BBC F1 god commentator (fondly nicknamed "muddy talker") is still going strong with his video Q&As on the BBC website (only available to UK residents). – *badgergp.com*, 28th April 2011

- Muddy Talker will certainly put up a fight! – *Ten-Tenths Motorsport* forum, 18th June **2013**
- Ironically it was blunders and blusters that made you a star, and it was ‘Muddly Talker’ that the man on the Clapham Omnibus took to his heart. – *www.motorsport-magazine.com*, 11th October **2013**

Muddy Trench*noun*

the French [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme on *bloody French*. Perhaps in reference to the trench warfare in France during World War I.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – L. Szachnowski and G. O’Connell, *The London Guidebook*, p.86, **1996**
- See, my label’s called Muddy Trench (French in CRS), and my name is Lionel Flairs, which is also a CRS joke. – *www.ohhcrapp.net*, January **2008**
- – *Great War Forum*, 12th October **2008**

mud hut*noun*

1 a slut [AUSTRALIA]

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

2 a cigarette butt (as a component of a yet-to-be-rolled cigarette) [UK]

Prison slang.

- I’m dying for a smoke, got any mud huts in your ash-tray? – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.231, **2015**

mud in your eye*noun*

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

< *here’s mud in your eye!*, a drinking toast.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

mud pies*noun*

the eyes [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Look at that sheila, doesn’t she have beautiful mud pies? – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**
- [“]You know I’ve been having trouble with my ‘mud pies,’” I Wally Grouted back. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December **2011**
- – E. Fensham, *Matty and Bill*, **2012**
- Have laser eye surgery on just one of your mud pies[.] – *onebigswitch.org*, 31st May **2012**

muff diver*noun*

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *fiver*. < *muff diver*, a slang term for a person who performs cunnilingus.

- What about some of the new ones... Muff Diver = fiver Ayrton = tenner... (Senna)! – *Anglers’ Net* forum, 3rd July **2004**

- – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st August **2009**
- [P]utting on a muff diver (E5) on Albion Rovers at 33-1. – *twitter.com*, 9th March **2014**

muffin baker*noun*

1 a lump of excrement; a hardened stool, especially one which is the cause or result of constipation [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *quaker*. Originally glossed by Hotten (1859) simply as ‘a quaker’; in later editions of his dictionary, defined as ‘a Quaker’ (1860), ‘a Quaker, –an unlawful sir-reverence’ (1864 and 1872) and ‘a Quaker (slang term for excrement)’ (1874).

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

2 a Quaker [us]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Muffin the Mule; muffin*noun*

a fool [UK]

< Muffin the Mule, a television puppet that was popular in Britain in the 1950s.

- Well, how important do you *think* it was to score the winning goal in the Cup Final, you muffin? – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- That Fred’s a right muffin. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

mulligatawny*adjective*

sexually aroused [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *horny*.

- Young Jan holds their hand and gets on real mulligatawny, yer know, real randy, then she bungs ’em an I.V. injection in the arm. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.110, **1988**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- No, all the talk of Army Barracks and Prisons made me feel a bit mulligatawny. – *Brightonlife.com* forum, 6th February **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Mull of Kintyre; Mull O’ Kintyre*adjective*

very bad, of inferior quality [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dire*. < Mull of Kintyre, a headland on the west coast of Scotland, celebrated in the Wings’ 1977 song of the same name.

- Och, no’ yong frog song again. It’s totally Mull O’ Kintyre, so it is. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

mum and dad*adjective*

mad [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· Dis bird's gotta be mum an' dad. If he ain't, he's da bravest joker wot ever lived. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.178, **1968**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.251, **1982**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· The people in that most sophisticated of restaurants couldn't do anything but stand and clap. An ovation for walking into a restaurant. I tell you, it was mum and dad. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.56, **1986**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Is the world going totally Mum and Dad, or is it me? – *Abstard* forum, 4th September **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· You're totally mum and dad. – *Documenting Reality* forum, 16th January **2012**

mum and daddo

noun

a shadow [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

mum and dads

noun

▶ *see* MUMS AND DADS

mumble and grunt

noun

the vagina [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A variation of GRUMBLE AND GRUNT.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mumble and moan; mumbles and moans

noun

a telephone [us]

The imperfectly rhyming variant *mumbles and moans* is listed by Pollock (1935).

· So then if a friend tells you that he has to have a bowl of chalk with a pot and pan on the mumble and moan, you will readily understand. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**

· Out on the West coast, the underworld has amplified the "rhyming slang" to some extent, to make it more modern, as for example, "a mumble and moan" is a telephone[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 20th October **1933**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Mumble and moan–telephone. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· She picked up the "mumble and moan" and called the "bottle and stopper"[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

mumble and stutter

noun

butter [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mumble and thumb

noun

rum [UK]

A variation of THIMBLE AND THUMB.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: *Weekly Telegraph*, 6th April **1946**

mumbles and moans

noun

▶ *see* MUMBLE AND MOAN

mumblety peg; mumblety peg; mumbly peg

noun

the leg [us]

< *mumblety-peg* (also *mumbley-peg* or *mumbly peg*), a children's game played with a penknife, the object being to stick the blade in the ground or a wooden surface; originally called *mumble-the-peg*, from the penalty imposed on the loser (pulling a peg out of the ground using the mouth).

· *Mumbly pegs*–legs. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· Certain words in the English language were made to rhyme with others, and the rhyme was used rather than the word. "Bonny fair" was hair. "Cherry flips" were lips. "Mumbly peg"–leg. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, **1928**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Legs, Mumblety Pegs. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· Legs–mumblety pegs. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Mumbly pegs**, the legs. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Cain and Abel is a table. Mumblety pegs the legs. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

· MUMBLETY PEGS. The legs. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· If you feel like adding a little color to your everyday language, you could try adopting a few of these unusual, but useful words and phrases. All are in current use. [...]

mumblety pegs legs[.] – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

· MUMBLETY PEGS = LEGS. – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· **Mumbly Pegs** – [Pryson Aryan Brotherhood] Legs. – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· **MUMBLY PEGS** ... (Aryan Brotherhood of Texas) ... Legs/walk/to go. – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

mums and dads; mum and dads; mumsies

noun

cricket pads [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Cricketers’ slang. The form *mumsies* has been recorded in British usage.

· He and his china plate Wardle have gone out with their this and thats in their German bands, and they’re now out there strappin’ their mum and dads on their Dutch pegs – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· **Mums ’n’ Dads** Pads (cricket). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.36, **1969**

· Mumsies – mums and dads – pads: as in “Its time to don the mumsies”. – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

· Ready with your mums and dads on. – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, 2006: *Cardiff*, spoken, Steve James, captain of Glamorgan County Cricket Club, 18th June **2003**

· I’m hearing temperatures could touch 38 degrees. You know what that means? It’s a batting day. When England come to strap the mum and dads on, they need to make Australia toil in the heat. – *m.bbc.co.uk*, 27th December **2013**

Muriel Gray

noun

a day [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish writer and broadcaster Muriel Gray (b.1958).

· Too much Yogi Hughes means you might wake up the next Muriel Gray, feeling not so Graeme Dott. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Murray cod; murray

noun

1 ■ **on the Murray cod; on the murray** on credit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nod*, used in the phrase *on the nod*. Often specifically said of a bet. < *Murray cod* ‘a large predatory fish (*Maccullochella peelii*) native to the Murray-Darling river system of southeastern Australia’.

· *Murray cod*, on the nod, to bet on credit, on the Murray. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**

· On the murray cod: On the nod, otherwise credit. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· Murray Cod – to bet on the “nod”[.] – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

· The odd grazier is around on the punt. In the good days they would go to Sydney. “A lot of them are on the Murray Cod [nod or credit] and are hard to find after the event.” – *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22nd November **2002**

· on the Murray – On credit[.] – *staging.bloghub.tq.com.au*, 19th August **2009**

· **Selling Slang** [...] ‘on the murray cod’ – on the nod. – *blog.privatefleet.com.au*, blog, 18th October **2010**

2 ■ **on the Murray cod** by agreement but without formal discussion [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nod*, used in the phrase *on the nod*.

· Murray cod. An unspoken arrangement. Rhyming slang for ‘on the nod’. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

3 ■ **on the Murray cod** in a post-euphoric state of stupor or drowsiness after intravenous drug use [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nod*, used in the phrase *on the nod*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· Jeff had a hit of heroin and now he’s gone on the Murray cod. – *UD(.com)*, 28th March **2008**

· The dealer must have loaded them all up in the previous 30 minutes because there were at least 6 in various stated of torpor lying against walls or in one case lying twisted and contorted on a public bench in impossible positions. Where do they all shoot up? In Maccas? Why that area? You see lots in town – as my son says “on the Murray Cod” (nod) – but not so many in one area. – *www.styleforum.net*, forum, 5th February **2013**

4 ■ an act of falling asleep [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nod*. Also used in phrase *on the Murray cod* (or *on the murray*).

· Australian usages: have a **Murray Cod** = have a nod (i.e. to sleep); and **on the Murray cod** = on the nod[.] – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· on the moz, on the murray, on the murray cod, on the nod. all meaning sleep zzzzzzzzzzzz. – *Pearl Jam* forum, August **2010**

· I’m on the Murray Cod (Nod) as I write this. Predicting a very early night for this sun beaten, tired little man. – *lifeguardreidy.blogspot.com*, 17th July **2011**

5 ■ **give someone the Murray Cod; give someone the murray** to accept or approve someone [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *nod*, used in the phrase *give someone the nod*.

· There’s eighteen, from eighteen pence (fence), giving someone the Murray, from Murray cod (the nod)[.] – D. Gregory, *All About Australia*, p.19, **2004**

6 ■ an act of nodding the head [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Murrayfield

noun

a gumshield [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Murrayfield, an area of Edinburgh and the popular name of Murrayfield Stadium, home of Scotland’s national rugby team, whence the inspiration for this word.

· Thank God ah had ma Murrayfield oan. Did ye see the size o’ that no. 7? Whit a bruiser! – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Murray Flynn*noun*

the chin [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001**Murray Mint***adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Murray Mint, a popular sweet.· I'm counting down to Thursday (pay day). Til then I'm murray mint ... – *QPR LSA* forum, 26th February 2008**Murray the Hump***noun*

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *dump*. < Murray the Hump, the nickname of American gangster Murray Humphreys (born Llewellyn Morris Humphreys; 1899–1965).· – I'm gonna have to go for a Johnny Cash in a minute, mind. – not a Murray the Hump? – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February 2004**Murray Walker; murray***noun*

1 a talker [UK]

< English motor-racing commentator Murray Walker (b.1923). He is known by the nicknames MUDDLY TALKER, MUDDY TALKER and Walker the Talker.

· Talker. Murray Walker. She's a real murray – just can't get her to shut up! – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001· Murray (Walker = talker)[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002

2 a stalker [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – *Visordown* forum, 11th June 2005· Alice: He's liked all my facebook profile pictures. Sophie: Sounds like you've got a murray walker!! – *UD (.com)*, 6th January 2012· I was up in s.e London the other week & i heard a couple of blokes at the bar mention Madonna's 'murray'! I can only think of this as Murray Walker = stalker, as she recently had problems with one, didn't she? – *www.theguardian.com*, accessed 1st December 2013**Murrumbeena; murrum***noun*

a shilling [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *deaner*. < Murrumbeena, a small suburban area of south-east Melbourne.· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, 1966· There was the Melbourne *Herald*, or Jim Gerald; and a shilling, or deener, in Melbourne was a murrum, or Murrumbeena. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October 1981· [A] shillin' was a bob or a deener (Riverina, Murrumbeena)[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 21st January 2013**mushy peas***noun*

keys (for operating locks) [UK]

· Oh! Barry White, I've forgotten me Mushy Peas. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November 2002· [N]ow I can't find my god damn mushy peas! – *jensspaghettiblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th April 2011**mussels aplenty; mussels***numeral*

twenty [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· 20 – Mussels (aplenty). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January 2010**mustard and cress; mustard***noun*

a dress [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· Oh look, you've got a Michael Caine on your mustard. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 20th June 2012**mustard pickle; mustard***noun*

a disabled person [UK]

Rhymes imperfectly on *cripple*.· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004**Muswell Hill; muswell***noun*

1 a bill (an account) [UK]

< Muswell Hill, an area of north London.

· Oi, cheese grater, can I have the Muswell? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 20082 a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]Rhymes on *pill*.· Apparently, some seedy hangers-on had been trying to get her to take a Muswell (as in Muswell Hill – Glastonbury rhyming slang for a party pill) all weekend without success. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 13th July 2008· They were real Muswells, not likethese fucking Mickey Mouse pills you get today. – *www.youtube.com*, 2010· Even in the days when I was flinging a whole boatload of Muswell Hills down me Gregory Peck eight weekends out of ten, not even the best of the best 'Dam imported 'tulips' would have made me get my wriggle on to that variety of Euro cheese dance. – *HarderFaster* forum, 30th May 2012**Mutt and Jeff; Mut and Jeff; Mutt and Geoff; Mutton Jeff; Mutton Geoff; mutton; mutt an'; mutt***adjective*

deaf [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

< Mutt and Jeff, two American comic strip characters created by H. C. 'Bud' Fisher (1885–1954). Mutt appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle's* sports page on 5th November 1907; Jeff made his first appearance on 27th March 1908. According to the available evidence, the elliptical forms of the word are geographically dis-

tributed as follows: *mutton* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *mutt an'* (UK), *mutt* (UK). Note also the tautological compound *mutton deaf*.

· Deaf Mutt and Jeff. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: L. Payne, private collection, **ante 1945**

· **Mutt and Jeff Deaf**. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Then he walked to the Old Man's bedroom and clobbered the door like the Old Man was mut and jeff. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.164, **1970**

· 'Oh, no, he must have said Acton, though it's more Shepherd's Bush, really. I suppose you're like me, a bit Mutt and Jeff.' 'I beg your pardon?' 'Cook and chef. Deaf!' – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 20th March **1972**

· Mutt & Jeff Deaf Mutt. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**

· 'Oh, he dropped it, did he? Didn't you call after him?' 'Er...' 'Well yeah, but he was a bit mutton, wasn't he?' – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 8th December **1983**

· **Mutt and Jeff**: deaf. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· He can't hear what we're saying 'cos he's a bit mutt. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Only rude ones: Going for an Eartha or Brad, Pie and Mash: Thruppeny bits etc etc But my favourite is Mutton Geoff. – *www.theanswerswebbank.co.uk*, 23rd January **2003**

· 'Is 'er mutton?' he asked. "What?" asked Ronnie. "Is 'er mutton, mutton jeff – deaf?" – N. Washbrook, *The Flawed Inheritance*, p.46, **2004**

· You'll have to speak up, I'm a bit Mutt and Jeff in the Port Melbourne Pier. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November **2004**

· [S]he goes, 'Haven't I, Mrs Mulligan?' and Mrs Mulligan – who's, like, sitting at the window and who's totally Mutt and Jeff – goes, 'WHAT?'[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.133, **2005**

· [M]y brother announced to me yesterday that he was a bit "mutton deaf". – *b3ta* forum, 10th October **2005**

· Mutton Geoff (Jeff) = deaf. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 2nd June **2007**

· I'm glad you're not mutton-jeff, but I could do with less of your lip. – L. Connolly, *Close Encounters*, p.95, **2008**

· Eh? You'll have to speak up, I'm a bit mutt an'... – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 20th November **2008**

· 'What did you say?' 'I said of course it's haunted, what's up with yer, are you a bit mutt?' – G. Knowelden, *The Wreckers*, p.44, **2012**

· [T]he sound that night was painfully, unpleasantly loud, so bad in fact that I bailed out. Unfortunately it would appear that their sound engineer is Mutt and Geoff as it was exactly the same here[.] – *www.getready-torock.com*, 10th June **2012**

· I can sympathise with someone who experiences total blindness or who is deaf, but having use of only one eye and being a bit mutton deaf doesn't put me in their world. – *www.theguardian.com*, 21st November **2012**

· The first bloke thinking the other was a bit mutton-jeff said a bit louder who won the 1975, 77 and 84 f1 world champs? – *Woodwork Forums*, 23rd December **2012**

· I've got the chelsea game on jacqui. @kirstend1 is in the other room but i think she's a tad mutt and Geoff tbh lol. – *twitter.com*, 25th April **2013**

· **mutt and jeff** [...] deaf (rhyming slang). – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

mutter and stutter

noun

butter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.75, **1973**

· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.43, **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

mutton flaps

noun

the Japanese [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Japs*. Originally recorded in use among Australian prisoners of war in the Far East during World War II.

· Japs, of course, are *mutton flaps*. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.162, 1953: *The Sun*, Sydney, 22nd September **1945**

· The Australian Forces made the Mutton Flaps care for the Indian POWs released at Rabaul New Guinea, WWII. – *australianindianhistory.com*, 26th May **2015**

Mutton Jeff, Mutton Geoff; mutton

adjective

▶ see MUTT AND JEFF

mutton pie

noun

the eye [UK]

· As she walked along the street / With her little 'plates of meat,' / And the summer sunshine falling / On her golden 'Barnet Fair,' / Bright as angels from the skies / Were her dark blue 'mutton pies.' / In my 'East and West' Dan Cupid / Shot a shaft and left it there. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], 'Tottie', *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· [H]e can only nod his "wish you're dead"–head–and answer his wife's inquiries, complicated by his eldest son's usual evening's cross-examination, by using his "mutton pies"–eyes–to the best advantage. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

· [A]fter thieves and vagabonds, the weirdest language is used by travelling showmen. They say 'Rosie Lee' for 'tea,' 'mutton pie' for 'eye,' and 'lord o the manor' for 'tanner' or 'sixpence.' – *The Fife Free Press*, Kirkcaldy, 16th November **1929**

· – W.L. Hanchant, *Newgate Garland*, p.143, **1932**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

mutton shanks

noun

Americans [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Yanks*. Recorded in use among circus people.

- – M. St Leon, *Circus Language*, p.45, 1994

my God

noun

1 ▶ see OH MY GOD

2 an iPod digital music player [UK]

- [U]sing your pistol and shooter (computer) while listening to your my god (ipod)[.] – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December 2005

my Khyber Pass

exclamation

used as an expression of disbelief or disagreement [UK]

An equivalent of *my arse*. Formed on KHYBER PASS.

- That's what I keep telling the Chief. Does he listen? Does he, my Khyber Pass. – J. le Carré, *The Night Manager*, p.398 [2006], 1993
- “She’s really helped us, guv.” “My Khyber Pass, Laszlo. This is business, damn it.” – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.136, 2012

Myleene Klass; Mylene Klass; myleene; mylene

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *arse*. < English singer and TV presenter Myleene Klass (b.1978).

- [A]fter I fucked her up the Myleene Klass and threw her out the 2nd floor window, I had no more problems[.] – *VCDQ* forum, 16th November 2007
- Then i can bang it right up your Council Gritter whilst you stroke my Davina McCalls, before pulling out to Pineapple Chunk all over your Myleene! – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 18th January 2009
- I’ll shove me foot right up your Myleene! – *twitter.com*, 21st November 2011
- Stick it up yer Mylene (Klass). – *londontopia.net*, 10th December 2014

Myrna Loy; myrna

noun

a saveloy [UK]

< Myrna Loy, the stage name of American actress Myrna Williams (1905–93). The short form is recorded in 2003.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

- One myrna loy, chips and peas, Pietro! – P. Lecomber, *Mask of the Verdoy*, p.264, 2014

Mystic Meg; mystic

noun

1 the leg [UK]

< Mystic Meg, the stage name of English astrologer Margaret Lake (b.1942). Also used idiomatically in the phrases *pull someone’s Mystic Meg* (or *pull someone’s mystic*) and *on one’s last Mystic Megs*, the direct equivalents of *on one’s last legs* and *pull someone’s leg* respectively.

- You’re pullin’ my Mystic ain’tcha? – *Viz* comic, April/May 1997
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- Nice Mystic’s shame about the Chevy. – *h2g2* forum, 30th July 1999
- I’ll hv a John Major that you’re pulling my mystic Meg. – *twitter.com*, 16th February 2012
- Without celebs, rhyming slang would be on its last Mystic Megs. – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July 2012

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *third leg*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

Mystic Megs

noun

eggs [UK]

< Mystic Meg, the stage name of English astrologer Margaret Lake (b.1942).

- I’ve barely been so thrilled as when the bloke at a greasy spoon near Victoria Bus Station confirmed my eggs, beans and chips order as “Steve McQueens, Mystic Megs and chips”. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March 2012

my word; my

noun

a piece of excrement [UK]

Rhymes on *turd*. Probably < *My Word!*, a successful radio programme first broadcast in 1956. The short form is given by Kendall (1969) and Hughes (1998).

- My word, I trod on a my word. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.64, 1969
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, 1998

N

nail

noun

a prostitute [UK]

A slang rhyme on *tail*; perhaps originally a shortening of BRASS NAIL. Suggested by a pun on the idea of ‘banging’.

· Most of them are not very lovely but they are yours for the price of a bacon sandwich and a night’s kip in your cab. [...] They would be offended if you called them nails. With them it’s more a question of barter: ‘a ride for a ride’ is how the professionals describe it. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.96, **1975**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

· – C. Chinn and S. Thorne, *Proper Brummie*, **2002**

nails and screws

noun

news [AUSTRALIA]

· Well China, this don’t forget her is getting long and I am running out of nails and screws[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Got any nails and screws? – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· – E. Fensham, *Matty and Bill*, **2012**

nails and tacks; nails

noun

fax; a fax [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· A 1990s term for what no office is complete without, a ‘nails’ machine. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· After only minutes in the new office, my pitch and toss (boss) hands me a nails and tacks (fax) and tells me I have my first client. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

Nairobi

noun

the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *booby*. < Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

· – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.87, **2005**

Na Li

noun

an act of urination; urine [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *Na Li*, a common reversal of the name of Chinese tennis player Li Na (b.1982).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July **2012**

Nally Young

noun

the tongue [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

Nana Moon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Glasgow [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Victoria ‘Nana’ Moon, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *East-Enders*, played by English actress Hilda Braid (1929–2007).

· Out to the Jackie Broon tonight, the Alfie Moon, the Nana Moon, The Pa’ Broon ... Should be good. – *twitter.com*, 20th November **2010**

· [W]it you in glasgow for? You up the nana moon? – *twitter.com*, 29th August **2012**

Nancy Lee

noun

1 tea [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

· If the customer had ordered a cup of Nancy Lee it would have been all the same. – *The Delmarva Star*, Willington, Delaware, 24th April **1932**

· She is ill and worn-out after “pounding the pavement” all night long. “Nancy Lee, eh? No?” she may be asked. “You look sick. Do you want a doctor or a ‘sky pilot?’”. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.108, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

2 a flea [UK]

· The industry and size of the “steam tug” has made it a substitute for “bug,” while poor Nancy Lee is ignominiously associated with the other domestic pest. – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Nancy Prance

noun

a dance [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

nanny goat; nanny

noun

1 the throat [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British. The use of *nanny goat* as rhyming slang is anticipated, or at least hinted at, by a much earlier slang rhyme on *anecdote*, recorded by *OED3* (accessed 13th October 2015) from 1764.

· [I]t is quite time we put some of the Germans' Hampstead-Heath down their ugly nanny-goats. – *The Direct Hit (Journal of the 58th London Division)*, 'English as She is Spoke-in the Army', July 1917

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXVI, 1967

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· A common cause of a day off work is a sore 'nanny'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· She's on the Moby Dick wiv a sore nanny. – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995

· And most of mine goes down me nanny goat. – *This Is Nottingham Forest* forum, 4th January 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Hate waking up with a sore nanny goat. – *twitter.com*, 29th August 2012

2 a coat; an overcoat [UK]

· Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:– [...] hearth-rugs (a derivative of lugs, for ears), almond rocks (socks), nannyoat (overcoat), tit for tat (hat)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

· Keep your mince pies on your nanny goats and titfers. – *Penthouse* magazine, London, 1965

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· Gi'us me nanny goat off that nail, will you, son? – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.164, 1976

· Somebody had fingered me in my Black Watch nanny goat and I stuck out like the proverbial sore thumb. [...] Normally, I'm a fanatic, putting the strides into my heated trouser press and brushing off the nanny. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.38/189, 1986

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· How much for the Nanny? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February 1999

· – E. Nicholson, *On Tenterhooks*, p.30, 2009

3 a boat [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· They were to build a massive nanny, the ark, and save themselves. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.16, 2001

· The fisherman's gone! / As you planned it / The nanny has landed! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.13, 2009

4 the Tote, a state-owned system of betting on horses based on the use of the totalisator [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.37, 1969

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· Old 'Steak and Kidney' (Sidney) my 'China' had his bet on the 'Nanny Goat' but I went up to a 'Joe Rook' and asked, "What price Lucky Jim?" – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, 1973

· – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker's Bible*, 1983

· Officially the Totalisator Board, affectionately "Nanny" or "the old nanny goat", the State betting operation is an alternative to the bookies. [...] Nanny is sometimes looked down on, but she can sometimes deliver a bargain. – *www.virtualtourist.com*, 24th March 2003

· For 78 years, the "nanny goat" has enjoyed a monopoly of horse-race pool betting in exchange for a guarantee that its profits are ploughed back into the sport. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th November 2006

· The decision to have a different codeword printed on the tickets each day to prevent forgeries was understandable, but to choose the word 'Bogus' for the first issue showed why the Tote soon became derisively known in rhyming slang as 'the Nanny Goat'. – J. Lambie, *Story*, p.360, 2010

5 a totalisator [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tote*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009

6 among sports journalists, a quotation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *quote*.

· The serious...cricket writers are now far outnumbered by the news-sports reporters there only for the eye-catching confrontation or the 'nanny' (trade term: 'nanny-goat = quote'). – *OED3*, accessed 13th October 2015: *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 26th June 1989

· From great men riding the rails and covering the grand occasions with poetical touch to the apologetic shuffling dance we do when a herd of us are admitted to a dressing room to gather the quotes, or the nanny goats, after a game. [...] Myself and Emmet do well with the nanny goats. – T. Humphries, *Laptop Dancing*, pp.8/252, 2003

· England's tabloid circulation wars, together with the growing predilection for "nanny goats" (quotes), had exacerbated an already prickly stand-off in the opposing camp. – R. Steen and A. McLellan, *500-1*, p.40, 2010

· While SSN is ideal for keeping up to date with who is saying what, all sports desks have the channel on and if a reporter files a "nanny" (nanny-goat = quote) from a manger or player that has been broadcast, the chances are he will receive a call to the effect: "Old news, chum, sorry...we've heard that." – *www.footballwriters.co.uk*, 1st June 2012

· 400 words at 5.30pm was a standard order from a newspaper for someone covering a Saturday soccer or rugby match. 'With nannies' was cockney rhyming slang – nanny goats = quotes (from managers and/or players). – P. Bills, *400 at 5:30 with Nannies*, 2015

Nanny McPhee

noun

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. < *Nanny McPhee*, a 2005 British film directed by Kirk Jones and its eponymous heroine, portrayed by Emma Thompson (b.1959).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June 2006

Nantucket; nan; nanny*noun*

a bucket [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Nantucket, an island off the coast of Massachusetts, in the United States. Noted to have been in limited use in Britain in the 1970s. The clipped forms *nan* and *nanny* are uniquely British.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• I told her the best thing for the dry rots was to jump into the Uncle Ted with a bottle of red label and a large nantucket. – *Scam.com* forum, 11th June 2007

• [A] brickie used to call for ‘another nanny of muck’ – bucket of mortar. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

• ‘Ere boss, gimme arfa mo while I have a tom tit in the old Nan (Nan-tucket = bucket). – *www.thesplurt.co.uk*, 19th July 2013

Naomi Campbell*noun*

a gamble [UK]

< English supermodel Naomi Campbell (b.1970). Occasionally spelt *Naomi Cambell*.

• I wouldn’t buy that car – it looks like a bit of a Naomi Cambell. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th August 2009

• Sure it’s a Naomi Campbell, but England can’t afford to lose any more geezers. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November 2009

Naomi Campbell*verb*

to gamble [UK]

< English supermodel Naomi Campbell (b.1970).

• If I were the sort of person to Naomi Campbell (gamble), I would have bet on the prosecution. – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October 2011

nap and double*noun*

trouble [UK]

< *nap and double*, a phrase that brings together two terms from horse racing: *nap* ‘a tipster’s selection’ and *double* ‘a combined bet on two races’.

• Oh no, he was up to some really nasty nap and double. – M. Allingham, *Mystery Mile*, p.73 [1950], 1930

• He put some ‘Oscar’ into the ‘Tank’, bought six new ‘whistles’ and then went on the ‘River Ouse’, visiting all the ‘Rubbbers’ in the ‘Joe Brown’ until ‘Nap and Double’ finally caught up with him. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.40, 1973

• – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.27, 1989

Napper Tandy; nappertandy; napper*noun*

1 shandy [AUSTRALIA]

< Irish revolutionary James Napper Tandy (1740–1803). First recorded in the form *nappertandy*. No evidence of use in the short form.

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

2 brandy [IRELAND/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Napper Tandy* and *napper*.

• ‘Beatrice,’ he would ask me, ‘get me a Napper Tandy.’ – B. Behan et al., *My Life with Brendan*, p.240 [1974], 1973

• Napper Tandy – ‘brandy’ (also ‘Mahatma Gandhi’). – *jemmyhope.blogspot.com*, blog, 3rd October 2010

• A pint of Guinness and a pint of beer and a napper for the mustard man. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 13th February 2008

• Napper Tandy – his name is local rhyming slang for brandy – even receives an honourable mention in one of Ireland’s best known folk songs, ‘The Wearing of the Green’[.] – *www.scottishreview.net*, 13th March 2012

narky simons*noun*

irritable bowel syndrome [UK]

An equivalent of *irritable bowels*, formed on the slang *narky* ‘irritable’ and *simons*, a clipping of SIMON COWELLS.

• A case of the ‘narky Simons’ refers to Irritable Bowel Syndrome. – *tyburncross.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th April 2015

nasty blot*noun*

the lot, the whole amount or number [UK]

• And that’s the nasty blot. The lot. – *Cockney Slang*, UK short film by Joe Noble, 1943

nasty rash; nasty*noun*

1 hashish [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hash*. Only recorded in the full form.

• – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May 2006

2 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

• I’m burstin’ for a nasty (nasty rash = slash). – *www.thesplurt.co.uk*, 19th July 2013

Natasha Kaplinsky*adjective*

sexually deviant (from the speaker’s point of view) or just odd, unconventional, and possibly exciting; (of clothing) bizarre and sexually provocative [UK]

Rhymes imperfectly on *kinky*. < English television presenter Natasha Kaplinsky (b.1972).

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Nathan Blakes*noun*

the trembling that characterises delirium tremens [UK]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. < Welsh footballer Nathan Blake (b.1972).

• I’ve always known the awful hungover feeling as having the Nathan Blakes. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March 2012

Nathan Spooner; nathan*noun*

a schooner (a tall beer glass) [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian rugby union player Nathan Spooner (b.1975).
 • – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

national debt

noun

a bet [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
 • – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 • They gave him a tip so he put a *national debt* on this nag to *nose*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, 2011

National Front

noun

an obnoxious or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < National Front, an extreme right-wing political organisation in Britain.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 • – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

National Hunt

noun

1 boldness, confidence, especially in the face of a challenge or trying situation [UK]

Rhymes on *front*. < *National Hunt*, the official British name for horse racing over jumps, also known as *steeplechasing*.

- [H]aving more National Hunt than Cheltenham. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 a despicable person [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*.
 • They weren't a bunch of National Hunts then? – *AWIMB* forum, 25th January 2012
 • A few people making a right national hunt of themselves on this thread. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 15th January 2013
 • [P]ersonally I think you are a bit of a national hunt. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 18th September 2013

Native New Yorker

noun

a fat person [UK]

Rhymes on *porker*. < 'Native New Yorker', a song written by Sandy Linzer and Denny Randell and recorded in 1977 by the dance music band Odyssey.

- Cos, 'e's a bit of an Native New Yorker innee. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th May 2006
 • You can spot Sue a mile off. She's a native New Yorker. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January 2012

Nat King Cole; nat king; nat

noun

1 unemployment benefit [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *dole*. < American singer Nat King Cole (1919–65). The short form *nat king* has been recorded in both British and Irish usage. *Nat* is exclusively British. In Australian English, the term is only evidenced in the full form.

• ***old King Cole** In recent times the 'old' tends to be replaced with 'Nat' [...]. In usage it becomes 'on the Nat'.

– J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

• Am on dthe Nat King. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.26, 1972

• I've got to sign on the old Nat King. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

• If I was you, I'd be careful if you've been claiming on the sick, or on the old Nat King Cole, while you've been driving for that mob[.] – G. O'Neill, *The Sins of Their Fathers*, p.267 [2003], 2002

• [O]n the Nat. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• Not as bad as it used to be with everyone on the Nat King nowadays. – *LSL* forum, 17th July 2009

• I thought that every legal resident of Ireland could go on the Nat King Cole if they had no means of support or income. – *Boards.ie* forum, 28th October 2010

• In Newcastle we used to talk about people being "on the burroo" as in "bureau" or "on the nat" as in Nat King Cole = dole[.] – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 28th November 2012

• [L]ucky for me I'm on the Nat King. – *twitter.com*, 22nd September 2016

2 a foal [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

• Once again the boys assembled to watch the horses parade to the post. The Ragged Earl remarked: 'The gray looks above herself in condition. Are you sure you got the name right?' [...] 'She looks like she's gonna have a Nat King Cole,' stated Wrecker. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.86, 1968

3 a mole (on the skin) [UK]

Shortened as *nat*. This form is given by Puxley (2003).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

4 a bread roll [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

5 the anus [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Shortened as *nat*.

• [I]t's all a pain in the Nat King Cole 'cause Imelda and the friend are leavin' to talk to Geraldine Cullen, sister of Jennifer who's comin' back from Australia. – E. O'Brien, *Eden*, p.5, 2001

• [W]ork gives me a pain in me Nat. – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.120, 2009

• My nat king cole is in flitters after the ruby murray last night. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 23rd January 2015

6 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Used in the phrase *get one's Nat King Cole*, the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*. Shortened as *nat king* or *nat*.

• Seeker just rides them but, it's the only way a mess-on-legs like him can get his Nat King, I explain. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.201, 2002

· So what's happened is, roysh, I'm actually having to fall back on my old contacts to get my Nat King Cole[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.122, **2005**

· I got me Nat King Cole last night. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 27th August **2005**

· Id say thats far better to do than thinking of my bird getting her nat king cole. – *Magice seaweed* forum, 17th February **2006**

· I got my nat king last night. – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

· It's a little-known fact, roysh, but the Horse Show is basically the best week of the year for getting your Nat King in Dublin. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.43, **2007**

· [I]t's been so long since I got me nat that it's got cobwebs on it now. – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.120, **2009**

· [A]ll she wants to do is get pissed, get her Nat King Cole then get pissed some more. – *www.last.fm*, June **2012**

· Did Kevin get his Nat King last night? – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Hail Swear*, **2013**

7 a mole (an animal) [UK]

Shortened as *nat*.

· [G]arderners may be plagued with 'Nats'[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Nat King Cole

verb

in cricket, to bowl [AUSTRALIA]

< American singer Nat King Cole (1919–65).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Natwest bank; natwest

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < NatWest, a major British bank.

· But I can give you some examples A Ruby [Ruby Murray] = a Curry Trouble & Strife = wife Natwest = wank[.] – *LetsSingIt* forum, 4th June **2003**

· Favourite phrase/term of the minute? For me at the moment: Natwest – Wank (Natwest Bank)[.] – *Rhythmism* forum, 4th January **2006**

Natwest banker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < NatWest, a major British bank, itself the source of NATWEST BANK.

· His other contribution, "NatWest banker", has also, according to my sources, long been in use, as in "merchant". – *The Independent*, London, 24th November **1998**

· I know a good handful of guys who are on migweb and they're all a bunch of natwest bankers lol[.] – *Vauxhall Astra MK3 Owners Club* forum, 19th August **2009**

Naughton and Gold; naughton

noun

a cold [UK]

< Naughton and Gold, a Scottish comedy double act made up of Charlie Naughton (1887–1976) and Jimmy Gold (1886–1967), who formed part of the Crazy Gang. The short form is given by Ashley (1977), Puxley (2003) and Smith (2011).

· Caw bloimey—I got anuvver bleedin' Naughton and Gold a-comin'! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.128, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· He'd not been feeling well for a while. It began with a *bread* and a *horse* so he though he had a *naughton*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.129, **2011**

Naughton and Gold; naughton

adjective

cold [UK]

< Naughton and Gold, a Scottish comedy double act made up of Charlie Naughton (1887–1976) and Jimmy Gold (1886–1967), who formed part of the Crazy Gang.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Then, if you were feeling chilly you were 'Naughton'. – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, 'LONDON-L Archives', 28th March **2006**

nautical miles; nauticals

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. Coined and popularised by *Viz* comic.

· He's got nauticals the size of coconuts. – *Viz* comic, February/March **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [H]is nauticals got so bad he required medical treatment. – *UKClimbing* forum, 7th September **2001**

· In his painfully raw "Confessions" (November) on the subject of piles, Andrew Martin lists some synonyms from rhyming slang, such as "nauticals" (nautical miles). I well remember Arthur Daley visiting a friend in hospital, who was said to be in for his "Chalfonts [St Giles]." – *Prospect* magazine, London, 22nd December **2007**

· [N]autical miles, Graham Miles, Nobby Stiles, John Steinbecks (the Grapes of Wrath), Emma Freuds ... whatever cricketers call haemorrhoids, they definitely aren't a laughing matter for those suffering with them. – D. Whiting and L. Kenna, *Cricket Banter*, p.47, **2013**

Navasota

noun

a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*. < Navasota, a British refrigerated cargo ship that operated from 1917 to 1939, when it was torpedoed and sunk by the German navy.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

navigator; nav; navyy

noun

a potato [UK]

Rhymes on *tater*. The clipped form *nav* is given by Crozier (2006) and Ayto (2012). *Navy* is recorded by Crozier (2006).

- – J.C. Hotten, **1859**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.248, **1968**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Mum’s roasting some navs for dinner. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.203, **2011**
- – J. Ayto, *The Diner’s Dictionary*, **2012**

navigator Scot; navigator Scott

noun

hot baked potatoes [UK]

Rhymes on *taters*, *hot!*, originally a street cry used by baked potato vendors. A development of NAVIGATOR.

- – J.C. Hotten, *SC*, **1859**
- An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: “Sugar candy,” brandy; “ship in full sail,” a pot of ale; “navigator Scot,” baked potatoes all hot[.] – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, 4th August **1928**
- A glorious sinner. Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Navigator*, **1992**

navy blue

adjective

genuine, actual [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *true*. A nonce word. Punningly suggested by *true-blue*.

- Then there’s abart six *navy blue*/true Cockneys from The Smoke (London). – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.99, **1973**

Nazi spy; nazi

noun

1 a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA]

- In haberdashery: a shirt is a hamburger – Hamburger Bert; a tie is a Nazi – a Nazi spy[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· In the 40s a necktie became a nazi or nazi spy. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

- I got out of the **roses**, leapt into the **Tyrone**, put on the **bag of fruit** and the **Nazi spy** and took the **bread and jam** down the **frog and toad** to meet a **China** at the **rub-bity**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *Bus Australia* forum, 16th July **2010**

2 a meat pie [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- “Lunch? I could use a nazi spy and some Granville ’68, mate.” Nazi spy = cold meat pie. Tomato ketchup is locally known as train smash, and there was a spectacu-

larly messy one in the suburb of Granville in ’68. – *www.halfbakery.com*, 15th July **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

near and far

noun

1 a bar [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

- I seen him look like that once before, the night he got hit with a broken bottle in O Figgin’s near-and-far. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

· Trying to feel free and happy at the movies as you pipe the cowboy at the near and far (bar) lifting his lip over a rye that’s on the house. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.59, 1993; *New York Evening Journal*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 26th February **1920**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- I think this style of slang was also helped along by the many coster comedians who followed Chevalier, but the most persistent user of it that I ever knew was a Kalgoolie barman who had never seen the Army and never knew England. “Look at the little twist and twirl getting on the near and far”[.] – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 7th June **1935**

· [T]he near and far is the bar. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I’ll meet you in the near and far. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

- Some examples of rounder’s slang: Near and Far–A bar. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

· I mean, ’ave you clocked the Vincent of a pint of Mick at the near-and-far? – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a car [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**

- Got it this morning on the talkbox, in the near-and-far, coming here. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, **1968**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.37, **1983**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 a jar [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.37, **1983**

4 a bus or van [US]

Extended from sense 2.

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

near and there

noun

a chair [US]

A variation of HERE AND THERE.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

near by far

noun

a bar [US]

A variation of the earlier and more common NEAR AND FAR.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

Ned Flander

noun

a stroll, a leisurely walk [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Northern Irish and Scottish dialect word *dander*. < Ned Flanders, a character in the American TV cartoon *The Simpsons*, created by Matt Groening; introduced in the first episode of the series, broadcast in December 1989.

· – www.reddit.com/r/northernireland, 26th February 2014

Ned Kelly; ned

noun

1 the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

< Australian bushranger Ned Kelly (1857–80). The short form is recorded in Australian and Irish usage.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945

· If he uses the expression “Ned Kelly” in rhyming form it is more likely to indicate the stomach. – *The Sunday Herald*, Sydney, 5th November 1950

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, 1973

· A trickle of sweat runs down my Ned Kelly and my eyes begin to sting. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.96, 1974

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· It’s this flamin’ corset round me Ned Kelly. I can’t seem to hold down me tucker! – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.26, 1988

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· What’s your nickname? ‘Ned. It goes back a long way and was given to me by a friend on the Blackrock SCT team at school, Stephen Butler. He noticed that I was developing a bit of a belly – it’s long since gone – and gave me the name, Ned, after the rhyming slang, Ned Kelly.’ – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 9th April 2001

· **Ned/Ned Kelly** belly[.] – www.dagree.net/aussieslang, accessed 14th June 2003

· I go, ‘No man is bigger than the team,’ and then I point at Vaughan’s big flabby Ned[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.45, 2005

· She puts this, like, jelly substance all over her Ned Kelly[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.78, 2006

· Look at the Ned Kelly on that! – *newsgroups.derkeiler.com*, 12th August 2007

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.120, 2009

2 television; a television set [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *telly*. The short form is recorded in British usage.

· My *old Dutch* and I, as we sit by our *Jeremiah* in Buckingham Palace, with our *Gawd fer bids* by our side, are especially thinking of you all this Christmas Tide; sitting in your own *rat and mouse*, cluttered round the *Ned Kelly*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.39, 1979

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January 2002

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· I never turned on the ‘ned kelly’ (telly) tonight and i am a better man for it[.] – *twitter.com*, 29th September 2011

· Ned – TV (rhyming slang, Ned Kelly = telly). – G. Bushnell, *Face Down*, p.192, 2013

Ned Skinner

noun

a dinner [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

needle and pin; needle

noun

1 gin [UK]

· In the “Rub-a-dub-dub” ’e met Halfred, / Who says yer “King Death” “Pen and Inks”; / ’Oo the ’ell cares, says Jim, orders “Needle and Pin” / An both tumbles right dahn the sink. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· We were discussing the matter at the Toe and Heel (“Steering-wheel”) the other night with a friend, while drinking, respectively, pig’s ear and needle-and-pin, and decided upon a little field work. – *The Motor* magazine, London, 4th August 1948

· As for drinks, there is a choice of pig’s ear, gay and frisky, needle and pin, finger and thumb or Jack the Dandy. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April 1952

· Let’s get the wind out of our mince pies and go across the frog and toad to the old rub-adub for a needle and pin. – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, ‘Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney’s Rhyming Slang’, 28th November 1955

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.98, 1968

· [S]o I gets a pint o’ pig’s fer ’im an’ I ’ad a drop of *needle*, just fer a start. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, 1969

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· Similarly, ‘gin’ need not always be *Vera Lynn* (after the World War II forces’ sweetheart), it may be *needle an’ pin* [.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

· I’ll ’ave a drop of needle. – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Gin is also what is known as [...] Needle (needle and pin) and Nose (nose and chin). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· I’m going down the pub for a needle. – S. Klein, *CRS*, **2009**

2 the chin [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.74, **1968**

3 a twin [UK]

Only recorded in the full form. Kirkpatrick (2001) lists the word only in the plural form *needles and pins*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

needle and pin

adjective

thin [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Whether she is *needle and pin* (*thin*) or a bit *porky pig* (*big*), chances are her form will catch the eye of someone or other. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.99, **2011**

needle and thread

noun

1 bread [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as “needle and thread” for bread, “you and me” for tea[.] – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, **1911**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· A glorious sinner. Stop thief! Joe Savage, Navigator Scott, Dan Tucker, Needle and Thread, Sir Walter Scott, finger and thumb for a flag unfurled! – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· [A]nd I remember we had ‘needle and thread’, ‘lay me in the gutter’, ‘bended knees’ and ‘Harvey Nichols’ together with a couple of ‘Aristotles’ of ‘plink plonk’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, **1973**

2 a bed [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

· Up the apples and pears and into the needle and thread.

– L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.74, **1968**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Neil Mc

noun

a can of drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *can* and *Cann*, the second part of the surname *McCann*. < Scottish footballer Neil McCann (b.1974).

· It’s not strictly rhyming slang, but I will often drink a Gavin Mc or a Neil Mc of juice. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 10th August **2010**

Neil McNab; Neil McNabb

noun

a taxicab [UK]

< Scottish footballer Neil McNab (b.1957).

· [W]e get a Neil McNabb home[.] – *The Independent*, London, 24th November **1998**

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April **2007**

Neil McNabs; neils

noun

pubic lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*. < Scottish footballer Neil McNab (b.1957).

· A mate of mine caught a dose of the Neil McNabs. – *Bluemoon* forum, 27th August **2012**

· Wasn’t Neil McNabs Cockney rhyming slang for crabs? As in “I’m itchy, think I’ve got a dose of the Neils”. – *twitter.com*, 29th September **2014**

Neil Sedaka

noun

a parka [UK: SUNDERLAND]

< American pop singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka (b.1939).

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th February **2013**

Nell Gwynne; Nell Gwynn; Nell Gwyn; nell; nellie

noun

gin [UK]

< Eleanor ‘Nell’ Gwynn, Charles II’s mistress (1650–87). The variant spellings *Gwynn* and *Gwyn*, given by Tibballs (2008) and Puxley (1992) respectively, reflect two alternative spellings of the surname.

· Jonty, we’ve got to do something to stop Pater going for the Nell Gwynne every night. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.15, **1985**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [A] drop of Nellie. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· [A] glass of ‘nell’ or ‘nellie’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

nellie and dead

noun

▶ see NELLY AND DEAD

Nellie Bly; Nellie Bligh; Nelly Blye; Nellie Bie; nellie

noun

1 a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA/US]

The word has three possible sources: < Nellie Bly, the pen name of American journalist Elizabeth Jane Cochrane (also spelt *Cochran*; 1864–1922), itself taken from the character (properly Nelly Bligh) in an 1850 song by Stephen Foster; < Nellie Bly, the ‘other woman’ in the American ballad ‘Frankie and Johnny’, first published in 1904; or < Nellie Bly (variously spelt *Nelly Bly*, *Nellie Bligh* or *Nelly Bligh*), a character in a nursery

rhyme recorded in Britain, Australia and New Zealand as early as the 1920s. Although there are several variations of this nursery rhyme, all of them have the same first line: ‘Nellie Bly caught a fly’.

In the first usage, as a synonym for *tie*, the term occurs in the variants *Nellie Bly*, *Nellie Bligh* and *Nellie Bie*. The last form, recorded in Flores (1998) and ‘The Gang Dictionary’ (*publicintelligence.net*, 25th August 2004), is exclusively American.

- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

2 a person’s eye [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly*, *Nellie Bligh* and *Nelly Blye*. First reported in use in Australia and Britain in 1949 and 1961 respectively.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**
- “Go for the Nelly Blye!” will signal the eye punch in late rounds. – *The Montana Standard*, Butte, MT, ‘Aussie Dialog’, 24th August **1969**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

3 a fly (the insect) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly* and *Nellie Bligh*.

- Always finding Nelly Blys in his tucker. – M. Durack, *My Country*, p.77 [1983], **1955**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a trouser fly [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly* and *Nellie Bligh*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

5 a meat pie [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly*, *Nellie Bligh* and *nellie*.

- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- Yet the order is seldom “One meat pie and tomato sauce please.” Where pie-eating is concerned, the variation – often in glorious Australian accents – is the order of the day. Examples: [...] “A Nellie please (derived from the nursery rhyme about Nellie Bligh).” “Dog’s Eye, please.” – *Greeley Daily Tribune*, Greeley, CO, 21st May **1969**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· I can see him at Cessnock races saying, ‘I’ve just got enough Kembla Grange [change] in my sky rocket [pocket] to buy a Nelly Bly [pie],’ Gollogly said. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 14th December **2012**

· Give us a Nellie Bligh – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 12th May **2013**

6 a lie [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly* and *Nellie Bligh*.

- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.251, **1982**
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**
- – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.33, 1999: Christchurch Women’s Prison, September **1997**
- [Y]ou have told to many nelly blighs (lies) in a court of law to survive the up comming on slaughter. – *forums.alt-news.com.au*, 17th December **2008**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

7 a person’s thigh [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Nellie Bly* and *nellie*.

- That Freda’s got a lovely pair of Nellies on her. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Nellie Bly; Nellie Bligh

adjective

alert [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fly*. < Nellie Bly, the nom de plume of American journalist Elizabeth Jane Cochrane (1864–1922); < Nellie Bly, the ‘other woman’ in the American ballad ‘Frankie and Johnny’ (1904); or < Nellie Bly (variously spelt *Nelly Bly*, *Nellie Bligh* or *Nelly Bligh*), a character in a nursery rhyme which begins ‘Nellie Bly caught a fly’.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

Nellie Dean; nellie

noun

in snooker, the green ball [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Nellie Deans; nellies

noun

green vegetables [UK]

Rhymes on *greens*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Nellie Duff; Nelly Duff; nellie; nelly; nell

noun

1 one’s life [UK]

Rhymes on *puff*, in the figurative sense of ‘life’. Used in the phrase *not on your Nelly Duff* (or *not on your Nellie Duff*) ‘certainly not’ (formed on the model of *not on your life*), which has become established in standard English in the form *not on your nelly* (or *not on your nellie*, itself sometimes shortened to *not on your nell*).

- Not on your Nelly Duff, not likely. – *OED2*, 1989: *New Statesman*, London, 30th August **1941**
- ‘Not on your nellie,’ snapped Marchmare, and slammed his door. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.133, **1962**

· But do you think they can find any way of getting shot of it? Not on your Nelly. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.147, **1970**

· He did another template of my horses back to take to a local saddler who sells second hand saddles, and had the cheek to say if I got any he would come back and check it, not on your nelly duff matey, he is never coming near him again!! – *New Rider* forum, 1st June **2006**

· No way I'd have gone near the road. Not on your nell. – *GB Bikers* forum, 8th December **2006**

· I can't remember Naka ever having a good game against the Huns in my Nelly Duff, and he is want and prone to dissapearing from any match that turns into a rough house. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 22nd September **2007**

· So does that mean we have seen the last of Serenity Hair and Beauty? Not on your nelly duff, we have a few more tricks up our sleeve, so watch this space... – *craig-brothers.co.uk*, blog, 4th October **2009**

· Oocha, don't think i've read such a damning report on a player in all my nelly duff, thing is mibbe he's c'mon a wee bit since you had dealings with him at the tender age oh twelve, it is possible. – *EastFootball* forum, 9th January **2012**

2 ■ **on one's Nellie Duff** on one's own, alone [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *puff*, used in the slang phrase *on one's puff*.

· I'm for a pair of those boots mentioned at the top of the page, might stop me going on my nelly-duff when it's icy outside. – *The Puddin* forum, 25th November **2007**

· Have managed to sit on my nelly duff for most of the day...Shocking! – *VocalCafe* forum, 20th January **2012**

Nellie Pope; nellie

noun

cannabis [SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *dope*.

· They had all sorts of names for it, “boom” being the most common. They also called it “Nellie,” or “grass,” or “voëls,” or “American green leaf,” or “pappegaa.” They also spoke of it as “the weed,” or “the herb,” or “the queer stuff”[.] – H.C. Bosman, *Cold Stone Jug*, p.44 [1969], **1949**

· “[I get more of a kick out of smoking dagga, instead. You know, Nellie Pope.” [...] The drug known as Indian hemp or dagga or *cannabis indica* or hashish or Nellie Pope or *msangu*, that which grows by the gate, (and a lot of other names), had Cyril Stein completely in her, its, his or him's sway, then. – H.C. Bosman, *Willemsdorp*, pp.82/157, **1977**

Nellie's trunk

adjective

drunk [UK]

< *Nellie's trunk*, probably inspired by ‘Nellie the Elephant packed her trunk’, the first line of the chorus of ‘Nellie the Elephant’, a 1956 song written by Ralph Butler and Peter Hart and originally recorded by Mandy Miller. A deliberate variation of the earlier and more common ELEPHANT'S TRUNK.

· Elephant's Trunk – Drunk [or Nellie's Trunk – Drunk]. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

nelly and dead; nellie and dead

noun

red wine [AUSTRALIA]

Probably suggested by *nelly*, first recorded by Baker (1941) as slang for cheap wine. The spelling with *-ie* is given by Seal (2009).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Nelly Blye

noun

▶ see NELLIE BLY

Nelly Duff; nelly

noun

▶ see NELLIE DUFF

Nelly Kelly

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [AUSTRALIA]

According to Seal (2009), the term usually denotes a woman's stomach.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Nelson Eddy

adjective

ready [UK]

< American singer and actor Nelson Eddy (1901–67).

· Ain't you Nelson Eddy yet? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Nelson Eddy; nelson

adverb

1 in a relaxed way [UK]

Rhymes on *steady*. < American singer and actor Nelson Eddy (1901–67). Only used in the phrase *take it Nelson Eddy* (or *take it nelson*) ‘to relax, to take things easy’.

· **take it Nelson relax** take it (nice 'n) easy[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, p.112, **1996**

· i'm pretty sure one of them will lend me it, but i will keep my options open. Take it 'Nelson Eddy'[.] – *Reds Online* forum, 29th December **2006**

· Take it Nelson Eddy – nice and steady son. – M. Gee, *Declaration of Guilt*, p.36, **2011**

· I can see you are just frustrated, take it Nelson Eddie. – *BBC 606* forum, 25th January **2011**

2 at a steady, reasonable speed [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· – Couple of years ago I went from Clermont Ferrand to Paris with my foot planted all the way, 155. Will be in France next week and I think I'll keep it Nelson this time! – Nelson...?? – Oops sorry, it is a liverpool term, Nelson Eddy = Steady (slow). – *TyreSmoke* forum, 3rd June **2004**

Nelson Eddys; Nelson Eddies; nelsons

noun

cash [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *readies*. < American singer and actor Nelson Eddy (1901–67). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

• Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Nelson Eddies and Reddies* – Money. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

• I went to London because I was getting fed up in Dublin, because I wanted to collect a few Nelson Eddies, readies, or pound notes, and because I wanted to see my show in Wyndham's Theatre in the heart of the West End. – E. H. Mikhail, *Brendan Behan*, p.134, **1982**

• I was boracic, in need of the Nelsons, when I bumped into my old adversary from the Shoreditch baths, Georgie not so Porgie Davis. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.29, **1986**

• You never have a receipt for “Nelsons”! – R. Hudd, *Anecdotes*, p.8, **1994**

• In fact, I should sell me jam jar if I were you, waste of Nelsons anyway. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

• Nelsons, in bank, where you can immediately bank them in an accout, is by far the safest way to accept payment[.] – *Honest John* forum, 15th November **2008**

• – *www.projecthume.com*, ‘Clanbrassil Street – 1’ by Sean Lynch, April **2009**

Nelson Mandela; nelson

noun

1 Stella Artois lager [UK]

< South African statesman Nelson Mandela (1918–2013). When used in this sense, the shortened form is usually spelt with a capital *N*. Hence MANDELA-BELLY.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• In a Blackheath pub a few weeks back, David Walsh from Redcar was surprised to hear a fellow customer order a pint of Nelson and even more surprised when he was at once served with a pint of Stella. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, 31st August **2005**

• I simply couldn't face my usual pint of Nelson Mandela. [...] I went back inside the pub and ordered two pints of Nelson and fired them down. – *The Spectator*, London, 2nd July **2008**

• I'll have a Nelson[.] – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.240, **2015**

2 in horse racing, a bet that involves predicting the first two to finish, not necessarily in the correct order [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the betting term *quinella*.

• I cast a net on the Nelson but my condiments and sauces were too slow and I lost my sausage and mash...

– E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Nelson Riddle; nelson

noun

1 an act of urination; urine [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. < American composer and bandleader Nelson Riddle (1921–85).

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

• Now you're trying to run my life again, ain't you, Del? Well, if I let you get away with it this time, I won't be able to go for a Nelson Riddle without you giving me a blueprint. – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st October **1982**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

• [H]e rang while I was in Nick Nicholson's bathroom having a Nelson Riddle[.] – *The AV Maniacs – Forum*, 15th July **2007**

• Right, I am off for a Nelson Riddle. – *FansOnline* forum, 26th March **2013**

2 a dishonest arrangement; an act of fraud [UK]

Rhymes on *fiddle*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

• People who make a living on the very edge of legality are said to have ‘a few Nelson Riddles going’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• He was working a Nelson on his income tax return. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 17th April **2007**

Neptune's daughter; neptune's; nep's

noun

water [US/UK]

An apposite rhyme. The short forms have been recorded in British usage. ► see FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, **1973**

• I bring Clarissa to the table and have just offered her a bread stick when I hear a voice that makes my Newingtons turn to Neptune's daughter. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.126, **1974**

• – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, **1976**

• – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

• Mind you, the Neptune's daughter is still high on the Jeckle and the nasty tadpoles still lurk on the Ancient Crovis. [...] There had been a swift earlier swooping across the Nep's, but he wouldn't be sitting on the wire beside the Cabernet. [...] Nevertheless, it was a joy to see the little reed warblers whizzing about the reeds and willows overlooking the Neptune's. – *justin-dequack.com*, blog, 6th June, 26th June and 1st July **2014**

Nervo and Knox; nervo

noun

1 socks [UK]

< Nervo and Knox, an English double act formed by Jimmy Nervo (1890–1975) and Teddy Knox (1896–1974), who were also members of the comedy troupe The Crazy Gang. Only evidenced in the full form.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 television; a television set [UK]

Rhymes on *the box* and *the goggle-box*.

· 'E'd got a *Nervo* in the *burnt* and to top the lot a flippin' *Joanna!* – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.19, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.128, **1977**

3 syphilis [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*.

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· A dose of the old *Nervo*. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.194, **1977**

· A slight touch of the *nervo*. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.133, **1999**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Living Language*, p.206, **2014**

nervous wreck; nervous

noun

a cheque [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form, given by Spilsted (1997), is exclusively Australian.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on www.pmhps.org.au on 2nd December **2013**

nest of ants

noun

trousers [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pants*.

· Gonna slip into me nest of ants (pants), dickie dirt (shirt) and meat pie (tie)[.] – www.theherald.com.au, 7th June **2013**

nether barnet

noun

pubic hair [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Formed on *barnet*, a clipping of BARNET FAIR. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions from a Luxury Liner* (1976), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pseudonym Timothy Lea.

· Muna is in no hurry to boost her protein intake but slips her hand on to my Ned Kelly and starts tightening up the curls in my nether barnet. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.54, **1976**

never again

noun

Ben Truman beer [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

never better

noun

a letter [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

never fear

noun

beer [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· He will devour a “Joe Savage” (cabbage) for his “glorious sinner,” (dinner,) and his favourite dish is “bonnets so blue,” (Irish stew,) washed down with a “tenip” (back slang for a pint) of “never fear,” (beer.) – *The New York Times*, ‘Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins’, 4th April **1915**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, **1973**

· Beer can also be called *Crimea*, *far an' near*, *Oh, my dear!*, *never fear*, *red steer*, etc. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

never grow older

noun

the shoulder [AUSTRALIA]

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.26, **1984**

never stand still

noun

a prison treadmill [UK]

Echoing the action required when using the treadmill as an instrument of prison discipline or punishment.

A variation of CAN'T KEEP STILL.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, s.v. *can't keep still*, **1960**

Neville Begg; Neville Beg

noun

1 the leg [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian racehorse trainer Neville Begg (b.1931).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· [M]assive neville begs. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· She Hasn't Got A Bad Set Of Neville Begg! – *Street Commodores* forum, 5th March **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [J]ust walked home from the rub a dub dub, my neville begs are killing me ... – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th December **2011**

2 an egg [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded with the spelling *Neville Begg*.

· One of the highlights of my week is to read the Sunday papers over a flat white and some scrambled “Neville Begg” at my favorite café at Five Ways, Paddington. – www.trackdata.com.au, 8th July **2009**

· Some Neville Begg on my Sunshine Coast! – *twitter.com*, 24th March **2012**

Neville Wran; neville

noun

a can (of beer) [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian politician Neville Wran (1926–2014). The short form is recorded by Spilsted (1997).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Hand us another neville of Irish Cheer, mate. – *www.macquariedictionary.com.au*, ‘Australian Word Map’, accessed 17th October **2016**

Newcastle-on-Tyne

numeral

nine [UK: LEEDS]

< *Newcastle-on-Tyne*, a variation of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, the name of a major city in the north-east of England.

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I’ll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. Six–I’m in a fix. Seven–Lord in heaven. Eight–make weight. Nine–Newcastle-on-Tyne. Ten–cock and hen. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

noun

a dose of a powdered drug laid out in a line for snorting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *line*. < *Newcastle upon Tyne*, a major city in the north-east of England.

· So relax, drink up, n let me pit oot another set ay Newcastle-upon-Tynes. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.105, **2015**

New Delhi; new

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [UK]

< New Delhi, the capital of India.

· ‘Where do you get the pain?’ ‘Well, all over, really. This morning I got it in the lift going down to the...’ ‘No, no. Where on your body?’ ‘Oh right. Get it in the old New Delhi.’ – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 5th February **1989**

· Look at the new delhi on him! – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I gotta problem with my new delhi Doc! – *UD(.com)*, 8th November **2008**

· I was Hank and his brother, me new making sounds[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘A Tea Leaf’s Jackanory’, 3rd November **2013**

Newgate Jail; Newgate Gaol; newgate

noun

a hard-luck story [UK]

Rhymes on *tale*. < *Newgate Jail*, a former prison in London. The short form is given by Lilley (1990).

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.79, **2011**

Newington Butts; newington; newingtons

noun

guts (bowels, innards, intestines, the stomach); the guts (courage); the essence of something or someone [UK]

< Newington Butts, an area of south London.

· A clip in the “Newingtons” will do him a bit of “Robin Hood” and put him on the Rory O’Moore. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· Newington Butts (Newington) ... Guts (Pluck). – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· I’ve heard a man complaining of “a Kennington in his Newington.” – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· *Newington Butts*; stomach (guts). – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.207, **1950**

· “He’s got Newingtons”[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· **Newington Butts** Guts. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.37, **1969**

· I hate your guts, your Newington Butts. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· ‘I’ve got a pain in my newington’ or ‘What a newington!’ – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.194, **1977**

· Her *hobsons*, low and husky / Made my *newingtons* go numb. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.21, **1979**

· Few men can stand more than one of Mum’s cups of tea in a four or five hour period without hearing from their Newingtons. – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.17, **1979**

· **NEWINGTON BUTTS** – Intestinal fortitude! – **Guts**. – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Red top buses, kitchen hatches – the locations all play a role, giving scope for a bucketload of Roy Hudd. There’s plenty of Newington Butts too. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

newly-wed

noun

in snooker, a red ball [UK]

· Now fifteen of ‘em are newly-weds, / Then you got the old rubber kite. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

New South

noun

a mouth, sometimes specifically a big mouth [US]

< *New South*, an Australian colloquialism for New South Wales, a state in the south-east of Australia.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Newton and Ridley

adjective

slightly drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *tiddly*. < *Newton and Ridley*, a fictional brewery in the British TV soap opera *Coronation Street*, first broadcast in 1960. The word *tiddly* is treated in the entry **TIDDLYWINK**; **TIDDLY**; **TIDDLEY** *adjective*.

· She was getting a bit Newton and Ridley and ordered a Winona Ryder. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

Newton Heath; Newton Heaths; newtons

noun

the teeth [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Newton Heath, an area of east Manchester.

· **Newton Heath**. Teeth. – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1960: reported by J. Jaffe, **1959**

· Newtons Teeth[.] – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.161, **2004**

· Off to clean my Newton Heath! – *Bluemoon* forum, 26th August **2009**

· Don't be a barmcake, have a deek at your newtons. – *The Daily Sentinel*, Grand Junction, CO, 'Get Fuzzy' comic strip, 23rd June **2010**

· The only downside was, the whole world was going to see how bad my Newtons actually were[.] – S. Ryder, *Twisting My Melon*, p.328, **2011**

· Newton heaths = Teeth. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 6th February **2012**

New York City

noun

a woman's breast [SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *titty*. < New York City, a seaport in the south-east corner of New York State, USA. Usually in the plural. A pun on the city's nickname, 'the Big Apple', and *big apples* may be inevitable in some contexts.

· Anyway, the superlatives in most common use in the Pretoria Central Prison are 'ryebuck', 'bosker', 'bonzer'. Ain't they Australian words? They are used in expressions like, "This is ryebuck Swaziland dagga", or "a bosker pair of New York cities"[.] – H.C. Bosman, *Jerepigo*, p.135 [1957], 2002: 'South African Slang', originally published in *The South African Opinion*, 18th–19th June **1946**

· **New York city** (rhyming slang) tittie; breast; boob. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Not only was their more talent then Johnny Young Talent Time but there was plenty of rhyming slang (New York Cities!)[.] – *Hoops.com.au* forum, 24th December **2005**

· [A] nice set of New York Cities. – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

New York junk

noun

semen [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

New York mugger

noun

sugar [UK: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND]

A perfect rhyme in northern English dialects.

· Ill av a cup o bertie wi a bit o kilroy an a couple o new york muggers! – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 17th August **2004**

New York Nipper

noun

a kipper (a smoked herring) [UK]

Generally in the plural (kippers are traditionally served in pairs).

· [H]e had had no breakfast, as the 'New York Nippers' were burnt up to a 'Bertha

Winder'[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

New York Slime

nickname

the *New York Times* newspaper

An imperfect slang rhyme.

· New York Times → New York Slime. – E.S. Raymond, *NHD*, p.10, **1996**

· My cat has better skills as a journalist, than anyone at the New York Slime. – *www.leftcoastrebel.com*, 5th April **2010**

· [T]he new york slime is the mouthpiece for Obama. – *twitter.com*, 15th December **2012**

Niagara Falls; Niagra Falls; niagaras; niagras; niags

noun

1 theatre stalls [UK/US]

< Niagara Falls, the waterfalls on the Niagara River, between lakes Erie and Ontario. In British English, recorded in the forms *Niagara Falls* and *niagaras*. In American usage, only recorded in the form *Niagara Falls*.

· During their travels they have made a point of recording all the modern specimens of "rhyming slang" which they have heard—a most interesting collection of weird a wonderful expressions current among comedians. [...] "Book me two Niagaras" is an abbreviation of "Niagara Falls," and means "stalls." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**

2 meatballs [us]

Only recorded in the form *Niagara Falls*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

3 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. Recorded in the forms *Niagara Falls*, *Niagra Falls*, *niagaras* and *niagras*. Often in the phrase *a load of (old) Niagara Falls* or *a load of (old) niagaras*.

· "You've got ten minutes to clear out! If you're not out by then I'll call the Captain to turn you out!" "Niag'ra Falls!" said Harry. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.65, **1943**

· Niagara Falls (balls—which is nonsense, rubbish; or stalls—which are theatre seats)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, pp.138–139, **1977**

· Basically, I mean, all this codswallop about the after-life, it's a load of old Niagara Falls, innit really. – *Unnatural Acts*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 4th April **1987**

· One idea was to slap a load of lead on Schumi's car every time it won. Another was to stick him in another car altogether. Of course, it's all a load of niagaras. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 25th October **2002**

· Your talking a load of Niagra falls. – *Fans Focus* forum, 13th October **2005**

· Now i've become rather intimate with the DPA of late so I know that is a load of niagaras! – *AAD Consumer Forum*, 30th November **2011**

4 the testicles [US/UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. In American English, only recorded in the form *Niagara Falls*. The short form *niags* is exclusively British. ▶ see DOGS NIAGARAS

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, **1973**

· If you complained afterwards they were the same four who'd give you a quick boot in the Niagara Falls. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.57 [1977], **1975**

· He let out the most awful yelp an jabbed his big knee up into my Niagaras. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Menacing Jester*, p.159 [1977], **1976**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.37, **1983**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **balls (testicles)** [...] **Niagara Falls** (Niagaras)[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, **1998**

· I think to truly appreciate cricket you have to be hit by a fast bowler at least once, although, admittedly in my case, the memory is a particularly vivid one as I was hit in what is known in rhyming slang as the Niagara Falls. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 17th September **2005**

· If childbirth is more painful, since when was the anaesthetic used in childbirth readily available for being kicked in the Niagra Falls?! – *Neoseeker* forum, 2nd December **2005**

· Guido's virgin moment and his comprehensive news-night kick in the "Niagara falls" is going to be a necessary part of his evolution into the world of political journalism[.] – *www.bbc.co.uk*, blog, 30th March **2007**

· [K]icked in the niags. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 1st February **2008**

· To this day, I still wince when I relive being hit in the Niagras (southern for nuts) by Kenny during the only game my mother ever watched me play in. – J. Carnegie, *Different League*, p.68, **2009**

· There was Doris looking slightly porky may I say and scratching his Niagras. – *Digital Spy* forum, 23rd January **2010**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· If someone offers you a kick in the **Niagaras**, it would be best not to take them up on the offer as it involves a blow to the testicles (rhyming slang: Niagara Falls = balls). Sometimes shortened to 'Niags'. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.365, **2015**

5 horse stalls [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Niagara Falls* and *niagaras*.

· Niagara Falls Stalls [...] The horses left the 'smoked haddock' and went on their way to the 'Niagaras' and all seemed well. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.38/70, **1973**

6 courage; nerve [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. The short form *niags* is exclusively British.

· [H]e ain't even got the Niagras to unhook your bra while he's doing it. – *redtongue.blog.co.uk*, blog, 9th January **2006**

· [N]o other player has the niagras to pull something like that out of the top drawer. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 30th October **2006**

· [I]ts not a pair of doubles if u have the "Niagara Falls" to cum and have a look u moron. – *BMXUltra.com* forum, 25th November **2009**

· The Libs have completely dropped the ball on this one, haven't got the niagaras to tell the public what everyone in business thinks. – *HotCopper – Australian Stock Market Forum*, 6th September **2014**

· [T]op marks to any candidate that has the Niagara falls (rhyming slang) to use that picture in their election address[.] – *wingsoverscotland.com*, 9th January **2015**

Niall Quinn; niall

noun

1 the chin [UK]

< Irish football player and manager Niall Quinn (b.1966).

· – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, **2014**

2 gin [UK]

· – T. Thorne, *DCS4*, **2014**

nice and nifty

noun

a fifty-pound note [UK]

An elaboration of NIFTY.

· "Don't look surprised but I've got a nice and nifty." It was hard to hold myself together. This was a serious load of dosh! – P. Coppard, *In Spite of Everything*, p.452, **2012**

nice and shine

noun

in bingo, the number forty-nine [UK]

A blend of RISE AND SHINE and the colloquial phrase *nice and shiny*.

· – *freedomandgrace.com*, 9th July **2010**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.onlinebingolounge.co.uk*, **2012**

nice one Cyril; nice one

noun

a squirrel [UK]

< *nice one, Cyril*, a line used in the advertising slogan for Wonderloaf bread in 1972, shortly after adopted by supporters of Tottenham Hotspur referring to Cyril Knowles (1944–91), and further popularised in 1973 by a song of that name by the Cockerel Chorus.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- The Arsenal fans were quick to serenade the fuzzy rodent with a rendition of ‘Nice one Squirrel’ – that song, of course, was originally sung by Spurs fans about sixties defender Cyril Knowles – since then the phrase Nice One Cyril has entered cockney rhyming slang for, well, you’re probably ahead of me here. – *people.co.uk*, 2nd December **2013**

nice toys*noun*

boys [UK]

- Probably a nonce usage.
- You’re just little inbred scratch and itch nice toys[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvo-man80’ on 20th July **2016**

Nicholas Cage; nicholas*noun*

1 rage; a rage [UK]

- < Nicolas Cage, the stage name of American actor Nicolas Coppola (b.1964).
- Apparently rhyming slang is suddenly all the Nicholas Cage (rage) among teenagers. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th February **1998**
- He flew into a right Nicholas[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**
- **Nicholas Cage** against the machine. – *hollywoodrhymingslang.com*, **2015**

2 age [AUSTRALIA]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- Jimmy Page/Nicholas Cage – age[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

3 a wage [UK: LEEDS]

- Recorded in use among scaffolders.
- – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd March **2011**

Nick Cave; nick*noun*

a shave [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < Australian rock musician Nick Cave (b.1957).
- Look at those whiskers! You could do with a Nick mate. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**
- – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**
- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Nick Clegg; nick*noun*

1 an egg [UK]

- < English Liberal Democrat politician Nick Clegg (b.1967). The short form *nick* may be unchanged in the plural.
- ‘Ere darlin’, can I have some fried Nick’s with my chips n beans. Larvely. – *Exeweb.com* forum, 21st April **2010**
- Cameron’s been struck by an egg. Or, in cockney rhyming slang, a Nick Clegg. – *twitter.com*, 21st April **2010**

• Nick Clegg = Egg. – *twitter.com*, 27th March **2012**• I’m having Nick for breakfast. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 12th March **2014**

2 a leg [UK]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- Are you pulling my Nick Clegg? – *www.facebook.com*, 6th March **2012**

Nick Cotton*adjective*

very bad, rotten [UK]

- < Nick Cotton, a villainous character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor John Altman (b.1952).
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- It’s all gone a bit Nick Cotton (rotten). – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 30th September **2003**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

nickel and dime; nickle*noun*

1 time; the time [US/UK]

- The short form is exclusively British.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- ‘There’s no nickel like the future.’ A procrastinator’s motto. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Have you seen the bleedin’ nickel and dime?! Where’s the day gone? – *help.com*, **2012**
- Then I learned some Cockney rhyming slang. Nah we can rabbit and pork aw the nickel and dime. – *Raising Hope*, US TV: Fox, 30th October **2012**
- 2 a particular time or occasion, or the experience connected with it [UK]
- Ope ya all ad a Robin Hood nickle and dime at the bloody weekend. – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**

nicker*noun*

a prison chaplain [UK]

- A slang rhyme on *vicar* or an elliptical form of HALF A NICKER. As a slang rhyme, the word may have been based on *nicker* ‘one pound sterling’ or *nicker* ‘a thief’.
- – *www.englishproject.org*, ‘A Glossary of HMP Winchester Lingo’ by Christopher Mulvey, 2012: October **2010**

nicker bits*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

- Rhymes on *the shits*. < *nicker bit*, a slang word for a pound coin.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- London cockney rhyming slang uses the expression ‘nicker bits’ to describe a case of diarrhoea. – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 19th April **2011**

Nicki Lauder*noun*

▶ see NIKI LAUDA

Nick Nairn*noun*

a child [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots and northern English word *bairn*. < Scottish celebrity chef Nick Nairn (b.1959).· It's only a fitba' match that ye've lost. Get real and stop actin' like a bunch o' Nick Nairns. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006· [W]e decided we wanted to try for a Nick Nairn. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May 2007**Nicky Butt***noun*

a nut [UK]

< English footballer Nicholas 'Nicky' Butt (b.1975).

· [T]he bar snack known as a bag of 'Nicky's'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· [A]n animal lover will feed a 'nicky' to a 'nice one'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**Nicky Butts; nickys***noun*

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nuts*. < English footballer Nicholas 'Nicky' Butt (b.1975). Sometimes used figuratively in the phrase *work one's Nicky Butts off* 'to work very hard'.· i would most definately, kick your nicky butts, hehehehe. – *British Chinese Online* forum, 12th April 2002· A knee in the 'nickys' could be seen as a high tackle. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008· If he is a Chunk but works his Nicky Butts off that will do me! – *RLFANS* forum 12th January 2014

2 an upset stomach [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Rhymes on *guts*.· Like that myself though really have the nicky butts today so gave in and went in the girls loo its bit cleaner. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 22nd January 2014**Nicky Lauder; nicky***noun*

▶ see NIKI LAUDA

Nicola Sturgeon*noun*

a surgeon [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish politician Nicola Sturgeon (b.1970).

· If you don't exercise, a Nicola Sturgeon will be operating on you soon enough. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November 2006**Nicole Richie***adjective*

spiteful or maliciously critical [UK]

Rhymes on *bitchy*. < American celebrity socialite and fashion designer Nicole Richie (b.1981), daughter of singer LIONEL RICHIE.· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008· Jan can often be Nicole Richie. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January 2012**nifty***noun*

a fifty-pound note or the sum of fifty pounds [UK]

A slang rhyme. Originally used by London City traders.

▶ see NICE AND NIFTY

· Fifty is also known [among City traders] as a McGarrett, after the "Hawaii Five-0" detective played by Jack Lord, a Bullseye (from darts) or a Nifty. – *Philadelphia Daily News*, 9th March 1993· £50 can also be called a nifty or a half[.] – *The Independent*, London, 15th July 2000· Two ponys are a nifty. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005· **Boy** A twenty! **Fly-Pitcher 2** A score! **Boy** A fifty! **Fly-Pitcher 1** A nifty! – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.45, 2006· FAST SAUSAGE & MASH. PLEASE SELECT AMOUNT (MAXIMUM DISPENSE £50) LADY GODIVA (£5) SPECKLED HEN (£10) COMMODORE (£15) PONY (£25) DIRTY (£30) DOUBLE TOP (£40) NIFTY (£50). – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August 2009· Dave collects the Porsche from Hutton, paying in cash and giving the girl on reception a nice crisp nifty. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.251, 2014**nifty***numeral*

fifty [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'More on Cockney Numbers', 10th January 2010**Nigel Benn; nigel***noun*

1 a pen [UK]

< English boxer Nigel Benn (b.1964). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· Similarly, one of the men in the office refers to his 'Nigel Benn', or pen. – *h2g2* forum, 22nd January 2010

2 a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

· Lend us a Nigel. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th May 2003· Nigel Ben = £10 – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· [W]e have a "nifty" for fifty pound a "diana" for twenty pound thats diana door-score = £20 a "nigel" for ten pound thats nigel benn = ten[.] – *Official Int. Sacred Forum*, 18th May 2006**nigel benner***noun*

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. A derivative of NIGEL BENN.· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November 2006

Nigel Farage; nigel*noun*

a garage [UK]

< English right-wing politician Nigel Farage (b.1964). Although there is some variation in the pronunciation of *Farage*, Nigel Farage himself pronounces it to rhyme with *barrage*.

· I have started using 'Nigel Farage' as cockney rhyming slang for 'garage...' 'Just nipping to the Nigel'. – *Piston-Heads* forum, 16th May **2014**

· I thought it was probably a seat base spring – but wasn't too worried as my seat base still feels ok [...]. But now I see that it is even less of a worry... So, I've just bunged it into the Nigel. – *Briskoda.net* forum, 21st May **2014**

· Does anyone know of a good Nigel in Lewes. – *Lewes.co.uk* forum, 19th October **2014**

Nigel Garage*nickname*

English right-wing politician Nigel Farage (b.1964), founding member and sometime leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP)

A slang rhyme. The pronunciation of *Farage* is subject to some variation, but Nigel Farage himself pronounces it to rhyme with *barrage*.

· Nigel garage oozes days racist ideology every time he opens his mouth. – *www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk*, 5th April **2014**

· Nigel garage is pure class. Hollande is the class clown. – *www.youtube.com*, 10th April **2014**

· It's clear that UKIP have failed to do as well as their drum beaters predicted. Could Nigel Garage be out of a job soon? – *Digital Spy* forum, 23rd May **2014**

· I just pray that Nigel Garage knows something we don't or we are all stuffed! – *twitter.com*, 17th November **2016**

Nigel Mansell*verb*

to cancel [UK]

< English racing driver Nigel Mansell (b.1953).

· Ere, I have got to Nigel Mansell (cancel) my subscription because it costs an Ayrton Senna (tenner, £10) a month. – *www.grandprix.com*, 19th August **2003**

· Got to Nigel Mansell my subscription. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· TRANSACTION NIGEL MANSELLED. YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGED. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

Nigel Reo-Coker; Nigel*noun*

poker [UK]

< English footballer Nigel Reo-Coker (b.1984).

· I used to play Nigel (Reo-Coker, poker) with friends, and also used to go to the snooker hall for a game of Mark Viduka. The sad thing is that we genuinely did use those terms for years. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 9th August **2010**

nigger's lip; nigger*noun*

a chip (a deep-fried chipped potato) [UK]

First recorded in the plural form *nigger's lips*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· Nat Allen told me of Don's habitual response when he descended on Nat in Derby and was given one of Nat's standards – egg and chips for his tea: 'Not fucking nigger's lips again, is it, Nat?' – J. Perrin, *Villain*, p.244 [2006], **2005**

· During one pre-match meal, in the days of pie and Guinness, one player shouted down to me 'pass the nigger's lips', meaning chips. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 17th October **2008**

· After arriving at my first unit, the lance jack in my room used to regularly send me on errands to the local take away. Imagine my confusion as a young tom to be sent to Tidworth chippie for "Cod and niggers" [.] [A]ll was revealed as he stuffed his face with greasy fish and commented "fuck me, they do the best niggers lips for miles". – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 24th October **2008**

niggers lips*noun*

in scaffolding, metal clamps used for joining putlogs or transom tubes to ledgers [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *clips*, used specifically to refer to single couplers.

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

nigh enough; nigh enuff*noun*

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *puff*.

· You're not a man. You're a pouf. A bleeding nigh enuff it's my belief. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.64 [1947], **1936**

· **nigh enough** (or **enuff**). A passive homosexual; esp. a male harlot [.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

night and day*noun*

a play [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

night and day*adjective*

1 (of hair) grey; (of a person) having such hair [UK]

· You'll have me night and day before my time. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 (of weather) dull, overcast [UK]

Rhymes on *grey*.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.141, **2011**

night and day*verb*

to see a play [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

night boat to Cairo; night boat from Cairo; night boat

noun

a social security cheque [UK]

Rhymes on *giro*. < ‘Night Boat to Cairo’, a song by English band Madness, included in their 1979 debut album *One Step Beyond*.

· If you have a giro, you can cash your Night Boat. Night boat to Cairo. *Giro*. – *MIS Online* forum, 9th October 2005

· Life couldn’t be better. I give mom half my night boat from Cairo and I keep the rest for Jim Fees and proteins. – *Gymtalk-UK* forum, 20th December 2008

· Night boat from Cairo – *giro*. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.308, 2014

· She’s gone to pick up her night boat. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

night rider

noun

▶ see KNIGHT RIDER

Niki Lauda; Nicki Lauder; Nicky Lauder; niki; nicky

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *powder*. < Austrian motor-racing driver Andreas Nikolaus ‘Niki’ Lauda (b.1949).

· NICKY One of the many words relating to cocaine. Comes from Niki Lauda – powder. – B. Young and M. Moody, *Rock ‘n’ Roll*, p.98, 1985

· We should score some niki before we go out tonight. – *Brighton*, spoken, male, ca 25, January 1999

· It’s at times like this I could really handle a bit of Niki. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July 2001

· i got nicked coming back from amsterdam, i just had some bob monkhouse on me, no nicki lauder or damon hills. – *DOA* forum, 16th November 2001

· We just nicked some poor ol’ lad fer keepin’ some Nicky Lauder in ‘is ones and twos. – *UK Police Online* forum, 14th January 2008

· ‘Francis and I were popular because we had all the Niki Lauda on us – the powder,’ says Parfitt, explaining the rhyming slang. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 19th October 2014

Nina Simone; nina

noun

a telephone [UK]

< American jazz singer Nina Simone (1933–2003).

· ‘I was speaking to you earlier, I believe.’ ‘On the Nina,’ said Mr McGregor. [...] Rockney rhyming slang – Nina Simone: telephone. – R. Rankin, *Knees Up*, p.114, 2004

· Stop rabbiting on the Nina and put the Frank Skinner on woman. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th March 2007

nine and ten

noun

a pen for sheep [AUSTRALIA]

Shearers’ slang.

· Hey **Mark Foy** (boy), tell the **pitch and toss** (boss) that there’s a **willow the weep** (sheep) in my **nine and ten** (pen) with a **civil answer** (cancer) in his **I suppose** (nose). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, p.91, 1997

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

nine gallon kegs

noun

the legs [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

nine, ten, jack; 9, 10, jack; nine, ten

noun

1 the human back [UK: MANCHESTER]

< *nine, ten, jack* ‘a run of the three named in a hand of playing cards of any suit’. Only recorded in the full form.

· [T]his chairs killing my 9, 10, jack. – *Bluemoon* forum, 26th August 2009

2 excrement [UK]

Rhymes on *cack*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *FMTTM* forum, 5th February 2010

3 dismissal from employment [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

· Nine-Ten (Jack) = the sack (in work). – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 30th March 2012

nits and lice; nits

noun

among bookmakers, the betting odds [UK]

Rhymes on *price*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· What’s the nits on Saucy Sue in the 3.45 at Sandown? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

nits and lices

noun

among off-course gamblers, the morning betting odds on that day’s horse races [US]

▶ see ITSNEY AND ICESLAY

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Noah’s Ark; nose ark; norze; noah

noun

1 an enjoyable escapade; an amusing event; a prank [UK]

Rhymes on *lark*. < Noah’s Ark, the vessel described in Genesis. Only recorded in the form *Noah’s Ark*.

· Then a bow-wow by her side, / Who till then had stood and tried / A ‘Jenny Lee’ to banish, / Which was on his ‘Jonah’s whale,’ / Gave a hydrophobia bark, / (She cried, ‘What a Noah’s Ark!’) / And right through my ‘rank and riches’ / Did my ‘cribbage pegs’ assail. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tot-tie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Well, then, this’ll be a Noah’s ark for you. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

2 an informer [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *nark*. Recorded in the forms *Noah's Ark*, *norze* and *noah*. The last two are exclusively British.

· An informer or mar-plot is a nark or a Jonah or a Noah's Ark. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 17th December **1898**

· A “Noah's Ark” in Australian rhyming slang means a “nark.” – *Punch* magazine, Melbourne, 18th May **1916**

· – V. Davis, *Phenomena in Crime*, p.254, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.37, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.251, **1982**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.33, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· In the U.S. the slang word *nark* “policeman, informer” is often confused with *narc* “a narcotics agent”. [...] The equivalent in Cockney Rhyming Slang is *norze*, being the local pronunciation of *Noah's*, as in *Noah's Ark*. – *www.takeourword.com*, 8th January **2006**

· Watch out for him, he's a Noah. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

3 among funfair and carnival showmen, a knowledgeable member of the audience who mars an entertainment or exhibition [UK]

Rhymes on *nark*. Only recorded in the form *Noah's Ark*.

· It was one slack Saturday afternoon that I noticed a large shop next door to where I worked, that had been vacant for some time, to be now occupied, owing to a man standing on a box outside and shouting at the top of his voice, and causing a crowd to collect. I soon learned that it was a penny show. Now all my life before, such things held no interest whatever for me, in fact I was what they called a Noahs Ark (Nark). – T. Norman, *The Penny Showman*, pp.4–5 (1985), edited version of an unpublished manuscript written **ca 1921**

· Tom Norman further enlivened the proceedings by telling tales of how this aged native once swam across the Orange River to save a party of shipwrecked sailors who would otherwise have been lost. (It was an element in the story he hastily discarded when a knowledgeable listener – such a person being termed a ‘Noah's Ark’ or ‘nark’ in showmen's lingo – informed him that anyone who wished to might wade across the Orange River without getting their knees wet.) – M. Howell and P. Ford, *Elephant Man*, [2010], **1992**

4 a park [AUSTRALIA/US/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Noah's Ark* and *noah*. The latter is exclusively British.

· – G.H. Lawson, *DAWT*, **ca 1924**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.37, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· I used to get me barnet cut there, just round the Johnnie from the Noah. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

· Then she's on the dog and bone (phone) in the sherbet dab (cab) going to the Noah's Ark (park) with the bin lids (kids) and the pot and pan (old man). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

5 a shark [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Recorded in the forms *Noah's Ark* and *noah*. The latter is exclusively Australian.

· Noah's Ark is a shark. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**

· ‘Poor blighter, what about the ‘Noah's Arks’?’ voices exclaimed. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Dit*, Melbourne, September **1945**

· Know what a “Noah” is? We didn't until we started compiling a glossary of surfing slang, and found a “Noah” is a shark. – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 11th November **1953**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· [I]t is one of the most widely used terms in Australia, e.g., at the beach, one often hears, ‘Is that a Noah out there?’ To some people, a Noah is a shark without any knowledge of the whole term (Noah's ark) or its derivation from rhyming slang. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.75, **1968**

· Some whizz kids have even determined that Harold Holt wasn't sucked off a rock by a Noah. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller's Tool*, p.21, **1985**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Watch out for the Noah. – B. Marcus, *Extreme Surf*, p.80, **2008**

6 a stupid or annoying person; specifically a spoilsport [AUSTRALIA/US/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *nark*. In Australian and American usage, only evidenced in the form *Noah's Ark*. In Irish English, only recorded in the form *nose ark*.

· – S.J. Baker, *PDAS1*, **1941**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· Not much denaro; stayed over in --, gammy letty, clem doner and clem mujarai. Feather was tome, Bat was a lid and a half. What a doner, some nose ark. – P. Logan, *Fair Day*, p.138, **1986**

7 a person who lends money at usurious rates of interest [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *loan shark*. Only recorded in the form *Noah's Ark*.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxvi, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

8 among street market traders, a person who accompanies a customer but discourages him or her from making a purchase [UK]

Rhymes on *nark*. Only recorded in the form *Noah's Ark*.

· – P. O'Shaughnessy, *Market-Traders' Argot*, p.27, **1975**

9 a lark (a brown, long-winged songbird) [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Noah's Ark*.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

10 the dark [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Noah's Ark*.

· I then took Sarah and Scott on a midnight walk through Highbury Fields in the Noah's Ark (dark). – *scandal munro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September 2005

Noah's Ark; noah's

adjective

1 dark [UK]

< Noah's Ark, the vessel described in Genesis.

· I get up in the morning an' none so fast when it's tates in the mould and Noah's Ark. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, 1973

· Cricketers have to up stumps when it gets too 'Noah's ark'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· In the days of that lemon of trouble the Bath bun will grow Noah's[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.109, 2001

2 secret [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dark*. Used in the phrase *keep something Noah's Ark* (or *keep something noah's*) 'to keep something secret'.

· "I didn't understand a word anyone was saying when I came in," Amy says. Now, both women are familiar with the mostly rhyming slang that has infiltrated their own. [...] Keeping it Noah's (Ark) means you're keeping it dark – a secret. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 3rd March 2002

Nobby Clark; Nobby Clarke; nobby

noun

a shark [UK]

< *Nobby Clark* or *Nobby Clarke*, a traditional nickname, particularly in the armed services, given to personnel named *Clark* or *Clarke*; as a sobriquet, *Nobby Clark(e)* seems to have originated as a pun on *nobby clerk* (the latter word pronounced *clark* in British English), a phrase that harks back to a time when City clerks wore top hats and were therefore perceived as 'nobby' or upper class.

· [T]his was good fun until a large set of teeth came up along side, known to one and all as a Nobby Clark (Shark). – *twogreens.co.uk*, 'Falklands War Diary' by Peter J. Green, accessed 1st February 2009; entry dated 16th April 1982

· Nobby Clark is Cockney rhyming slang for a shark It is always shortened to Nobby (as in did you see that nobby) It was extensively used in the army in the 40's. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 7th April 2008

· There is probably no subject amongst those whose work place or play-field is the sea which attracts more attention, evokes more emotion or creates more misinformed mythology than good old Nobby Clark. – J. Blatchley, *Adjacent to the Argonauts*, p.135, 2010

· [A] Blooming great Nobby Clarke had taken the bait, No matter what I did I couldnt Stop the Bleeder,.. I played

it for over a half hour then reached a stalemate and had to chop my 100lb braid,.. this Nobby was a Big Un[.] – *World Sea Fishing* forum, 6th December 2010

· I liked the bit about "Nobby Clarke" being Cockney rhyming slang for a shark. – *alt.usage.english*, *Google Groups*, 7th February 2011

· Being seamen, we always called them 'Nobbys' [rhyming slang: Nobby Clark/shark]. – S. Elliott and S. Humphries, *Britain's Greatest Generation*, p.141, 2015

· And of course the scare stories abound - most Matelots will have a 'dit' to spin about the time one of their muckers came too close for comfort to a nobby... ("Nobby Clark" = Naval rhyming slang for shark.) – *forces.tv*, 6th November 2015

Nobby Halls

noun

the testicles [UK/US]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Nobby Hall, the hero of an old bawdy song whose opening verse goes 'His name was Nobby Hall, Nobby Hall, / His name was Nobby Hall, Nobby Hall, / His name was Nobby Hall and he only had one... arm [or finger], / His name was Nobby Hall, Nobby Hall.'

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, 2009

· If I had a bunch of guy friends over for beers and poker and tried to sell them gym memberships, I'd probably get a good swift kick in the nobby-halls. – *exileonpain-street.com*, blog, 4th April 2011

Nobby Stiles; nobbys; nobbies; norberts

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English footballer Norbert 'Nobby' Stiles (b.1942).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· **Nobbies** rhym. slang. Piles; Emmas; bum grapes. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, 1997

· After picking up my new Gregory Pecks from the chemist, I forked out a Marilu Henner for a crate of Mick Jagger and then bought a takeaway Ruby Murray, even though it's not the best thing for my Nobby Stiles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November 2000

· Me nobbies are acting up again. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· And surely England's 1966 World Cup winner *Nobby Stiles* (= 'piles') deserves better. – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, 2004

· I've got a dose of the Nobbys. – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November 2010

· [N]o laughing matter the old nobby stiles. they can be life threatening i've heard. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th February 2012

· Nobby Stiles, John Steinbecks (the Grapes of Wrath), Emma Freuds ... whatever cricketers call haemorrhoids, they definitely aren't a laughing matter for those suffer-

- ing with them. – D. Whiting and L. Kenna, *Cricket Banter*, p.47, **2013**
- [B]est rhyming slang [...]. – Chalfonts. – Or Norberts. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**
 - How's your Norberts? – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

Noddy Holder

noun

the shoulder [UK]

- < English musician Neville John 'Noddy' Holder (b.1946), best known as the lead singer and guitarist of the rock band Slade.
- I've a right pain in me Noddy Holders! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th October **2006**
- Although a few geezers are missing in action the rest will turn up and put on a turn. Who's missing? Well, I think you already know who's Friar Tucked. Sheridan did his Noddy Holder and is out for the count. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**
- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Noel Gallagher

noun

a week in Málaga, a popular holiday resort on the Spanish Costa del Sol [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < English rock musician Noel Gallagher (b.1967), best known as a member of the band Oasis.
- Holidaymakers could fly to Gary Barlow (Monte Carlo) or have a Noel Gallagher (week in Malaga). – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**
- For my holiday this year I'm going for a Noel Gallagher [week in Malaga]. – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 18th January **2001**

Noel Gallagher; Noel

nickname

Málaga, a city and province on the Costa del Sol in southern Spain [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang.
- At Easter he himself was off to Noel Gallagher (Malaga) with his mate, who was a right good laugh. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 11th January **2001**
- A nice week in Noel... – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

Noel Hunt

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. < Irish footballer Noel Hunt (b.1982).
- – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February **2006**
- Aye, folk who go on about the philosophy as if it's the be all and end all are a bunch of Noel Hunts. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 27th May **2011**
- I hope the dogs got a tetanus jab after biting one of those noel hunts! – *etims.net*, 10th February **2015**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- The clubs made a right noel hunt of it by signing expensive foreign players and paying wages they couldn't afford. – *Hibs.net* forum, 7th March **2008**
- Not saying there has been any wrong doing, but they have made a proper Noel Hunt of running the club the last few years. – *Footymad* forum, 1st February **2015**

Noel McGrowdie

adjective

cloudy [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian jockey Noel McGrowdie (1920–61).

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Nogg's blossom

noun

an amount of money [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *doss* 'money for lodgings'. Possibly < *Noggs' Bloss*, a reference to Newman Nogs, a character in Charles Dickens's *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839), and his characteristic red nose. *Bloss* might be a quaint shortening of *blossom*, a familiar metaphor for a drinker's nose.
- Money in the lump—an ambition rather than an achievement—is many things, most recently perhaps "Nogg's Bloss." – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

non-skid

noun

a Jew [UK/US?]

- Rhymes on *Yid*. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- "It was a Sheeny started all that, in there," he says. "Did you know? A Sheeny. One of them blokes you can't seem to like. A Shonk. A Yid. One of Mr Nathan's crew. Same family as Ike Buzgang. A Non Skid. Did you know? Funny, ain't it?" – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.347, **1943**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

nook and cranny

noun

1 the buttocks [UK]

- Rhymes on *fanny*, an Americanism occasionally used in British English.
- Well, on the way back, I slipped on a banana skin and fell flat on me *nook and cranny*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.43, **1979**

2 the vagina [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fanny*.

· You can't roll that tobacco, it's as dry as a nun's nook & cranny. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.XIV, 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Oh, who are we kidding – they'll probably pay a *photographer* to lurk in every nook and cranny. And no, "nook and cranny" isn't rhyming slang for something more gynaecological... we hope. – *admin.heatworld.com*, 30th September 2008

· nook and cranny is ur fanny[.] – *Companions.com.au* forum, 13th February 2010

· I have had a nice few times down at the old nook and cranny. Is it cockney rhyming slang or near southampton? – *T4Tinnitus* forum, 2nd January 2011

3 women as sex objects [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fanny*.

· Listen, mate, if yir eftir any nook and cranny ower here, jist geez a shout. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.7, 2015

norberts

noun

► see NOBBY STILES

Norfolk coast

noun

in football, a goalpost [UK]

< *Norfolk coast*, a reference to the coastal area of Norfolk, a county in the east of England. Coined and popularised by English footballer-turned-pundit Paul Merson (b.1968). Synonymous with BEANS ON TOAST, CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST and SUNDAY ROAST.

· A toss-up between Merse following last week's rhyming slang "he's hit the Casper The Friendly Ghost" with "he's hit the Norfolk Coast". – *www.mirrorfootball.co.uk*, 23rd January 2011

· He's just hit the Norfolk coast, Jeff. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 26th May 2011

norfolks

noun

chords [UK]

A shortening of *Norfolks Broads*. < Norfolk Broads, the inland waterways (six rivers and sixty-three broads) in east Norfolk and north Suffolk. Musicians' slang. Synonymous with FLORRIES and NORWEGIANS. ► see VOCAL NORFOLKS

· In cases like this, one sorts out the chords (UK readers – Norfolks, Norfolk Broads, chords!) very quickly! – J. Denman, *Denmania*, 1979

· – J. Green, *DJ*, 1987

· Norfolk (Broads) – chords. – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August 2003

· A musician who was unfortunate enough to play a wrong change could expect the acid diatribe: "What about those dicey Norfolks...?" – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 12th September 2007

· 'Changes' are the usual term that jazz musicians use for the chords in a piece. More imaginatively, they are also

described as 'Norfolks'[.] – M.R. Doffman, *Feeling the Groove*, p.300, 2008

Norfolk tit

noun

a hat [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *tit*, the first element of *titfer*, a common shortening of TIT FOR TAT.

· He sold *round-the-'ouses* (trousers), *Norfolk tits* (*tit-for-tat*, hat), *turtles* (from *turtle doves*, gloves) and *Tilburys* (from *Tilbury Docks*, socks). – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th April 1999

Noris McWhirter; noris

noun

► see NORRIS MCWHIRTER

norman

noun

grievous bodily harm [UK]

A shortening of *Norman St John-Stevas*, rhyming on *grievous*. < English Conservative politician Norman St John-Stevas (1929–2012), aka Lord St John of Fawsley, who was Leader of the House and Minister for the Arts under Margaret Thatcher.

· Norman – GBH (Norman St John Stevas – grievous). – *The Independent*, London, 5th June 1998

Norman Cook

noun

a notebook [UK]

< English musician and DJ Norman Cook (b.1963), best known as Fatboy Slim.

· So get out your Noman Cook and start taking note[.] – *www.int13h.com*, 22nd September 2000

Normandy beach; normandy

noun

a speech [UK]

< *Normandy beach*, a general reference to the beaches on the Normandy coast of northern France where the Allied forces landed on 6th June 1944 (later named D-Day) to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany.

· They listen gloomily to the Queen's Normandy Beach. – P. Wheeler and A. Broadhead, *Upper Class*, p.35, 1985

· [T]he best man goes over the top with a 'Normandy' designed to embarrass the bridegroom. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, 2008

Norman Harper

noun

to go; to run away; to leave quickly [UK]

Rhymes on *scarper*. < Canadian singing cowboy and actor Norman Harper (1920–?), who, in tandem with his horse Starlight, was a popular radio and stage act in Britain in the 1940s and 1950s. In use among circus people. ► see SCAPA FLOW

· Circus seems to be an amalgamation of Romany, show, theatre and even cockney slang. I once even heard a rhyming slang phrase used for another slang word – Norman Harper is slang for scarper which is slang for run away. – *jamielclubb.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th May **2010**

Norman Vaughans

noun

the hands [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hauns*, the Scots equivalent of *hands*. < English comedian Norman Vaughan (1923–2002).

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

Norman Vaughn

noun

pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porn*. < English comedian Norman Vaughan (1923–2002).

· Austin Maxis always make me think of 1970s soft porn mags. A friend's dad had a Maxi and we discovered that he hid his Norman Vaughn in the garage where he also kept his Maxi. – *Car4play* forum, 14th April **2014**

Norman von Nida; norman

noun

a spider [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian golfer Norman von Nida (1914–2007).

· – *1stgencivic.org* forum, 24th May **2011**

· Fortunately for me as I adjusted my Reg Grundies with my Onkaparingas, I saw a Norman Von Nida which turned out to be quite a Victor Trumper. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December **2011**

· Look out! It's a Norman von Nida. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**

· Look out Jack, there's a bloody big Norman there! – *twitter.com*, 22nd January **2013**

Norris McWhirter; Noris McWhirter; norris; noris

noun

1 a woman who ejaculates a notable amount of fluid at orgasm [UK]

Rhymes on *squirter*. < English author and right-wing political activist Norris McWhirter (1925–2004); he is well remembered as co-founder and compiler (with his twin brother Ross) of the *Guinness Book of Records*.

· [H]is good lady wife was a "right Norris". – *h2g2* forum, 17th December **1999**

· "It was a bit of a shock mate, turns out shes a Noris, i thought she was trying to put out a fire". Noris Mcwhirter – Squirter. – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 25th November **2008**

· Not sure if this is original or in common use but I used it to describe a "lady" once: Norris. – *PistonHeads* forum, 28th January **2010**

· Fucking yeah... the girl is a Norris McWhirter!!! – *UK Babe Channels* forum, 21st April **2012**

· [B]eing a bit of a Norris McWhirter (squirter), she gave his hand a bit of a soaking when she came, which he's

kind of come to expect. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 1st September **2014**

2 a vehicle's windscreen washer jet [UK]

Rhymes on *squirter*. Recorded in the form *Norris McWhirter*.

· [W]hen I picked her up I had driven about 200 yards and I tried the "Norris McWhirters" the squirters. Nothing, looked on the service check sheet and there it was Screen Wash! – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 2nd March **2004**

· Electric Norris McWhirter [...] – I think that I'll be swapping out the foot pump "windscreen squirter" for an electric one that is operated by a switch on the dash. – *Alfa Romeo Owners Club UK* forum, 2nd August **2006**

· I realised that the big puddle of water hadn't come from my radiator (which would have been around £250 to fix) but was in fact from my washer bottle, my squirters, my Norris McWhirters). – *baghabit.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th March **2010**

3 in table football, the act of trapping the ball under the feet of one of the men and forcing it forward as if it had been squirted out [UK]

Rhymes on *squirter*. Recorded in the forms *Norris McWhirter* and *norris*.

· – *misterpaulhill.co.uk*, 26th July **2004**

Norris McWhirters

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the squirters*. < English author and right-wing political activist Norris McWhirter (1925–2004).

· [G]iven that she's prone to doses of the Norris McWhirters I was surprised not to find something even nastier waiting for us when we got up this morning. – *halfhead.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th July **2005**

· Don't drink too much (over 2 litres) of cold water as it can upset the tummy and give you the Norris Mcwhirters[.] – *Bikers Oracle* forum, 13th July **2006**

· Unfortunately for me, I came down with a nasty case of the Norris McWhirters shortly before going on stage[.] – *www.danwhaley.co.uk*, blog, accessed 9th March **2016**

north and south; north an'; north'n; north

noun

the mouth [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

The full form is common in all six locations of use.

North an' (also spelt *north'n*) is British and Australian, while *north* is exclusively British.

· "I'll smash your 'glass case,' and damage your 'north and south,'" roared Bill, referring to the face and mouth of his opponent. – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.169, **1858**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the

novice. [...] North an' (north and south), mouth. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

· What a mouth! What a mouth! What a north and south! / Ker-i-key, what a mouth he's got! – *What a Mouth*, lyric, originally popularised by Harry Champion, written and composed by Robert P. Weston, **1906**

· Whilst he is eating, his “north and south”-mouth—is too busily engaged for him to indulge in any “pickled pork”-talk[.] – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· So keep your old North and South sewed up, and you'll go down a treat. – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.95, **1943**

· – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, **1953**

· [H]e was shouting his north and south off at some very mild looking geezer, who was leaning up against a wall dressed in rags. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.136, **1959**

· So, too, his “lump of lead” means his head; [...] his “north and south” his mouth[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, **1963**

· So Chalky got rorty, showed 'im an Oliver, 'it 'im in the north, Irish and minces, gave 'im one in the Auntie and messed up 'is new whistle. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.32, **1973**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· NORTH AND SOUTH: [...] Mouth. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· But before the old lady could cut him a slice of bread, he was stuffing it in his norf and souf and he was giving it a right old chew up. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.83, **1983**

· **north and south** *n.* the mouth. – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· [H]e'd get a bunch of fives in his north and south and he'd be off back to wherever he came from. – *The Sun*, London, 13th April **1994**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.28, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**

· His Loaf bobs up and down, and I clock a revolting grin all over his North while he plays. – C. Miéville, *King Rat*, p.161 [1999], **1998**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

· Your mouth is your *north'n*. – *tabloidbaby.blogspot.com*, Australian journalist Steve Dunleavy, 30th September **2008**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· When I'd finished I wiped the back of my hand across my north and south[.] – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.89, **2016**

Northants

noun

men's or women's underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *pants*. < *Northants*, a shortening of *Northamptonshire*, a county in the East Midlands.

· The fearful may soil their 'Northants'. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, **2003**

North Pole

noun

the anus [UK/US?]

Rhymes on *hole*. Synonymous with SOUTH POLE. The only record of *North Pole* in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· His pal got out his 'Hampton' and shoved it up his 'North Pole' (arse-hole) as if it were a 'Berkeley'. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, pp.45–46 [1901], **1898**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

North Sea

noun

tea [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]

< North Sea, an arm of the Atlantic Ocean between Great Britain and the northwestern part of the European continent.

· I prefer a glass of Acker Bilk or a cup of North Sea. – *Harrogate Town FC Forum*, 14th February **2013**

North Sea diver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *five*. < North Sea, an arm of the Atlantic Ocean lying between Great Britain and northern Europe.

· – *The Fretboard* forum, 3rd October **2013**

North Sea oil

noun

toil [UK: SCOTLAND]

· It'll no' be easy. There's gonnae be a fair bit o' North Sea oil involved. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

North Strand

noun

the hand [IRELAND]

< North Strand, an area of Dublin.

· In Jo maxi with oil rigger at tommy steel ... bag of jockeys in my north strand ... – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2010**

North Sydney

noun

the kidney [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

norwegians*noun*

chords [UK]

A shortening of *Norwegian Fjords*. Musicians' slang. Synonymous with FLORRIES and NORFOLKS.

· – J. Green, *DJ*, 1987

· Do you have the Norwegians for this number? – *alt. guitar.bass*, *Google Groups*, 15th February 2002

· Can you write out the norwegians for that tune before the gig? – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August 2003

· What are the 'Norfolks' (Norfolk Broads = chords) for this song? [...] An earlier version was 'Norwegian Fjords', but I always liked the 'Norfolks'. – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 12th September 2007

· We're a bit Mozart, and there are some dodgy Norwegians in there, but we'll do our best. – *www.nationaljazzarchive.co.uk*, 8th January 2013

· A jazz musician friend of mine told me that jazzmen still frequently refer to 'Norwegians', as in 'Have you got the Norwegians for *I Got Rhythm*?'. – *englishlanguagechanges.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th October 2014

norze*noun*

▶ see NOAH'S ARK

nose and chin; nose*noun*

1 a penny [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang word *winn*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

2 gin [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· Gin is also what is known as [...] Needle (needle and pin) and Nose (nose and chin). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November 2005

· What I wouldn't give for a glass of nose and chin and an oily rag, nawmean? – *Tribe.ca* forum, 5th April 2006

· – T. Breverton, *Breverton's Nautical Curiosities*, p.124, 2010

3 in horse racing, a win on a bet [UK]

Perhaps influenced by the idiom *win by a nose*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.69, 1973

· The betting community use the slang terms 'evens', which is short for 'evens Steven's' from Major Stevens and 'nose and chin,' meaning a win. – J. Harrowven, *Origins*, p.318, 1977

· I 'ad a good nose and chin on the airs and graces. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· I've had a nose on the horses. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, 2009

nose and chin; nose*verb*

in horse racing, to win [US/UK]

Perhaps influenced by the idiom *win by a nose*. In American English, only recorded in the full form.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· They gave him a tip so he put a *national debt* on this nag to nose. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, 2011

nose ark*noun*

▶ see NOAH'S ARK

nose bleeder*noun*

a reader [UK]

· Any intelligent nose-bleeder can work the rest out for himself. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, p.200, 1961: *The Heraldry Gazette*, Guildford, April 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, 1973

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

nosey me knacker; noser-my-knacker; nose-my;**nose 'em; nose'm***noun*

tobacco [UK]

Rhymes on *terbacker*, the colloquial pronunciation of *tobacco*, and therefore also on the slang forms *bacca* and *baccer*.

· Splodger, will you have a Jack-surpass of finger-and-thumb, and blow your yard of *tripe* of nosey me knacker, and have a touch of the *broads* with me and the other heaps of *coke* at my *drum*. – *The Morning Chronicle*, London, 'Labour and the Poor', unsigned article by Henry Mayhew, 31st January 1850

· NOSE-MY, *n.* Tobacco, commonly called *backey*. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857

· NOSE EM, or FOGUS, tobacco. [...] NOSE-MY, *backy*, – vulgar pronunciation of tobacco. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· **Nose 'em**, or FOGUS, tobacco. NOSE 'EM is but a contraction of the rhyming slang, which see. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874

· NOSE'M, *subs.* (common).–Tobacco; FOGUS (*q.v.*). [...] NOSER-MY-KNACKER, *subs. phr.* (rhyming). – Tobacco; FOGUS (*q.v.*). – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1902

· **noser-my-knacker**, R-S = *backer* (or *bacco*), du tabac. L'expression est souvent réduite à *nose 'em*. – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, 1923

no surrenders*noun*

suspenders [UK]

· – *Football Forums.net*, 14th February 2002

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· [S]he had a nice pair of john greigs, which were wrapped up in a lovely pair of no surrenders. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd June 2011

not much frocks*noun*

socks [UK/US?]

The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of words that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- Never doin’ no honest work out o’ quod from the time when they was in not much frocks an’ nickin’ the baby’s milk to when their poor ole shakin’ legs got them lagged on the kinchin lay. – E. Pugh, *The Spoilers*, p.66, **1906**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

Not So Much

noun/adjective?

Dutch [US]

Lack of evidence makes it impossible to determine if the word is used as a noun (meaning ‘the Dutch’), an adjective or both.

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Dutch, Not So Much. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

notting hillbilly

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *willy*. < Notting Hillbillies, an occasional British country band featuring Mark Knopfler, Steve Phillips, Guy Fletcher and Brendan Crocker.

- I’ll continue my health report by letting you know that my Jeff Beck is fine, my Alan McGhee’s are problem free, but as for my Notting Hillbilly, just don’t ask. – *Dorset Echo*, England, 16th August **2002**

nought and cross

noun

a horse [UK]

A perfect rhyme in old Cockney dialect.

- “Charing Cross” for horse should read “nought and cross.” – *The London Figaro*, 26th November **1898**

Nova Scotia

adjective

(of food or a food establishment) fulfilling the requirements of Jewish law [UK]

Rhymes on *kosher*. < Nova Scotia, a Canadian province.

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, **1973**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

now and never; now or never

adjective

clever [UK]

Now or never first occurs as an entry head in J. Redding Ware’s *Passing English of the Victorian Era* (1909), but there the word is substantiated with an 1882 quotation that illustrates the variant with *and*. Curiously, Ware himself gives a genuine example of usage of *now or never* in the entry FLAG UNFURLED.

- Well, these Tommy Rotters kid the poor judy they’re very rich, and if they’re now and never they get carefully carried (married) to her. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, s.v. *Now or never*, 1909: *Biography of Cheap Heiress Hunters*, **1882**
- **now and never** clever. – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- **Now and/or Never Clever** [...] ‘Oh, that was now and never!’ – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Trevor is *now and never*. At school, all the teachers were impressed with how quick he was to *earwig*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**

now is the hour

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**
- – www.businessballs.com, accessed 8th April **2008**
- [I]ts the poms who have no trams and trains – like to blow of the north and south and bloody well never take a now is the hour!! – *Sennadar* forum, 7th January **2009**
- The weather will be warm so you’ll need some ‘Bob Hope’ (*soap*) for your ‘now is the hour’ (*shower*)[] – www.squaredancenational2016.com, ‘Buderim Bush Telegraph’, March **2016**

now’s my chance

noun

an act of dancing [UK]

Rhymes on *dance*. The quotation below, whilst being taken from an American source, cannot be seen as unequivocal evidence that the word has been used in America; at least some of the rhyming slang words in the text have not been discovered elsewhere outside of the context of British English.

- Another form of slang peculiar to actors, especially English performers, is the application of long or compound synonyms of a jocular nature to the most common objects or actions. [...] Here is a sample of it: “Hello, old pot and pan, how is your trouble and strife?” “All Isle of Wight. Her Chevy Chase is still bad, but she’s on her plates of meat at last. She’ll soon be doing her now’s-my-chance on the greengage again.” – *Los Angeles Herald*, 8th October **1905**

nuclear sub; nuclear

noun

a pub [UK]

- He then orders an Aristotle of the most ping pong tidily in the nuclear sub and switches back to his footer. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**
- Fancy a quick one down the Nuclear? – www.bbc.co.uk, 18th February **1999**
- [A] boozier (battle cruiser) normally means the nuclear sub rather than the offy. – *h2g2* forum, 29th April **2001**
- Just Popping Down the Nuclear for a Britney[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 30th September **2002**
- I'm off down the nuclear. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**
- Heading down the 'nuclear sub' in a bit to watch it with a pint of the old Doombar. – *PoliceSpecials.com* forum, 6th April **2013**
- Had a crackin night down the ol'nuclear. – *Heroes & Villains – The Aston Villa Fanzine* forum, 25th May **2014**

Nuclear Subs

nickname

the Dublin GAA football team

- Rhymes on *the Dubs*, a popular name for this club.
- Sitting in the Eoin Hand (Stand) and surrounded by mulchy farmer types from Meath... Come on the Nuclear Subs (Dubs). – twitter.com, 27th June **2010**

Nuno Valente

noun

a large amount [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *plenty*. < Portuguese footballer Nuno da Silva Valente (b.1974), who played for Everton FC from 2005 to 2009.
- [T]heres nuno valente = theres plenty. – *BBC 606* forum, 31st October **2007**

nuns and habits; nuns

noun

rabbits [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- In Australian usage, only in the phrase *shoot some nuns* 'to go rabbit shooting'.
- Gotta shoot some nuns. – djquan.angelcities.com/aus-sie.html, 3rd April **2000**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- The blonde offers Jackie Danny an' the next 'alf hour is goin' at it like nuns an' habits while these two sorts bite tit willow. Me flowers an' frolics are achin' when I finally get me Harry Monk out... – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- Look at the nuns and habits hopping around. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O' The Day*, p.45, **2008**
- I came down the apples, put on me tit fer, and went outside to take a butchers at me nuns. – gwin.ca, 'C-Notes, a publication of Guelph Women in Networking', April **2010**
- Shoot some nuns: To go rabbit shooting. Nun + habit = rabbit. – www.aussiekymbo.com, accessed 10th May **2013**

nun's habit

noun

talk; a conversation [UK]

- Compounded rhyming slang on *rabbit*, the short version of RABBIT AND PORK.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Nuremberg Trials; Nuremburg Trials; nurembergs; nuremburgs

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

- Rhymes on *piles*. < *Nuremberg Trials*, the trials of twenty-two Nazi leaders conducted by an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1945 and 1946.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Me Nuremberg's are really playing me up. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Piles (hemorrhoids) I would always say 'Farmers' (Farmer Giles), but I've heard Nurembergs (Nuremberg Trials)[.] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- My Nuremburgs are killing me this morning. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd October **2006**
- Perhaps you could paint your rear bumper purple and pretend your 107's got a dose of the Nurembergs. – *Peugeot Owners Club* forum, 15th September **2008**
- However, as a fellow sufferer of the dreaded "Nurembergs" (Nuremberg Trials), I can empathise with you entirely. – *Club126UK* forum, 12th November **2008**
- – P. Convery, *Inkhorn's Erotonomicon*, p.168, **2012**
- [S]he yells out as though she's got a bottle and glass full of nuremburg trials. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**
- In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Nuremburgs, Metrics, Nobbys (or Norberts), Belindas, four minutes, Sieg Heils. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**
- OK, what's nurembergs? Nuremberg Trials, piles. – *Birds of a Feather*, UK TV: ITV, 15th January **2015**

nursery rhyme

noun

crime [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

Nursery Rhymes

nickname

the *Times* newspaper (London)

- An alternative nickname is CAPTAIN GRIMES.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

nutcrackers

noun

the testicles [UK]

- Rhymes *knackers*. An elaboration of *nuts*, perhaps as a result of blending with CREAM CRACKERS, JACOB'S

CREAM CRACKERS, CHRISTMAS CRACKERS OR CHEESE AND CRACKERS.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- Pictures of PEOPLE GETTING kicked in the nutcrackers. – www.facebook.com, 15th December 2009
- A swift kick in the nutcrackers should do the trick. – answers.yahoo.com, 15th June 2012

nutmeg

noun

1 an egg [UK]

- I ate a good Lord-direct-us, which consisted of two rashers of offered-and-taken, two nutmegs, and a steam tug of merci boko. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April 1938

2 a person’s leg [UK]

In this usage the word is a post hoc rhyming interpretation of the footballing term *nutmeg* ‘a manoeuvre in which the ball is kicked between an opponent’s legs’ (also used as a verb), itself seemingly an elaboration of *nuts* ‘testicles’ or a figurative extension of the archaic slang *nutmegs*, also applied to the testes.

- Cor, look at the nutmegs on that! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

- In the preferred linguistic construction of Harry Redknapp, the word for “leg” is “nutmeg”. Thus, if you put the ball through an opponents legs, you’d be putting it through his “nutmegs”. – www.pastemagazine.com, 14th October 2015

Nuts and May

noun

a day [AUSTRALIA]

< *Nuts and May* (or *Nuts in May*) ‘a traditional children’s game of English origin in which two facing rows of players advance and retreat as they sing alternate verses of the song “Nuts in May”’.

- Well, it’s a grouse sort of a Nuts and May, with very few Maurice O’Dowds in the Meat Pie, and no chance of any King of Spain. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

nuts and screws

noun

shoes [IRELAND]

- Said he was going for a jingle jangle to the tin of brawn with his nuts and screws. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, 1966
- I have a slick colin and my new nuts and screws to wear tonight[.] – answers.yahoo.com, 26th August 2008

O

o'

noun

▶ see OH MY DEAR

oak and ash; oak

noun

cash; money [UK/US]

The short form is exclusively British.

· – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, 'Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney's Rhyming Slang', 28th November 1955

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· Get some oak and ash at the Hank and Frank. –

L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.63, 1968

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· Have you any oak on you? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

· A well-placed expletive or the use of rhyming slang can convey a meaning far quicker than officialese. For example "printing piles of oak and ash" or "Plymouth sounds" informs far quicker than the esoteric "Quantitative Easing." – *www.leicestermercury.co.uk*, 7th November 2012

oak and ash; oak

adjective

clever, knowing, sharp [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*.

· "Very oak," says the man who knows. Now, you may go on rhyming with oak from now till everlasting and not get so much as warm in guessing what is indicated. The graduate in the unwritten language has heard all he wants. "Very oak" extended would be "very oak and ash," and no rhyming dictionary or other is needed for coupling flash with ash. – M. Cobbett, *Sporting Notions*, p.25, 1908

oars and rowlocks; oars and rollocks

noun

1 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. Suggested by *ROLLOCKS*.

· That's a load of oars & rowlocks and you know it. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· What a load of oars and rollocks you do talk. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Now I know Harry talks a load of oars and rowlocks[.] – *robborobson.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th September 2010

2 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· **Oars & Rollocks** *Bollocks* Used anatomically but mainly when the smell of 'bullshit' is in the air. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

3 courage; guts [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. Perhaps a nonce word, rather than an established New Zealand usage.

· Yes it was cold, bitterly so, but if one guy had the desperation, the oars and rowlocks to fight through it surely a little help wouldn't have gone amiss? One man can only do so much. – *www.petonerugby.com*, 23rd July 2011

oats and barley; oats

noun

1 a fool [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *charlie*. ▶ see CHARLIE HUNT

· I told him 'e looked a proper *oats*. [...] I told 'im he looked a proper *oats* 'n' *barley*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, 1969

2 cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *charlie*. Also in the form *Charlie Oats*, recorded by Bronson (2008). ▶ see BARLEY

· I always know where the oats is going before I call it on. I wouldn't ask Gene to send round seventy kilos and then try and riddle out what to do with it. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.118 [2001], 2000

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Q. Do you want some oats and barley. A. Do you mean some *charlie*. – *UD(.com)*, 7th June 2005

· William Hill's. And some oats and barley and a bit of mickey duff. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th September 2006

· 'I like a drop of the oats meself,' says Sonny, 'but she's gone silly on it.[.]' – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, pp.41–42, 2011

3 a night-watchman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *charlie*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· [A] 'watchie' was known as an 'oats'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

4 a man who lives off a prostitute's earnings, a pimp [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *charlie*, the short form of CHARLIE RONCE. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Oats and Barley; Oats; Oatsie

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Charlie* [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· It was the day before Christmas, three years back, and Bob and his particular chum, Oats (which is short rhyming slang for Charley. "Oats-and-barley" it is in full, but the true art of it lies in the abbreviation), sate in the dirty little restaurant called the Hotel de la Mère Angot[.] – A.M. Binstead, *Pink 'Un*, p.149, 1898

· CHARLES [*holding out the jacket*] Allow me, sir. BILL [*putting on his jacket*] Okey doke, Oats and Barley. CHARLES. Oats and Barley? BILL. Charlie! – L.A. Rose and D. Furber, *Me and My Girl*, l.iii, p.19 [1954], originally produced at the Victoria Palace, London, 16th December 1937

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Charlie (oats and barley); clerk (after dark)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· Oi! Oi! Give us beer, Charlie. [...] *Charles hands him his beer* Thankee, Oats. – L. Arthur Rose and D. Furber, *Me and My Girl*, I.ii, p.20 [1990], revised version originally produced at the Adelphi Theatre, London, 12th February **1985**

· [Charlie] Chaplin's head appeared around the door, greeting Charles Austin with a cheery Hello, Oats! – G. Mitchell, *The Chaplin Encyclopedia*, p.116, **1997**

· “Oatsie. Oats and barley. Yer a Londoner.” [...] The baby had lost interest in Oatsie now[.] – A. Moore, *Jerusalem*, p.164, **2016**

oats and chaff

noun

a footpath [UK/US]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1902**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Obadiah; Obediah

noun

a fire [UK]

The variant *Obediah* is given by Barker (1979).

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DSCRs*, **1972**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, **1979**

· Ain't it lovely sitting by the Obadiah? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

obama

noun

▶ see BARACK OBAMA

Obie Trice

adjective

nice [UK]

< American rapper Obie Trice (b.1977).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th October **2003**

· – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

· That Sistine looks Obie Trice. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th July **2007**

Obi-Wan Kenobi; obi-wan

noun

1 a mobile phone [UK]

Rhymes on *moby*. < Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Jedi Knight who advises Luke Skywalker in the *Star Wars* films; originally played by Sir Alec Guinness (1914–2000), and subsequently by Ewan McGregor (b.1971).

· Call me on me Obi Wan. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th February **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *booby*. Only evidenced in the short form. ▶ see JEDI KNIGHT

· I was once told by a pal “she likes the obi wan”. – *Talk-Celtic* forum, 29th May **2008**

ocean going squid

noun

one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

ocean liner; ocean

noun

1 a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the archaic Australian slang *cliner*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [S]he is the most beautiful ocean liner I ever saw. Her name is Mary. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

2 a friend [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on *china*, the short version of CHINA PLATE.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· [S]aying hello me old ‘ocean’ is saying hello to an old mate[.] – *www.torontosun.com*, 14th July **2012**

3 a black eye [UK]

Rhymes on *shiner*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Wish I'd given the geezer an *ocean*, though. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, **2011**

ocean pearl

noun

a girl [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· You don't want a push in the truck from the ocean pearl on er jack jones, she ad the ace of spades. – *answers.ya-hoo.com*, 8th September **2006**

· I'd say this ocean pearl would right fancy me old boat race. – *www.youtube.com*, **2012**

ocean wave; ocean waves; ocean

noun

a shave [UK/US]

The variant *ocean waves*, recorded by Sharpe (1928), is exclusively American.

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Ocean (ocean wave), shave–c.f. “Mariner's.” – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, England, 28th July **1900**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· I'm heelin' down to the Sidney Harbour's for an ocean wave and a work-out on the bonny fair. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, **1928**

· I'll have an "ocean wave." – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· Well, I 'as my ocean-wave, an' when I've got my mincepies properly open I goes down the apples and pears and lights the Jeremiah for my trouble and strife. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.35, **1979**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· Then he needed a shave or "ocean wave." – M. Corri-gan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

· Supremacists in Los Angeles employ *charles* 'chaplain' (*Charlie Chaplin*), *ocean* 'shave' (< *ocean wave*), *Ophelia* "snitch" (< *rat* < *Ophelia Pratt*), and *slay* 'Jew' (< *slay and slew*). – R.W. Bailey, *Speaking American*, p.178, **2012**

ocean wave

verb

to shave [UK]

· [H]e will rub his chin, and exclaim, 'I've forgotten to 'ocean wave.' – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

odie

noun

▶ see EAU DE COLOGNE

Oedipus Rex; oedipus

noun

1 sex, sexual intercourse [UK]

< *Oedipus Rex*, also known by the English title *Oedipus the King*, a tragedy by the 5th-century Greek dramatist Sophocles, based on the myth of Oedipus, who unwittingly murdered his father and married his mother. Hence *Oedipus complex*, a Freudian term used to describe the sexual attraction a child has for the parent of the opposite sex.

· [I]t will give you something to *rabbit* to the *trouble* about in the *skein*, instead of having to fall back on the old *Oedipus* all the time. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.5, **1979**

· I'm off to see me fork and knife for some Oedipus Rex, yeah? – *Esquire* magazine, UK edition, 1st May **2004**

· This is just incredible Oedipus Rex with the skin an' blisters. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – L. Light, *Make Me Rich*, p.142, **2007**

· So I'm off to Cup 'o Tea 'er now and maybe we can enjoy some Oedipus Rex later back at 'er gaff. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March **2010**

· – G. Bushell, *Face Down*, p.192, **2013**

2 trousers or underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *kecks*. Only recorded in the short form.

· Sure enough, there he was, turtles on the melodies, sky-rockets full of charlie, elephant all over his oedipus[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

off break

noun

a steak [AUSTRALIA]

< *off break* 'a type of bowling delivery in cricket'.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

offered-and-taken

noun

bacon [UK]

· I ate a good Lord-direct-us, which consisted of two rashers of offered-and-taken, two nutmegs, and a steam tug of merci boko. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 'English as It's Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)', 12th April **1938**

office worker

noun

a shirker [UK]

· [A]nybody not pulling his weight is called an 'office worker'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Ogden Nash; ogden

noun

1 money, cash [UK]

< American poet Ogden Nash (1902–71).

· The real Arthur would have kept his Ogden (Ogden Nash – cash, you berk) in an offshore account in the wife's name[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 26th January **1998**

2 an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I'm going for an Ogden Nash[.] – *Talking Horses* forum, 27th January **2005**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, **2009**

· To be critical the 2nd film was best, I saw no need for a 20 min drawn out ending to No3 after you'd been in the pictures for 3 hours already and were dying for an Ogden Nash. – *www.celticcross.co.uk*, accessed 19th May **2010**

ogfray anday oadtay

noun

a road [US]

A pig Latin version of FROG AND TOAD.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

ogle and leer

noun

gonorrhoea [UK]

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Oh by Gees

noun

the knees [AUSTRALIA]

< *Oh by Gee!*, a euphemistic variation of *Oh by God!* or a spoken shortening of *Oh by Jesus!*

- – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.27, 1984

Oh by heck; Oh! by heck

noun

▶ see OH, HECK

Oh, heck; Oh! Heck!; Oh by heck; Oh! by heck

noun

1 the neck [US/UK]

Oh! Heck!, recorded by Aylwin (1973), is the only variant found in British usage. All other forms are American.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
 - – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
 - – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
 - – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.57, 1973
- 2 a cheque [US]
- Recorded in the form *oh by heck*.
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.75, 1968

oh Maria

noun

a domestic fire [AUSTRALIA]

· See if my china-plate is in the Duke-of-Kent and ask him to get some mother-and-daughter in the knock-me-silly, get an oh-Maria going and make some Jenny Lee! – *The Western Mail*, Perth, 7th August 1941

oh my dear; oh! my dear; o my dear; o, my dear; oh my; o'

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA/UK/US]

According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *oh my dear* (Australia, UK, US), *oh! my dear* (US), *o my dear* (US), *o, my dear* (UK), *oh my* (US), *o'* (UK). Thus the expression *pot of o'* 'a bottle of beer', recorded by Ware (1909). In Australian English it only occurs in the forms *oh my dear* and *o my dear*. However, the fact that the Australian term ON THE SLY takes on the meaning of 'beer' by virtue of the rhyme on *oh my* probably suggests a gap in the evidence.

- [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January 1902
- **pot of O'** (*Rhyming*, 1868). Short for 'Pot of O, my dear,' which is the rhyme for beer. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

- *Oh, my–dear beer*. – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928

· Beer–Oh my dear. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934

- **Oh! my dear**, beer. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- Oh my dear is beer and the near and far is the bar. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March 1942
- OH MY DEAR. Beer. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· So I ambled over to the rubbity dub and had a pint of Oh my dear. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

- [T]he "twist and twirl" at the end of the "near and far" will have an "oh my dear." – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June 1966
- Peter Armstrong sent an entire lexicon of rhyming slang – from giggle and titter (bitter) to Oh my dear (beer). – W.L. Webb, *The Bedside 'Guardian'*, p.153, 1976
- O MY DEAR: BEER. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978
- Beer can also be called *Crimea*, *far an' near*, *Oh, my dear!*, *never fear*, *red steer*, etc. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, 1981

oh my God; oh my Gawd; o my Gawd; o my; omeye; my God

noun

a sword [UK]

Relies on the traditional Cockney pronunciation of *God* as *Gawd*.

- There ain't nothink there, 'cept blankets an' the pack-saddle an' the omeyes an' the spare bandoliers. [...] OM-EYE, sword. (Rhyming slang, *O-my-Gawd*.) – P. MacDonal, *Patrol*, pp.34/245, 1927
- **my God** (pronounce Gawd) *Sword*. 19 C. Sometimes prefixed by 'Oh'[,] – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- O MY. – Short for "Oh my Gawd," i.e. sword. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, 1930
- **oh my** A sword. – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

oh my God; oh my Gawd; oh my good God; oh my good Gawd

adjective

bald [UK]

Relies on the traditional Cockney pronunciation of *God* as *Gawd* and *bald* as a homophone of *bored*. The forms *oh my good God* and *oh my good Gawd* are applied to someone who is very bald.

- Oh my Gawd he's gone oh my Gawd. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

0121

verb

go away [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

With each digit pronounced separately (*oh one two one*), the last two rhyme with the slang phrase *do one*.

< 0121, the telephone area code for the urban sprawl of Birmingham in the West Midlands. Often as imperative.

· I've finished work now, so i'm gonna 0121. – *UD(.com)*, 19th July **2005**

· “lets 0121”. – lets do one – lets go. – *www.talklike-abrummie.co.uk*, 20th June **2007**

· Bromsgrove is near Brum.. and I think “0121” is rhyming slang for “do one”. – *twitter.com*, 18th February **2012**

· If you don't like it, then 0121. It's for your own good! – *Sunday Mercury*, Birmingham, 19th October **2014**

Oi Jimmy Knacker; oi jimmy; oi

noun

▶ see HI JIMMY KNACKER

oil lamp; oily lamp; oily

noun

a tramp, a homeless person; hence, a scruffy person [UK]

· [H]e spends fuck all on clothes. He looks like a proper ‘oil lamp’! – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.115 [2014], **2009**

· Oil Lamp is Cockney slang for Tramp. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th October **2009**

· I also think he's a right Kuwaiti (Kuwaiti Tanker – w--ker) and sometimes can be of an Oily (Oily Lamp – tramp) but when pressed can put on the Tate and Lyle (Style). – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

oil leak

noun

a Sikh [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

oil rig

noun

a wig [UK]

· Look at that Oil Rig 'es wearing. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th February **2007**

· All too soon we were in court. As the smear and smudge (judge) sat glaring at me in his oil rig (wig), I'd never felt more terrified in my fork and knife (life). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

oil rigger

noun

a black person [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *nigger*.

· oil riggers: niggers [not my particular type of word but to be comprehensive, I should include it :(.] – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, **1997–2005**

· Coloured Jockeys are referred to as “Oil Riggers” and “Jam Spoons”[.] – *Caithness.org* forum, 28th July **2006**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang In Jo maxi with oil rigger at tommy steel ... – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2010**

· [D]ude thats one grimey lookin' oil rigger. – *UD(.com)*, 24th September **2011**

oil slick

noun

1 a Greek [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Grik*, a rendering of the stereotyped pronunciation of the word *Greek* by Greeks with heavily accented English, or on the slang *spic*, in the loose Australian sense of ‘a person of European, especially Latin, descent’.

· They work round the clock and go back to some god-forsaken island in the Grecian Ocean at least once a year to dazzle their poverty-stricken aunties and uncles with some of their new found Australian status symbols. Back in Melbourne most of the oil slicks who've been in Oz for a few years would have a swimming pool, a two-car garage and a kid at Law School by now, so they'd have to be making a bit more than it says on the meter, *that's for sure*. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller's Tool*, pp.46–47, **1985**

2 a Spaniard [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *spic*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

oil tanker

noun

a despicable or obnoxious person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I turn around, roysh, but now there's, like, two kids standing next to the wall, the one who called me an oil tanker and then another kid, who's, like, two inches smaller than him[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.37, **2005**

· Are you saying he's an oil tanker? – *My Tennis Lounge* forum, 15th May **2011**

· Go on! Overtake that oil tanker! – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

oily lamp; oily

noun

▶ see OIL LAMP

oily rag; oily

noun

1 a cigarette [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *rag*. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSl*, **1941**

· The Super lit an oily and just said, ‘Ben. Have a look outside, will you? Try the wash house and any other likely place.’ – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.164, **1970**

· Hold on, I'll just roll an oily rag and I'll join you. – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**

· Care for an oily? – R. Rankin, *Witches*, p.109, **2003**

· [A]ll the really hot and, it has to be said, fit-looking birds are all to be found outside the front door, huddled in little groups, sucking on the old oily rags, which is why the Government ban has actually *encouraged* me to,

like, take up smoking. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, pp.161–162, **2005**

· Give us an oily. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· The Prince back on the cigars – like those better than the oily rags!!! – *twitter.com*, 9th July **2012**

2 a promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*.

· She's a bit of an oily rag. [...] One can't help but wonder how many times a simply "Can you spot me an oily?" might have been misinterpreted. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· – *Pinkbike* forum, 12th June **2009**

okey-doke; okey-dokey; okey

noun

1 a wallet, especially its contents [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*. < *okey-doke*, a colloquial elaboration of *OK*. Used in the form *okey-doke* and often shortened to *okey*.

· Yeh—I done the lemon squashes and got four okeys. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 a pocket [UK]

Rhymes on *poke*, an obsolete word for a pocket. Only evidenced in the form *okey-doke*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

3 cocaine [AUSTRALIA/UK/US/CANADA]

Rhymes on *coke*. Always used in full. Recorded in the form *okey-doke* in both British and American usage. The variant *okey-dokey* is recorded in Australian and Canadian English.

· Cocaine hydrochloride—also known as 'coke', 'okey dokey', 'C', 'toot', 'snow', 'marching powder', 'nose candy', 'blow', 'Charlie' and 'white lady'—is a white crystalline alkaloid powder processed from the leaves of the coca plant (*Coca erythroxylon Lam*). – *www.crimecommission.gov.au*, 'Australian Illicit Drug Report 1997–98', **1998**

· He ran his little monkey fingers through yellow pages, / Called up some escort services and ordered some okey-doke. – *Me and My Monkey*, lyric, Robbie Williams, **2002**

· One young man, who was stupid enough to go along with the okey-doke, found himself with a life sentence for cooking up the cocaine that was dumped into the community[.] – M.E. Dyson, *Black Women*, p.160, **2003**

· Yeah I'm always on that okey-dokey. / Them white boys know the deal. / Ain't no fuckin phony. / Big O know the deal. – *House of Balloons*, lyric, The Weeknd, **2011**

· [O]ur businss plan is to scam millions of pounds of venture capital out of rich but credulous investors and go on a 12 month party snorting okey-doke, champagne and having business meetings in a hot tub in Malmo with 12 naked bimbos[.] – *House Price Crash* forum, 22nd September **2011**

okker

noun

▶ see OSCAR ASCHE

old better not

noun

a man; a husband; a father [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on (*old*) *pot*, a shortening of POT AND PAN.

· Take "the old pot and pan" (the old man). This has been shortened to "the old pot," and, with the aid of verse, becomes "the old better not," or "the old dash and dot". – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March **1912**

Old Black Joe

noun

the toe [US/AUSTRALIA]

< 'Old Black Joe', an 1860 parlour song by Stephen Foster.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.518, **1984**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

old bubble

noun

one's wife [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *trouble*, the short version of TROUBLE AND STRIFE.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: 9th February **1968**

· How about "her indoors"? I doubt anyone will be confused as to who that is. Perhaps "wifey". Some other suggestions – take your pick: [...] nag, old bubble, old lady[.] – *thathideousman.blogspot.com*, blog, 11th December **2006**

old bucket

noun

a single woman who is thought of as too old to marry [UK]

A shortening of *old bucket and spade*, rhyming on *old maid*. ▶ see BUCKET AND SPADE

· [A] spinster of the parish may be an old 'bucket'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, s.v. *Bucket & Spade*, **2003**

old bull and bush; bull and bush

noun

dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the push*. < 'The Old Bull and Bush', a pub in Hampstead, north-west London; via 'Down at the Old Bull and Bush' (1905), a music-hall adaptation of 'Under the Anheuser Bush' (1903), written by Harry Von Tilzer (music) and Andrew B. Sterling (lyric).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Getting dismissed from work is known as getting 'the old Bull & Bush'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

old creamer

noun

an old vehicle in a worn out, badly damaged or dilapidated condition [UK]

Formed on CREAM CRACKERED.

· [I]t's all lovingly maintained and run by an army of elderly volunteers, most of them men, many of them

ex-engineers or employees of the doomed British Leyland vehicle manufacturing company. This is a dedicated group of genuine enthusiasts, the sort of people who could get any old creamer (as in cream-crackered, knackered – a tribute to Lord Sugar, of whom more later) up and running provided there was a Thermos full of sweet tea and a nice biscuit on offer at the end of it. – *The Times*, London, 15th May 2010

old dash and dot

noun

a man; a husband; a father [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on (*old*) *pot*, a shortening of POT AND PAN.

· Take “the old pot and pan” (the old man). This has been shortened to “the old pot,” and, with the aid of verse, becomes “the old better not,” or “the old dash and dot”. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March 1912

old five and dimer

noun

a very experienced person, a veteran [US]

Rhymes on *old-timer*. < *five and dimer* ‘someone who shops in a five and dime (a store that sells a variety of low-budget goods)’.

· Too far and too high and too deep ain’t too much to be, / Too much ain’t enough for old five and dimers like me. / Mhm, mhm, an old five and dimer is all I intended to be... – *Old Five and Dimers Like Me*, lyric, Billy Joe Shaver, 1973

· Old-timer, old-timer, / Too late to die young now. / Old-timer, five and dimer, / Trying to find a way to age like wine somehow. – *Age Like Wine*, lyric, Todd Snider, 2004

· I’m an “Old Five and Dimer” in the country music field. I’ve been on stage with Jimmy Bryant, Albert Lee, James Burton, and more. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st July 2009

old fogley

noun

a piece of nasal mucus [UK]

Rhymes on the British colloquialism *bogey*.

· Lustin’ after a page three girl, a *Sun* reader was heard to remark: ‘I’d eat her old fogleys I would.’ – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Old Folks at Home

noun

a comb [UK]

< ‘Old Folks at Home’, a popular American song written in 1851 by Stephen Foster; it has been the official state song of Florida since 1935.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, 1973

· I run an old folks at home through my barnet[,] – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.134, 1976

· – *The Sweeney*, p.8, 1976

old fruit gum

noun

used as an affectionate form of address between men [UK]

Rhymes on *chum*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *old fruit*, which is often regarded as its short form. The rhyming slang expression *fruit gum* is first found in the early 2000s, but the sources where it occurs (for example, *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001, and *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st August 2004) provide no evidence of its use. Instead, they exemplify it with sentences containing the phrase *me old fruit*.

· You couldn’t open them for me, could you, my old fruit gum? – S. Gardner, *The Double Shadow*, p.353, 2011

· Good work me old fruit gum. – *soundcloud.com*, 7th May 2014

· Jet, thanks for taking the time to do the 7b challenge and to tally the scores. Appreciated, my old fruit gum. – *Ubisoft Forums*, 16th May 2015

· You’re welcome, me old fruit gum! – *jeremybutterfield.wordpress.com*, blog, 11th June 2015

old frying pan; old frying

noun

▶ see FRYING PAN

old grannie

noun

▶ see GRANNIE GRUNT

old hens

noun

in darts, a double ten [UK]

Rhymes on *two tens*.

· – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011

old iron and brass; iron and brass; old iron

noun

1 a military permit [UK]

Rhymes on *pass*. First recorded in the form *old iron and brass*. *Iron and brass* is given by Pegler (2014). No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

2 grass [UK]

Recorded in the forms *old iron and brass* and *old iron*.

· Keep off the old iron. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Old Jacket and Vest

nickname

▶ see JACKET AND VEST

old jamaica

noun

the sun [UK]

A shortening of the imperfect rhyming slang *old Jamaica rum*. Used in the Navy. ▶ see JAMAICA RUM

- A sailors' term is *old Jamaica*, for sun; obviously short for *old Jamaica rum*, another instance of imperfect rhyme. – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.35, **1933**
- – W. Granville, *SSTC*, **1949**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

Old King Cole; King Cole

noun

1 unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*. < 'Old King Cole', a traditional English nursery rhyme, first recorded in the early 18th century, and its eponymous character.

· Did you say after the accident: 'I am in a hurry for my 'King Cole?' – *Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 27th June **1931**

· [T]he objection to the use of the word *dole* illustrates to me the difference between the super-sensitive provincial and the cheerful, philosophic Cockney, who in rhyming slang refers to it as "The Old King Cole". – *The Western Morning News and Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette*, Devon, Exeter and Truro, 7th May **1938**

· – F. Shaw, *Dialect of a Seaport*, p.33, **1959**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Then they "jack in," and have a few months on the "Old King Cole" (*dole*, if they've been paying stamps) or the "Nashie" (National Assistance—in fact, social security if they haven't). – *New Society* magazine, London, 22nd November **1984**

· [T]his he had to share with Loretta Tightarse who [...] with her husband being laid up because of his legs, needed the job, him being on the old King Cole[.] – J.M. Weinblatt, *Chaffinch Charlie*, p.230, **2006**

· [W]ith recession going the way it is there will be more of us on the king cole (*dole*) then in work so time off won't matter!!! – *Visordown* forum, 25th February **2009**

· If it was, perhaps he or she might have deserved to be signing on the 'Old King Cole.' – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 18th June **2011**

· Signed up on the 'Old King Cole'. – *twitter.com*, 5th November **2012**

2 sex with a woman [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *hole*. Used in the phrase *get one's old King Cole* '(of a man) to have sexual intercourse with a woman'.

· [I]t's better than helping Scabby and CJ getting their old king cole as one does on Saturday evenings in Glasgow town. – *Scotland.com* forum, 20th October **2003**

· [I]s that the going rate on the fife side nowadays? You are obviously knowledgeable on these matters. It must have gone up since the days when you could get your old king cole over the bridges for two ciggies and a swig of bleach. – *One F in Falkirk* forum, 22nd February **2010**

3 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *hole* and *arsehole*. Only recorded in the form *King Cole*.

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, **2009**

old kit bag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. Possibly < 'Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag, and Smile, Smile, Smile', a World War I marching song written in 1915 by George Asaf (lyric) and Felix Powell (music). In the first verse of the song, the phrase *old kit-bag* at the end of the first line rhymes with *fag* at the end of the fourth.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

old Mick

adjective

nauseous [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*.

· Blimey, after you've got abaht twelve spoonfuls down yer, on top o' Christmas dinner, yer don't half feel Old Mick. – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970: *Cinema* magazine, December **1967**

old nag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

Old Ned

noun

1 the head [NEW ZEALAND]

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.252, **1982**

2 a bed [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – *1stgencivic.com* forum, 24th May **2011**

· I drop off me titfer-tat, off me daisy roots, up the apples and pairs to me old ned[.] – *CycleFish* forum, **2012**

· Think I'll be off to Old Ned. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**

Old Oak

nickname

London

Rhymes on *the Smoke* (or *the Big Smoke*), a popular sobriquet for London. A coinage based on the image of the oak tree, a familiar element in English place names and therefrom a symbol of Britishness; perhaps via *Old Oak*, a shortening of *Old Oak Common*, a now defunct traction maintenance depot in west London.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – A. Room, *Nicknames of Places*, **2006**

· *Argotopolis* or *The Old Oak* – A hand-tinted lithograph by Adam Dant (with the collaboration of slang lexicographer Jonathon Green), June **2015**

Old One O'clock

nickname

German general Alexander von Kluck (1846–1934), who commanded the German First Army at the beginning of World War I

An imperfect slang rhyme based on an anglicised pronunciation of *von Kluck*.

· Now if we could only capture ‘Kaiser Bill,’ or even ‘Old one o’clock’ (General von Kluck), we might get home for our Christmas dinners after all. – W.E. Sellers, *With Our Fighting Men*, p.70, **1915**

· General von Kluck–“Old One o’clock,” as our Tommies nicknamed him–had overtaken our army[.] – G.A. Leask, *Golden Deeds*, p.21, **1919**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· ‘Old One O’clock’ as the Tommies and Jocks called him, planned a two-pronged attack to turn the British flanks[.] – P. Daybell, *With a Smile*, p.116, **2005**

old pot and pan; old pot; old P

noun

▶ see POT AND PAN

old whip

noun

among seamen, one’s ship [UK]

Noted by Franklyn (1961) to have been in use in the late 1880s. Always with the definite article.

· Men on shore leave, gathered in a pub reminded each other that it was ‘time to get back to the old whip’. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – S. Klein, *CRSL*, s.v. *halfpenny dip*, **2009**

old whore

noun

in darts, a four [UK]

Hence BRIGHTON LADY. ▶ see TWO WHORES

· – P.J.E. Hyams, *Rhyming Slang and the Dictionary*, p.134, **1981**

old Wilson’s den

noun

▶ see WILSON’S DEN

olive oil; olive

noun

silver foil (used in the preparation of heroin smoke for inhalation) [UK]

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

Oliver Cromwell; oliver

verb

to come to understand or realise something [UK]

Relies on a convenient shifting of *Cromwell* to *Crummel*, thus rhyming imperfectly on *tumble*. < English general and statesman Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658), who was Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1653 to 1658. Often in the phrase *do you oliver?* ‘do you understand?’.

· What you want to make yourself understood is not correct French at all, but a stern look and a knuckle-duster. Then they’ll oliver to what you want quicker than a wink. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Sporting Times*, 8th February **1890**

· A rhyming word or phrase is taken–quite at random–and made to serve. Thus to “oliver” is to understand[.] – *The Academy and Literature*, London, 15th November **1902**

· Oliver or tumble–Being wise to what’s happening. – J.W. Birss, *English Underworld Slang*, p.392, **1931**

· [W]hen a tramp tells you to “Oliver Cromwell” it means you have to “go and see what he wants.” – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 15th February **1935**

· This perverse ingenuity later resulted in such phrases as *Do you Oliver?* meaning “Do you understand?”, *Oliver* being a shortening of “Oliver Cromwell”[.] – W. Matthews, *Cockney Past and Present*, p.133, **1938**

· “So, do you oliver?” Torres eyed him suspiciously. “I– what?” – *www.fanfiction.net*, 18th July **2009**

Oliver Hardy

noun

1 a cardigan [UK]

Rhymes on *cardy*. < American actor Oliver Hardy (1892–1957), best known as the rotund half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team.

· [W]alk up the apples and pears, take off the tit-for-tat, the Peckham Rye, the Oliver Hardy, then the Dicky Dirt and the round the houses, the almond rocks and the daisy roots. – *It’s a Knockout*, UK TV: BBC1, 1st June **1979**

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th March **2013**

2 a party [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Relies on the realisation of the *t* in *party* as a voiced alveolar tap, a feature typically associated with Belfast speech.

· some woman went t’some oliver hardy an wore this dress chat / shiny chats / wouldn’t be my – y’know my trick / too glitzy – O. McCafferty, *Closing Time*, p.28, **2002**

Oliver Hardy

adjective

fat [UK]

Rhymes on *lardy*. < American actor Oliver Hardy (1892–1957), best known as the rotund half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team.

· I’m too Oliver Hardy – I’m going on a Brixton. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 30th July **2009**

· You’re looking a bit Oliver Hardy mate think you need to go on a Brixton riot. – *twitter.com*, 27th January **2015**

Oliver Reed; oliver; ollie; olly

noun

1 amphetamine [UK]

Rhymes on *speed*. < English actor Oliver Reed (1938–99). The short forms *oliver*, *ollie* and *olly* are first recorded, respectively, by Thorne (1990), Puxley (1992) and Lilley (1990).

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· But take prisoners as another example. They have an argot all their own. The word *bird* is one of a long list for time in prison – others are *bit*, *cons*, *lagging* and *por-*

ridge. [...] Others are bucket (bucket and pail) for jail, Olly (from the actor Oliver Reed) for the drug speed, midnight mass, from grass, another word for informer. – *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 28th December **1996**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

2 cannabis [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*. Shortened as *ollie* or *olly*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *SeedMine* forum, 23rd December **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 tobacco [UK]

Rhymes on *weed*. Shortened as *ollie* or *olly*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Oliver Twist; Oliver

noun

1 cheating; a dishonest trick [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *twist*, a slang term for cheating (*the twist*), and *Twist*. < Charles Dickens's novel *Oliver Twist*, published in volume form in 1838, and its eponymous hero. Used by bookmakers in the phrase *put the Oliver on* 'to put an incorrect entry secretly in a ledger'. Influenced or reinforced by the rhyming slang Oliver Twist, the hidden word *fist* being metonymically associated with the idea of handwriting.

· *Twist* (the): To change something written or said from right to wrong. Sometimes called 'the Oliver Twist,' or 'the Oliver.' A dishonest bookmaker wishing his clerk to enter a bet wrongly, would say: "Put the Oliver on it," instead of saying: "Put the Twist on it" – which might be understood by the 'Mug.' – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.334, **1938**

· A dishonest bookmaker might, when taking a bet, say to his equally dishonest clerk, 'Put the oliver on that', meaning that the entry (which might win handsomely) must be altered. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.195, **1977**

2 a prison sentence of indeterminate length [AUSTRALIA]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *twist*, used in Australian slang to refer to an indefinite prison sentence (*the twist*), and *Twist*.

· Da last old beak he fronted promised him the Oliver if he come before him again. [...] TWIST Often referred to as 'The Oliver' (Oliver Twist), it comes from twist of the key. Key originally meant an indeterminate gaol sentence given to those declared habitual criminals. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, pp.215/262, **1968**

Oliver Twist; oliver

noun

1 the fist [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Charles Dickens's novel *Oliver Twist*, published in volume form in 1838, and its eponymous hero. In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· ["L]eave the kid alone, or I'll put out my Chalk Farm (my arm) and give you a rap with my Oliver Twist (fist) over

your I suppose (nose) that'll flatten your chevy chase (face) for you!" – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.70, **1858**

· "I struck him with my Oliver" means "I struck him with my fist" [...] – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 29th September **1933**

· [I]f Liza heard herself so summed up the speaker would get a taste of her *Oliver–Oliver Twist*, 'fist'. – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.294, **1953**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· 'e rammed 'is Oliver down 'is throat. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· [H]e shook his 'Oliver Twists' (fists) skywards. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.x, **1973**

· 'I'll show you a bunch of fives up your bracket,' I say, menacing him with my Oliver Twist. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.83, **1976**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Before I knew it, his Oliver Twist was in my Chevy Chase! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

2 the wrist [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In British usage, also recorded in the phrase *one off the oliver* '(of a male) an act of masturbation', the direct equivalent of *one off the wrist*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.292, **2015**

3 one's signature [UK]

Extended from sense 1.

· Your OLIVER can sometimes mean your signature[...] – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

Oliver Twist; oliver; olivered; oliver'd

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < Charles Dickens's novel *Oliver Twist*, published in volume form in 1838, and its eponymous hero. Also used in the phrase *three parts olivered* 'extremely drunk'.

· [A]nd if that seems a relatively small amount of alcohol on which to become olivered I can only say that at this stage I am more accustomed to take medicine in pill form. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.4, **1981**

· – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.118, **1985**

· [A]ll I want is a couple more pimple and blotches. I feel like getting Oliver Twist tonight. – R. Crutchley, *Post Script*, p.164, **1992**

· – *The Spectator*, London, 8th June **1996**

· "Shickered" of course being what us cockneys call "three parts Olivered". – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 1st October **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [H]e gatecrashed the party and got totally Olivered[...] – *www.brooksidesoapbox.co.uk*, 27th April **1999**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- I'm proper Oliver'd anyways, so think I'll nip out for some becks and posh if you dont mind... – *Oprano Adult Industry Forums*, 11th May 2002
- I'm three parts olivered, but I know what I'm saying. – *Woking*, spoken, male, ca 35, January 2005
- Sorry i didnt have time to edit it and cut it down...and to be truthful i cant be bottle and glassed (arsed) to as im oliver twist (pissed, just incase dont understand cockney rhyming slang!). – *Pyrotech* forum, 30th May 2006
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008
- 'Please Sir, can I have some more?' 'Fuck off, you're Oliver.' – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Das Krapital*, 2010
- [I]t didn't come out right, I was three parts olivered when I replied! – *Classic British Sitcoms* forum, 17th March 2011

Oliver Twistin'

noun

an act of vaginal or anal penetration with one's fist [UK]

Rhymes on *fistin'*, the colloquial pronunciation of *fisting*. Formed on OLIVER TWIST.

- I blinks an' the brunette is down there too in shot like, 'avin' an' orange peel around the blondes' bacon baps. Next thing ya know an' she's up to 'er Schindler's in the blonde, givin' 'er an' Oliver Twistin'. I'm bandy. You should see what I'm J.R. Ewing. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

Ollie

nickname

English footballer Imre Varadi (b.1959)

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding surname *Varadi* and the phonemic sequence *-ver ardy*, a colloquial pronunciation of the last three syllables of *Oliver Hardy*; hence the playful reinterpretation of *Oliver Hardy* as *Ollie Varadi*. < American actor Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), best known as half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team.

- What about Imre Varadi? Ollie to his mates. – *The Guardian*, London, 6th October 2005
- Then there was the Everton and Newcastle footballer Imre Varadi (late 70s/early 80s) whom the Goodison faithful christened "Ollie". – *Amazon.co.uk* forum, 23rd December 2009

ollie

noun

▶ see OLIVER REED

Ollie Beak

noun

a Sikh [UK]

< Ollie Beak, an owl puppet that first appeared in 1963 in the British children's TV programme *The Five O'Clock Club*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

olly

noun

▶ see OLIVER REED

Omar Sharif; omar

noun

grief [UK]

< Egyptian actor Omar Sharif (1932-2015).

- – *www.bbc.co.uk*, January 2002
- I'm wearing them in at the moment and I can tell you they're giving me some Omar Sharif. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008
- Will you stop giving me so much Omar! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- [W]anted to cause her some really heavy duty omar sharif. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012

Omar Riza

noun

a pizza [UK]

< English footballer Ömer Riza (b.1979).

- Give one a slice of that Omar Riza! – *b3ta* forum, 9th June 2005
- Lets go for a Omar Riza tonight. – *www.londonolympics-guide.net*, accessed 10th April 2012

omeye

noun

▶ see OH MY GOD

o my catarrh

noun

a cigar [US]

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978

o my dear; o, my dear

noun

▶ see OH MY DEAR

o my Gawd; o my

noun

▶ see OH MY GOD

on and off

noun

a cough [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- That's a terrible on and off you got there, George. – G. Faiella, *England*, p.41, 2005

once a week; once; oncer

noun

1 a magistrate [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *beak*. Only recorded in the full form.

- I'm blessed if my luck doesn't hum and ha, / For I argued the point with skill; / But the once a week made me go ta-ta / For a month on the can't keep still. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.189, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892

- – W.L. Hanchant, *Newgate Garland*, p.145, **1932**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- Beak meaning, of course, a Once-a-Week or magistrate.
- T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.117, **1974**
- Sampson was interested in all kinds of underworld languages and ‘cants’ including rhyming slang, of which he kept a notebook: Once a Week = Beak (magistrate)[.] – A. Sampson, *The Scholar Gypsy*, [2012], **1997**
- Criminals’ vocabularies widen considerably when they reach court. They stand in the **Brighton** (Rock – dock), and listen to the **garden** (gate – magistrate) or **Barnaby Rudge** (judge), or possibly the **bubble and squeak** (beak – also **once a week**). – C. Croker, *Terms of Employment*, p.136, **2012**
- 2 the cheek; cheek (insolence) [UK]
- Hence ONCER. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *turn the other once a week*, the direct equivalent of *turn the other cheek*. ► *see also* TWICER
- I like Shine—I cannot help admiring the large amount he possesses of what is vulgarly called ‘once’. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909; *Referee*, 24th October **1886**
- **ONCE A WEEK**: Cheek. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
- ‘He’s got some once a week.’—He is cheeky. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.332, **1938**
- Once a Week (Once) ... Cheek. – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**
- [M]y driver, finally drawing level with the offender, shouted in his husky infuriated Cockney voice, “You got a once a week ain’t yer, stoppin in the middle of the road?” – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th June **1953**
- He will call his daughter bricks, from bricks and mortar (note how the chosen rhymes are often more Cockney in accent than true rhymes), refer to gin as needle, from needle and pin, and pat a child on the once, for once a week (cheek). – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**
- – Bligh! Ain’t you got a oncer? eh? – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- I’m going to dig in a grave me once a week. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.75, **1968**
- He’s got plenty of once a week. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.195, **1977**
- Cheek (in the sense of effrontery): once-a-week[.] – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.30, **1980**
- **ONCE A WEEK** [...] **Cheek**. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- He was hoping she’d like a suck on his Blackpool Rock, but the best he got was a Hit and Miss on the Once a Week... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October, **2008**
- Turn the other once a week. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

once again; once*noun*

the brain [UK]

- The face is the *Chevy*, from *Chevy Chase*; the nose is *I suppose*, this being one of the cases where the whole

phrase is always used; the brain is the *once again*, shortened to “once”[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

once another*noun*► *see* ONE AND T’OTHER**once or twice***noun*

1 a slice (of food) [UK]

- I heard a coffee stall customer ask the proprietor for a ‘Once or twice of Sexton Blake, please,’ and the proprietor said, ‘Will you have it in your German or the linen draper?’. – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November **1927**

2 ice (for drinks) [US]

- Some examples of rounder’s slang: [...] Once or Twice-Ice. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

oncer*noun*

an impudent person [UK]

Formed on ONCE A WEEK, rhyming on *cheek*. ► *see* TWICER

- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

one alone*noun*

a moan [AUSTRALIA]

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

one and eight; one in eight*noun*

1 a plate [UK]

Only recorded in the form *one and eight*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Initially with the aim of producing simple porcelain tableware pieces – hence the business name One & Eight (cockney rhyming slang for ‘plate’) the business has evolved to include a range of porcelain jewellery finished with high quality gold or silver. – *Express & Echo*, Exeter, 22nd October **2015**

2 a friend [SOUTH AFRICA/ZIMBABWE]

Rhymes on *mate*. In South African English, recorded in the form *one and eight*. *One in eight* is found in Zimbabwean usage.

- Or one of your *chinas* (from china-plate = mate, so too *one and eight*) – maybe even your own *brigider* (brother) – *pimps* or *shelvs* you[.] – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.8, **1974**

- – *The Chief Baboon* forum, 28th June **2008**

one and eights*noun*

the feet [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *plates*, the short version of PLATES OF MEAT.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

one and half*noun*

a scarf [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**one and t'other; one and other; one and another; one another; once another***noun*

1 a brother [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Recorded in the forms *one and t'other*, *one and other*, *one another* and *once another*, which are geographically distributed thus: *one and t'other* (UK), *one and other* (UK, Ireland), *one another* (Australia, New Zealand), *once another* (Australia).

· ONE AND T'OTHER.–Brother. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· Hand over a “Jack’s alive” or I’ll plaster yer “Jim Mace” so’s yer “one and t’other” won’t know yer. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· [W]here’s yuh one another? – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, ‘Australian Slang’, 21st June 1935

· One and other Brother. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.12, 1938

· One and t’other ... Brother. – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· You seen my young one and t’other? – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· *one another*, brother. English has rhyming slang *one and t’other* for brother. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966

· *one and t’other* = brother. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.75, 1968

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *One and Other* – Brother. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· ONCE ANOTHER: rhythm. Brother or Mother. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· **one and other** brother. – P. Chippindale, *The British CB Book*, p.157, 1981

· ONE ANOTHER (n) Mother or brother. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.252, 1982

· **One Another** Brother. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.37, 1983

2 a mother [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Recorded in the forms *one and t’other*, *one another*, *once another* and *one and other*, which are geographically distributed thus: *one and t’other* (Britain), *one another* (Australia, New Zealand), *once another* (Australia), *one and another* (Ireland).

· One and t’other ... Mother. – P.P., *RS*, 1932

· Wot’s you bin adoin’ of? Rollin’ in na mud? Wait till yer one and t’other sees yeh! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· And she said she was cheesed off and she’d go home to her one and another—and she did. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, 1966

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.252, 1982

· **once another (2) – mother**. [...] **one another (2) – mother**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

one and two*noun*

a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *loo*. Plays on the childish euphemisms *number one* ‘urination’ and *number two* ‘defecation’.

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

one by two*noun*

a shoe [IRELAND]

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

One Direction*noun*

an erection [UK/IRELAND]

< One Direction, an English-Irish pop group that came to international prominence in 2010.

· Looks like Louis’s nursing a One Direction. – *twitter.com*, 21st November 2011

· I was sitting there with me 30 Rock in my hand and a massive One Direction. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December 2013

one for his nob; one for his knob*noun*

a shilling [UK]

Rhymes on *bob*. < *one for his nob*, an expression from the game of cribbage. A variation of ONE ON THE NOB.

The spelling variant *one for his knob* is given by Franklyn (1961).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.61, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

one hundred and three*noun*

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

one in eight*noun*

▶ see ONE AND EIGHT

one little flea*noun*

in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

Partly based on a visual resemblance between the number 3 and a flea. The ‘flea’ metaphor-cum-rhyme also accounts for DUCK AND A FLEA, FLEA IN HEAVEN, CRUTCH WITH A FLEA, FAT LADY WITH A FLEA AND TWO LITTLE FLEAS.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010

- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
- – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

one more time

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-nine [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- Imperfect rhyming slang.
- – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, 2002
- – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.185, 2007
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

one next door

noun

in bingo, the number four [UK/IRELAND]

- Always with the definite article: *the one next door*.
- – *QI* forum, 24th January 2004
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
- – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

one 'n' 'leven-pence three-farden

exclamation

used as a request to someone to repeat something they have just said [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- Rhymes on *pardon*. A nonce word. < *one 'n' 'leven-pence three-farden*, a Cockney rendering of *one and eleven pence three farthing*.
- The Professor looked less nervous than worried. He peered at Harry over the spot where the upper rim of his spectacles would have been, and asked, with a somewhat frigid politeness: “I beg your pardon?” “We ‘aven’t got no garden,” said Harry, with blithe insouciance. “Garden?” The Professor’s heavy eyebrows moved upwards to meet his scrubby poll. “One ‘n’ ‘leven-pence three-farden.” – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.10, 1943

one night in heaven

noun

- in bingo, the number thirty-seven [UK]
- – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July 2008
- – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October 2013

one on the nob

noun

- a shilling [UK]
- Rhymes on *bob*. A variation of this is ONE FOR HIS NOB.
- Another of the many equivalents for a shilling or “bob” is “a one on the nob.” – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943

ones and twos; one and twos; 1's and 2's; ones

noun

shoes [US/SOUTH AFRICA/CANADA/AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Ones and twos is recorded in all five locations of use. This form is also used idiomatically in the phrase *in someone's ones and twos*, the direct equivalent of *in someone's shoes*. According to the available evidence, *one and twos* and *ones* are exclusively British. ► see TWOS

- Don't need your clothes, don't need your rent, / Don't need your ones and twos. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Sam Jones Blues*, lyric, Bessie Smith, 1923
- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928
- Odd might be interested in knowing that these freakish synonyms also are used: *Spry and frisky-whisky*; *ones and twos-shoes* [...] There are hoodlums who can carry on a complete conversation using almost entirely such words and phrases. – *The Sioux City Journal*, 30th January 1931
- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- [T]he very latest in ones and twos with rolled Oscar Hox to top them off! – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June 1936
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- I think I'll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat, take off my bag of fruit, drop my Charley Hocks into my ones and twos, wash my plates of meat[.] – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July 1942
- Standing on the corner in my ones and twos, / Down came a joller, singing the blues. – Lyric, quoted in L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.105, 1963
- – M.M. Orkin, *Speaking Canadian English*, p.222, 1971
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – *Calgary Herald*, 5th November 1990
- One gets one's 'ones' from one's personal 'ones' maker. As a cockney royal might say. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- If you gave a lot of Bugs Bunny for those 1's and 2's, your shoes certainly weren't cheap. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th August 1996
- So anyway, messy job, by the look of your ones and twos. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.104 [2012], 2004
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, 2007
- My father, who really is a Cockney, used to call them his ones. As in one-and-twos. – J. Summers, *Fluffy*, p.132, 2008
- We just nicked some poor ol' lad fer keepin' some Nicky Lauder in 'is ones and twos. – *UK Police Online* forum, 14th January 2008
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- Admittedly, talking to Herman [Chalupsky] is an acquired taste and requires special skills. [...] So if you don't know that *one's 'n two's* are “shoes,” *gun 'n trigger* is “figure,” or *five-to-two* is “Jew,” then as far as comprehension goes you're up the creek without a *tube of glue*– or “clue.” – J. Glickman, *Fearless*, p.12, 2012
- Well, it's what I would have done if I was in their ones and twos. – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.130, 2016

One Size*nickname*

English footballer Fitz Hall (b.1980)

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Fitz 'all*, the colloquial pronunciation of *Fitz Hall*, and *fits all*, the second part of the adjective *one-size-fits-all*.

· If he has still to make a name for himself he can at least claim to have acquired a memorable nickname. Fitz Hall's team-mates call him "One Size". – *Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 25th April **2004**

· And the Selhurst Park boss believes "One Size" has been worth every penny. – *The Sun*, London, 27th November **2004**

· The 25-year-old centre-half, nicknamed One Size, was devastated when Palace failed to make it back into the Premiership. – *The People*, London, 25th June **2006**

· But the man known as 'One Size' blew a rare chance of a hat-trick when his tamely struck second-half penalty was saved by Barnsley keeper Luke Steele. – *The Sun*, London, 11th August **2008**

one-time looker*noun*

1 a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on *hooker*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· She comes back an' I tells 'er to give the blonde the Spanish archer. "Wot?" says she, "You ain't no Perry are ya?" I ain't Stoke On Trent (Ironer), but I gotta be level these two ain't one time lookers if they're comin' together. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· One time lookers like Dionne are never happy unless they're taking piles of dot and dash off some mug. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

2 in rugby, a player positioned in the middle of a scrum whose purpose is to hook the ball [UK]

Rhymes on *hooker*.

· Sheridan did his Noddy Holder and is out for the count. Vickery's biscuits and cheese are Kerry Packered. Lee Mears, the one time looker, is likewise. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

125*noun*

cocaine [UK]

A covert pun on *high-speed train*, combined with a metaphor. < 125, an elliptical form of *InterCity 125*, a diesel train operating in Britain since 1976, technically branded as a high-speed train.

· [A]s the 125 kicks in to everyone and everything[.] – 125, lyric, Lupine Howl, **2001**

onlay ainmay*noun*

a train [US]

A pig Latin version of LONG MAIN.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935****On Golden Pond***noun*

a blonde [UK]

< *On Golden Pond*, a 1981 American film directed by Mark Rydell and starring Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****onion bhaji; onion***noun*

in police slang, a sergeant [UK]

Rhymes on *sargie*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

· This is the part of the day that the cop shows get right – a room full of men and a few women, most of them in uniform, all of them drinking the first caffeine of the day while listening to an Onion – onion bhaji, sargie, sergeant – also known as the skipper – talk them through the shift ahead. [...] Then, stifling a yawn, he looked back at the Onion. – T. Parsons, *Starting Over*, p.19, **2009**

· ONION Sergeant. (Onion Bahgi – Sargie). – *A Visitor's Guide to H.M. Prison Slade*, theatre programme for the tour of *Porridge*, August **2009**

· – C. Harris, *Police Slang*, **2010****onions***noun*

among stage lighting technicians, a Zarges combination ladder [UK]

A shortening of *onion bhajis*, rhyming on *Zarges*, a popular brand of combination ladder.

· – *www.onstagelighting.co.uk*, R. Sayer, 'Stage Lighting Terms – A Guide to Lampie Slang', 21st October **2009**

onions and beets; onion and beets*noun*

sheets [US]

Onions and beets is given by Harris (1989). *Onion and beets* is recorded in Flores (1998) and 'The Gang Dictionary' (2004).

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Onkaparinga; onka; onker*noun*

1 a finger [AUSTRALIA]

< Onkaparinga, a river in South Australia. Note that *Onkaparinga* was registered as the proprietary name of a make of blanket in 1926, which postdates the first known use of the word as rhyming slang by two years.

· Fingers–Onkaparingas or jolly jingoes. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· *Onkaparinga*, finger. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· It is of interest that imposed on many rhyming groups we have the Australian love of the truncated term, so that *Jack McNab*, 'scab', becomes *Jacky*; [...] the *onkaparinga*,

‘finger’, an *onka*; and so on. – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, **1970**

· When one gets around to plighting one’s troth to a charlie, one claps a frank on her *onka* – a Frank Thring on her *Onkaparinga* – a ring on her – aaar, work it out for yourself. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· Hey China, stick yer onkers in yer skyrocket[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· [T]he characteristically rhyming slang abbreviation *onka*, as in “claps a frank (Thring = ring) on her *onka*”. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 8th September **1995**

· Heads were beans, conks or noggins. Fingers? *Onkaparingas*. – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August **2006**

· Your fingers? They’re the *onkas*. – *tabloidbaby.blogspot.com*, Australian journalist Steve Dunleavy’s video masterclass on tabloid journalism, 30th September **2008**

· He had a few too many and couldn’t use his *Onkaparingas*! – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September **2011**

2 a stench [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *stinker*, reinforced by a small set of sound-sense associations: *onk-* (from the first syllable of *Onkaparinga*), *ponk* and *pong*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· To stink: *to hoot* and *to ponk* (by rhyming slang the South Australian place-name *Onkaparinga* is used for a stench). – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.134, **1945**

online bank

verb

to masturbate [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· The wife came home early last night and caught me online banking. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

on my life

noun

a knife [UK]

· Eating utensils for the Cockney are an *on my life*/knife, *Duke of York*/fork, and *harvest moon*/spoon. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.74, **1973**

on the bunny

adjective

funny [UK]

Possibly < *Mutiny on the Bunny* (1950), a Looney Tunes cartoon featuring Bugs Bunny.

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] funny – on the bunny[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

on the floor

noun

1 in bingo, the number four [UK/IRELAND]

· Number four, on the floor, so full of misery[.] – *Bingo!* (*I’m in Love*), lyric, Dave Carey, **1961**

· – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

2 the poor [UK]

Always with the definite article. Probably a nonce usage. Antonymous with *SCRATCH AND ITCH*.

· Our government don’t Tony Blair about the on the floor or people on the rock ‘n’ roll. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 16th July **2016**

on the floor

adjective

poor, lacking in money [UK]

Suggested by metaphor. Synonymous with *on the rory*.

▶ see *RORY O’MORE*

· Whereas if I answered you, ‘On the floor!’ an’ pulled a face like a garden kite, you’d all ha’ groaned in symperfy. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: E. Pugh, *The Cockney at Home*, p.162, **1914**

· “Whatever we take to-day, boys, must go for more gear,” said Barney one morning, “or we’ll find ourselves on the floor with no gelt and no gear. Things are not too good, you know.” – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.204, **1934**

· “I’m on the floor,” He says. “I’m out of work.” – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.104, **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, **1968**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· In my Dad’s youth, if you were poor you were said to be ‘on the floor’, and wages were called ‘greengages’. – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.130, **1987**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· One ‘ad a load of money, and the other was really on-the-floor. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.46, **2001**

· I’m gonna bring some good news for all the on-the-floor. [...] They kept this power by treating on-the-floor people like dirt. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, pp.13/26, **2002**

on the hob

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *knob*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

on the skive

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-five [UK]

< *on the skive* ‘to avoid work or responsibility’.

· Holiday camp operator Butlins has given the game a revamp by adding a host of modern references as rhyming slang for many of the numbers. [...] “Dirty Gertie” (30) will become “Ali G” after the comic character, “strive and strive” (75) becomes “on the skive”[.] – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 5th May **2003**

· Now, eyes down! [...] 73, Camomile Tea, 75, on the skive; 52, Chicken vindaloo... – www.denmey-net.co.uk, 8th May **2003**

· – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June **2004**

on the sly

noun

a beer [AUSTRALIA]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on *oh my*, a shortening of OH MY DEAR.

· If the “twist and twirl” (Cockney for girl) in the evening star (bar) is asked for a long glass of “on the sly” she pulls the customer a long beer (sometimes called “pig’s ear”). – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March **1912**

on your back

noun

crack cocaine [UK]

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

on your knees

noun

peas [UK]

· – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 15th May **2006**

· You can’t have dessert until you finish those on your knees. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O’ The Day*, p.15, **2008**

on your own

noun

a loan [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

ooh la la; ooh la

noun

a bra [UK]

< *ooh la la*, an interjection used to express surprise or delight, usually when talking about something risqué; ultimately from the French interjection *ooh là là*, which is used in a more general sense.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [B]oys on their twelfth date might have got a feel, but not under the ‘ooh la’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.94, **2011**

oompa loompa

noun

a jumper [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A perfect rhyme in Liverpool English. < Oompa-Loompa, a character in Roald Dahl’s novels *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964), adapted into two films (1971, 2005), and *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* (1972). Probably suggested by the phrase *oompa loompa, stick it up your jumper!*, an alteration of the earlier *oompah, oompah, stick it up your jumper!*.

· I’ve heard oompa loompa used for jumper before. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

open the door

noun

in bingo, the number forty-four [UK]

The following quotation is from an account of life in the British army before World War I.

· Every number had a name: number one was ‘Little Jimmy’ or ‘Kelly’s Eye’. Most were expressed in rhyming slang: eleven was ‘Leg’s Eleven’; forty-four was ‘Open the Door’; sixty-six was ‘Clickety-click’. – B. Farwell, *Mr. Kipling’s Army*, p.196, **1981**

open two doors

noun

in bingo, the number forty-four [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *all the fours*, another bingo call for this number.

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

· – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August **2013**

Ophelia Pratt; ophelia

noun

a female informer [US]

Rhymes on the slang *rat*. The short form is recorded in 2012.

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· Supremacists in Los Angeles employ *charles* ‘chaplain’ (*Charlie Chaplin*), *ocean* ‘shave’ (< *ocean wave*), *Ophelia* ‘snitch’ (< *rat* < *Ophelia Pratt*), and *slay* ‘Jew’ (< *slay and slew*). – R.W. Bailey, *Speaking American*, p.178, **2012**

optic nerve; optic

noun

1 a man who likes watching or staring at (usually) women in a sexual way [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*. First recorded as *optic* in 1967.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, no. XXXVIII, **1967**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· He’s definitely an optic nerve. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· He suggested that I “take a butcher’s at the barmaid’s wooden pegs”! Some other mates told him he was an optic nerve. – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September **2011**

· But you reckon he’s an optic nerve. You told me that a coupla times. A *perve*, you said he was. – www.narratoraustralia.com, blog, 29th April **2013**

2 a look of sexual desire or interest; a look of interest or fascination [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *perve*. An elaboration of the slang *optic* ‘a look’ (with narrowing of meaning). Often used in the phrase *have/take/cop an optic nerve* ‘to have a good look’.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **optic nerve** (optic) The careful study of attractive young ladies. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· Jeez, would you cop an optic nerve at that. – www.aus-sieftzy.com, 7th November **2000**

· Get out there and have an **optic nerve**. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· Take an optic nerve at my blog. – *The Official Global DJ Rankings* forum, 14th August 2010

· Check out her pictures – have an “optic nerve” at this girl. – www.reddit.com/r/IAmA, 25th January 2014

optic nerve

verb

to look or gaze with sexual desire or interest; to ogle

[AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July 1988

· The Thai overlooking scarborough carpark has a good feed and you can watch the bikes go past and the ocean from the balcony, just dont get caught optic nerving the ladies! – *Perth Street Bikes* forum, 6th February 2008

· I reckon there might be a few old boys here who think that women should be good for photocopying, tea making, maybe a bit of sly optic nerving but not to be taken seriously. – www.macrobusiness.com.au, blog, 16th October 2012

orange and pear

verb

to swear [UK]

· Don't you orange and pear at me. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th February 2002

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

orange peel; orange

noun

a feel [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· I fancy an orange of her Bristols! – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· I blinks an' the brunette is down there too in shot like, 'avin' an' orange peel around the blondes' bacon baps. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· As long as she's not a “three wheeled trike” I'd have a “house to let” that before long you'd be up the “apples and pears” where she can have a “orange peel” with your “davina macalls” while your stroking her “elizabeth regina”. – *Sheffield Forum*, 25th September 2008

orange peel

verb

to feel [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [Y]ou just so sad you orange peel the need to complain and complain abah everythin' and anything, goodness sake sum of you need a Porridge Knife! – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 14th October 2009

orange pip; orange

noun

a Japanese [UK]

Rhymes on *Nip*.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.23, 1979

· Among the racist dysphemisms of English, are: [...] *kraut* and *hun* for a German, *chink* (Cockney *widow's wink*) for a Chinese, *jav* or *nip* (Cockney *orange pip*) for a Japanese[.] – K. Allan and K. Burridge, *Euphemism & Dysphemism*, p.121, 1991

· An ‘orange’ is an allusion to a person from Japan[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Ill bet you are either a dusbin lid, or a grocer's shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or a spotty dog, or a widow's wink, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July 1996

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

oranges and lemons

noun

stairs [UK]

Punningly formed on the model of APPLES AND PEARS.

< ‘Oranges and Lemons’, a traditional nursery rhyme and children's game. A similar coinage is SYRUP OF PRUNES. ► see FRUIT

· Be careful with the oranges and lemons. – *London*, spoken, male, ca 45, 1998

· It appears that during the mid nineteen-sixties, there was a brief vogue for “Irish rhyming slang”. This was like the Cockney version, only it *didn't* rhyme, e.g. “oranges and lemons” = ‘stairs’. – *Anthony Powell Discussion List, Yahoo! Groups*, 22nd October 2001

orange squash; orange

noun

1 money [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dosh*.

· ‘Got no orange’ may be the result of a fruitless tap. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Have you misplaced your rhino, run out of orange squash or lost your Lady Godiva? – *Evening Standard*, London, 11th June 2002

· It [*dosh*] spawned rhyming slang spin-offs like rogan josh and orange squash. – *The Sun*, 11th June 2002

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, 2008

2 a wash [UK: MANCHESTER]

· – www.bbc.co.uk, 6th November 2002

· – C. Brook-Chorlton, *Manchester Dialect*, p.20, 2014

orange walk

noun

in pool, a block of chalk [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Orange Walk* ‘an annual parade held by unionists, especially in Northern Ireland and Scotland, to celebrate the anniversary of Prince William of Orange's 1690 victory over King James II in the Battle of the Boyne’.

· When playin pool ... pass me the orange walk (chalk). – *BBC 606* forum, 31st October 2007

orchestra falls

noun

the testicles [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. A blend of ORCHESTRA STALLS and NIAGARA FALLS.

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.37, 1983

orchestra halls

noun

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. A folk-etymological interpretation of *orchestras*, the reduced version of ORCHESTRA STALLS, or a blend of ORCHESTRA STALLS and TOWN HALLS.

• Derives from cockney rhyming slang for balls – Orchestra Halls, which is shortened to Orc's. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 3rd August 2004

• For any of the wankers out there who aren't savvy to Cockney Rhyming Slang, orchestra stands for balls, as in "orchestra halls." – *myspace.com*, 21st April 2007

• – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 1st July 2012

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*.

• If ANY of these things are that vital – why is the driver not immediately suspended until they are achieved? The answer is of course they are all (and this is cockney rhyming slang) Orchestra Halls! – *Taxi Driver Online* forum, 12th May 2011

orchestra stalls; orchestras; orchestrals; orchs; orks

noun

1 the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. Perhaps suggested by the Greek *orkhis* 'a testicle', itself the etymon of *orchid*, whose plural form is also used in English as a slang synonym for *testicles*. *Orks*, also spelt *orchs*, may be a clipping of *orchestras* or *orchids*, or perhaps just an alteration of *orkhis*. Also used figuratively, as in *stake one's orchestras on something* 'to be absolutely sure of something'.

► see DOG'S ORCHESTRAS and HOLLINGBURY'S

• – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: L. Payne, private collection, ante 1945

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• I am now a sandwich filling between her and Starkers who is gently massaging my orchestras. – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.123, 1976

• [H]er old man was likely to cut his orchestras off. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.22, 1986

• He also denied simulating sex with another female worker at Glebe Police Citizens' Youth Club and referring to his genitals as "the orchestras" or "a bone". – *Sydney Morning Herald*, 19th April 1991

• [A] kick in the "orchestras" (not "orchestrals", as presented by an ABC presenter recently). – *The Age*, Melbourne, 10th September 1993

• **Testicles** [...] orchestra stalls, orchestras, orchids, orchs, orks[.] – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, pp.138/139, 1999

• Popular substitutes are: *Orchestras* ('orchestra stalls'), *Henry Halls*, *Niagaras* ('Niagara Falls'), *town halls*, *cobblers* ('cobbler's awls') and *maracas* ('knackers'). – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, 2004

• Stop playing with your orks while you're watching the KY jelly. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

• It might be worth watching if someone gave Lenny henry a good kick in the orchestrals[.] – *Ship of Fools* forum, 15th March 2009

• "The question remains: Who?" "That's exactly right," said Kipper. "Hoo done it. I'd stake my orchestras on it." – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.82, 2016

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. In this sense, only used in the forms *orchestra stalls* and *orchestras*. Sometimes in the phrase *a load of orchestras* or, less commonly, *a load of orchestra stalls*.

• Just for a start this whole article runs a dire risk of being a load of orchestras. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

• Are you talking orchestra stalls? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, 1997

• Sorry Kev me old boy, but u r talking 'Orchestra Stalls' me old son! – *CPFC BBS* forum, 27th December 2001

• [I]s this mockney stuff all a load of orchestra stalls? – *Digital Spy* forum, 17th June 2005

• You've gotta be 'aving a laugh. As a Cockney born and bred I can tell you that's a load of orchestras (orchestra stalls – balls, to you mate). – *www.independent.co.uk*, 14th August 2011

3 ■ **make an orchestra stalls of (something); make an orchestras of (something)** to spoil or make a mess of (something) [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*, used in the phrase *make a balls of (something)*.

• If I carry out your instructions and not unsurprisingly make an "orchestras" will I be able to get back to where I was when I started by using my restore program? – *mozillaZine* forum, 14th November 2007

• It's nice work if you can get it, that weather forecastin' lark. Humpty grand a year for making an orchestra stalls of the job the majority of the time. – *PistonHeads* forum, 18th March 2008

• Two expressions I recall from years gone by in my neck of the woods for making a mess of something were to either make a 'Henry Halls' or an 'Orchestras' (i.e. orchestra stalls). – *BritMovie* forum, 20th February 2010

• If Balls is "brilliant" as you continue to maintain, how is it that he has made an orchestra stalls of everything he has touched? – *blogs.spectator.co.uk*, blog, 16th June 2011

4 in games and sports, balls [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• [K]icking those ORCHESTRA STALLS all over the HEDGE AND DITCH, trying to BOBBY MOORE an ANDY COLE. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 26th July 2012

organ grinder

noun

a bodyguard [UK]

Rhymes on *minder*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Orinoko; Orinoco; ori*noun*

1 a poker [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *Orinoko* as *Orinoker*. < Orinoco, a river in Venezuela and Colombia. Only evidenced in the full form. The spelling with *c* is given by Kirkpatrick (2001); all other sources give the form with *k*.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1902· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

2 cocoa [UK]

The forms *Orinoko* and *ori* are given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] cocoa – Orinoco[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

orkan'pa eenqua*noun*

a homosexual man [AUSTRALIA]

A blend of *orkanpa eanba* and *eenqua*, the pig Latin versions of PORK AND BEAN and *queen*.

· **ofterpa** [...] (Gael language for poofter). Similarly, **orkan'pa eenqua**[.] – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1944

ormstay and ifestray*noun*

a wife [US]

A pig Latin version of STORM AND STRIFE.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935**Orphan Annie; orphan***noun*

the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *fanny*. < *Little Orphan Annie*, an American comic strip created in 1924 by Harold Grey and its eponymous title character; best known in Britain from the 1977 stage musical *Annie* and its 1982 film version.

· A cautionary warning to steer clear of something less than kushti, a traffic jam for example or a pub where the guv'nor drinks lager, is 'avoid it like an infected orphan'. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – M. Hunt, *The Joy of Swearing*, p.134, 2006· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, 2009**orson***noun*

▶ see HORSE AND CART

Osama Bin Laden; Bin Laden; osama*noun*

1 a garden [UK]

< Saudi-born al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden (1957–2011), who was accused of orchestrating the attacks of 9/11.

· Look at the mess of my Osama. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd December 2002

· I'm gonna spend the afternoon in the old Bin Laden. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th May 2003

· That's why you'll hear a lot of my mates say they're popping out to the 'Bin Laden' for a fag. – *Sweet Feathery Jesus!* forum, 14th August 2006

· I'm going to spend the afternoon in my Osama. – *The Reading Evening Post*, 19th February 2009

· Osama Bin Laden = garden (as in 'I cannot Adam and Eve my mince pies; I've just seen a Barack in the Osama'). – L. Palmer, *How to Win*, 2013

2 pardon [UK]

Used in the phrases *I beg your Bin Laden* and *I beg your osama*.

· Beg your Osama. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st March 2002

· I beg your Osama. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I beg your #osama bin laden... – *twitter.com*, 4th March 2011

· "Whatever doesn't kill me can only make me more punk" "Doooooooooooooooooooooooookkkkaaaaaa!!!!!" "Beg your Bin Laden?" – *www.geocities.ws*, web hosting service, member profile, accessed 13th October 2012

· 'Ere, beg yer osama, but ya gone bow and arrow[.] – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August 2013

Oscar Asche; Oscar Ashe; Oscar Ash; Oscar Nash;**oscar; okker***noun*

cash; money [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

< Australian actor and director Oscar Asche (1871–1936). The forms *Oscar Nash* and *okker* are exclusively Australian.

· You can get four, for the same amount of 'Oscar Asche'. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Battery Herald: Journal of the 14th Field Artillery*, 9th October 1916

· Cash ... Oscar Ashe. – P.P., *RS*, 1932

· New Zealand's pet term [for money] appears to be "oscar," which is run a close second by "hoot." "Oscar" is an excellent example of Cockney rhyming slang, being derived from "Oscar Ashe," which is, being interpreted, "cash." – *Auckland Star*, 9th March 1932

· Oscar Asche (Oscar) see also Bees and Honey ... Cash. – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· **oscar**: [...] Money, ready cash. – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, 1941

· Through a rhyme on "cash" money comes to be known as *Oscar Asche*, and then becomes *Oscar*. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, 1945

· It's easy to laugh at a joke but it takes real humour to laugh at a joke which carried his oscar at the rear of the field. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: F. Cooze, *Ten Bob Each Way*, 'Foreword', 1946

· You may still hear coin of the realm referred to as "oscar"[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 20th July 1946

· CASH: *Oscar Asche*. Usually abbreviated to *Oscar*. – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.284, 1948

· It is hard to believe that two years ago I was humpin' the drum with you, spending all my Oscar Asche on mud an' ooze[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· But what are we goin' to do for Oscar?* *Oscar Ashe was a famed AUSTRAL' actor (B.H.) – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off*, 1971

· He put some 'Oscar' into the 'Tank'[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.40, 1973

· 'is wife rang up an' said 'e 'ad to go. Always does what 'e's told. Even with 'is pocketmoney. She keeps 'er fingers on the Oscar Asche that one. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: K. Ovenden, *Ratatui*, p.195, 1984

· **OSCAR** [...] cash. Oscar Asche = cash. – J. Morton, *Low-speak*, 1989

· **Oscar Ash, Oscar Asche, Oscar Nash, Oscar, Okker:** cash[.] – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

· In any event a swank Charlie's hairdresser would charge you more Oscar than a Sydney Harbour[.] – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 19th August 1993

· **oscar** [...] cash, money. **Oscar Asche** noun cash (rhyming slang), money. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

Oscar Britt

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Oscar Hocks; Oscar Hox

noun

socks [US/CANADA]

< American liquor merchant and politician Oscar Hocks (1870–1923), who served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco in the early 20th century. The spelling *Oscar Hox*, recorded in 1936, is rare.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928

· Oscar Hocks, that's your socks. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May 1929

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· [T]he very latest in ones and twos with rolled Oscar Hox to top them off! – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June 1936

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.76, 1968

· – M.M. Orkin, *Speaking Canadian English*, p.222, 1971

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, 1978

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, 2005

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August 2008

Oscar Joes

noun

the toes [us]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July 1982

Oscar King; oscar

noun

string [AUSTRALIA]

Children's slang.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

Oscar Slater; Oscar

adverb

later [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *later* and *-later*, the final part of the name *Oscar Slater*.

< Oscar Slater (born Oscar Joseph Leschziner; 1872–1948), a German Jew who was wrongly imprisoned for the murder of an old lady in Glasgow in 1908; he was released in late 1927. Only used in the phrase *see you Oscar Slater* (often shortened to *see you oscar*).

· See you Oscar Slater. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985

· – *Evening Tribune*, San Diego, CA, 7th April 1988

· Haven't heard of the Wild Oscars, but in Glasgow rhyming slang, someone departing the company will often say, "See you Oscar." – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 22nd December 2000

· See ye Oscar, Jimmy. – *Reminiscences of Springburn* forum, 22nd February 2008

· Nobody talking to me then. Fair do's. See ye oscar. – *www.house-mixes.com*, 12th December 2009

· So as the night goes oan, party wis rerr good (chanters and such) and after we'd had enough flipping ginger to float a boat doon the Clyde, we get up ti say see ya Oscar Slater[.] – *The Gorbals* forum, 21st November 2012

Oscar Slaters; oscars

noun

potatoes [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potatoes* as *potaters*. < Oscar Slater (born Oscar Joseph Leschziner; 1872–1948), a German Jew who was wrongly imprisoned for the murder of an old lady in Glasgow in 1908.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.38, 1973

Oscar Wilde; Oscar

adjective

uncontrolled; unrestrained [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *wild* and *Wilde*. < Irish writer Oscar Wilde (1854–1900).

Thorne (1990) notes that the short form was 'in use among commune dwellers and hippies in the late 1970s in such phrases as to "go completely Oscar"'.
· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990

- Take it easy, man. Don't go Oscar. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- Spell chicker jest went Oscar wilde! – *answers.yahoo.com*, 22nd January **2011**

Oscar Wilde; oscar*noun*

mild ale [UK]

- < Irish writer Oscar Wilde (1854–1900). Thus *Oscar Wilde*, the brand name of a beer brewed by the Mighty Oak Brewing Company of Maldon, Essex.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- We have Paul Weller for a pint of Stella Artois and Shaun Ryder for pint of Cider. Some also say Gary Glitter for bitter and Oscar Wilde for Mild. – *TheForce.net* forum, 27th November **2003**
- [A] drop of 'oscar'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- I'll have a pint of Oscar. – *www.bobthebrit.net*, 16th February **2009**
- The Essex-brewed mild was named in rhyming slang style ('A pint of Oscar, please'). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 31st May **2009**
- Oscar – pint of mild – from Oscar Wilde. – *www.face-book.com*, 'Words & Phrases used in Ilkeston and their meanings', 27th July **2009**

Oscar Wilde*adjective*

mild (in flavour) [UK]

- < Irish writer Oscar Wilde (1854–1900).
- That Ruby's pretty Oscar Wilde. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th September **2009**

osenay and inchay*verb*

in horse racing, to win [US]

- A pig Latin version of NOSE AND CHIN.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

osesray edray*noun*

a bed [US]

- A pig Latin version of ROSES RED.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Ossie Male*noun*

a tail [UK: WALES]

- < Welsh rugby union player Benjamin Oswald 'Ossie' Male (1893–1975).
- – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

Ossie Porter*noun*

water [AUSTRALIA]

- < Oswald 'Ossie' Porter, a noted Australian racehorse owner of the 1950s.
- If you hear a china plate in the rubbity dub order a gay and frisky with Ossie Porter to keep out the soldiers

- bold, don't call a grasshopper. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**
- – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, **1989**

othermay and aughterday*noun*

water [US]

- A pig Latin version of MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Otis Redding; otis*noun*

1 a wedding [UK]

- < American soul singer Otis Redding (1941–67).
- Lovely Otis Redding it was. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December **2001**
- I stayed long enough to sink a couple of Britneys (beers), chat to Claire Sweeney and pick up an invite to Gary Beadle's (Paul Truman) Otis (wedding) before catching an Andy McNab (cab) home. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 29th November **2002**
- I won't be able to play cards this week, I've got an Otis to go to. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- No I don't fucking care about the Otis. – *twitter.com*, 29th April **2011**
- Newly opened Wedding Event planning business. Creating themes and planning weddings for young professional women who are stylish, want a uniquely them wedding but have the conflict of a full time job. Job description: Company is called OTIS REDDING Events. – *www.elance.com*, 6th June **2012**
- 2 ■ **do someone's Otis Redding** to cause someone to feel emotionally overloaded, confused or stressed [UK]
 - Rhymes on *head in*, used in the slang phrase *do someone's head in*. Occasionally spelt *Ottis Redding*.
 - Oh, this is doing my Ottis Redding! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th March **2007**
 - She's doing me Otis Redding[.] – *Songfacts* forum, 19th October **2009**

otray and acepay*noun*

the face [US]

- A pig Latin version of TROT AND PACE.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

ounce of baccy; ounce*noun*

a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]

- Rhymes on *Paki*. A variation of HALF OUNCE OF BACCY.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – [P]aki is not used as a friendly term. – Hey we can just all pretend to be cockneys and use rhyming slang. ounce of baccy? septic tank? sweaty sock? – *james-herbert.co.uk*, forum, 9th November **2006**
- I come from the City centre dear boy, Chester road, if must know, a rather posh area before all the ounce of

baccies came over from the north side. – *RTG Sunderland forum*, 9th March **2011**

Ouse

noun

► see RIVER OUSE

outainmay outray

noun

a bookmaker's tout [US]

A pig Latin version of MOUNTAIN TROUT.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

out and in

noun

the chin [AUSTRALIA/US]

· Now I come to pass my bag of sand round my out-and-in, I think I want a mariner's grave. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

outings and festivals; outings

noun

the testicles [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· Ooooh, 'e got me right in me outings! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2007**

Outlaw Pete

noun

a bed sheet [IRELAND]

< 'Outlaw Pete', a song by Bruce Springsteen from the album *Working on a Dream* (2009).

· [W]hoever's outside just keeps pressing it at, like, five-second intervals, which means I end up having to roll Abhlach off me, throw back the old Outlaw Petes and go and see who it is. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.150, **2010**

outlaws

noun

scales for weighing drugs [UK]

A shortening of *Outlaw Josey Wales*. < *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, a 1976 western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. Synonymous with HAMMER AND NAILS.

► see JOSEY WALES

· – *UK420 forum*, 15th October **2015**

Ovaltine

noun

a queen [UK]

< Ovaltine, a popular brand of drink powder used to flavour milk.

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] queen – Ovaltine[.] – *h2g2 forum*, 15th August **2002**

ovelshay

noun

a room [US]

A pig Latin version of *shovel*, the short form of SHOVEL AND BROOM.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, s.v. *Shovel*, **1935**

oven mitts; ovens

noun

the female breasts [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tits*.

· Look at her Ovens! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th December **2003**

· Show us your 'Oven Mitts'. – *I Seek Golf forum*, 19th July **2006**

· Can I have a feel of her oven mitts? – *RPG.net forum*, 14th January **2009**

· You've a cracking boat race. Show me your oven mitts. – *twitter.com*, 15th February **2012**

over and beneath

noun

the teeth [US]

A variation of UPPERS AND BENEATH.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

overcoat maker

noun

an undertaker [UK]

Suggested by the slang *wooden overcoat* 'a coffin'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· I've just been t'see the Overcoat Maker coz me old mate went Radio Rental this morning and topped 'iself. – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st March **2010**

over there

noun

hair [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

overweight

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-eight [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

Owen Archdeacon

verb

giving off a strong, unpleasant smell [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *reekin*, the Scots form of *reeking*. < Scottish footballer Owen Archdeacon (b.1966).

· I don't mean to be cruel, but I think you should buy yourself a deodorant. Your oxsters are Owen Archdeacon. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June **2007**

Owen Nares; Owen Nairs; owens

noun

1 chairs [UK]

< English actor Owen Nares (1888–1943). Recorded in the forms *Owen Nares* and *owens*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· [T]hree *Owens* wiv *chalks* an' all, an' a 'lectric *dickory* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. [...] Three *Owen Nares* wiv *Chalk Farms* 'n'all 'n' a 'lectric *Dickory Dock* on the mantelpiece over the *Jeremiah*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20–21, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.75, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· On the practical front have you checked we can lay our hands on enough **Owen Nares** for the night? – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February **2005**

2 stairs [UK]

Recorded in the form *Owen Nairs*.

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Living Language*, p.209, **2014**

ox cheek

noun

a Greek person [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Oxford and Cambridge; oxford

noun

the face [UK]

A covert pun on **BOAT RACE** or a shortening of *Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race*. < Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, an annual race on the Thames between teams from Oxford and Cambridge.

· **Boat race** face (also known as Oxford & Cambridge). – M. Ellis, *Slanguage*, p.186, **2000**

· I spotted her from across the room, she had an oxford like a bag of smashed crabs! – *UD(.com)*, 20th April **2006**

· There's this new girl at my gym, cracking Elle, shame about the Oxford. – *www.catflapfootball.com*, 11th March **2009**

Oxford bag; oxford

noun

1 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. < *Oxford bags* 'a style of wide-legged trousers'.

· You're getting old if you can remember when 20 Oxfords cost an Oxford. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a flag [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

Oxford brogue; oxford

noun

a rootless layabout [UK]

Rhymes on *rogue*. < *Oxford brogue* 'a type of men's shoe'.

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.201, **1983**

Oxford punt; oxford

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· Finally, Farrell claimed that everyone back in Edinburgh wants to know the rhyming slang for planner. 'Well, it's Oxford punt.' – *www.campaignlive.co.uk*, 3rd March **2000**

· He's a right Oxford. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd February **2007**

· Muggy oxford punt who talks outta ya khyber pass. – *Two Plus Two Poker Forum*, 11th July **2012**

Oxford scholar; oxford

noun

1 a collar [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Here, I say, you are not going to out with an 'Oxford scholar' like that round your 'three-quarters of a peck,' are you? – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· After this he goes up the "apples" and puts on a clean "Oxford," changes his "almonds," brushes his "Barnet," and dons his "turtles." – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· I have also learned from these coffee stall conversations that 'The Duke of Kent' means rent, and that 'Barnet Fair' means hair, 'Oxford scholar' collar[.] – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, England, 28th November **1927**

2 in pre-decimal currency, a crown or the amount of five shillings; in Australia, after the introduction of decimalisation in 1966, a dollar; in Britain, after the introduction of decimalisation in 1971, twenty-five pence (the equivalent of five shillings) [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *dollar*. Although the full form is first recorded in New Zealand, the shortened version *oxford* occurs earlier in Britain as part of the term *half-oxford* 'a half-crown coin (two shillings and sixpence)'. ▶ see HALF AN OXFORD SCHOLAR

· Five shillings once we spoke of as a dollar, / And twenty oft we designated quid; / The former has become "An Oxford Scholar," / the latter "Saucepan lid." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· 'Oxford Scholar' (collar, also used for dollar)[.] – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· His nomenclature for coins is confusing at first. For instance:– A penny is a brown; threepence a tray, tizzle, or a ticky [...] dollar, an Oxford scholar[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, "'Digger Yabber" Described: The Lingo the Aussie Talks', 9th March **1919**

· Oxford = five shillings. – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.285, **1932**

· The vast sum the “quid” is a “saucepan lid.” The dollar, less stupendous, but by its possession conveying quiet respectability, is known as an “Oxford scholar.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· **Oxford scholar**. Five shillings (piece or sum): New Zealanders’ rhyming slang on *dollar*: C. 20. Also from ca. 1870, in the S.W. of England[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**
· *Dollar*, *Oxford Scholar*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

· OXFORD SCHOLAR: *Dollar*. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.332, **1938**

· In New Zealand slang a penny is a *brown*, a threepenny piece a *thray* (cf. English *tray*), a sixpence a *sax*, presumably from Scottish *saxpence*. ‘Oxford scholar’ is occasionally heard for five shillings; it probably comes from English rhyming slang for ‘dollar.’ – J.A.W. Bennett, *English as It Is Spoken in New Zealand*, p.91, **1943**

· Oxford Scholar Five shillings. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, **1953**

· [I]t would have to be ready sausage and mash, which would be a nuisance if all you had was a Lord of the Manor (tanner, sixpence) although even half an Oxford (Oxford scholar, dollar) would probably not be enough. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· Five shillings, which used to be known as a dollar – their worth before the 1949 devaluation of the pound – is “an Oxford scholar.” – *The New York Times*, ‘Cockney Rhyming Slang Won’t Take New Coins’, 16th February **1971**

· OXFORD: abb. rhym. See OXFORD SCHOLAR. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· “Twenty Oxford Scholars is a lot of cabbage for one fluffy duck,” he said as he mentally calculated how many pig’s ears he could buy with that amount of pelf. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

· **Oxford Scholar** *Dollar* A dollar was five shillings in £.s.d. and is still used by some die hards in regard to 25 p. The term therefore still has a small currency. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· All I had left were a few **Oxfords** and a little **Kembla** and nobody would take a **Gregory**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

· You’ll want some tucker, so we can get some bangers or maybe a dog’s eye. It’s just one Oxford scholar. – *Faces* magazine, Peterborough, New Hampshire, May **2005**

Oxo cube; oxo

noun

the London underground railway system [UK]

Rhymes on *the Tube*. < Oxo cube, a branded beef extract sold in cubes.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· It was down there in the Oxo cube that Mr Spencer had hit the rails. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.5 [1977], **1975**

· I usually go by Oxo cube, but thought this would make a change. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, **1976**

· [O]n the *oxo cube* ‘tube’, the *weasler* or *porter* has changed into the less descriptive *stationman* through the amalgamation of grades[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.74, **1981**

· You can cash your giro cheque in Tottenham or Brixton, Kilburn or Aldgate in the morning, jump on the Oxo cube, come here and spend the afternoon ironing it out[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.105 [2001], **2000**

· [T]ake the oxo to Bethnal Green. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· In cockney rhyming slang, the London Underground is known as the Oxo (Cube/ Tube). – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 9th January **2013**

Oyster Bay; oyster

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Oyster Bay, a town in Nassau County, New York.

· He’s a bit of an Oyster. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th August **2003**

oyster float

noun

a coat [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

ozone

noun

a telephone [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

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Pa Broon

noun

► see PAW BROON

Packard Bell

noun

a smell [IRELAND]

< Packard Bell, an American computer manufacturer. · [T]heres a packard bell of your gee. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006

Packie Bonner; Pat Bonner

noun

an erection [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *stauner*, a derivative of *stau* ‘to stand’. < Irish footballer Packie Bonner, aka Pat Bonner (b.1960), who played for Celtic from 1978 to 1998.

· Don’t know what I was dreaming about last night, but I woke up this morning with a big Pat Bonner. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

· I’d pump her. That picture gave me a Packie Bonner[.] – *RangersMedia* forum, 10th February 2010

· Mines not particularly big but by fuck it gets excited, every morning i get wake up with a raging pat bonner, walk through the house and knock things off tables and what not. – *RangersMedia* forum, 14th August 2010

· [G]ies a shout when yer oot hen you gie me a right packie bonner. – *twitter.com*, 2nd September 2012

· Chiles misery is giving me a pat bonner. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 19th June 2014

Paddington Bear

noun

1 a pear [UK]

< Paddington Bear, a popular children’s character created by English writer Michael Bond and known for giving people a hard stare to express disapproval; he first appeared in *A Bear Called Paddington*, published in 1958.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 a hard stare; a withering, disapproving look [UK]

Also as *Paddington Bear hard stare*, *Paddington Bear stare* and *Paddington stare*.

· Sometimes I will give other road users the “paddington bear,” especially if they have dared to pull up alongside me... – *PistonHeads* forum, 17th November 2009

· After I delivered him a number 3 Paddington Bear (rhyming slang for stare), I was allowed to leave without injury. – *www.beerinthevening.com*, 3rd May 2014

Paddy and Mick

noun

a pick (a pickaxe) [UK]

< Paddy and Mick, two stereotypical Irish names often applied, in context, to Irish labourers. ► see PAT AND MICK

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Paddy and Mick

adjective

stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *thick*. < Paddy and Mick, two stereotypical Irish names, used here to play on the comic conceit that Irish characters are unintelligent.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.93, 2002

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Paddy Kelly

noun

the belly [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Perhaps < *Paddy Kelly*, a now obsolete dialect word for a dock policeman.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.44, 1972

Paddy McGinty

noun

a twenty-foot scaffold tube [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *twenty* as *twinty*, a typical feature of Aberdeen English. In use among Aberdonian scaffolders.

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

Paddy McGuigan

noun

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *the jiggin*.

· We’re aw gaun tae the Paddy McGuigan the night. – M. Munro, *CPI*, 1996

Paddy McGuire

noun

a domestic fire [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Sling another shovel on the Paddy McGuire while ye’re up. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

Paddy Mack

noun

heroin [UK]

Rhymes on *smack*.

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January 2002

Paddy Malarkey; Paddy Malarky; Paddy Mularky

noun

a black person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *darkie*. First recorded with the spelling *Paddy Malarkey*. Current usage is likely to have been influenced, at least in part, by *Paddy Malarkey's*, the name of an Irish bar which has been open in Paisley, a large town close to Glasgow, since 1996.

- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**
- He's a Paddy Mularky = a darkie. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 2nd May **2002**
- When we used to sing “it's gone all quiet over there”, or “I'd rather be a Paddy Malarkey than a tim”, we used to end it with a resounding chorus[.] – *RangersMedia* forum, 14th December **2011**
- If he'd called a white person coloured, everybody would have turned to each other and been going, “but he's no' a Paddy Malarkey”. – *RangersMedia* forum, 23rd December **2011**
- – You don't have to be white to be a white nationalist. – Are you a skinhead paddy malarkey? – *RangersMedia* forum, 27th June **2012**
- He speaks like a paddy malarkey. – *twitter.com*, 31st August **2013**

paddy melt

noun

- a belt [AUSTRALIA]
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Paddy O'Rourke

noun

- talk; a conversation [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Paddy Power; paddy

noun

- a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [IRELAND]
 - < Paddy Power, one of Ireland's best-known bookmakers.
- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**
- She's having a Paddy Power. [...] I have a quick Paddy and throw on clean threads. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, pp.92/215, **2008**
- Scrubbed the town halls in the paddy power & ready for the day! – *twitter.com*, 7th July **2010**

Paddy Quick

noun

- a stick [UK]
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

Paddy Quick

adjective

- stupid [UK]
 - Rhymes on *thick*.
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

Paddy rammer

noun

- among workmen, a hammer [UK]

- – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

- [A]nd I also strikes a monkey's tail with a Paddy rammer now and then. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

padlock

noun

the penis [UK]

A slightly forced rhyme on *cock*.

- – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**
- That's all very well Myra, but where would the world be without padlocks? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Pádraig Pearse; Paraic Pearse; pádraig; paraic

adjective

(of a smell) terrible, strongly repulsive [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *fierce*. < Irish nationalist Pádraig Pearse (1879–1916). The full and short forms are also spelt with no *fada*, or acute accent, on the first *a*. The short form is occasionally spelt with a grave accent.

- BERTIE: Hey, Leo, the smell in the jacks is Paraic Pearse. It's mucho fuckin' terrible. [...] TOMMY (*sitting down; to Noel and Angela*) The smell in the jacks is Paraic. – R. Doyle, *War*, p.20, I.iii, **1989**
- [T]he smell is Pádraig focking Pearse, so I stagger to the jacks and go into Trap One. [...] I spend the best port of Friday night standing *outside* the Club of Love rather than *inside* for two reasons, roysh, the first being that the pen off the corpet is totally Pádraig since cigarettes were, like banned[,] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, pp.6/161, **2005**
- The Peggy Dell is Padraig Pearse. – *gaadiscussion-board.yuku.com*, forum, 25th October **2006**
- In the end I decide to bring her downstairs, roysh, and it's then I notice that the pen is Padraig and the nappy needs changing. [...] The hum is seriously Pàdraig and the place is filthy. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, pp.106/291, **2007**
- We were in a restaurant once and there was a particularly nasty whiff coming from somewhere: “Jaysus,” he groaned, “that Peggy Dell is Padraig Pearse.” – *www.hotpress.com*, 6th April **2015**

Pail and Basin; Pail

noun

a Freemason [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Not really sure if this gets used in London, but it gets used a lot in Glasgow. Pails = Pails and Basins = Masons = FreeMasons. so, next time someone says to you, 'Going to the Pails?' feel happy that you know roughly what they mean. – *h2g2* forum, 22nd December **1999**

pain in the neck

noun

a cheque [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- Rogan (22) or Pain in the neck (23)? No prob, keep the change. – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

pair of braces*noun*

1 Epsom races (the horse races at Epsom Downs in Surrey, in the south-east of England) [us]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

2 horse races [us/uk]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- [T]o those of you who go to the ‘pair of braces’ either ‘Bottle of sauce’ or ‘Cherry ogs’, here’s wishing you always beat the ‘Joe Rooks’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.59, **1973**
- – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

pair of kippers; kippers*noun*

slippers [UK]

- A slang rhyme on (*pair of*) *slippers*.
- **Pair o’ kippers** Slippers. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**
- Put on your kippers and come here. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th February **2002**
- **Pair of kippers** – Slippers[.] – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- [N]ow sitting all morning at the Aunt Mable on my Pipe and Drum drinking Rosie Lee from my Steam Tug and eating some Holy Ghost with just my Kippers, East and West and Lionel Blairs on[.] – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 12th October **2009**
- Where are my kippers? My feet are cold. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

pair of plates*noun*

in darts, a double eight [UK]

- A slang rhyme on *pair of eights* or rhyming slang on *two eights*.
- – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

pair of Pompeys*noun*

in a deck of playing cards, two fours (of any suit) [UK]

- A shortening of *a pair of Pompey whores*, rhyming on *a pair of fours*. Used with the indefinite article. ▶ see POMPEY WHORE
- Phil from Portsmouth says: When playing cards, a pair of fours is known as a pair of Pompeys. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th October **2013**

pair of shoes*noun*

a score of double two [UK]

A slang rhyme on *pair of twos* or rhyming slang on *two twos*.

- – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

Paisley Road West*noun*

the best [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Paisley Road West, a road in the south side Glasgow. Used in the phrase *all the Paisley Road West*, a complimentary close for informal correspondence, like emails or bulletin board messages.
- Many thanks got exactly what I was looking for, ATPRB All the Paisley Road West. – *Ships Nostalgia* forum, 9th November **2006**
- Seriously guys looking forward to joining you and helping your good causes, hopefully we can help you along with some good banter. “All the Paisley road West”. Paul – *songadeeslimmers.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th September **2007**
- If ye cross the canal to Gilford we’ll send ye right back the way ye came. All the Paisley Road West. – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 8th January **2010**

Palace Pier*adjective*

1 (especially of a man) homosexual [UK: BRIGHTON]

- Rhymes on *queer*. < Palace Pier, the popular name of the Brighton Pier in East Sussex. Reinforced by Brighton’s reputation as a primary centre of British gay culture. ▶ see BRIGHTON PIER
- – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 1st July **2012**
- 2 illegal drugs [UK: BRIGHTON]
- Rhymes on *gear*.
- – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 1st July **2012**

Pall Mall; pall*noun*

a girl [UK]

- Rhymes on the colloquialism *gal*. < Pall Mall, a street in London noted for its private clubs.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.42, **1973**
- Gawd, Fred’s new Pall ain’t ‘arf Park! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, s.v. *Park Lane*, **2004**

pampas grass*noun*

the anus [UK]

- Rhymes on *arse*.
- It was suggested that he should take his holy hand and thrust it up his ‘pampas grass’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- Mind you, I’ve heard those Argentinian women like it up the Pampas Grass! – *Hardy Tropicals UK* forum, 15th August **2011**

Pam Shriver; pam*noun*

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *five*. < American tennis player Pam Shriver (b.1962). In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

- Do us a cheesy, squire – borrow us a Pam Shriver, I'm completely stoney. – *www.proz.com*, 22nd October **2002**
- Put yer Jimmy Shands in yer Davy Crockett, it's only a Pam Shriver. – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2003**
- [F]or a Pam Shriver you could [buy] yourself a vibrator. – *Drowned in Sound* forum, 27th March **2009**
- Pam = £5 as in 'Where's that Pam Shriver'. – *twitter.com*, 12th May **2011**
- The less important \$5 and \$10 notes are often referred to as past international sporting stars – Pam Shriver (five) and Ayrton Senna (tenner). – *www.cnngo.com*, 22nd June **2011**

pan breid; pan breed

adjective

dead [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the Scots *deid*. < *pan breid*, the Scots form of *pan bread* 'a type of loaf bread with a smooth crust'.
- Ye never telt us yer dug wis pan breid. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
 - [H]ere's some that i remember... apples and pears: stairs Hank Marvin (singer in The Shadows (?): starvin' and North of the Border [...]) Pan breid (bread): deid (dead). – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 5th June **1991**
 - This prompts a recital of local slang for being dead, or, as the Scots say it, "deed." "Snuffed it," quips Mr. McKay. "Lights out," his friend fires back. "Up the road." "He's pan-bread," Mr. McKay says. Pan-breed. "Or Sam Snead." – *The Wall Street Journal*, New York, 22nd September **1992**
 - His bunnet, of course. He wore it aw the time. Even tae his bed. So he better wear it noo he's 'pan breid'! – A. Morrison, *Dead Jammy!*, [2013], **2004**
 - Hugh suggests they had to change their name after someone vandalised a poster, replacing 'Rare Breed' with 'Pan Breed' and thus rendering the Scots rhyming slang for 'deid' (dead). – M. Kilty, *SAHB Story*, [2013], **2004**
 - Heard some time later he was pan breid. – *twitter.com*, 19th December **2013**

pancake roll; pancake

noun

the anus [UK]

- Rhymes on *hole*. < *pancake roll*, an alternative British name for a spring roll.
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
 - [Y]ou can shove that right up your pancake roll. – *twitter.com*, 18th March **2016**

pan lid

noun

a child [UK]

- Rhymes on *kid*. A variation of SAUCEPAN LID.
- Im just going down the frog for a few pigs in the battle cruiser, then a ruby murray with the trouble an the pan lids. – *Classic Motorworks* forum, 29th September **2008**

- [M]y mum used to say 'up the apples and pears' when i was A PAN LID. – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th August **2009**
- My brother used to call me his PAN LID, it took me ages to work out it meant OUR KID. – *Daily Mail* forum, 22nd February **2013**

pan-loaf

noun

the head [UK: SCOTLAND]

- An offshoot of *loaf*, the short form of LOAF OF BREAD. < *pan loaf*, in Scottish English, 'a loaf that is baked in a pan or tin and has a smooth crust all round'.
- – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.86, **2005**

panorama

noun

in the building trade, a hammer [UK]

- Relies on a humorous mock northern English pronunciation of *panorama*.
- A bricklayer often says to his comrade at the work, "Lend us your panorama,"—this being merely a picturesque request for the loan of his hammer. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

panoramas

noun

pyjamas [UK]

- < *Panorama*, a BBC television current affairs programme first broadcast in 1953.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - Come on, time to get your panoramas on. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 - "Morning Mr C," Stacey said, casting a shy look towards the bed. [...] Jasper sensed her embarrassment. "Don't worry, Stacey, I'm wearing panoramas," he said in a voice thick with sleep. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.156, **2012**

Pansy Potter

noun

a lump or drop of nasal mucus [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *snotter*. < Pansy Potter – The Strong Man's Daughter, a comic strip character created by Hugh McNeill in 1938 for *The Beano*.
- Here Atomic Bomb, there's a Pansy Potter running doon yer Rose Hip. Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it's in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowdenbeath. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August **2015**

Pansy Potters

noun

employment documentation, generally used in the context of dismissal [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jotters*. < Pansy Potter – The Strong Man's Daughter, a comic strip character created by Hugh McNeill in 1938 for *The Beano*.
- She'd only been there a year when they gave her her Pansy Potters. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· In fact it cost a young lady her job in a soap factory. Outrageous. Imagine getting your “pansy potters” for simply writing the truth. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 24th March **1998**

· OK, then how about the skulduggery and jealousy that led to me getting my pansy potters? – *Daily Mirror*, London, 27th April **1999**

· Why was Stevie Kirk sacked and did he deserve his Pansy Potters? – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 26th September **2006**

pantomime cow

noun

a noisy argument or fight [UK]

Rhymes on *row*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

pants and vest; pants

noun

1 a heraldic crest [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· [O]ur member is the man to go to if a Pearly King is egged on by his bother-and-strife and gawd-ferbids to look into his family crime-and-mystery and discover whether he is entitled to fire-alarms and pants-and-vest. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, p.200, 1961: *The Heraldry Gazette*, Guildford, April **1960**

2 best bitter beer [UK]

· [A] pint of pants. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 the chest [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· This cough is killing me pants and vest. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

Paolo Nutini

noun

a genie [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish pop singer Paolo Nutini (b.1987).

· Aladdin rubbed a special Scottish lamp and out popped a Paolo Nutini. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

paper bag

noun

1 an old horse [UK]

Rhymes on *nag*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a person who nags [UK]

Rhymes on *nag*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

paper bag; paper

verb

to nag [UK]

· I couldn't stand her papering me all night. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

paper doll

noun

a prostitute [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *moll*.

· Yeah, well that's why it's called 'The Harlot's Lament', see? 'Cos it's an old paper doll havin' a cry about how genteel she used ter be but now she's just a ten-bob bash. – J. McNeil, *The Old Familiar Juice*, sc. ii, p.68 [1987], **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· The paper doll on the Johnny Horner knew that the bulge in his sky rocket was not an aristotle. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Paper Hankies; Papers

nickname

Clydebank FC, a football team based in Clydebank, near Glasgow

Rhymes on *Bankies*, the traditional nickname for this football club. ► see HAM SHANKIES, JIMMY KRANKIES, KILLIECRANKIES and SHERMAN TANKIES

· Variously, the Bankies have been lumbered with fond cries for the Paper Hankies or Ham Shankies. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 29th January **2000**

· Over at the Bankies side, joy was unconfined and unrestrained as the Paper Hankies got out of jail a bit in the first half, as Stranraer came close a couple of times[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 17th December **2001**

· I have herd Clydebank fans shout mon the papers or the peppers? – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 20th April **2011**

· New Kilbowie Park, Clydebank. Home of the famous Paper Hankies. – *twitter.com*, 3rd April **2016**

paraffin

noun

gin [UK]

A slightly forced rhyme triggered by metaphor.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

paraffin ile; paraffin

noun

style [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *paraffin ile*, the Scots form of *paraffin oil*. A folk-etymological interpretation of the old Glaswegian slang *paraffinelly* (also spelt *paraphernally*) ‘a smart appearance’, itself a corruption of *paraphernalia*.

· Put me down for a new tin flute wi the tonky stove-pipe paraffin. – R. McMillan, *All in Good Faith*, I.ii, p.299 [2008], 1979, first performed at the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow, 5th April **1954**

· Just like any ordinary Glaswegian does when he comes into money, they wanted to do it in style. There's nothing subtle about Glasgow style. When they go about the paraffin, as Jamesie Nelson called it, it's the kind of style that's there to be seen[.] – J. Burrows, *Jamesie's People*, p.242 [1987], **1984**

· Ye've really put on the paraffin the night, hen. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.158, **1994**

· **Pit on the paraffin** Affect an air of sophistication. Paraffin “ile” (oil) – style. – *The Guardian*, London, 29th April **2002**

paraffin lamp; paraffin; parafin; lamp*noun*

a tramp, a homeless person; hence, a scruffy person
[IRELAND/UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short forms are exclusively British. *Lamp* is recorded by Smith (1989).

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· I'm the blackmail man, / A paraffin lamp, an elephant's trunk. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, 1977

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.234, 1989

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· “Paraffin lamp” and “penny stamp” are the vogue words for the homeless. Both were everyday objects the last time the streets of Britain had so many tramps. – *The Times*, London, 9th July 1996

· You stroll about like a fucking parafin[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.1 [2012], 2004

· Have a wash ya' smelly paraffin. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th January 2005

· Anyway, I was sat there doing fine when I noticed a Paraffin Lamp having a pish in the doorway of the pub. – *Championship Manager* forum, 19th March 2007

· He looked old-school, herringbone coat and trousers held up with a length of rope. What was once referred to as a gentleman of the road, a paraffin lamp. – T. Black, *Paying for It*, p.230 [2009], 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· ‘Thought he should look smart,’ says Roy. ‘He’s a paraffin lamp, is Smiler.’ – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.223, 2011

· [N]ow to walk up the apples and pears for a dave gower because I feel like a paraffin lamp. – *twitter.com*, 1st April 2014

Paraic Pearse; paraic*adjective*

► see PÁDRAIG PEARSE

Paris Bun*noun*

1 a Protestant; hence a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC, traditionally a Protestant team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Hun*. < *Paris bun* ‘a sweet, sponge-like bun popular in Northern Ireland and Scotland’. A sectarian insult mainly used by supporters of Celtic FC and Edinburgh’s Hibernian FC. Synonymous with CREAM BUN, CURRANT BUN and STICKY BUN.

· Rents’s auld boy’s a soapdodger and a Paris Bun, but he’s no really intae this sortay gig any mair. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.127 [1994], 1993

· My lady wife, who is a Paris Bun par extraordinaire, thinks that there is a media conspiracy against Rangers! – *uk.sport.football.clubs.celtic*, *Google Groups*, 20th September 2000

· He is a Paris Bun. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 2nd April 2006

· To my mind anyone who supports Rangers comes into the category of ‘Hun’ and its variant forms – Paris Bun; Current Bun etc. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 16th February 2007

· By the same token, calling someone a Paris Bun or even a Bluenose purely because they are Protestant would also be sectarian. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th February 2009

· – The Jelly Bean and the Taury Rope are both Huns. – Now how does the North British Labour and Unionist Party explain that one? – They are a’ Paris Buns, one way or another. – *Scottish Republican Socialist Movement* forum, 17th September 2010

2 a son [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· Paris bun was a rhyming slang name for someone’s son. – *Belfast Forum*, 27th February 2007

· I will post some photies of the owl beg soon when my Paris bun comes to help with my forthcoming movie. – *Belfast Forum*, 17th August 2007

3 a nun [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Belfast Forum*, 27th February 2007

· To us, the Republic of Ireland was a foreign country, not our country. However, a group of us ventured down into Dublin in 1985, and all I can remember is a Paris bun standing in the middle of O’Connell street with her rosary beads and reciting passages from some obscure religious text. – *Politics.ie* forum, 20th February 2014

Paris Buns*nickname*

Glasgow Rangers FC

Rhymes on *the Huns*, a pejorative nickname for this club chiefly used by supporters of Glasgow’s Celtic and Edinburgh’s Hibernian, two clubs whose roots are in the Irish Catholic community, as a sectarian reference to their largely Protestant following. Other derogatory nicknames for Glasgow Rangers are CREAM BUNS, CURRANT BUNS and STICKY BUNS.

· Paris Buns 1–0 so far good result for them. – *Digital Center* forum, 26th November 2004

· When the Paris Buns were on top they gave little thought to marketing themselves without us, so why should Celtic feel thrilled to working in cooperation with those who mean us no good. – *etims.net*, 25th January 2005

· Well it looks like the bold ‘well could have a say on where the title goes this season. They play the Paris buns today and Celtic next week. – *dilzybhoy.wordpress.com*, blog, 14th May 2005

· I will concede that some refs do favour the old firm teams but the big difference is that most of them lean in favour of the paris buns. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 20th February 2008

Paris Hilton; paris*noun*

Stilton cheese [UK]

< American celebrity socialite Paris Hilton (b.1981).

· A slice of Paris[.] – *www.absoluteradio.co.uk*, 29th September **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· C’nav two Paris Hilton ploughman’s and two Britney Spears. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

park bench

noun

a tench [IRELAND]

Angling slang.

· And a tench is a Park Bench. – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 19th June **2008**

parked

verb

died [UK]

A modified shortening of *park and ride*, rhyming on the past and past participle of *die*.

· – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

Parker Bowles; Parker

noun

▶ see CAMILLA PARKER BOWLES

Parkhead smiddies; Parkheid smiddies

noun

a woman’s breasts [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *diddies*, the Scots equivalent of *titties*. < *Parkhead smiddies* or *Parkheid smiddies*, the Scots form of *Parkhead smithies*, a reference to Parkhead Forge, a defunct steel-making and engineering works in the east end of Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· [G]et a picture wi a burd wi big parkheid smiddies holdin it. – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 17th March **2008**

· [S]ome set a’ parkheid smiddies but. – *Steelmen Online* forum, 13th February **2009**

· – Ripping out a fire and ch back boiler (already drained) in morning mates rates £30 but she has a crackin pair of thruppeny bits. – or Parkhead Smiddies. – *DIYnot.com* forum, 7th July **2009**

Park Lane

noun

a pain [UK]

< Park Lane, a major road in London that runs along the eastern side of Hyde Park.

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Park Lane; park

adjective

1 plain [UK]

< Park Lane, a major road in London that runs along the eastern side of Hyde Park. Only recorded in the full form.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.42, **1973**

2 (of a woman or girl) not beautiful [UK]

Rhymes on *plain*.

· Gawd, Fred’s new Pall ain’t ’arf Park! – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Parnell

noun

cocaine [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the slang *charlie*, meaning ‘cocaine’, and *Charlie*, the pet form of *Charles*. < Irish politician Charles Stewart Parnell (1846–91).

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.185, **2007**

Partick smiddies; particks

noun

a woman’s breasts [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *diddies*, the Scots equivalent of *titties*. < The Partick Smiddy, a familiar name for The Smiddy Bar, a popular establishment in the Partick area of the west end of Glasgow; *smiddy* is Scots for *smithy* ‘a blacksmith’s workshop’.

· Oh aye, she’s gettin her particks oot the noo. – *Netphoria Message Board*, 10th August **2006**

· What a pair of Particks! – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 11th April **2007**

· Check the Particks oan that[.] – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 4th June **2007**

· **99 words for boobs** Partick smiddies – diddies, not me my other half. – *Fantazia* forum, 23rd May **2008**

· My father and grandfather took to calling tits “Partick’s”[.] – *www.reddit.com/r/glasgow*, 24th November **2012**

· [H]er partick smiddies have bent the furniture. – *twiscy.com*, 18th March **2013**

· [I]n my more romantic moments, I’ve complimented her on her fine Particks. – *www.heraldsotland.com*, 17th April **2014**

Partick Thistle

noun

a whistle [UK]

< Partick Thistle, a Glasgow football team, popularly known as the *Jags* and the HARRY WRAGGS. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *as clean as a Partick Thistle* ‘spotless, blameless, free from fault’, the direct equivalent of *as clean as a whistle*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 11th May **2007**

· “He’s as clean as a Partick Thistle.” “I beg your pardon?” Magnus said. “We can find no fault with the surgery, no fault with his medical care, and it does not seem likely that the surgeon is the root cause of your father’s death.” – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.54, **2012**

Partick Thistle

verb

to whistle [UK]

< Partick Thistle, a Glasgow football team.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

partridge shoot; partridge*noun*

a boot [UK]

Cricketers' slang.

· Partridge shoot – boot: as in “My partridges have got no studs”. – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April 2003

Pascal Chimbonda; pascal*noun*

a leisurely walk [UK]

Rhymes on *wander*. < French footballer Pascal Chimbonda, who played for several British clubs from 2005 to 2014.

· Likewise I was asked at cricket the other week if I fancied going for a Pascal Chimbonda! – *www.hintsandthings.co.uk*, 3rd December 2009

· I am just going for a Pascal Chimbonda (wander)[.] – *True LAD* forum, 16th November 2010

· I'm off for a Pascal. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 1st June 2011

· He's gone for a pascal to get some more bangers n mash, my son. – *twitter.com*, 18th October 2013

pass*noun*

▶ see BULLI PASS

pastry cook; pastry*noun*

a book [UK]

· Our Kev's got more pastries than the bleedin' lib'ry. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Pat and Frank*noun*

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Pat and Frank Butcher, two characters in the BBC TV soap *EastEnders*. Pat Butcher was played by Pam St Clement (b.1942) from 1986 to 2012; Mike Reid (1940–2007) appeared as Frank Butcher from 1987 to 2005.

· The old schoolboy theory used to go that if you sat on your hand for a while before having a Pat and Frank, it'd feel like someone else was doing it for you. – *Runner's World* forum, 2nd March 2005

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Hail Sweary*, 2013

Pat and Mick*noun*

1 a pick (a pickaxe) [AUSTRALIA]

Surely not a coincidental link between two stereotypical Irish names, often conjoined as characters by joke-tellers, and an ordinary tool used by the navy (an old stereotype of the average Irish labourer).

· – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 26th July 1941

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangage of Sex*, 1984

3 vomit [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*. Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

· [*The body is almost completely covering the vent, save for a small crack along the top. The vomit continues moving, and begins climbing up over the body towards the crack.*] Dave: Gordon Bennet, 'is Pat and Mick is alive!' – *www.queens-view.com*, August/November 1997

4 ■ on the Pat and Mick on sick leave [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *sick*, used in the phrase *on the sick*. Functionally shifted from the adjective form.

· Billy the actor, after listening to George for five minutes, said, in a pretty good version of George's voice, 'Look chaps, I'm afraid this man's vocabulary is on the Pat and Mick, the sick. I do believe it has elephantiasis.' – I. Black, *Tales of the Tartan Army*, p.23, 1998

· Dan sacked for trip on the Pat and Mick. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th April 2003

· [W]hat is the problem with giving your 4 weeks notice, billing for 2 weeks and then going on the 'Pat and Mick' for 2 weeks with a mythical dose of Genital herpes or whatever... – *Contractor UK* forum, 10th January 2011

· On the Pat and Mick! The Rector has been signed off for two weeks, "on the sick". – *www.staugustinesdumbarton.co.uk*, 2nd June 2011

· Yer granpaw is oan the pat and mick. – A. Morrison, *Haud ma Chips*, p.87, 2012

· [A]s long as your not on the pat and mick tomorrow ha. – *twitter.com*, 31st March 2014

Pat and Mick*adjective*

sick [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In British English, from the late 1980s onwards, this usage was reinforced by the name of an English singing duo made up of DJs Pat Sharp (born Patrick Sharpin, 1961) and Mick Brown (b.1962). The success of this duo in the late 1980s and early 1990s also triggered the shift of the word from an adjective to a noun.

· [N]ow we have a new restaurant called Billy Munk (one word and it means The Drunk) run by a chap named Moss Cooney who spent some years in the British and Irish shipping service and Moss has forwarded some rhyming English-Irish expressions as used by seamen. For instance: [...] A chap who is Pat and Mick is sick. – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, 26th October 1971

· – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January 1979

· Nah, I've been Pat and Mick – sick. – R. Crutchley, *Post Script*, p.164, 1992

· Feel a bit and Pat and Mick after those prawns. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th May 2001

· Celtic fan Daniel Jacobs paid a high price for whooping it up as his heroes won through to the final. For Daniel had taken a day off Pat and Mick – rhyming slang for

sick – to follow the team to Portugal. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th April **2003**

· [T]hat lager made me Pat and Mick. – *The Guardian*, London, 31st March **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Feeling pat and mick. – *twitter.com*, 19th March **2013**

Pat and Mick

verb

to lick [AUSTRALIA]

Used as a synonym of *lick* in all its senses. Hence PAT AND MICKED.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

pat and micked

adjective

defeated in a fight [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *licked*. A participial adjective formed from the verb PAT AND MICK.

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.83, **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.61, **2011**

Pat and Mike; pat

noun

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *on your Pat and Mike* (or *on your pat*) ‘go away’ (used imperatively), the direct equivalent of *on your bike*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· I’ve a brand new Pat and Mike. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

· So the driver threw him off, telling him ‘On yer pat!’ – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.148, **2011**

Pat Bonner

noun

► see PACKIE BONNER

Pat Boone

noun

1 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *coon*. < American singer and actor Pat Boone (b.1934).

· A great shame that ‘Daniel Boone’ has been used as cockney rhyming slang over the last 30 odd years for something very distasteful. I think it was ‘Pat Boone’ before that! – *z6.invisionfree.com*, *Popscene* forum, 24th May **2008**

· Check out that Pat Boone breaking into that car. – *UD (.com)*, 22nd July **2008**

2 a spoon [UK]

· – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 31st March **2012**

Pat Butchers

noun

a look [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *butchers*, the short version of BUTCHER’S HOOK. < Pat Butcher, a character in the BBC soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actress Pam St Clement (b.1942) from 1986 to 2012. Synonymous with FRANK BUTCHERS

· Can’t wait ’til I get home from work and have a Pat Butchers at the trailer. – *Britxbox* forum, 17th February **2005**

· If you want to contact our website guys, have a pat butchers at *www.designbp.ltd.uk*. – *4Networking* forum, 31st March **2008**

· Have a Pat Butchers at this... – *twitter.com*, 20th March **2014**

Pat Cash

noun

1 an act of urination [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *slash*. < Australian tennis player Pat Cash (b.1965).

· – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· – *www.londonslang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

· Just goin’ for a pat cash. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th January **2002**

· Stood waiting for a pie at Harry’s Cafe de Wheels last night, I overheard an Aussie turn to his mate and say he was off to have a ‘Pat Cash’. – *Inthemix* forum, 23rd August **2003**

· I can’t believe they missed out “Having a Pat Cash” in the “P” section! – *AbsolutePunk.net* forum, 19th November **2005**

· One time he was in the car and came on the radio saying ‘I’ve got to get out of the cockpit for a Pat Cash.’ – *The Sun*, London, 9th July **2009**

· I’m off for a Pat Cash. – *thethousands.com.au*, 28th October **2009**

· Some jakey had taken a Pat Cash in the tenement’s stairs. The rank smell of pish made me hold my breath on the way down. – T. Black, *Loss*, p.3, **2010**

· Going for a piss. A Pat Cash. – *Mumsnet* forum, 18th May **2013**

2 sex with a woman; a woman or women objectified sexually [UK]

Rhymes on *gash*.

· [A] cheese call is the call when an attractive young lady comes in. for example, if she is being served on till 5, you would call “cheese on 5”, although in my store it was “cash on 5”, referring to pat cash, which was rhyming slang for gash. – *Punktastic* forum, 22nd June **2008**

· I have recently acquired a sign that says, ‘Free Gash’. It makes me happy. [...] On the flip it says, ‘Free Pat Cash’. – *Drum&Bass Arena* forum, 12th September **2008**

Pat Cash

adjective

useless, of inferior quality, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *gash*. < Australian tennis player Pat Cash (b.1965).

· [L]ook at the website pics on this at the bottom [...] looks a bit 'pat cash'. – *ClioSport.net* forum, 5th November **2008**

· No offence to any1 that likes that tune! i think its pat cash (gash). – *www.facebook.com*, 6th April **2011**

· Last night i was watching the Dukan diet thing (the result of which seemed to be that their online support is a bit pat cash for what you're paying). – *WeightWatchers.co.uk* forum, 2nd September **2011**

· Perth is Pat Cash for records – you're on the net, use that instead. – *www.knowhere.co.uk*, 14th April **2013**

patch of damp; patch

noun

a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

· '[T]his patch give off a right whiff.' 'Patch?' 'Patch of damp, tramp.' – *New Tricks*, UK TV: BBC1, 11th July **2011**

Pat Collins fair; pat collins

noun

the hair [UK: WEST MIDLANDS]

< Pat Collins Fair, a fairground company first established in the Black Country (a region within the West Midlands) in the late 19th century by English fairground and cinema mogul Pat Collins (1859–1943).

· Other local references included 'Cannock [Chase]' for 'face' (CRS: 'boat race'), and 'Pat Collins [fair]' for 'hair' (CRS: Barnett [fair]). – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 1st December **2004**

patent pelmet; patent

noun

a helmet [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

· 'I'll polish yer rhythms* and buff up yer patent' and– [...]†

† Patent Pelmet: Helmet. – R. Rankin, *Witches*, p.99, **2003**

patent stopper

noun

a police officer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *copper*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.39, **1983**

paterson laing; paterson

noun

in pre-decimalisation currency, a florin, a two-shilling coin [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Paterson, Laing and Bruce*, rhyming on *deuce*. < Paterson, Laing and Bruce, a defunct Anglo-Australian soft goods firm.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

paterson laing; paterson

numeral

two [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Paterson, Laing and Bruce*, rhyming on *deuce*. < Paterson, Laing and Bruce, a defunct Anglo-Australian soft goods firm.

· "Three lilies new, Paterson Laing old, a oncer, rogans the kembla". Translated, this means "three schooners

of new beer, two schooners of old beer, £1 given to buy them, give me the change in shillings". – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.359, **1966**

Pat Lally

noun

a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < Scottish Labour politician Pat Lally (b.1926), who was Lord Provost of Glasgow from 1996 to 1999.

· After a hefty night out sinking a few too many Pat Lallys, have you ever been woken by a rank, rotten feeling and thought: "Ohhh, really shouldn't have drunk so much Chartreuse/Creme de Menthe/Aftershock ... pass the Askit"? – *DSL*, 2004: *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 29th April **2000**

· OK, so it's not big and it's not clever, but it is good fun and most journalists will happily collude in the popular stereotype of the hack who enjoys a few Pat Lallys of an evening. – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 21st October **2001**

· [F]ancy a Pat Lally. – *kingdomofstyle.typepad.co.uk*, blog, 11th December **2011**

Pat Malone; Pat Maloney; patma; pat

noun

used as a substitute for *own*, especially in the phrase *on one's Pat Malone* (also with the variants *Pat Maloney*, *patma* and *pat*) [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

The forms *Pat Malone* and *pat* have been recorded in all three locations of use. *Pat Maloney* has been recorded in both Australia and New Zealand, but not in Britain. *Patma* is uniquely Australian. ▶ see JACK MALONE

· A curious phase of city slang was that which broke out a couple of years ago, and necessitated a person saying a word to rhyme with and instead of, the actual word he wished to express. [...] It was during the currency of this phase that 'on my own' (by myself) became 'on my Pat Malone', and subsequently the tendency to abbreviation, so noticeable in slang generally, soon had the effect of rendering this 'on my Pat'. – *The Australian Magazine*, November **1908**

· Mr. Wilford: Were you in any other hotel?—Yes; but I think I had a drink "on my pat." (Laughter.) What is "on your pat," a "Jimmy Woodser?"—That's it, exactly. – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 23rd October **1916**

· I'm going to have a good time—fill em up again / I've tramped, the booming journey on my pat[.] – *Mount Ida Chronicle*, Naseby (Central Otago), New Zealand, 30th April **1920**

· Well, I'd sooner take you than your clobber as a mate to Married Man's Creek; but I reckon I'd sooner go on my Pat Malone than with either of you. – S. Loch, *Three Predatory Women*, p.231, **1925**

· Pat Malone (Pat) also Jack Jones or Tod Sloan ... Own (Alone). – Anon., *DRSL*, **1941**

· And the old slouch hat / Will not be on its pat; / It has a date with friends from Alabama[.] – J. Barr, ‘The Old Slouch Hat’, poem, *The World’s News*, Sydney, 6th January 1945

· All on your Pat Maloney? – J. Morrison, *Port of Call*, p.191 [1968], 1950

· This strictly to my Pat Maloney. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: J. Whitworth, *Otago Interval*, p.111, 1950

· I was on my Pat. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.246, 1959

· When I saw you off on the thunder an’ rain at Weenia, I was feeling pretty lonely being left on my Pat Malone. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; ante 1965

· **on me tod:** by myself. An alternative phrase is **on me pat**. – L. Lane, *LYS2*, s.v. *tod*, 1966

· ‘I’m not on my Patma,’ he called out after me. – K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.112 [1993], 1987

· **Pat, on me** On my own. – D. Briscoe, *Wicked Scouse English*, p.38, 2003

· ‘All on your Pat Malone, mate,’ I said. – R. Macklin, *Fire in the Blood*, p.263, 2005

· Well he is not on his patma. – *aus.tv*, *Google Groups*, 3rd January 2005

2 ■ **drink with Pat Malone** to drink alone when at a pub or bar [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Pat Malone*.

· – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November 2000

· – P. Smith, *Australia in the Raw*, p.89, 2004

· “Looks like you’re drinking with Pat Malone again,” he added. – G.R. Hopkins, *Collateral Consequences*, 2009

· Maybe you were drinking with Pat Malone? – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 20th May 2009

Pat Malone; pat

adjective/adverb

1 alone, on one’s own [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· **Pat Malone** again! Cripes am I cheesed! – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, 1971

· **PAT MALONE** – To “stand Pat” is to stand alone[.] – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· G’day, sheila. If’n yer all Pat Malone, what say you am me go crack a tinnie and have a squiz at those norks? – *www.eclectica.org*, January/February 2003

· And to think you did it all Pat Malone makes it even more sentimental and special, big ups to you mate. – *www.zoopedup.com*, 2012

2 ■ **go it Pat Malone** to act by oneself [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *alone*, used in the phrase *go it alone*.

· If you run away from **the johns** (the pared down version of **John Hops** or cops) you’ll be **going it Pat Malone**—going alone! – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo’s Comments*, p.30, 1988

pat malonesome

noun

used as a substitute for *lonesome* in the phrase *on one’s pat malonesome* [AUSTRALIA]

A blend of PAT MALONE and *lonesome*.

· Messrs Howard and/or Beazley rate for bugger-all (on their pat malonesome)[.] – *blogs.smh.com.au*, blog, 11th November 2005

Pat Maloney

noun

a pony [AUSTRALIA]

· It is true that in one part of the back country they speak another bush language, which is silly affectation. [...] Shirt is probably “old lump of dirt,” and pony “Pat Maloney.” – C.E.W. Bean, *On the Wool Track*, p.163, 1910

Pat Rafter; pat

adverb

later [IRELAND]

Rhyming slang on *after* or pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *rafter* (itself a dialect form of *after*) and *Rafter*. < Australian tennis player Pat Rafter (b.1972). Used in the phrase *see you Pat Rafter* or, in the plural, *see youse Pat Rafter*, the direct equivalent of *see you after/rafter* or *see youse after/rafter*; only rarely shortened to *see you pat* or *see youse pat*. *Pat Rafter* is often used on its own as an exclamation of farewell; in this use, the word is occasionally rendered in the form *Pat Rafters*, on the pattern of *laters*.

· Re: Rhyming slang[.] Pat Rafter – See you after. – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

· I’ve to do some work now so Pat Rafter. – *Boards.ie* forum, 27th November 2008

· i’ll see you pat... ie pat rafter... ie after... i’ll see you after. – *Boards.ie* forum, 29th January 2010

· Yea I’m outies this time as well! Pat Rafters. – *Boards.ie* forum, 15th October 2010

· See you Pat Rafter Ben! – *Boards.ie* forum, 2nd March 2011

· I’m going to retire here gents. See ya’s pat rafter. – *LSL* forum, 25th July 2012

Pat Rafter

preposition

1 after [UK]

< Australian tennis player Pat Rafter (b.1972).

· Pat rafter me compass an’ map I’m michael owen down the apples ter make bertie mee an’ get some grub... as we say daan Saaf. – *twitter.com*, 7th January 2010

2 ■ **that’s what you’re Pat Rafter** used for telling someone that you know what their aim or intention is [AUSTRALIA]

A rhyming equivalent of *that’s what you’re after*.

· – *twitter.com*, 12th June 2014

Pat Rafters; Pats

noun

■ **packed to the Pat Rafters; packed to the Pats** completely full [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *rafters*, used in the phrase *packed to the rafters*, and *Rafters*. <Australian tennis player Pat Rafter (b.1972). Also used with the adjectives *stuffed* and *teeming*. In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· [T]his morning I woke up, turned on the TV, and the first thing I saw was my nemesis Erik Thompson grinning at me from a Packed to the (Pat) Rafters promo, while Jason Mraz played in the background[.] – *junginasheepskin.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th September **2008**

· The place is teaming to the Pat Rafters with East Asian tourists carrying the most enormous back packs[.] – *pepysmotet.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th June **2014**

· You people really are lucky, here lyeth a podcast stuffed to the pats (Pat Rafter (rafters)) with content. – *www.sorrynotinservice.com*, 16th May **2015**

· Just having a chilli beef pie from @GreensPieShop packed to the Pat Rafters as usual. – *www.facebook.com*, 13th June **2015**

Patrick Ewing

noun

in snooker, a difficult position for cueing [UK]

< Jamaican-born American basketball player Patrick Ewing (b.1962).

· – *comeonjimmy.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th March **2009**

patricks

noun

socks [UK]

A shortening of *Patrick Cox*. < Canadian-born, London-based shoe designer Patrick Cox (b.1963).

· [T]his month's Elle magazine notifies us that the latest chic speak for socks is Patricks, as in Cox. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 17th January **2001**

Patrick Swayze; patrick

adjective

1 crazy [UK]

< American actor Patrick Swayze (1952–2009).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Your Patrick Swayze mate! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th July **2004**

· A lot of Patrick Swayze stuff has been happening[.] – *EWrestling News* forum, 2nd May **2011**

· Gone a bit Patrick Swayze, did ye? – *twitter.com*, 16th March **2012**

· Got in late from the pub & the wife Went Patrick. – *twitter.com*, 21st November **2011**

· Has the President of the United States gone a bit radio rental, a bit Patrick Swayze? – *The Secret World*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 2nd October **2012**

2 lazy [UK]

· He's a bit Patrick Swayze inne. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May **2006**

· – *Time Out* magazine, London, 24th May **2006**

· We couldn't Adam and Eve that surfers from London were less James Dean than surfers by the coast, and perhaps living right by a break makes some of those El-

ephants and Castles more Patrick Swayze than the cockneys that they have the beef with. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

· Don't be Patrick Swayze (*Lazy*), get out with your Gareth Gates (*Mates*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Pat Sharp; pat

noun

1 a carp [UK]

< English radio and TV presenter and DJ Pat Sharp (born Patrick Sharpin, 1961). Angling slang.

· [G]oing out to catch some Pats. (pat sharp) = Carp. – *The Anglers Forum*, 2nd August **2002**

2 Harp lager [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Always used in full.

· A Pat Sharp is rhyming slang in Belfast for a pint of Harp. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2012**

Pat Sloane

adjective

alone, on one's own [UK]

A blend of PAT MALONE and *Tod Sloane*, the latter a variant spelling of TOD SLOAN.

· If I ever catch her Pat Sloane (alone), I'll give her a good slip and sliding (hiding), and then some... – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

Pat Spillane

noun

1 a tan, a suntan [IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme depending on the pronunciation of *Spillane* with a vowel similar to that in the original Irish surname Ó *Spealáin*. < Irish Gaelic footballer and pundit Pat Spillane (b.1955).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

2 a can of a drink, especially beer [IRELAND]

· Fancy a few pat spillanes and a pizza. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October **2012**

Patsy Cline; Patsy Klein; patsy

noun

1 a dose of a powdered drug laid out in a line for snorting [UK]

Rhymes on *line*. < American country and western singer Patsy Cline (1932–63).

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

· I'll sort out a few Patsy's mate. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th March **2007**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

· Away snorting patsy kleins in the bog, drinking jaegers and throwing some shapes[.] – *twitter.com*, 4th July **2013**

· Tommy and the Patsys. Lines (Patsy Clines) of cocaine. – *newspaceman.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th October **2013**

· [D]oes snorting Patsy Clines not count? – *twitter.com*, 5th February **2016**

· Aye and Im currently sniffing a Patsy Klein off Kim Kardashians hole. – *twitter.com*, 16th August **2016**

2 wine [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Patsy Cline*.

- – *The Drum Media* magazine, Sydney, 17th June **2010**
- Warming up for Xmas with some Patsy Cline. – *twitter.com*, 10th December **2014**

Patsy Palmers; patsies

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang. Rhymes on *farmers*, the short version of FARMER GILES. < Patsy Palmer, the stage name of English actress Julie Harris (b.1972), who portrayed the character of Bianca in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*.

- If you're suffering with the Patsies you've got haemorrhoids[.] – *The People*, London, 5th August **2001**
- Patsies. Piles (Patsy Palmer's=farmers, Farmer Giles=piles)[.] – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.xv, **2004**
- [H]e will be on C4's Embarrassing Bodies show soon because he's developed "a vineyard up the 'Aris." (A problem leading medical experts refer to as the Farmer Giles or the Patsy Palmers). – *www.the-gonads.co.uk*, blog, 8th February **2011**

Patty Hearst; Pattie Hearst; pattie

noun

a first-class university honours degree [UK]

< American publishing heiress Patty Hearst (b.1954), who was kidnapped and held hostage by a left-wing radical group and later joined them in bank robberies. The short form is first recorded by Thorne (1997).

- – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- Pattie [-] Pattie Hearst [-] a first (university degree). – *orion.math.iastate.edu*, 6th January **2002**
- Geoff's current bun got a Pattie Hearst! – *blog.theodd-ballenglish.com*, 31st January **2012**

Paul Anka

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < Canadian-born American singer Paul Anka (b.1941).

- He's a Paul Anka, treats his old woman like a punch-bag. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- You get some nasty little Paul Anka who's a bit short of the Duane Eddys[.] – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**
- That James Blunt is a right Paul Anka. I'd love to take him down a dark alley and give him a right Ronan Keating. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th November **2006**
- So Michael Jackson's single This Is It was actually written more than 25 years ago by singersong-writer, Paul Anka. Well, all I can say is, whoever told us this was a new song must be feeling like a right Paul Anka now. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 17th October **2009**

Paul Bongiorno

noun

1 pornography [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *porno*. < Australian journalist Paul Bongiorno (b.1944).

- – *modiaminotaur.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st August **2005**
- – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 7th August **2009**
- Paul Bongiorno has been around so long that when I was in year 7 his name was rhyming slang for men's magazines. – *twitter.com*, 18th March **2013**
- 2** a pornographic film [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *porno*.
- – *modiaminotaur.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st August **2005**
- [W]e can go home and watch a "Paul Bongiorno". – *twitter.com*, 22nd June **2009**
- [Y]ou up late watching the Paul Bongornos? – *twitter.com*, 3rd May **2012**
- [A]re you aware that many Australians refer to pornographic movies as "Paul Bongornos"? – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2013**

Paul Dickov

noun

(in a game of football) kick-off [UK]

< Scottish footballer and manager Paul Dickov (b.1972).

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd May **2012**
- Looking forward to getting down cherry pickers and few hours before paul dickov for a few britney spears! – *twitter.com*, 23rd May **2013**
- – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

Paul Gadd

noun

the anus [UK]

A covert pun on GARY GLITTER.

- As a survivor of the 1970s, I'm often asked to name the most potent televisual icon of that much-maligned decade. Blue Peter's mobile crunchy meat pie (Fred the tortoise) is a possibility, as is Gary Glitter (now immortalised in the cockney rhyming phrase "right up the Paul Gadd"), and Opal Fruits[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 21st February **2006**
- In particular, the day he decided to give Robin Day a masterclass in how to commit political suicide by walking out of a TV studio in midinterview, after telling Day to stick his programme up the Paul Gadd (or Gary Glitter, as Cockney people would say). – *Evening Standard*, London, 1st March **2006**
- – *b3ta* forum, 13th January **2012**

Paul Ince

noun

1 minced meat [UK]

Rhymes on *mince*. < English football player and manager Paul Emerson Carlyle Ince (b.1967).

- – *United Forum*, 7th August **2007**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 6th January **2010**

2 the eye [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *mince*, the elliptical form of MINCE PIE.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Pauline Fowler; Pauline

noun

a foul mood [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *fouler* and *Fowler*. < Pauline Fowler, a fictional character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actress Wendy Richard (1943–2009).

· I'm in a bit of a Pauline Fowler at this stage[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.157, 2003

· The next thing, roysh, who walks in only Erika, who's in a total Pauline at the moment[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.123, 2004

· I am in a Pauline Fowler. Guy from the place where I bought my car was dog ignorant. I'm fit to kill. – *Queerid* forum, 29th December 2008

· Afternoon all, bit of a mad morning altogether here in work, everyone's in a Pauline Fowler so am hiding in my office. – *Beaut.ie*, blog, 10th July 2012

Pauline Fowler; pauline

noun

1 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *growler*, an altered shortening of GROWL AND GRUNT. < Pauline Fowler, a fictional character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actress Wendy Richard (1943–2009).

· I bet she's got a crusty Pauline Fowler. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 2nd June 2009

· Get ya Pauline out! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th August 2009

· Her skirt was so short you could see her Pauline Fowler. – *www.noddlleit.com*, 29th October 2009

· Show us yer Pauline love! – *twitter.com*, 10th July 2016

2 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *growler*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Need a Pauline Fowler right now. – *twitter.com*, 3rd November 2015

Pauline Quirk

noun

work [UK]

< English actress Pauline Quirke (b.1959).

· Quality boys keep up the good Pauline Quirk! – *Fans Focus* forum, 15th October 2005

Paul Keating

noun

a meeting [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian politician Paul Keating (b.1944), who was Prime Minister of Australia from 1991 to 1996.

· So much so I got in the 'Mars bar' and had a Paul Keating with the ATM to get out some 'Bugs Bunny'. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

· I've a hankering now for some grub / use your onkaparingas to call up the gang / for a Paul Keating down at the pub. – *pool.abc.net.au*, 29th January 2012

· Let's have a Paul Keating this arvo. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January 2012

Paul McKenna; paul

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds; a ten-euro note or the sum of ten euros [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < English hypnotist and self-help guru Paul McKenna (b.1963). The short form is exclusively British.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· A 10 note is a "tenner" or a "Paul McKenna", a 5 note a "fiver" or "Lady Godiva". – *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 27th June 2005

· Lend us a Paul. – *www.absoluteradio.co.uk*, 29th September 2006

· – *Ireland's Pit Bull Terrier Association* forum, 15th July 2011

· Wallet out. A score in the fishmonger, a Paul McKenna each at the offy and greengrocer[.] – *Yumblog.co.uk* forum, 19th July 2011

Paul Merson; paul

noun

a person [UK]

< English footballer-turned-pundit Paul Merson (b.1968).

· I think u r quite a funny Paul... Paul merson person. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January 2013

Paul Merton; paul

noun

a curtain [UK]

< Paul Merton, the stage name of English comedian Paul James Martin (b.1957).

· Paul - curtain (Paul Merton - "Pull the pauls"). – *The Independent*, London, 5th June 1998

· – And please enlighten me; Danny Mills - Pills? – yep, and Paul Merton - Curtain. – *Fuk.co.uk* forum, 13th July 2007

· I closed my eyes, drew back Paul Merton. – *Just a Minute*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 25th May 2015

Paul Power; paul

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK]

< English footballer Paul Power (b.1953).

· I'm just off upstairs for a Paul[.] – S. Worthington, *Once in a Blue Moon*, p.131, 2010

· – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May 2010

· – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November 2010

· "I used to houseshare with a guy who would go for a 'cheeky Paul Power' when getting ready for a night out with the beautiful party people of Sheffield," recalls Sean O'Keefe, whose housemate clearly had no time for

Bryan Redpaths. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th March **2011**

Paul Roos

noun

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer and coach Paul Roos (b.1963).

· Swanning around in his new Paul Roos. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.79, **1995**

Paul Van Dyke

noun

a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *bike*. < Paul van Dyk, the stage name of German DJ and record producer Matthias Paul (b.1971).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Paul Weller; Paul; Weller

noun

Stella Artois lager [UK]

< English rock musician Paul Weller (born John William Weller, 1958).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [T]he Paul Weller is on special offer down at the local boozer, so how about we go on a Leo Sayer tomorrow afternoon? – *The Motley Fool* forum, 1st December **2000**

· [Y]ou may want a couple of Britneys (Spears = beers). Or even Nelsons (Mandela = Stella Artois). Paul Weller, a musician with The Jam, also fits that bill. – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· You see him in the Anchor / On most days but every night, / On the Weller, playing darts, / You see his game is really tight. – *Leslie Parlafitt*, lyric, Bromheads Jacket, **2005**

· Why do you think a foaming pint of “Paul Weller” is also called “Wife Beater”? – *Jet Blast* forum, 21st August **2006**

· Besides “Nelson,” Stella (Artois) beer can also be called “Cinderella,” “David” ~ “Dave” (< David Mellor), “Keith” (< Keith Dellar), “Paul” (< Paul Weller), and “Uri” ~ “Yuri” (< Uri Geller). – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· I will hammer a few pints of Paul Weller if the moods takes me. – *The Rev Counter* forum, 14th February **2008**

· Pint of Paul Weller, shades and 20 cigs. – *twitter.com*, 24th August **2012**

· Give me a little of that old Paul Weller, fella. – *twitter.com*, 14th March **2013**

Paw Broon; Pa Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Paw Broon, a character in *The Broons*, a comic strip published in Scotland since 1936. A variation of MA AND PA BROON.

· Out to the Jackie Broon tonight, the Alfie Moon, the Nana Moon, The Pa' Broon ... Should be good. – *twitter.com*, 20th November **2010**

· [S]een big Russell up the paw broon last night. – *twitter.com*, 23rd December **2012**

· Cracking news at 1 am that the clocks went back and the paw broon is open an extra hour! – *twitter.com*, 26th October **2013**

pay me rent; pay me the rent

noun

a tent [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

PC Plod

noun

a fishing rod [UK]

< *PC Plod*, a slang term for a police officer, itself based on Mr Plod the Policeman, a character in the Noddy stories of Enyd Blyton (1897–1968). ► *see* FISHING ROD

· I decided to go fishing, I took out my Pc Plod (fishing rod) and cast it into the fishermans daughter (water)[.] – *SKYfm* forum, 4th April **2006**

peace and quiet

noun

a diet [UK]

· Some people go on a ‘peace and quiet’ just to get a bit of peace of quiet from their spouses. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

peach and pear

noun

a chair [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

peaches and pears

noun

stairs [US/AUSTRALIA]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Stairs, Peaches and Pears. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

· [J]ust dont fall down the peaches and pears when you get high! – *Bodybuilding.com* forum, 36-year-old man from Halethorpe, Maryland, 13th September **2006**

· The peaches and pears = the stairs[.] – *Bus Australia* forum, 16th July **2010**

peacock*noun*

weather [UK]

A shortening of *peacock feather*.

· What about a ball down the frog for a glass of pig's ear after this Pennine in the peacock? – M. Savill, *Tide of London*, p.140, **1951**

peanut butter; peanut*noun*

a crazy or eccentric person [UK]

Rhymes on *nutter*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· **Peanut Butter Nutter** A modern term which sees a loon labelled as a 'peanut'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· That Gormund, 'e's a right **Peanut Butter**, is 'e. – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.323, **2007**

· He's a bit of a Peanut Butter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th June **2007**

· A BIT OF A PEANUT – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

pea pod*noun*used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's pea pod* [UK: SCOTLAND]Compounded rhyming slang on *tod*, a shortening of TOD SLOAN.

· 'Emdy come roon last night?' 'Naw, Ah wis on ma pea pod aw night.' – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Oan yir Pea Pod[.] – *All About Jazz* forum, 12th December **2004**

pear and quince*noun*

a prince [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

pear halved; pear*adjective*

very hungry [UK]

Rhymes on *starved*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· "Lunch in a bit?" "Yeah, I'm a bit pear." – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Didn't eat enough for dins, I'm pear halved! – *twitter.com*, 13th December **2011**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

pearl diver; pearl*noun*

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fiver*. The short form is recorded in 2013.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

· – I. Gray, *Glesca Banter*, **2012**

· – *Twilight Zone (twilightwap.com)* forum, 28th October **2013**

pearly gate*noun*

1 a plate [UK]

< *pearly gates* 'the entrance to heaven, as described in Revelation 21:21'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 in bingo, the number eight [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

pearly gate*adjective*

great [UK]

< *pearly gates* 'the entrance to heaven, as described in Revelation 21:21'.

· We had a pearly gate time at the London fogs last night. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

pearly king; pearly*noun*

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *ring*. < *pearly king* 'a Londoner (traditionally a Cockney) who, on special occasions and for charitable purpose, wears a costume covered with pearl buttons'.

· Poke it up your pearly! – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.94, **2005**

· [M]y pearly was on fire after that ruby. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

2 an animal's wing [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Duncan and I noticed simultaneously that their wings were clipped when they both flapped their pearly kings in alarm. No wonder they couldn't do a Steve McQueen (Great Escape) and jump the fence. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 24th April **2014**

peas and barley*noun*

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. ▶ see BARLEY

· I've got a whole pile of peas n barley here ... maybe that's why I'm so fucj\ked up right now...? – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 8th October **2003**

· See that cunt last night, he wis mad wi the peas and barley. – *NightB4* forum, 4th August **2006**

· Smoking peas and barley in a spliff is a complete waste of time and money cause it does absolutely fuck all. – *Party Vibe* forum, 22nd September **2006**

Peas and Barley*nickname*used as a substitute for the pet name *Charlie* [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

peas and beans*noun*

jeans [IRELAND]

· In Charlie Brown, going to buy a pair of Scooby Doo's and new pair of peas and beans for myself... – *twitter.com*, 22nd May **2010**

Peas and Gravy; Peasand; Peas

nickname

1 Scottish footballer David 'Davie' Weir (b.1970)

Recorded in the forms *Peas and Gravy* and *Peas*. The latter is by far the more common.

· Peas was out of hospital the next morning. – *Liverpool Echo*, 27th October **2006**

· [I]t's worth remembering that 'Peas' still lives in the North West but commutes to Scotland every day to train with Glasgow Rangers. – *Liverpool Echo*, 18th September **2007**

· The eight year stint at Goodison saw the man known as 'Peas' (Peas and Gravy equals Davey in Scouse rhyming slang) establish himself as one of the most consistent and reliable central defenders in the country. – *www.evertonfc.com*, 31st December **2009**

· I know Peas and Gravy came to the Rangers very late in his career.[.] – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 14th April **2011**

2 used as a substitute for the pet name *Davie* (variously spelt) [UK: SCOTLAND/NORTHERN ENGLAND/NORTHERN IRELAND]

Peas and Gravy and *Peas* are common in all three locations of use. *Peasand* is exclusively Scottish. ▶ see BIG PEAS AND GRAVY

· Peas and gravy is Davy (this is sometimes shortened to Peasand). – *www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/islandblogging*, blog, 26th February **2007**

· This truck R400 DLT belonged to Davey "peas and gravy" from Carlisle.[.] – *TruckNet UK* forum, 5th April **2008**

· Peas and Gravy @davybunt Loves life, loves his family and loves United. norn iron. – *twitter.com*, August **2012**

· [I]n scotland it would be either left as David or replaced with Davie – we don't do Dave up here ... or sometimes called Peas, as in Davie = Peas and Gravy!! – *Mumsnet* forum, 8th August **2012**

· The best being Jim ("Ton Machine") Prestage, who hit 3 tons in his 17 dart followout, and Davy ("Peas and Gravy") Black who scored a 135, 100, 105 in his win. – *www.spanglefish.com*, 19th September **2012**

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th February **2013**

Peas and rice

nickname

Jesus Christ

An imperfect slang rhyme. Recorded in British English.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.150, **2011**

pease pudding hot; pease pudding; pease pudden

noun

nasal mucus [UK]

Rhymes on *snot*. Triggered by visual imagery. < 'Pease Pudding Hot', a traditional English nursery rhyme first published around 1760. A pease pudding is a savoury

dish of boiled, mashed peas. The form *pease pudding* is recorded in 2008.

· **Peas Pudding Hot** [...] I need a clean hanky, this one's full of pease pudding. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

pea-shooter

noun

1 the nose [UK]

Rhymes on *hooter*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· That Barbra Streisand's got a pea shooter on her, hasn't she? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· His shell likes and pea shooter are something to behold. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

· He had sticky-out *tobys* and a massive *pea-shooter*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

2 a car horn [UK]

Rhymes on *hooter*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

peas in the pot; peas in a pot; pease in pot; peas;

peasy; peasey

adjective

hot [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Used as a synonym of *hot* in all its senses: 'having a high temperature; sexually attractive or exciting; feeling sexually excited; fashionable; very smart or skilful; unpleasant or dangerous; (of a place) dangerous for criminal activity; obscene'. In Australian usage, only recorded in the forms *peas in the pot* and *peas in a pot*.

· When they comes back Selby says to me, "All I could do him over for was a couple of bob, but Big Tim says, "You are very peas in the pot (rhyming slang for "hot," otherwise impudent) the Mug bunged you a bit more than that." – *Evening Telegraph & Star*, Sheffield, 4th January **1895**

· Thanks to a second-hand clothes shop, I was speedily "transmogrified" into about the "most lky, sporting looking cove what ever lived," to quote my companion. "Strike me pink," he continued, "these 'round me houses' are very 'peas in the pot'; the 'steam packet' is quite the latest cut[.]" – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Peas (peas in the pot), hot. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July **1900**

· **Peas in the pot** [...] 'hot', erotic. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· A knowing man is "wide," "fly," or "no flies in him," and if not too scrupulous in his methods he is referred to as "crook," "very mustard," or "very peas" (this latter is contracted from "peas in the pot," rhyming slang for "hot"). – *The Evening News*, Sydney, 26th June **1909**

· *PEAS IN THE POT*: Hot. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· *PEAS IN THE POT*–Hot. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· The whole flinkin' business is getting too peas-in-the-pot for me. – G. Baxter, *Murder*, p.112, 1934

· Also from experience, but this time pleasant, whatever is hot is called “peas in a pot.” – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934

· There was an awful moment when she insisted on our leaving behind three of the finest pen-and-ink smothers I ever set eyes on, because they were too good altogether, too peas-in-the-pot–hot, with every skin numbered. [...] London was too ruddy peas in a pot for hoisting. [...] The drum was in Cricklewood, which is generally looked upon as a very peasy (peas-in-a-pot–hot) manor. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, pp.21/117/167, 1956

· They considered London a very ‘peasey’ manor. – E. Parr, *Grafters All*, p.107, 1964

· Ya knows, Ruffy, it wuz da foist time I'd ever heard a story like dat. Me old man sure told a yarn well. Though I remembers me mudder comin' in an' tellin' him ta break it down a bit cause I wuz kinda young. S'pose it wuz a bit peas in da pot, but ma shoullda knowed dat he'd tell an interestin' yarn. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.218, 1968

· I'm takin' me *ima* orf, its proper *peas* 'ere. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.9, 1969

· It's a bit peasy in 'ere. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· **peas in the pot**: hot. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· There's shit floating all over ... mainly mine 'cos my arse is peas. – N. Whitby, *Green Fields*, p.5, 2000

· It was real peas-in-the-pot, so 'e made a little shelter. [...] When the Bath bun was high up in the sky, it became well peas, and Jonah's loaf was burning. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.61, 2001

· [S]he doesn't have to be pease in pot or magic wand but must have a nice chevy chase and like a bubble bath and rum and coke. – *Physics Forums*, 13th September 2005

· Blimey, she's peas! – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

· **Peas in a pot – hot**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· By now I'm seriously peas in the pot, and it's got nothing to do with the Caribbean currant bun. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012

· Not too peas or taters, just right. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 17th May 2014

pebble-dashed

adjective

very drunk [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *smashed*.

· I got pebble dashed last night. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th October 2006

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Pebble Mill

noun

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug [UK]

Rhymes on *pill*. < Pebble Mill, an area of Birmingham that is best known as the former home of the BBC studios; *Pebble Mill* was also the title of a popular TV chat show which ran from 1973 to 1986.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February 1998

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, 2008

Peckham Rye; peckham

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

< Peckham Rye, an area of London. Thus *Peckham Rye*, the name of a London-based tie maker established in 2006.

· Our friend of the green “Peckham Rye” then went on to say that immediately the “pie can” discovered that he had been “buzzed” for his “clock and tackle”[.] – *The Wells Journal (Somerset and West of England Advertiser)*, 22nd September 1910

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· – Anon., *DRSL*, 1941

· You don't say *tie*, you don't say *tie*, / You call a tie a *Peckham Rye*. – *The Cockney Rhyming Song*, lyric, recorded by Billy Cotton and His Band, 1945, written by M. Watson, J. Denby and H. Nicholls, 1944

· Peckham Rye—more often just Peckham—is the generally accepted term for a tie. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May 1956

· The whole place was packed out with yiddisher geezers who wore sharp suits and silver silk peckhams.[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.161, 1959

· My best white leather Peckham Rye was so soaked with blood it was a write off. [...] My chin was a bit rough so I run the electric razor over it, tied my Peckham and was all ready to go to the nick. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, pp.161/164, 1970

· Can't wear a whistle like this without the proper shoes, dicky or Peckham, can yer now. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, 1976

· On the Joe Palooka afternoon, Fred wore a soft grey flannel suit, two buttons, hacking back, a pale blue Oxford cloth shirt with a gold collar pin, faded washed pink silk-knit Peckham, and a beautiful pair of hand-made light-coloured doe-skin St Louis. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.121, 1986

· [D]ark peckham-rye and shoes like dead men's noses. – B. Hinton, *Let Them All Talk*, p.102, 1999

· Around his neck he wore a ‘Peckham’ (Rye – tie). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 31st July 2011

pedal and crank; pedal and krank; peddle and crank;

pedal

noun

1 a bank [UK]

Only recorded in the form *pedal and crank*.

· I'm going to the Pedal & Crank. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th April 2002

· Cockney rhyming slang(s) for bank are: J. Arthur Rank and Tommy Tank (which have dual meaning these days)

Tin Tank Iron Tank Fish Tank Pedal & Crank. – *If Music Could Talk* forum, 17th December **2012**

② an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. The short form has been recorded in Irish usage.

• **peddle and crank** wank. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

• [Y]ou do know that a pedal is rhyming slang for shall we say...self manipulation...don't you? – *The Jayhawks FanPage* forum, 15th December **2004**

• A pedal and crank is a cure for most things alright... – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 30th July **2005**

• [G]ot caught havin a pedal & krank once. – *Boards.ie*, 11th December **2005**

• **peddle and crank** wank. – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

• – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

• I still don't think I would be induced to have a pedal and crank between 2 passengers. – *Gaire* forum, 3rd November **2010**

• I was watching the X channel last night and i had to have a pedal after it. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 10th June **2012**

pedal and cranker; peddle and cranker; peddler

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of PEDAL AND CRANK.

The form *peddler* has been recorded in British usage.

• Got a nickname for a while as a “pedal-and-cranker.” Not nice, when you understand the Dublin rhyming slang. – B. Cullen, *Penny Apples*, p.260 [2004], **2001**

• [H]es a right peddler. – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

• [H]e stood his ground in rte – double faced (and chinned) peddle and cranker of the highest order. – *Biker.ie* forum, 25th February **2009**

• That's a fairy tale we must be the laughing stock of the world merchant bankers pedal and cranks I can't wait for the knock on the door election time. – *UKGSer* forum, 13th January **2011**

• Probably another line up of loud mouthed, self promoting Peddle and Crankers from the in crowd. – *comehere-tome.com*, blog, 31st March **2011**

• [T]hey are just pedal and cranks on there. – *BCFC* forum, 25th October **2011**

Pedigree Chum

noun

semen [UK]

Rhymes on *come* (sometimes spelt *cum*). < Pedigree Chum, a leading British brand of dog food since 1964.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

• – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• The nervous centers surrounding his anus send shocks of sexual pleasure to his brain and his pants become

sticky with pedigree chum. – *This Aint News* forum, November **2009**

pedlar's pack; pedlars

noun

dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• I've been threatened with the pedlars. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, **2003**

peek a boo

noun

in bingo, the number two [UK/IRELAND]

< *peekaboo* and *peekaboo!*, a nursery game and the exclamation of revelation from which the name of the game is derived.

• – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

• – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

• – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

• – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**

• – *bingo.jackpotjoy.com*, accessed 27th October **2013**

pee wee

noun

a roll of three in craps [US]

• – C. Fagans and D. Guzman, *Craps Lingo*, p.11, **1999**

Peggy Dell; peggy

noun

① a prison cell [IRELAND]

< Peggy Dell, the stage name of Irish pianist and entertainer Margaret Tisdall (1905–79). Only recorded in the full form.

• – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

② a smell [IRELAND]

• Do you get the Peggy Dell off that? – *Personal correspondence*, Dublin schoolteacher, December **2003**

• The Peggy Dell is Pdraig Pearse. – *gaadiscussion board.yuku.com*, forum, 25th October **2006**

• I gave her a good brushing and cut some of the mats out and gave her a bath this afternoon as the peggy dell was shocking[.] – *Pets Ireland* forum, 22nd February **2007**

• [T]here's a melojian peggy off yer plates. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 9th October **2012**

• [W]e stayed behind cause of the Peggy dell off u[.] – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2013**

Peggy Lee

noun

the vagina [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *gee*. < Peggy Lee, the stage name of American jazz singer Norma Delores Egstrom (1920–2002).

• – *theghostofelectricity.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st October **2011**

Peggy Lee

numeral

three [AUSTRALIA]

- < Peggy Lee, the stage name of American jazz singer Norma Delores Egstrom (1920–2002).
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Peggy Lou

numeral

two [AUSTRALIA]

- Perhaps formed on the model of PEGGY LEE.
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Peggy Pryde

noun

a side (of a street, etc.) [NEW ZEALAND]

- < Peggy Pryde, the stage name of English music-hall performer Letitia Matilda Woodley (1867–1943), daughter of the famous Jenny Hill.
 · Do you get the twist and twirl (the girl) going down the other Peggy Pryde (the other side) of the frog and toad (the road) with a God forbid (a kid) on a false alarm (her arm). – *New Zealand Truth*, ‘Some Slum Slang. From Wellington’s Submerged Tenth’, 31st January 1914

Peggy Sue

noun

1 a clue [UK]

- Probably < ‘Peggy Sue’, a rock and roll song recorded by American singer Buddy Holly (1936–59) in 1957.
 · I’ve got no Peggy Sue what you’re talking about. – *julien.court.free.fr*, August 2005
 · I haven’t a Peggy Sue what my name is xx. – *twitter.com*, 9th November 2012

2 a shoe [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

peglegged

adjective

obtained by begging [UK]

- Rhymes on *begged*. Formed on PEGLEGGED and PEGLEGGING. Tramps’ usage.
 · These were size tens and were given me, ‘way down in Hampshire at a place called Chandler’s Ford, by a policeman disguised as a Law-abiding ratepayer who had caught me coming round from a back door with peglegged tommy up my waistcoat and duly arrested me. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.59, 1933

peglegger

noun

a beggar [UK]

- Suggested by *peg-leg* ‘a person with a wooden leg’. Tramps’ usage.
 · As the door swings open to the full width of the customary two inches, and he finds himself confronted with the usual strip of annoyed human face pressed enquiringly into the opening, the peglegger has to out with his tale without a moment’s loss of time. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.132, 1933
 · – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

pegleggery

noun

mendicancy [UK]

- Rhymes on *beggary*. Formed on PEGLEGGED. Tramps’ usage.
 · If we define any art as a regulated operation or dexterity by which talented beings pursue ends which they know beforehand, then to designate as such the practice of pegleggery is no more than to state the truth. And not only is it an art, and a useful art; it is also a fine art. The professional peglegger has raised it to such. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.130, 1933

peglegging

noun

an instance or act of begging [UK]

Tramps’ usage. ▶ see PEGLEGGED

- A huge wedge of apple pie and a tumberful of new milk rewarded my peglegging. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.19, 1933

peglegging

adjective

relating to begging [UK]

Tramps’ usage. ▶ see PEGLEGGED

- I wish to deal solely with the peglegging practice of honest, above-board, *bona-fide* mumpers, scroungers and panhandlers. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.131, 1933

Peking duck

noun

1 something of little or no value [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Peking duck* ‘a popular Chinese dish’. Used in the phrase *not give a Peking duck* ‘to not care at all’, where it is sometimes embellished as *flying Peking duck* (on the model of *flying fuck*).

- [D]ont give a peking duck what anyone says about him. – *BBC 606* forum, 28th January 2010
 · Most Americans don’t give a flying peking duck. – *Democratic Underground* forum, 6th February 2010
 · BBCW will of course not give a Peking Duck about there being no UEFA license for the huns next season, because he won’t be here next season. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 11th January 2012
 · Really i Could Not Give a Peking Duck if this Bloke was Cross eyed, had a Hair lip & Sat Down to P!ss... – *au.news.yahoo.com*, 11th April 2014
 · The hedgehogs went and wherever they’ve gone I really don’t give a flying Peking duck. – *hughpaxton.wordpress.com*, 9th June 2014

2 used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *what the Peking duck?*

- [T]hey say that it may struggle muscling-in a big market that’s dominated by Sony, Xbox etc, well if that’s the case then what the Peking-Duck are they waffling on about? – *SoCoder* forum, 28th March 2013

· [I]t's daylight, what the peking duck have you got your lights on for? – *Sheffield Forum*, 2nd November **2013**

Pelaco shirt

noun

a revolver [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *squirt*. < Pelaco, a Melbourne-based clothing manufacturer best known for its men's shirts.

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on www.pmhps.org.au on 2nd December **2013**

pen and ink; pen

noun

1 a stink [UK/US/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

The short form has been recorded in British and Irish usage.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUEI*, **1937**

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.11, **ca 1937**

· When them blokes begins ter warm up, there's goin' ter be a bit of a pen-an'-ink in 'ere. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.11, **1943**

· And people passed by on the other side to avoid the pen and ink. – *The Two Romnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· Pooh! It still has a bit of a pen and ink about it. – B. Watkins, *A Celtic Childhood*, p.135 [2011], **1999**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· And the pen is Pdraig focking Pearse, I'm telling you.

– R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.173, **2004**

· There's a bad oul pen and ink in here[.] – www.slang.ie, accessed 8th September **2013**

2 ■ on the pen and ink not working properly or at all; not feeling well [us]

Rhymes on *blink*, used in the phrase *on the blink*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· It's on the pen and ink. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

3 a wink [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Yus, she got me with a saucy pen and ink. – *Cockney Slang*, UK short film by Joe Noble, **1943**

4 a drink [UK/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Wish I could take her round to one of our 'battle cruisers' (boozers) for a quiet 'pen and ink' (drink) in the 'Johnnie Horner' (corner). Then she'd hear "the old Cockney talk" – he meant rabbit – "all nice and natural." – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 25th May **1947**

· We went to an oozer for a pen and ink. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.204, **1950**

· We wander over to the bar for a pen and ink, where the talk gets round to tomato sauces. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZS*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**

· The Johannesburg gambling world has an argot of its own. [...] A client with a lot of money is said to have "a lot of bees and honey", and one who is given drinks so as not to be able to see that he is being cheated by a card-sharper is said to be given "pen and inks", so he will not "pepsey clocka". – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.83, **1963**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, no. xxxviii, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.196, **1989**

· – csusap.csu.edu.au, September **1990**

· You bring the old cheese down to do a bit of shopping and to pick up the tin lid from Red Hots and you can't even get a pen and ink. – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 29th September **1998**

· – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

5 a mink coat [UK]

· Imagine it! Wearing a pen worth three grand in the saloon bar of the Crown, a place to stay right clear of if you value your liberty. [...] Their luck was in and they walked away with a beautiful pen-and-ink worth every nicker of two grand. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, pp.22/53, **1956**

6 trouble [UK]

A development of the verb *pen and ink* 'to yell with pain'. Used here as an equivalent of *grief* in the informal phrase *give grief*. Market traders' slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· **pen and ink**. pain or suffering, especially when inflicted as a punishment or in revenge. "He didn't half give me some pen and ink." – P. O'Shaughnessy, *Market-Traders' Argot*, p.22, **1978**

7 a sink (a type of basin) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

8 a strong public complaint [UK]

Used in the phrase *kick up a pen and ink* 'to make a strong public complaint', the rhyming equivalent of *kick up a stink*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Kicking up a pen and ink about school closure. – www.sunderlandecho.com, 23rd March **2009**

· Fair Play to you squire, I'm just kicking up a pen and ink if ya get mi drift? – www.forandagainst.com, 7th August **2009**

· It seems that someone at TfL forgot to use their loaf when redesigning the map for the oxo cube. Commuters had better kick up a pen and ink or TfL will lose them to the frog and toad... – www.emmersonsltd.com, blog, 15th September **2009**

pen and ink

adjective

1 very well, in the best of health or condition [US]

Rhymes on *pink*, used in the phrase *in the pink*.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.520, **1984**

2 smelly [NEW ZEALAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun form. Prison usage.

· Your mate, he's a bit **pen and ink**. – D. Looser, *Boob-slang*, 2001

pen and ink; pen

verb

1 to stink [UK]

· He looked at the note, and the air began / With his language to pen and ink[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.189, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October 1892

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· Blimey, what a king death. Didn't half pen. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.50 [2008], 1938

· It pens a bit. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· I'm the blackmail man and I think you stink, / You pen and ink[.] – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, 1977

· **Fly-Pitcher 2** Don't think much of the see-you-next-Tuesday, though – **Fly-Pitcher 3** Why's that? **Fly-Pitcher 2** Don't half pen[.] – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.47, 2006

· It obviously can feel that it's time for harvest because it's beginning to really pen and ink. – J. Winterborne, *Medical Marijuana*, p.236, 2008

· Someone doesn't half pen and ink in the row in front. They've won the league for f*cks sake, you could have had a bath. – *twitter.com*, 27th April 2013

· I bet it pen and inked to high heaven too. – *Wiganworld* forum, 10th May 2013

2 to complain loudly, to yell with pain [UK]

Rhymes on *stink*, used in the phrase *kick up a stink*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

3 to think [UK]

· I used to pen and ink he was a yobbo or some kind of spiv in winkle pickers, but after our knife and fork, Adam and Eve it, I found he's straight up. [...] "Nark it, cocko, hold your box, cos I pen yer a bit under the chalk." – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.11/112, 1973

pen and inker

noun

1 a very unpleasant or untrustworthy person [UK]

Rhymes on *stinker*. A derivative of PEN AND INK.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, s.v. *pen and ink*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· But she wasn't the only reason for my leaving the family. Looking back now, I can see I was a real pen and inker, but I paid the price, as one always does. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.33, 1986

· I don't think I could take another pen and inker like that today. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

2 a drinker (a person who drinks alcohol) [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.50, 1983

3 a malodorous person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *stinker*.

· He reckoned that the whole shop could smell her and that she reeked of BO. Somehow, I am not surprised by

what he said. She always looked to be a bit of a pen and inker tbh. – *Digital Spy* forum, 2nd January 2009

4 in sport, a very poor performance [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *stinker* 'something that is very bad'.

· [P]layer13 is having a pen and inker. I don't know about you but I think he will be player14 next week. – *twitter.com*, 10th March 2011

· Good performance personally, disappointing to lose though, ref had a pen and inker. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January 2012

· Carroll, has had a pen and inker of a season. – *twitter.com*, 16th May 2012

· Demichelis is having a pen and inker today. – *twitter.com*, 27th October 2013

pencil and chalk

verb

to walk [AUSTRALIA]

· The popularity of rhyming – and other – slang (discussed in more detail elsewhere) at this time can be heard in this probably apocryphal exchange between an American and an Australian soldier, late in World War I: The Yank: 'Say Guy, how far to battle?' Aussie: 'Well sonny, I guess it's about five kilos. Just 'pencil and chalk' straight along this 'frog and toad' till you come to the 'romp and ramp' on the 'johnny horner'. Then dive across that 'bog orange' field till you run into a barrage. That lobs you right there. D'ye compree?' – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.59, 1999

pencil, open, lost and found

noun

ten pounds sterling [UK]

A combination of metaphor, pun and rhyming slang.

Pencil is a visual metaphor for the first digit of the number 10, *open* is an expanded form of the letter o, which resembles the nought, and *lost and found* is rhyming slang for *pound*. ▶ see LOST AND FOUND

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

Penelope Cruz; penelope

noun

alcoholic drink [UK]

Rhymes on *booze*. < Spanish actress Penélope Cruz (in full, Penélope Cruz Sánchez, b.1974).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th May 2001

· I feel awful, had far too much Penelope last night. – *The Reading Evening Post*, 19th February 2009

· I've been on the blower to get some Penelope Cruz (booze)[.] – *www.msarmite.com*, blog, 5th October 2010

Penelope Keith; penelopes

noun

the teeth [UK]

< English actress Penelope Keith (b.1940).

· She's got nice Penelopes. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November 2009

- I've just brushed my Penelope Keith. – *GoGaJoyJoy* forum, 3rd December **2009**
- It's freezing out there. You don't want your Penelope Keith chattering! – *Lincolnshire Echo*, Lincoln, 22nd December **2009**
- Your grandmother might have got new *Teds* or *Ted Heaths* (false teeth). Or, referring to a more recent personality, *Penelopes* (Keith). – J.P. Davidson, *Planet Word*, **2011**

pen holder; penholder*noun*

the shoulder [UK]

- Also used in the phrase *straight from the pen holder*, the direct equivalent of *straight from the shoulder*.
- 'Lieutenant Rathbone's a bit uncle,' I say, giving it to her straight from the pen holder. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.134, **1976**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Pen Nibs*nickname*

Hibernian FC, an Edinburgh football team

- Rhymes on *the Hibs*, a popular nickname for this club. Synonymous with CABBAGE AND RIBS.
- With Rangers' supporters chanting "Ran-gers! Rangers!" the Hearts' Faithful have discovered that the best way of countering this dissyllable is to reply "Jam Tarts! Jam Tarts!" And the Hibs, "Pen Nibs! Pen Nibs!" – J.T.R. Ritchie, *The Singing Street*, p.121, **1964**
- Only last month he spoke at a grand reunion of Hibernian players – he refers to them as 'the Pen Nibs' – in a hospitality suite at Easter Road. – *Daily Mail*, London, 21st October **2000**
- Good luck to the Pen Nibs too on Sunday. – *www.scotsman.com*, 27th September **2008**
- C'mon the cabbage n ribs, the pen nibs, the bonnie fit-baw team[...] – *twitter.com*, 26th May **2013**

pennine*noun*

a change [UK]

- A shortening of *Pennine range*. < *Pennine range*, an inaccurate geological description of the Pennines, a system of hills in England, extending from the Cheviot Hills southward into the Midlands; often referred to as 'the backbone of England'.
- What about a ball down the frog for a glass of pig's ear after this Pennine in the peacock? – M. Savill, *Tide of London*, p.140, **1951**

penn'orth of chalk; pen'orth of chalk; pen'worth of chalk; penn'orth; pen'orth; pennuf*noun*

a walk [UK]

- < *penn'orth o' chalk*, a contraction of *pennyworth of chalk*. Also used to express dismissal.
- 'He took a ball of chalk,' or 'He took a pen'orth—when he saw the copper.' – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.329, **1938**

- *Ball of Chalk (Pen'orth of Chalk)*; a walk. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.204, **1950**

- So when I gets a decko at this connaught ranger takin' a pen'worth of chalk down the frog lookin' like 'e'd 'ave a dummy full of bees and honey, 'e looks ripe for a buzz. – F. Brown, *Martians, Go Home*, [2011], **1955**
- Goo orn–taike a pennuf! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- Take a penn'orth, I want to talk to your mother, private like. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

penny-a-mile*noun*

1 the head [UK]

Extended from sense 2.

- Just before Boswell called Time the Kid stooped and whispered out of the corner of his mouth, "Leave his penny-a-mile alone or you'll break your hands; hit him in the guts." – N. Bell, *Crocus*, p.244 [1937], **1936**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

2 a hat [UK/US?]

- Rhymes on *tile*, an old slang synonym for *hat*. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.
 - – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
 - – L.R.N. Ashley, *You Pays Yer Money*, p.8, **1973**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 3 a smile [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
 - – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.42, **1973**
 - Meanwhile, take a butcher's at this lot and keep a penny a mile on your boat race! – *The Sweeney*, p.7, **1976**

penny a pound; penny the pound; penny*noun*

the ground [UK/US?]

- The only record of *penny a pound* and *penny the pound* in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution. In British Eng-

- lish the usual forms are *penny a pound* and *penny*. The variant *penny the pound* is given by Gardner (1932).
- – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.119, **1930**
 - – A.R.L. Gardner, *Tinker's Kitchen*, p.285, **1932**
 - – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
 - – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
 - – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.98, **1968**
 - – L.R.N. Ashley, *You Pays Yer Money*, p.8, **1973**
 - Terra firma is known as the 'penny'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - I sparked him. He hit the penny. – *Personal correspondence*, prison inmate, 5th August **2002**
 - He's locked up in an old folks' gates of Rome and the council's gonna knock it to the penny-a-pound. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**
 - [I]n a matter of minutes the lion lay on the Penny-A-Pound, motionless. – *www.redbubble.com/people/julialala*, accessed 23rd February **2013**
 - I found it on the penny. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

penny banger

noun

a mistake [UK]

Rhymes on *clanger*. < *penny banger* 'a popular type of small firework'.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

penny black; penny

noun

1 the back [UK]

< Penny Black, the first adhesive postage stamp, issued in Britain in 1840.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [A] 'bad back' becomes a 'bad penny', obviously the sort that recurs. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a raincoat [UK]

Rhymes on *mac*. Only recorded in the full form.

- Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook; mack – penny black[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

penny brown

noun

a town [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

penny bun

noun

1 a son [UK]

▶ see COCKLE TO A PENNY BUN

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

2 the sun [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**

- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

penny chew; penny

noun

1 a supporter of Tottenham Hotspur, a London football team [UK]

Rhymes on *Jew*, a word often used by rival supporters, ultimately based on the club's popularity among Jewish immigrants from London's East End in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. < *penny chew* 'a type of chewy sweet that was originally sold for one penny'. Only recorded in the full form. ▶ see FRONT WHEEL SKIDS

- I had my pal Mark Wotton in the cell above me: nice bloke, a 'penny chew', you know, a Tottenham supporter. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.136 [2014], **2009**

2 a Jew [UK]

- – *UD(.com)*, 6th July **2009**

- – *www.theawl.com*, blog, 20th October **2009**

- 'Fourbe' and 'penny' are also used as rhyming slang for 'Jew'. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.134, **2015**

- Not while the penny chews control the media. – *Tartan Army* forum, 12th February **2015**

3 a prison warder [UK]

Rhymes on *screw*.

- 'Screw' remains the slang template for prison officers, but endless variations have evolved over the years, most of them revolving around rhyming slang popular at the time. [...] Other variations are 'fourbe' (four-by-two, a carpenter's measure of wood), 'penny' (penny chew) and the ubiquitous 'kanga' (kangaroo), which is very much in vogue at the moment. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.134, **2015**

Penny Chews

nickname

Tottenham Hotspur FC, a London football team

Rhymes on *Jews*, a word often used by rival supporters, ultimately based on the club's popularity among Jewish immigrants from London's East End in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. < *penny chew* 'a type of chewy sweet that was originally sold for one penny'.

▶ see FRONT WHEEL SKIDS

- Night game v the penny chews, should be a belter. – *Not606* forum, 30th November **2014**
- THE PENNY CHEWS WILL FINISH 2ND. – *ComeOnBoro.com* forum, 19th April **2016**

penny-come-quick

noun

a trick; specifically, a confidence trick [UK]

- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *rhyming slang*, **1903**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

penny dips*noun*

the lips [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977· [S]he smiled showing a couple of Barrier reef missing from between her painted penny dips. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, 1983· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**penny for the guy***noun*

a pie [UK]

< *penny for the guy*, a catchphrase used by British children collecting firework money for Guy Fawkes Night, the evening of 5th November (the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, 1605).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004**Penny Laine***noun*

rain [UK: NEWCASTLE]

· The Desperate Dan (Scran) wasnt too bad but they cant cook Jockeys, anyway back to the Penny Laine (Rain). – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August 2010

penny locket*noun*

a pocket [UK]

· While he's got his peepers on the penny locket, you know, perhaps, how to be careful. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· The thirsty may be as dry as a snooker player's penny locket. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

penny raffle*noun*

in the building trade, a scaffold [UK]

Rhymes on *scaffle*, a colloquial pronunciation and familiar variation of *scaffold*.

· A Burgess Hill builder and contractor sends me the following examples: Fisherman's daughter (water); bark and howl (trowel); China plate (mate); lump or lead (head); penny raffle (scaffold); bird lime (time); apples and pears (stairs); frog and toad (road). – *Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 30th November 1927

· In local terms a brick carrier is always a "tupper" which is obvious, a brick is a "King Dick," a shovel "a Lord Lovell," and a scaffold "a penny raffle." – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, Bradford and Doncaster, 24th May 1938

penny stamp*noun*

a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

· – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.118, 1985

· "Paraffin lamp" and "penny stamp" are the vogue words for the homeless. Both were everyday objects the last time the streets of Britain had so many tramps. – *The Times*, London, 9th July 1996

penny the pound*noun*

▶ see PENNY A POUND

pen'orth of chalk; pen'orth*noun*

▶ see PENN'ORTH OF CHALK

pen'oth o' bread*noun*

the head [UK]

< *pen'orth o' bread*, a contraction of *pennyworth of bread*.

· I have been told, though I have never heard the expression myself, that often when a man is ready to retire to rest, he will inform his mates, "That he's done his lot for the day, and is goin' to lay his pen'oth o' bread (head) on the weeping-willow (pillow), and do a little bo-peep" (sleep). – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, 1880

pen'worth of chalk*noun*

▶ see PENN'ORTH OF CHALK

Pepe Reinas; pepes*noun*

trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

< Spanish footballer José Manuel 'Pepe' Reina (b.1982), who played for Liverpool between 2005 and 2014.

· I've got new Pepes! – *Dance.net* forum, 8th June 2010

· Need to purchase a new pair of Pepe Reinas while they are this cheap. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January 2014

· In need of some new pepe reinas. – *twitter.com*, 7th April 2014

· Awful Pepe reinas. – *www.instagram.com*, 16th December 2015

pepper and salt*noun*

1 malt; malt vinegar, malt beer or malt whisky [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.39, 1983

2 a person of Baltic descent [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Balt*.· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.39, 1983**peppermint; peppered***adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th July 2006

· [U]nless I win big at bingo tonight then maybe but am peppermint skint! – *twitter.com*, 24th February 2012

· Just checked my bank balance to see what damage Saturday did... HAHA is all i can say about what i saw, Absolutely peppermint. – *twitter.com*, 3rd February 2014

· "Peppered" (peppermint - skint). – *twitter.com*, 9th November 2015

· – I. Hall, *RCDDBS*, 2016

· I'm skint/brassic/peppered so I'll keep dreamin. – *twitter.com*, 14th January **2017**

peppermint flavour; pep'ment

noun

a favour [UK]

· [D]o me a pep'ment. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

peppermint rocks

noun

socks [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Reckon you lot could do with a Steffi (6) and a Henley (7) at the Rub-a dub-dub (8). It's on me, smart casual – well, wear Peppermint Rocks (9). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Pepsi and Shirlie

adverb

early [UK]

< English pop duo Pepsi and Shirlie, made up of Helen 'Pepsi' DeMacque (b.1958) and Shirlie Holliman (b.1962).

· I'm going down the poor relation to get the Oxo Pepsi and Shirlie tomorrow[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.148, **2008**

Percy Peck

noun

the neck [UK]

Possibly < English racehorse trainer Percy Peck (1870–1938).

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

Percy Sledge; percy

noun

1 money [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *wedge*. < American soul singer Percy Sledge (1941–2015). Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a wedge [UK]

Scaffolders' slang.

· – what the slang then guys use in the scaffolding trade? – my dad was a scaff for 30 years and 30 years of listening to him and his scaff mates watching the footy, immediate ones spring to mind: [...] percy (sledge) – wedge. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 29th April **2013**

Percy Thrower

noun

1 a telephone [UK]

Rhymes on *blower*. < English celebrity gardener Percy Thrower (1913–88).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm on the Percy Thrower. – *Macworld forum*, 13th January **2007**

· Who was that on the Percy Thrower? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a mower [UK]

An apposite rhyme.

· Not only can you find his name in the index of many plant species books but it also pops up in Cockney rhyming slang – Percy Thrower translates into mower. – *The Birmingham Post*, 3rd September **2004**

period cramp

noun

a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

Perrier award; perrier'd

adjective

bored [UK]

< *Perrier Awards*, a former name for Britain's most prestigious comedy awards, presented annually at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Created in 1981 by mineral water company Perrier, the prizes were rebranded the *if.comedie Awards* in 2006 and the *Edinburgh Comedy Awards* in 2009.

· – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

Perry Como; perry

noun

a homosexual [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *homo*. < American singer Pierino 'Perry' Como (1912–2001). The short form is exclusively British.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.67, **1999**

· Everyone knows he's a bit of a Perry. – *h2g2 forum*, 12th June **2004**

· [Y]our wife leaves you for the copper that's been investigating you for murder and your son tells you he's a Perry Como. – *Blackpool*, UK TV: BBC1, 16th December **2004**

· One morning my brother offered me twenty dollars to tell Dad that I was a 'Perry Como' – our rhyming slang for a homosexual. – W. McInnes, *Hobby*, [2010], **2005**

· She comes back an' I tells 'er to give the blonde the Spanish archer. "Wot?" says she, "You ain't no Perry are ya?" – *Toytown Germany forum*, 15th November **2005**

· Talks of marriage even though he's a Perry Como. – *O.T.K. forum*, 7th November **2009**

Persian rug

noun

an act of male masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *tug*. Noted as current in 2007.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Persian rugs; persians

noun

1 bugs [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Da 2GB's, da Sandy McNabs and da Persian rugs cause mosta da trouble; dat is, when da mossies can't git in. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.127, **1968**

2 drugs [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Seal (2009) gives the singular form *Persian rug*.

· [H]e's on the persians[,] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th October **2001**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Nothing against most Persians, furs, kisses an' hugs or spark plugs, but I ain't got the time nor money. – *Town Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**

· 'Ere mate. Got any Persians? – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

· Not keen on taking the old Persian rugs, although happy to get further confirmation of the glamorous bipolar disorder. – R. Brand, *My Booky Wook*, p.391 [2008], **2007**

· Keith's not a big man, but he looks you in the eye and gives it to you straight with a minimum of words. "No Persian rugs here," he says. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 1st March **2008**

· He wanted to know why, like, but I'm not daft, I knew not to talk about Persian rugs on the phone. – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.99, **2013**

· Here lads, have yiz any persian rugs? – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 24th June **2013**

3 greyhound racing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dugs*, the Scots form of *the dogs*. Only recorded in full.

· When I worked at United Glass the foreman told us he was going to Shawfield on the Friday night to see the Persian Rugs. One of my fellow apprentices went home and told his mum there was a sale of exotic carpets. She went, but all she saw was six greyhounds whirling after an electric hare. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 14th August **2015**

Pete Kelly's Blues

noun

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

< *Pete Kelly's Blues*, a 1955 American film directed by Jack Webb, who also starred in the title role; based on a 1951 radio series of the same name.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Pete Murray

noun

a curry [UK]

< Peter 'Pete' Murray, English TV personality and radio broadcaster (b.1925).

· – R. Puxley, *FR* **1998**

· Dear God Lula, im coming up for a Pete Murray!!! – *www.facebook.com*, 20th August **2012**

Peter

verb

in poker, to check [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *check* and *Cech*. < *Peter Cech*, an anglicised version of

the name of Czech footballer Petr Čech (b.1982). Used in the phrase *I Peter* 'I check'.

· [I]f you're playing poker – 'I Peter' as in Peter Cech. – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**

Peter Bell

noun

a prison cell [SOUTH AFRICA]

An elaboration of the (originally Australian) slang word *peter* 'a prison cell', itself derived from the (originally British) slang *peter* 'a trunk, a box or bag'. Prison use.

· – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.11, **1992**

Peter Borota; Peter Barota; peter

noun

a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*. < Serbian footballer Petar Borota (1952–2010), best known in Britain for his time with Chelsea FC (1979–82).

· For example as a kid the slang for car was *jam jar*. However, when Chelsea Football Club signed a player called *Peter Barota*, the slang became "I like your new Peter" as in *Peter Barota -motor*. – *cally2.hubpages.com*, 24th June **2011**

· Always talk about taking me Peter in for an MOT. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 22nd April **2014**

Peter Brock

noun

1 men collectively objectified by sexual criteria [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Australian racing driver Peter Brock (1945–2006).

· [W]hen we go to a pub and the are alot of males, the line is "theres alot of peter brock here". – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

2 the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*.

· Would you like to see my "Peter Brock". – *twitter.com*, 22nd August **2013**

· His razor sharp puppy teeth are inches away from my peter brock... – *www.instagram.com*, 3rd January **2014**

Peter Brock's

noun

socks [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian racing driver Peter Brock (1945–2006).

· My sis got me Peter Brock's. – *twitter.com*, 13th July **2012**

· I like your Peter Brock's. – *bondi2bayou.wordpress.com*, blog, 23rd February **2013**

Peter Carter-Fuck; Carter-Fuck

nickname

English libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck (1914–2003); hence, the leading libel firm Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners, set up by Carter-Ruck in 1982

A slang rhyme coined and popularised by the British satirical magazine *Private Eye*.

·Dadie's undying hatred of the establishment house magazine *Private Eye*, which has dubbed him – somewhat obscurely – Peter Carter-Fuck. – O. Bitov, *Bitov's Britain*, p.149, **1985**

·[H]e called the libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck 'Peter Carter-Fuck'. – N. Davies, *The Unknown Maxwell*, p.198, **1992**

·Even before his appearance before the taxing master, Carter-Fuck had reduced the bill by some £50,000. – *Private Eye* magazine, London, 11th September **1992**

·[F]ollowing on from Carter Fuck trying to stop Trafigura we now have Withers LLP trying their hand at preventing MPs talking about things in Parliament. – *www.anonymong.org*, blog, 14th January **2010**

Peter Cech

noun

the neck [IRELAND]

< *Peter Čech*, an anglicised version of the name of Czech footballer Petr Čech (b.1982), who has played for Chelsea and Arsenal.

·i broke my peter cech. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Peter Cook

noun

a book [UK]

< English comedian Peter Cook (1937–95).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Peter Couch

nickname

English footballer Peter Crouch (b.1981)

A slang rhyme.

·I'd love it if Peter Couch wore a t-shirt under his top saying "Rashid is a cunt." the first time he scored. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 12th July **2005**

·Peter Couch FOR SALE!!!!!!! – *The Oatcake* forum, 3rd July **2010**

·As an 'armchair' fan I think Peter 'Couch' hasn't done enough to top the list[.] – *PNE-Online* forum, 23rd April **2012**

Peter Crouch; peter

noun

☞ a couch [IRELAND/UK]

< English footballer Peter Crouch (b.1981). Always used in full.

·I think Irish people, in particular Dublin males from aged 16-30 have their own form of rhyming slang, unrelated to the cockney form. One of my friends will coin a phrase and then most of us use it without even realising. Newest one is Peter Crouch for couch. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

·[S]jittin' on me peter crouch n watchin' "green street hooligans"... – *twitter.com*, 31st July **2009**

·Sat on the Peter Crouch. – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**

☞ a grumpy person [UK]

Rhymes on *grouch*.

·Oh, he's such a Peter! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th July **2009**

Peter Dean's

noun

jeans [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Peter Dean (b.1965).

·A shocker is a Barry Crocker..... Pair of jeans = Peter Dean's. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 16th October **2009**

Peter Grants

adjective

of inferior quality, rubbish [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *pants*. < Scottish footballer Peter Grant (b.1965).

·See that new winger, he's Peter Grants by the way. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Peter Gunn

noun

the sun [AUSTRALIA]

< *Peter Gunn*, an American television series broadcast from 1958 to 1961 and its eponymous hero (portrayed by Craig Stevens; 1918–2000), today better remembered for its theme music, composed by Henry Mancini (1924–94).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Peter Hain

noun

a pain, a nuisance [UK]

< British Labour politician Peter Hain (b.1950).

·As for poor old Geoff Hoon, he must find it all a right Peter Hain in the backside. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 19th June **2005**

Peterheid

adjective

dead [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *deid*. < *Peterheid*, the Scots form of *Peterhead*, a town in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

·And she gave it a kick to make sure it was Peterheid. – *Edinburgh*, spoken, male, ca 30, September **2002**

Peter McKenna

noun

a ten-dollar note or the sum of ten dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < Australian Rules footballer Peter McKenna (b.1946).

· – You know the rhyming slang for a ten dollar note or tenner, TV? Hint: former Collingwood full forward. – Jack - it's Peter McKenna, right? – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 4th August **2010**

·Money. J. Arthur Rank (bank), Oxford scholar (dollar), Stuart Diver (fiver), Peter McKenna (tenner). – *www.donteverlookback.com*, 20th October **2010**

·Could have made it clear by calling the 'tenner' a 'Peter McKenna'. – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 13th January **2015**

Peter Mertens*noun*

the end, in the sense of death, ruin or dismissal [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *curtains*. < Australian jockey Peter Mertens (b.1963).
- How are the Poms looking Shirl? It's Peter Mertens for em luv! (we are talking cricket!). – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 15th July **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – *1stgencivic.org* forum, 24th May **2011**

Peter Nicol*noun*

a difficult situation [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *pickle*. < Scottish squash player Peter Nicol (b.1973).
- Da, Ah've goat masel' in a bit o' a Peter Nicol. Any chance of lending me fifty quid until pay day. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Peter O'Toole*noun*

1 a stool, especially a bar stool [UK]
< Irish actor Peter O'Toole (1932–2013).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – *Daily Mirror*, London, 23rd February **2001**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**
- Did you hear about the left and right down the rub-a-dub last night? One sweaty got hit over the crust with a Peter O'Toole[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.227, **2008**
- 2** the game of pool [UK]
- Check out this cover ... anyone for a game of Peter O'Toole? – *Board Game Geek* forum, 15th April **2009**
- Fancy a game of Peter O'Toole = Pool. – *www.theguardian.com*, **2011**

Peter Pan; peter*noun*

1 a van [UK]
< Peter Pan, a character created in 1902 by Scottish writer J. M. Barrie and later popularised by Walt Disney.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- Fred's got a new Peter Pan. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- Get the tools out the back of me Peter. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

2 a suntan [UK/IRELAND]

- Only evidenced in the full form.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- She did have nice pins, though, I'd have to say. Brown and, I suppose, shapely. She'd a good Peter Pan, too. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.6, **2005**
- I'm off to the pool to top up me peter pan. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

3 a father [UK]

Rhymes on *old man*.

· How's your Peter Pan[?] – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th March **2004**
· [H]ow's your Peter Pan nowadays? Healthy? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· Peter pan (peter) old man/Dad. – *voices.yahoo.com*, 15th September **2009**
4 an electric fan [UK]

· So to turn off the fan I'd say "Hey Missus, would you whack off the Peter?" Peter = Peter Pan = Fan. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 8th April **2004**

5 a safe [UK]

Rhymes on *can*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *peter*; therefore, the term only qualifies as rhyming slang when used in full.

· [T]he confusing instruction from the leader of a gang of ram-raiders, 'Quick, get the Peter Pan into the Peter Pan!' – G. Tibballs, *CGGRS*, **2008**

6 a prison [UK]

Rhymes on *the can*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *peter*; therefore, the term only qualifies as rhyming slang when used in full.

· He's off to the Peter Pan for a bit. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Peter Purves; Peter Purvis*adjective*

nervous [UK]

< English actor and TV presenter Peter Purves (b.1939).

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- If you're a bit Peter Purvis (*Nervous*) about taking a Bowl of Chalk (*Walk*) around London then jump in your Kareem Abdul Jabbar (*Car*)[.] – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

Peter Purvis*noun*

a religious service [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. < English actor and TV presenter Peter Purves (b.1939).

· We'd best 'arry 'ap. We don't want to be late for the Peter Purvis. – *Viz* comic, May **2003**

Peter Reid*noun*

marijuana [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Rhymes on *weed*. < English football player and manager Peter Reid (b.1956).

· Peter Reid – Cannabis/Skunk. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 15th February **2013**

Peters and Lee; peters*noun*

1 an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < 1970s English pop duo Peters and Lee, made up of Lennie Peters (1931–92) and Dianne Lee (b.1950).

- Some may still go for a Peters[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 tea [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Peter Schmeichel

noun

1 a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *cycle*. < Danish footballer Peter Schmeichel (b.1963), who played for several English clubs in the 1990s and early 2000s.

· – *United Forum*, 7th August **2007**

2 a ride on a bicycle [UK]

Rhymes on *cycle*.

· “I’m going out for a quick Peter Schmeichel” – Cycle. – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd February **2010**

Peter Stringer

noun

an unattractive person [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *minger*. < Irish rugby union player Peter Stringer (b.1977).

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

Peter Stringfellow

noun

in football, a yellow card [IRELAND]

< English nightclub owner Peter Stringfellow (b.1940).

· i got peter stringfellow for that foul. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Pete Tong; pete

adjective

wrong [UK/IRELAND]

< English dance music DJ Peter ‘Pete’ Tong (b.1960). Whence *It’s All Gone Pete Tong*, a 2004 film about a DJ that goes deaf. Usually in the phrase *go Pete Tong*, the direct equivalent of *go wrong*.

· This is where it all went a bit Pete Tong. – G. Hills, *White Burger Danny*, p.76, **1997**

· “It’s all gone a bit Pete Tong” – wrong[.] – *The Times*, London, 5th December **1998**

· In fact, it all nearly went Pete Tong quite a few times on the tour. – *Evening Standard*, London, 25th October **2000**

· Paul Walter emailed from Newbury to remind me of “pete”, meaning “wrong”, as in “it’s all gone pete”. – *The Guardian*, London, 22nd March **2003**

· I also dont want to feel responsible if anyone does it and it all goes pete tong[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 11th July **2005**

· I think you’re a bit Pete there (Pete Tong – Wrong!). – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**

· The Hollywood fringe player became a big wheel indeed with the smash success of the influential counter-cultural classic *Easy Rider* (1969), only to see it all go Pete Tong two years later when his druggy follow-up, *The Last Movie*, was laughed off screens. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th November **2012**

petrol bowsers; petrols

noun

trousers [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian English *petrol bowser* ‘a petrol pump’.

· This *randy* Australian bastard passed out cold even before I could get him out of his **petrols**. – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**

· [T]rousers are petrols – petrol bowsers; and shoes are St Louis – St Louis Blues. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· – K. Dustan, *Ratbags*, p.31, **1979**

· [S]he had always known, somehow, that when William spoke of his warwicks he was referring to his Warwick Farms, or arms, his germans were his German bands, or hands, his petrols were his petrol bowsers, or trousers, etc. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· This reviewer can remember when trousers were referred to as petrols, short for petrol bowsers[.] – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 2nd April **1988**

· Too quick on the trigger, he wet his petrol bowsers. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.48, **1995**

petrol pump; petrol

noun

1 a bad mood, a fit of sulks [UK]

Rhymes on *hump*. Used in the phrase *have/get the petrol hump* ‘to be or become annoyed or sulky’. Only recorded in the full form.

· He had the right petrol pump last night. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th January **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· But more importantly, if you get the petrol pump (hump) with the big honcho confront him face 2 face. – *How-To Geek* forum, 31st January **2012**

2 an act of defecating [UK]

Rhymes on *dump*.

· Mate, I need a petrol. – *UD(.com)*, 4th April **2011**

petrol tank; petrol

noun

1 an American [UK]

Rhymes on *Yank*. Often capitalised.

· – *Google Groups*, 6th October **1997**

· Dont the petrols pretty much use a 10% theory in their tipping? – *United Forum*, 23rd March **2008**

· Wee joke I heard from a Petrol Tank (Yank)[.] – *abroad andanidiot.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th September **2012**

2 an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

petrol tanker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Blair?Bush?howard? – bunchaPetrolTankers,noWuckinFurries Mate. – *Free2Code.net* forum, 29th June **2004**

· [S]ounds like a right petrol tanker. – *Irish Biker Forum*, 23rd March **2006**

· [Y]ou feel like a right petrol tanker. – *twitter.com*, 27th June **2011**

· It is, in a way, not strange that Gallop took offence at being called a Petrol Tanker[.] – *www.abc.net.au*, 16th September **2011**

Petticoat Lane; petticoat

noun

a physical pain; hence, a nuisance [UK]

< Petticoat Lane, a famous street market in the East End of London.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· I've got a right Petticoat in me guts. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Collin says she's a petticoat lane in his bottle of rum. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

Peyton Place; peyton

noun

1 the face [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Peyton Place*, an American soap opera based on a 1956 novel of the same title by Grace Metalious; originally broadcast from 1964 to 1969. The short form is first recorded by Puxley (2003).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Then, bugger me, I came up from under a woolly jumper and there was the bloody southern cross, right in me Peyton. – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February **2010**

2 lace [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

PG Tips; PGs

noun

the lips, especially when generously proportioned [UK]

< PG Tips, a popular British brand of tea since the 1930s.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· 'You've got lovely PGs' might seem like a compliment – until you remember that the brand of tea is most readily associated with chimps. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

pheasant; phez

noun

cannabis resin [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

· i'll give y'all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] hashish (usually soap) = "phez/pheasant/pleasant"[.] – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January **2006**

Phil Babb; phil

noun

a kebab [UK]

< English-born Irish footballer Phil Babb (b.1970).

· Jess babe, you know for a fact you'd prefer a few gallon of beer then a Phil Babb smothered in creamy garlic. – *Nucastle.co.uk* forum, 19th September **2005**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· Bloody hell, boys, I'm proper Oliver'd – anyone fancy a Phil? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

· I'm going to go and buy a greasy Phil Babb[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2011**

· I haven't had a Phil Babb in a while. – *twitter.com*, 20th October **2013**

Phil Coulter; phil

noun

a hasty escape [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Northern Irish slang *bolter*. < Northern Irish musician Phil Coulter (b.1942). Used in the phrase *do a Phil Coulter* (or *do a phil*) 'to run away'.

· We did a Phil. – *GAA* forum, 3rd November **2009**

· We're did you go last night you done a phil coulter on me. – *twitter.com*, 2nd July **2012**

· There was a boy in my class in primary school who did a Phil Coulter home every day for over a year. He was like Houdini. – *GAA* forum, 7th March **2013**

philharmonic; phil

noun

1 tonic water [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is recorded only in British usage. Hence the expression *Vera Lynn and philharmonic*, *vera and philharmonic* or *vera and phil* 'gin and tonic'. ► see *VERA LYNN*

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [H]is fiancée, now his wife, herself got a taste for a wee Vera and Philharmonic of an evening. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 14th September **1993**

· Then perhaps drink a cool Vera Lynn and Philharmonic. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**

· And Arthur Daley was likewise responsible for some of the most unlikely rhyming slang (Vera and Philharmonic, I ask you – and the 'Winchester Club' doorway was actually in a rather posh street in Putney). – *Fodor's* forum, 28th December **2004**

· [W]hat about a "Vera and Phil". – *Anjunabeats* forum, 8th November **2006**

· However, somebody who had missed dinner and was up in their room might have misinterpreted the situation and assumed that Matron was using the McRostie, especially if they had a enjoyed wee sip of the vera lynn and philharmonic at the time. – *www.network54.com*, forum, 8th December **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [T]hen it's Vera and Phil time – rhyming slang for Vera Lynn and Philharmonic. – *Anglophone-Direct.com* forum, 12th December **2010**

· Another *Vera and Phil* please, Dave.... – *IFA Magazine*, Kent, September **2012**

2 gin and tonic [UK]

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Philip Glass*noun*

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *arse*. < American composer Philip Glass (b.1937).

· [A]lternatively you could do what they get up to in northern Sweden, which is to dip a tampon in the local Schnapps and insert it up your Philip Glass (I kid you not). – *www.pathaan.com*, 15th June **1999**

· [S]hove it up your Philip Glass. – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

· You can stick it up your Philip Glass. – *Sydenham Town Forum*, 23rd January **2014**

Phil MacBee; Phil McBee*noun*

a flea [UK]

The form *Phil MacBee* is given by Franklyn (1960). Partridge (1938) gives *Phil McBee*, which he dates (without giving evidence) to about 1870.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

Phil O'Donnell*noun*

a candle [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *caunle*. < Scottish footballer Phil O'Donnell (1972–2007).

· There's meant to be a power cut tonight. Where did you put the Phil O'Donnells? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Phil the Fluter; phil*noun*

a gun [UK]

Rhymes on *shooter*. < Phil the Fluter, the hero of the comic ballad 'Phil the Fluter's Ball' (1889) by Irish musician Percy French. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.81, **2011**

photo finish; photo; photer; foater*noun*

Guinness stout [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Franklyn (1960) notes the word is 'nearly always reduced to "photo" and pronounced *foater*'. This pronunciation is reflected in the variants *photer* and *foater*, recorded by Puxley (2003) and Wilkes (2004) respectively.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960: M. Harrison, letter, 7th October **1958**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Give 'im a photo. – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· How about a photo before you go, Charlie? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Give 'im a foater, Jim. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Phyllis Dixie*noun*

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pixie*. < English singer, dancer and striptease artist Phyllis Dixie (1914–64).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

piano wire*noun*

in prison, a prisoner who buys something that is illegally supplied by fellow inmates [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *buyer*.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Piccadilly; picca*adjective*

1 silly [UK]

< Piccadilly, a street in the West End of London.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.42, **1973**

· Don't be so picca. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Are you that Piccadilly? – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.89, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 (of weather) chilly [AUSTRALIA/UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Cold weather brings about much grumbling about how 'Piccadilly' it is. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhyming slang which would have been better off forgotten. Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. Adrian Quist – pissed Al Capone – phone [...] piccadilly – chilly[,] – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March **2004**

· And shut the door, there's a George Raft. It's Piccadilly. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

· [I]t is Piccadilly though this afternoon! – *twitter.com*, 21st May **2013**

Piccadilly Percy*noun*

mercy; a mercy [UK]

< Piccadilly Percy, the nickname of Percy Howard Hansen (1890–1951), a celebrated British Army officer who was awarded the Victoria Cross in Gallipoli in 1915 and later also received both a DSO and an MC for other acts of conspicuous bravery.

· [L]et us be thankful for small *Piccadilly Percys*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, **1979**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· With thanks to our friend and neighbour Tony Shephard, here are a few uncommon examples of Cockney rhyming slang: [...] Piccadilly Percys = mercies[,] – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, **2005**

Piccadilly rose*noun*

the nose [AUSTRALIA]

< *Piccadilly rose* ‘a variety of hybrid tea rose’.

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

piccalilli

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *willy*.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

piccolo and flute; piccolo

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK]

A variation of WHISTLE AND FLUTE.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• That’s a nice piccolo. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

• Spruced up in me piccolo, me tifter and me daisies[.] – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July 1978

piccolos and flutes; piccolos

noun

boots [UK]

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• [T]he soldier would polish his ‘piccolos’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

pick and choose; pick

noun

alcoholic drink [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *booze*. The short form has been recorded in British usage; it occurs in the phrase *be on the pick* ‘to be engaged in a serious drinking bout’.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• To be ‘on the pick’ is an alternative to being ‘on the river’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• Here, that’s good pick and choose! – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

pick and mix; pick ‘n mix; pick ‘n; pick

noun

1 in bingo, the number twenty-six [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< *pick-and-mix* ‘a retail system that allows for multi-choice selection across a given product range’. Only recorded in the full form.

• – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, 2004

• – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• – *www.ballsupbingo.co.uk*, 13th April 2011

• – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

2 the countryside [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sticks*. Only recorded in the full form.

• It’s ages seen I been out in the pick ‘n mix. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th October 2003

• – *www.english-for-students.com*, accessed 5th November 2013

• They’ve moved out to the pick and mix. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

3 among currency traders, the scheduled ‘fixing’ of global currency rates [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*.

• What’s your interest in Bill and Ben in the pick? – *www.todayonline.com*, 19th April 2014

• For instance, the lawyers began their cases in the US by looking at the 4pc WM Reuters Fix – known by the banks’ British traders by the term “Pick ‘n”, as shorthand for the rhyming slang “Pick ‘n’ Mix”. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 22nd August 2015

Pickettywitch

noun

a ditch [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < Pickettywitch, a British pop group of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

• There he is lying bleeding in the Pickettywitch thinking he’s a Madonna. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May 2004

pickled herring

noun

a wedding [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

• Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] wedding – pickled herring[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

pickled onion

noun

a bunion [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A visual metaphor.

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.40, 1983

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

• That’s a nasty pickled onion you’ve got on your foot. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

• [D]o you like pickled onions then? Depends if you’re talking about their association with rugby which could be the thread on rugby rebels [...] or pickled onions as in rhyming slang for bunions or just plain old pickled onions! – *UK Legacy* forum, 16th February 2011

pickled pork; pickling pork; pickle and pork; pickled

noun

1 talk; a conversation [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *pickled pork* and *pickled*. The short form *pickled* is exclusively Australian.

• Whilst he is eating, his “north and south”-mouth-is too busily engaged for him to indulge in any “pickled pork”-talk- so that he can only nod his “wish you’re dead”-head-and answer his wife’s inquiries[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 20th March 1926

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 19th July 1937

· Pull up a Cain and Fred and let's have a pickled[.] – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.22, 1987: *The Sunday Telegraph*, Sydney, **1984**

2 a walk [AUSTRALIA]

The earliest variant is *pickle and pork*, recorded by Ramson (1988) and Simes (1993) in 1940 and 1944 respectively. The variant *pickling pork* is given by Aven-Bray (1983). All other sources give the form *pickled pork*.

· – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Sixer*, Mornington, Victoria, 22nd May **1940**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· We'll go for a pickled pork into Queensland, pick up some work harvesting or cane cutting maybe. – D. Whittington, *Treasure*, p.87, **1957**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.40, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 chalk [UK]

Recorded in the form *pickled pork*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, **1969**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

pick up sticks

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK]

< *pick up sticks* 'a traditional game'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Bingo – as it used to be called in England. [...] Pick up sticks – 6. – www.keypoint.com.au, accessed 21st October **2013**

pie and beer

noun

an assault pioneer [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme. Army use. ► see GINGER BEER

· **Engineers:** Gingerbeers, rhyming slang. **Assult Pioneers:** Pies and beers, same as above. – *Militaryphotos.net* forum, 12th July **2003**

· I was an Assault Pioneer (pie and beer) in Support Coy. 4 Battalion of Her Majesties venerable Royal New South Wales Regiment. – *Total War Center* forum, 15th December **2006**

· **Pies and Beers** Little used reference to members of the Assault Pioneer Pl in the Bn. – *SOCNET* forum, 24th January **2009**

· Now son, there's Ginger-Beers and there's Pies & Beers, don't get them confused or you may find you nose a different shape! – *TankNet* forum, 19th April **2010**

· To expand a little, whilst Engineers are called "Gingerbeers", Assault Pioneers are called "Pies 'n Beers" because that's s'posedly our diet in barracks and we're manly enough to drink real beer unlike the Gingerbeers. – *SOCNET* forum, 4th August **2011**

Pie and Beer Day

nickname

Pioneer Day, a state holiday in Utah, in the United States, celebrated on 24th July each year to commemorate the arrival of Brigham Young and the Mormon pioneers in Salt Lake Valley in 1847

A slang rhyme.

· Pioneer Day... or Pie and Beer day for us secular types, is a hell of an event in Salt Lake. – www.jstarinorbit.com, blog, 28th July **2009**

· Join Oasis Cafe on "Pie and Beer" day, July 24. It's the perfect stop after the parade to celebrate Utah's statehood. – *Catalyst* magazine, Salt Lake City, UT, July **2011**

· In fact, I may try to make it to Utah next year with some exmo buddies just to celebrate Pie and Beer Day on our native soil! – *Exmormon.org* forum, 22nd July **2013**

· Happy Pioneer day! (Some call it pie and beer day). – *CARM* forum, 24th July **2013**

pie and liquor; pie

noun

a vicar [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Will it be all right if I bring the pie and liquor with me? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

· And, as Jim boasts to Robbie, his Dorothy has gone to see "the pie and liquor". He then adds, "I can't be certain... I fink she wants to be me Duchess of Fife." – *Daily Mirror*, London, 17th March **2001**

· – *Do or Die* magazine, Brighton, 'The Prison Lexicon', **2003**

· [T]here was a knock on my door from a neighbour who said, 'The Pie's on the wing. He's asking for yer.' – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.37, **2005**

· *Pie and liquor* Prison slang: the Vicar. – N. Harper, *Man Skills*, p.88, **2006**

· You bein funny. You a pie and liquor? – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.44, **2011**

· I was due to have a chat with our respected *pie* but he never appeared. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.152, **2011**

· [A]ctually 'e was taught by this Coles fridge (freezer – geezer) and is now a 'pie and liquor' (vicar) himself and has used the Cockney 'Slander and Libel' (Bible) at Jah Rule (school) assemblies with great 'string vests' (success). – cippenhambaptistchurch.com, blog, 11th March **2012**

Pie and Liquor

proper name

the parish magazine of St Mary's Church in Rotherhithe, London

Rhymes on *vicar*.

· Almost everyone knows him as Nick the Vic and his parish magazine is called Pie and Liquor – rhyming slang for vicar. – *The People*, London, 18th August **1996**

pie and mash; pie*noun*

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < *pie and mash* 'a meat pie and mashed potato, a traditional meal associated with the East End of London'. Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· If you need a pie and mash, go through there. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· Gotta take a Pie and Mash. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th December **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· I'm poppin' out for a pie and mash. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

· I sparked up the kettle, looked out of window, lit the first cigarette of the day and drifted off to the bathroom for a pie and mash[.] – *www.bipolar-expedition.co.uk*, 20th February **2011**

2 radio interference produced by electrical or mechanical signals [UK]

Rhymes on the jargon word *hash*. Citizens' Band radio slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· – P. Chippindale, *The British CB Book*, p.157, **1981**

3 cash [UK]

· In the cab and courier industry a 'pie and mash job' is a fare or job that is not on account. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· You got any Pie on ya? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th July **2003**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I'd rather save a little Pie & Mash (cash) by walkin' that last ½ mile to Trafalgar Square, than pay more to stay on that sardine tin. – *thepearlies.co.uk*, **2014**

4 a violent collision, especially one which damages a vehicle [UK]

Rhymes on *crash* and *smash*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Just had a pie and mash in me car. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

5 hashish [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *hash*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Network54* forum, 'Dublin Slang', 16th October **2002**

· I've got a bit of pie and mash (hash). Have you got any Veras? – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

6 a flash of light [UK]

Used in the phrase *quick as a pie and mash*, the direct equivalent of *quick as a flash*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Quick as a Pie and Mash the Pot and Pan jumped up and pulled a Drum and Fife from under the Skein-Of-Thread... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

pie and mash*adjective*

showy [UK]

Rhymes on *flash*. < *pie and mash* 'a meat pie and mashed potato, a traditional meal associated with the East End of London'.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Don't think me pie and mash (flash) for giving it Jack the biscuit [behaving like a show-off][.] – *Personal correspondence*, prison inmate, HMP Blundeston (Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

Pie and Mash Squad; Pie and Mash*proper name*

a British far-right protest group created in 2014

< *pie and mash* 'a meat pie and mashed potato, a popular London meal associated with British working-class culture and traditional values', but later mockingly interpreted as rhyming slang on *flash*, a clipping of *fascist*. ▶ see CRY AND DASH SQUAD

· "Pie and Mash Squad is not an organised group": true! – *exposingon.tumblr.com*, blog, 27th June **2014**

· Called the Pie and Mash Squad, it is now largely irrelevant, ignored and full of the same tantrums that used to clog their main page. – *www.edlnews.co.uk*, 24th July **2014**

· Far-right protestors – believed to be members of a street group called the Pie and Mash Squad – declined to comment. – *The News*, Portsmouth, 11th November **2015**

· Far right group Pie and Mash are planning an anti-immigration event in Southampton on Saturday. – *www.thesun.co.uk*, 30th June **2016**

· 'Pie and Mash' were completely smashed and Southampton came out to show that racism is just not Saintry! – *www.dailyecho.co.uk*, 6th July **2016**

pie and one*noun*

1 the sun [UK]

< *pie and one* 'in a traditional pie-and-mash shop, a pie and one portion of mashed potato'.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a son [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

pie and sauce*noun*

a horse [AUSTRALIA]

< *pie and sauce* 'a popular Australian meal'. Horse-racing slang.

· There is also quite a lot of rhyming slang used in association with the 'sport of kings' eg 'hickey-hockey' for jockey, 'pie and sauce' for horse. – *www.warrenfahey.com*, 'Australian Folklore Unit', accessed 21st December **2013**

pie and trash*noun*

hashish [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hash*.

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.181, **2007**

piece of brass

noun

a prostitute [UK]

Formed on *brass*, the short form of BRASS NAIL. Plays on *piece of arse*.

· Have you ever paid for a piece of brass, Westy? – M. Powell, *Snap*, p.126, **2001**

piece of toast

noun

1 a ghost [UK]

A less common alternative to PILLAR AND POST.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.150, **2011**

2 the Holy Ghost [UK]

A narrowing of the previous sense.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.150, **2011**

pieces of eight; pieces

noun

weight [UK]

· The aim of the dieter is to 'do some pieces'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· You're so fat, the back of your neck looks like a pack of hot dogs – isn't it time you did something about your pieces? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· She'd better watch her pieces of eight. – *A.com*, accessed 17th June **2009**

· She's worth her pieces of eight in gold, she is. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, 31st January **2012**

Pied Piper

adjective

too energetic and excited [UK]

Rhymes on *hyper*. < *Pied Piper* 'someone with the ability to entice others with delusive promises, often luring them into their doom'; ultimately from the Pied Piper of Hamelin, a German folktale hero.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May **2008**

· Sorry, lovey, I'm a bit Pied Piper. – *Harry Potter Heaven RPG* forum, 12th May **2008**

pies

noun

the eyes [US]

A slang rhyme.

· – L. Shelly, *HJTD*, p.16, **1945**

pig and roast

noun

toast (toasted bread) [UK]

According to Franklyn (1960), the term was current in the army during World War II.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *The Guardian*, London, 18th August **2015**

pigeon and doves

noun

gloves [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

pigeon feather

noun

weather [UK]

· – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 10th October **2002**

· Conversations about the weather (or in the locals' language the 'chamois leather'/'hell for leather'/'birds of a feather'/'pigeon feather'/'well I never') could no longer rely on the 'captain's log'[,] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, **2009**

piggy bank; piggy

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. The shortened form is recorded by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Re: Smashable Piggy Banks [...] "Smashable", as in back doors, 'Piggy Bank' as in wank. – *Bluemoon* forum, 18th November **2013**

pig in the middle; pig

noun

urination; an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piddle* and *widdle*. < *pig in the middle* 'a traditional children's game'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

pig's arse

noun

a glass (of alcoholic drink) [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – E. Kynaston, *Australian Voices*, p.85, **1974**

· A disbeliever – mind you despite being a good Christian, the 'cheese and kisses' (she prefers that) accused me of being on the 'kitchen sink' again at the 'rubbidy dub'. "This is no 'grim and gory' and for your information I haven't had a 'pig's arse' since last night," I replied. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December **2011**

pig's bladder

noun

a ladder [UK]

Recorded in use among plumbers.

· – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

pig's ear; pigs ear; pig's; pigs

noun

1 a beer [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The curtailed form *pig's* (also spelt *pigs*) has been recorded in British usage. ▶ see BLACK PIG and PIG'S LUG

· Now, Jack, I'm goin' to get a tiddley wink of pig's ear[.]

– D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, **1880**

· A concoction made from malt and hops and water / Is generally spoken of as beer; / Aqua pura now becomes "The Bailiff's daughter," / The barley brew, "Pig's ear." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· If the "twist and twirl" (Cockney for girl) in the evening star (bar) is asked for a long glass of "on the sly" she pulls the customer a long beer (sometimes called "pig's ear"). – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, WA, 17th March **1912**

· The intervals between firing are enlivened by story-spinning and bantering to the accompaniment of much picturesque slang. For example, "possy" is jam; "rooty," bread; "pig's ear," beer[.] – *The Courier and Argus*, Dundee, Scotland, 6th March **1915**

· The jargon of the "Tommy" returned from the front is a never-ending source of wonder to canteen workers and barmaids at the refreshment buffets. It is at the station bar that he "lets himself go" with orders for a "drop o' pigs" or "a laugh and titter." – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 16th October **1916**

· – G.H. Lawson, *DAWT*, ca **1924**

· Upon leaving the barber's he would pop round to the local "rub-a-dub-dub" and spend a "lord of the manor" on a glass of "pig's ear" before returning home. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 3rd April **1926**

· What'll you have, coffee, whisky, pig's-ear? – J. Curtis, *You're in the Racket, Too*, p.115 [1938], **1937**

· We 'ad no pig's ear glasses, but still we didn't mind[.] – *Knees Up, Mother Brown!*, lyric, written and composed by Harris Weston and Bert Lee, **1939**

· If, however, he consumes too much "pig's ear" or "thick and thin," he may finish up "mollies" or "elephants". – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· I was in this boozier and drinking a very large Scotch, which cost the same as a pint of pigs-ear in London. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.101, **1959**

· [A] little fellow, quite obviously a cockney, went up to the tiny bar, thumped on the counter and said 'A pint of pigs please.' – A. Ling, *Farmer's Breakfast*, p.143, **1963**

· I reckoned that just what the evening needed now, before we got stuck into the roo steaks, was a long cold 'pig's ear'. – D. O'Grady, *A Bottle of Sandwiches*, p.180, **1968**

· Once I was in a *rub-a-dub-dub* ("pub" English saloon) in London enjoying a *pig's*[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.31, **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· They do a lovely drop of pigs and my mate Nobby plays the joanna. – Nicholson Maps, poster on London Underground, **1995**

· – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**

· This geezer goes for a ball down the frog to the rubber for a glass of pig's. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March **2002**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Just had giant ricky lake with jockey's whips and few pigs ears... – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2010**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 a year [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]

In British English, only used idiomatically in the phrase *never in a pig's ear* 'never'. The short form *pigs* is exclusively Australian.

· Me an' Pickalock Pete done a bust an' got a pigs. Tomato Tom reckoned we wuz lucky ta get ofr so light. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.72, **1968**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.196, **1977**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

3 a male homosexual [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· DONKEY You're not a pig's ear, are yeh? JOHN Jaysis! BISHOP I'm sorry, eh, Donkey. I don't understand. DONKEY Are yeh a queer? – R. Doyle, *War*, p.38 [1994], **1989**

pig's ear McGandy

noun

a shandy [UK]

Rhymes on *beer shandy*. ► see **PIG'S EAR**

· It takes a bit to get used to his rhyming slang though. Uncle Ned is bed, a pig's ear McGandy is a shandy and a tin lid is a kid. – *The Daily Post*, Rotorua, New Zealand, 4th March **2008**

pig's face

noun

lace [us]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

pig's fry; pigs fry

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

The spelling with no apostrophe is given by Phillips (1931).

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**

pig's fry

verb

to try [UK/us?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· George has gone for a ball of *chalk* down the frog and *toad* to pig's-fry his new daisy-roots. – A. Bracey, *Public Enemies*, p.vii, **1934**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

pig's lug*noun*

beer [UK]

A punning variation of PIG'S EAR.

· But the origin of some of the soldier's slang words are very problematical, such as "pig's-lug" for beer, "jankers" for cells, "spondulicks" for money, and "kip" for bed. – *St. George's Gazette*, journal of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, 30th September **1939**

pig's trotter*noun*

a squatter [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGRS*, **2008****pikachou***noun*

in bingo, the number forty-two [UK]

Relies on an anglicised pronunciation of *pikachu* as *peekachoo*, with the stress on the final syllable. < *Pikachu*, a character from the Japanese media franchise Pokémon, originally appearing in 1996 in a Nintendo Game Boy game.

· – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June **2004**· – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October **2013****pillar and post; pillar***noun*

1 a ghost [UK]

Thus *the holy pillar and post* 'the Holy Ghost'.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· It's Ted (or his *pillar and post*)' I cried[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.22, **1969**· Whereby the holy trinity becomes "the soap, currant and holy pillar and post". – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· Looks like he's seen a pillar. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

2 a host [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· Who's the pillar and post for tonight? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**· Have you hired a **pillar and post** for the night and are there going to be any **bubble and squeakers**? – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February **2005**

3 the Holy Ghost [UK]

A narrowing of sense 1.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.150, **2011****pimple and blotch; pimple***noun*

Scotch whisky [UK]

· One is much more at home with "pimple and blotch" since it signifies Scotch—the liquor, not the adjective. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**· Come in 'an 'ave a drop o' *pimple and blotch*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.20, **1969**

· American visitors to London are fascinated to hear that some of their countrymen had sampled too much 'pimple' (pimple & blotch–scotch) and finished up 'elephants' (elephant's trunk–drunk). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.1, **1973**

· Apple fritter and yer Pimple and Blotch. That'll be a knicker and a 'alf. – A. Stuart, *The London Affair*, p.161, **1981**

· [A]ll I want is a couple more pimple and blotches. – R. Crutchley, *Post Script*, p.164, **1992**

pimple and wart*noun*

1 port (wine) [UK]

· – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 a quarter of a gallon of beer [UK]

Rhymes on *quart*.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972****pineapple***noun*

a Roman Catholic church [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *chapel*.· – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.234, **1973**

· [R]egular non-attenders at "the pineapple" (the Clyde-side rhyming slang for chapel) can be heard bemoaning the policy of hard-line local priests to issue tickets only to those who show up other than for marriages or funerals. – *New Society* magazine, London, 15th April **1982**

· When I was a boy Roman Catholic men were wont to stitch themselves up in a tie and take it off seconds after Mass, stuffing their ties in their pockets in much the same way they stuffed their religiosity out of sight as well after the hour in the pineapple – that's rhyming slang, by the way, for chapel. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 24th November **1997**

· With regard to 'pineapple' = chapel, I know it was fairly commonly used around 30 years ago. To my knowledge, it was used by Protestants to mildly mock Catholics. A Protestant Scot would tend to say 'kirk' to describe his own faith's church and use church to describe non-Presbyterian places of worship. In Scotland, 'chapel' would only be used to describe a Catholic church, unlike in Wales where Methodists worship in chapels. The most recent example I know was just about 3 years ago when a neighbour of a friend in the town of Ayr (35 miles from Glasgow) said of his wife – 'I am taking Ethel to the pineapple.' – *Personal correspondence*, 19th December **2002**

· – D. Ó Muirithe, *GISUL*, **2004**

· Aw c'moan Charlie, ah find it hard enough gaun tae the pineapple oan a Sunday[.] – G. Cassidy, *From Glasgow to Ghost*, p.51, **2011**

· Nothing like dating a catholic lass, only draw back is having to drop her of at the pineapple (chapel) the next day so she can confess all the dirty sex acts she got up to with me the night before. – *Irish Independent Escorts* forum, 6th December **2012**

· I thought he lived ruessel place in behind the pineapple[.] – *twitter.com*, man from County Down, Northern Ireland, 24th July **2013**

· The mass was beautiful and it was a lovely touch when the ‘Far East’ (priest) suggested a pint of Harp should be on the altar. Mac’s loyal friend Dermot broke the solemnity by trying to translate some of Mac’s own dialect to those in the ‘Pineapple’ (Chapel). – *www.dundalkdemo.crat.ie*, 12th November **2013**

pineapple and wart

noun

a quarter of a gallon of beer [UK]

Rhymes on *quart*. An alteration of PIMPLE AND WART.

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

pineapple chunk; pineapple

noun

1 a bunk (to sleep in) [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage. In New Zealand, the term is used by prisoners to refer to a cell bunk.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’m parked up on my pineapple bunk. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

2 an act of running away [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *bunk*. Used in the phrase *do a pineapple chunk/pineapple*.

· I think his wife has done a pineapple chunk. [...] [H]er ever-loving husband has just done a pineapple chunk with a saucy nurse. – R. Mortimer and C. Mortimer, *Dear Lupin*, 2011: letters dated **1975** and **1976**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. Perhaps influenced by the widely held belief that pineapple sweetens the taste of sperm and thereby improves a fellator’s experience.

· – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· I heard he guzzled a pint of pineapple chunk and needed a stomach pump? – *ScoobyNet* forum, 8th August **2006**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· [G]onna giv a suprise, / a couple a pumps, / a bitta spunk, / gonna slam dunk my pineapple chunk, / be best she’s eva had, maybe even be a dad[.] – *Ultimate-Buzz.net* forum, 6th August **2007**

· How about you open your mouth and swallow some of my pineapple chunk? – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th August **2009**

4 useless or worthless articles [UK]

Rhymes on *junk*.

· You’ll be lucky to find anything valuable amongst all this old pineapple. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

5 skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

· Years later ‘pineapple’ (...chunk – skunk) was added to the shopping list. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 2nd April **2012**

· Pineapple chunk is rhyming slang for skunk[.] – *www.reddit.com/r/trees*, 6th July **2015**

pineapple chunk; pineapple

adjective

drunk [UK]

· [M]iddle-class boozers get ‘pineappled’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· He does it fer fun to make us think he’s pineapple chunk when most of the time he int, or that’s what I think. – *cricketnetwork.co.uk* forum, 30th August **2011**

pineapple chunk

verb

to ejaculate [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

· Then i can bang it right up your Council Gritter whilst you stroke my Davina McCalls, before pulling out to Pineapple Chunk all over your Myleene! – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 18th January **2009**

pineapple fritter

noun

1 bitter (beer) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· A pint of fizzy an’ a pint of pineapple fritter my darlin’. – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

2 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· Anyway, stick that lot up your pineapple fritter for a get-go. – *J-Talk* forum, 31st January **2005**

· Anyway, why don’t we all pretend that wearing a veil or this ring means you have taken many giant todgers up the pineapple fritter. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 23rd June **2007**

3 a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· Sorry to hear that Tim – two hours in the pineapple fritter! Was it a dodgy ruby? – *Quiz-zone* forum, 30th May **2008**

ping-pong

adjective

strong [UK]

· That current bun’s a bit ping pong! – *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 1st March **1995**

· He then orders an Aristotle of the most ping-pong tidly in the nuclear sub and switches back to his footer. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Experts say that Rhyming Slang will soon be brown bread, but they must be having a cow & calf cos it still seems to be going ping pong. – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

pink flint*adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. A variation of PINK LINT.· I was gonna have a Sunday sesh this week but I was pink flint. – *twitter.com*, 27th September 2011· Don't worry, you're not going to wake up overnight pink flint (skint), impoverishment is coming to come upon you slowly and savoured by the rest of the world. – *AboveTopSecret.com* forum, 20th May 2014**Pink Floyd***noun*

the rhomboid muscle (major or minor) [AUSTRALIA]

< Pink Floyd, an English rock band that enjoyed worldwide success in the 1970s and 1980s.

· Hey Simon, my rig is in horrendous shape and I'm looking to tone up my warwick farms (arms), my George best (chest) and my pink Floyd's (rhomboids). – *www.facebook.com*, 8th March 2012**Pink Floyd; pink***adjective*

1 annoyed [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Pink Floyd, an English rock band that enjoyed worldwide success in the 1970s and 1980s.

· My brother is constantly blasting that horrible music from his room. I just can't stand it. I get so Pink. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March 2001· – *www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/bryanburnett*, 3rd May 2011

2 unemployed [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd March 2001**pink lint; pink***adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < *pink lint*, a descriptive variation of *boracic lint*. ► see BORACIC LINT· Although he may have mentioned a mink fur coat to Stewart, he said nothing about a "pink mink." There was no such thing. He might have said he was "pink lint," a rhyming slang expression meaning he was "skint" or broke. – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, 19th April 1952· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.153, 1994· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – Does anyone have any explanation as to what SKINT might mean. [...] – Rhyming slang = Pink (*pink lint* for those old enough to remember such stuff). – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 22nd September 2003· I didn't have a pot to piss in, to be perfectly straight about the deal. Totally pink lint I was... – R. Litten, *Swear Down*, p.41, 2013· I was hoping you'd buy something cause I'm skint. – My erse u r it's me that's pink lint. – *The Quad Forum*, 3rd August 2013**Pinky and Perky; pinky***noun*

a turkey; turkey (meat) [UK]

< Pinky and Perky, a pair of singing puppet pigs created in the 1950s by Czech puppeteers Jan and Vlasta Dalibor; they were the stars of a children's television series first broadcast by the BBC in 1957.

· [A] slice of 'Pinky' is not a slice of pork. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000· Go back to your room and eat the food ordered from Tommy. Loop de loop is soup. Pinky and perky is turkey. – *www.gameboomers.com*, October 2004· – N. Kolpas, *Practically Useless Information*, p.43, 2005· So, she'll undoubtedly be looking forward to sharing a pinky and perky with her old hairy bum and the dustbin lids this festive season. – *The Sun*, London, 9th December 2011· Do you want cranberry sauce with your Pinky and Perky? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015**pins and pegs; pin pegs***noun*

the legs [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *pins* 'the legs', which is often regarded as its short form. The word *pegs* itself is a common slang synonym of *legs*.· Pin Pegs is Cockney slang for Legs. "Nice Pins darlin'!" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January 2004· I'm just a **Lilley and Skinner**, and I'm not too good on my **pins and pegs** really. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005· Legs. Pins and Pegs – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006· Fab pins! (Pins and pegs = legs). – *Letters to Twilight* forum, 17th May 2010**pint o' beer 'ole***noun*

the earhole [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.· Ow! Me fackin' pint o' beer 'ole! – *Viz* comic, August 2016**pint pot***noun*

a habitual drunkard [US/UK]

Rhymes on *so*.· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944· Fred's a drunk, but Phil's a pint pot. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004**pipe and drum; pipe***noun*

1 a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. Punning to some degree on *pipe* (of the type that a plumber deals with).

· ‘[P]oke it up your pipe’ is a common synonym for ‘stick it where the sun don’t shine’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

· I’ve been sitting on me pipe all day. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

· I think my pipe and drum’s exploded! – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.91, 2007

2 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *come* (sometimes spelt *cum*). Only recorded in the full form.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

pipes and drums

noun

fingers and thumbs [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only used in the phrase *be all pipes and drums* ‘to be clumsy’.

· Ah wiz that nervous. See lightin’ ma fag, ah wiz aw pipes and drums. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

piping hot

noun

a glass (of beer) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pot*, which in certain parts of Australia refers to a beer glass that holds 285ml.

· Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here’s an example: ‘I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road), and met the cheese and kisses (missus) under the goose and gander (verandah) of the rubberdy dub (pub), and had a piping hot (pot) of oh my dear (beer)[.]’ – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August 1943

pirate’s eye

verb

to die [UK]

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] die – pirate’s eye[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August 2002

Pirates of Penzance; pirates

noun

men’s or women’s underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *pants*. < *The Pirates of Penzance*, a comic opera by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, first produced in 1879.

· Where i used to live (saaf London), your pants were called ‘pirates’ as in ‘pirates of Penzance’[.] – *www.the-answerbank.co.uk*, 25th January 2003

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May 2007

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Pirates of Penzance; pirates

adjective

of inferior quality, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *pants*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Rocknrolla ain’t pirates (Pirates of Penzance – pants), or Dot (Dot Cotton – rotten) – but it’s not that Christmas (Christmas pud – good) either. – *The People*, London, 31st August 2008

· Easy, tasty but a bit Pirates of Penzance. – *alienontoast.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th September 2013

pistol and shooter

noun

a computer [UK]

· From today, gadget loving car buyers all over the UK are being encouraged to ditch their Bernard Langer by using their Uncle Toby or pistol and shooter to get the best jellied eel on their La-Di- Dah or jamjar. – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December 2005

· Nice to see you on the Pistol and Shooter. – *The East Dulwich Forum*, 9th March 2012

· We don’t use the dog and bone no more, its all pistols and shooters[.] – *Bubba’s Bar ‘n’ Grill* forum, 23rd April 2012

· Now you’re sitting at your pistol and shooter, sipping a cup of Rosie and having a bit of a Worzel around facebook[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 30th April 2012

pitch and fill

noun

a poster [UK]

Rhymes on *bill*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Pitch and Fill

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Bill* [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

pitch and pine

noun

a black person [US]

Rhymes on the slang *shine*.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.521, 1984

pitch and toss; pitch

noun

1 a boss [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

· Struth, a bag of coke comes into th’ Sydney Harbour for a dig in th’ grave, and finds th’ pitch and toss has gone down th’ field of wheat. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945: *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October 1942

· [T]he best man I know in this city when it comes to a conversation in the slang is the “pitch and toss” (boss) of the Freemasons “rubbitty dub” (pub). – *Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW, 2nd September 1947

· A minute late for work and the pitch and toss is on your hammer and tack. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.39, **1983**
- – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- Lefty says there's Glasgow Rangers with buckets of bees in town, the pitch and toss is somebody's Trouble.
- L.R. King, *Apprentice*, p.271 [2007], **1994**
- Bleedin' 'ell, 'ere was me, wif a lifetime achievement award for bein' a Bengal lancer, askin' this pitch Richard to get cash-and-carried. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**
- She is, after all, the pitch and toss (boss)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**
- 'So what's slang for boss?' 'Pitch. Pitch and toss'[.] – L. Stacey, *Deadfall*, p.351 [2005], **2004**
- – J. Holder, *Grim Up North*, p.103, **2005**
- [T]here's no way the pitch'll give me the time off. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

2 a loss [US]

Recorded in use by the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, a white supremacist prison gang. Only evidenced in the full form.

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Pitch and Toss

nickname

Kings Cross, an area of Sydney, Australia

Kings Cross is held in ill-repute as a location for underworld activity, prostitution and other sexual commerce.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.39, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Pittenweem

adjective

clean [UK: SCOTLAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Pittenweem, a fishing village in the East Neuk of Fife, Scotland.

- We moved in last Friday and didnae hae tae dae a thing. They'd left the place absolutely Pittenweem. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Pizza Hut; pizza

noun

a promiscuous woman [UK]

Rhymes on *slut*. < Pizza Hut, a chain of pizza restaurants.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Pizza Slut

nickname

Pizza Hut, an international pizza restaurant chain with its headquarters in Plano, Texas

A slang rhyme.

- When several of us went to the local Pizza Slut for supper this evening, we were seated next to the jukebox. – *www.barrypopik.com*, 29th March 2011: *The Risks Digest*, Vol. 8: Issue 65 forum, 27th April **1989**
- Nearby fast-food restaurants are *Toxic Hell* for 'Taco Bell' and *Pizza Slut* for 'Pizza Hut'. – C. Eble, *Slang & Sociability*, p.128, **1996**

- – G. Foss, *Domino's Pizza Jargon*, p.12, **1996**

· Do you want to go to Taco Smell, Barfy's, Hardon's, or Pizza Slut? – *UD(.com)*, s.v. *Taco Bell*, 14th May **2005**

· The knocking started again, louder. 'Pizza Slut!' [...] 'Pepperoni and Fiorentina, mate,' the voice from the motorcycle helmet said. – M. Brill, *How to Forget*, p.253 [2012], **2011**

· I broke down and bought 2 lg pies from pizza slut[.] – *Godlike Productions* forum, 16th September **2013**

plain and gravy; plain

noun

the navy [UK]

A variation of the earlier SOUP AND GRAVY. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

plain and jam

noun

a tram (streetcar) [UK]

< *plain and jam* 'menu options for suet pudding'.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

planet of the ape; planet

noun

a grape [UK]

< *Planet of the Apes*, a film directed by Franklin J. Schaffner in 1968 and based on Pierre Boulle's 1963 novel *La planète des singes*; it was subsequently turned into a film franchise.

- **Planet of the Apes:** Grapes. – *Neoseeker* forum, 6th October **2002**

· **Planet of the Apes** *Grapes* Cut down to 'planets' since the 1960s[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· 'Beulah, peel me a planet' – as Mae West might have said, had she beenin Cricklewood instead of Hollywood. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

plasterer's trowel

noun

a fowl [UK]

A perfect rhyme for many British speakers. Recorded by Ware (1909) in the phrase *plasterer's trowel and seringapatam*. ► see SERINGAPATAM

- – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

plaster of Paris; plaster

noun

the buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *aris*, a clipping of ARISTOTLE. ► see ALA and LORD AND MASTER

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.94, **2005**
- Nice plaster!! – *UD(.com)*, 5th August **2008**
- [H]e fell on his plaster. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 26th August **2008**
- – S. Webb, *A 1960s East End Childhood*, p.180, **2012**

plastic bristols*noun*

surgically enhanced female breasts [UK]

From *bristols*, the elliptical form of *Bristol Cities* (► see BRISTOL CITY), on the model of *plastic titties*.· – ok crooked teeth but the rest of her is damn fine! – plastic bristols. – *Alton Towers Almanac* forum, 24th June 2005· To certain people she may be attractive but they are the type who like plastic Bristols, Tango'd skin and more slap than a pantomime. – *Digital Spy* forum, 19th December 2008· [S]he's not plastered in make-up and fake tan with plastic bristols.... – *Expatica* forum, 10th March 2009**plastic flower***noun*

a shower [AUSTRALIA]

· Sometimes **Bob Hope** will be found soaking beneath a **plastic flower**[.] – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo's Comments*, p.30, 1988**plastic spoon; plastic***noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*.· [A]ll of a sudden, this back to front, who was a plastic spoon and deffinitely radio rental, stops an asks me to love an behold, a jeffrey, for him [...] the plastic didnt ave a Scooby doo, that I was in fact a tea leaf. – *PistonHeads* forum, 17th April 2008**Plastic Whistle***nickname*

Partick Thistle FC, a Glasgow football team

A slang rhyme. Other nicknames for this team are *Jags* and HARRY WRAGGS.· Or did you mean the SPL? Where Plastic Whistle get consistently ass raped. – *FootballForums.net*, 7th October 2005· [T]hats a fair detour you will have on your hands there mate if your on your way to watch the plastic whistle (thistle)... – *Accrington Web* forum, 7th July 2006· After leaving Killie Andy had a trial at Carlisle, then ended up at Dundee Utd, only to fall out of favor, and be loaned out to plastic whistle by the end of 2004. – *Killiefc.com* forum, 19th October 2007· [S]poke to a Plastic Whistle fan tonite who reconed they were takin him on untile January. – *Hibs.net* forum, 11th November 2012**plate***verb*

to perform oral sex (on someone); to lick, suck and tongue (someone's genitals) [UK/US]

Functionally shifted from *plate*, the short form of PLATE OF HAM, or possibly a rhyme on *fellate*. Sometimes interpreted as a shortening of *plate(s) of meat*, rhyming on *eat*, but evidence of the use of this phraseis wanting. When applied to cunnilingus, the term is metaphorically informed by the image of licking one's plate clean. In British gay slang the verb is used on its own and in the phrase *plate someone's dish* 'to perform oral-anal sex'. In American usage *plate* has been used since the late 1960s in the specific sense of 'to fellate', often in connection with the work of American artist Cynthia Plaster Caster (born Cynthia Albritton, 1947) and her assistants – known back in the day as The Plaster Casters of Chicago – who have devoted themselves to the art of making plaster casts of celebrities' penises.· He never bothered to plate me, but that didn't worry me. I reckon now it can't be as groovy to plate a chick. [...] "I wouldn't mind if you plated me," he said significantly. – J. Fabian and J. Byrne, *Groupie*, pp.25/35 [1997], 1969· When did you get cast by Cynthia Plaster Caster? How did she approach you? Did she "plate" you herself? Um, she "plated" me herself, although I had a little help because it didn't work the first time around. – *nardwuar.com*, December 1997· To *plate someone's dish* is to **rim** them. – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, 2002· He knew that the only way he could really show his gratitude was to take me to bed and give me three orgasms. He was magnificent in that bed, going down and wouldn't give up plating me till I had my first one. – *m.nifty.org*, 23rd August 2012· Peter kept on plating her pussy, sucking out the dregs of her cumming from her slot and dipping his tongue in to spoon out the residue. – *bookre.org*, accessed 4th March 2013· I work as a telephone engineer at British Telecom but I could still plate your fanny and fuck you up the arse if you're up for it. – MC Flux and P. Nice, *Dirty*, p.162, 2015**plate and dish***noun*

a wish [UK]

· Best plates & dishes... – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001**plate it***verb*

to walk [UK]

From the noun *plates*, an elliptical form of PLATES OF MEAT.· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *plate*, 1902**plate of gravy***noun*

a female domestic servant [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the old slang *slavey*.In my youth the maid of all work was called "Slavey," / Though they're "Lady helps" at present [...] / I wonder what they think of "Plate of Gravy," / Which is what the modern monster calls them now? – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909

plate of ham; plate

noun

1 an act of oral sex [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gam*. ▶ see PLATE· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· Barry tells me that all those Americans have got crabs. It does seem v. unhygienic. G. launched into a great account of a queen who got them in the moustache because of the plate of ham. – R. Davies, *Kenneth Williams*, p.331, 1993: diary entry dated 25th August 1968

· “Yes, I don’t charver girls,” he paused and looked at me intently. “But I’m not against the occasional plate.” – J. Fabian and J. Byrne, *Groupie*, p.34 [1997], 1969

· Oi slut, give me a plate! – *UD(.com)*, 6th June 2006

· “Fancy a plate of ham?” “No thanks, I don’t eat meat.” – *UD(.com)*, 15th January 2009

2 a tram (streetcar) [UK]

Only recorded in the full form

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.38, 1969· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003**plate of meat; plate**

noun

a street [UK/US]

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859· – G.W. Matsell, *Vocabulum*, 1859· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· [A] *plate* is a “street” (*plate of meat*)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.247, 1968

plater

noun

a person who performs oral sex [UK/US]

A derivative of PLATE. In American English the term has been used since the late 1960s in the sense of ‘fellation’, often in connection with the work of American artist Cynthia Plaster Caster and her assistants.

· He said I was the best plater he had ever met and maybe he was right. There was nothing I couldn’t do with him. – J. Fabian and J. Byrne, *Groupie*, p.25 [1997], 1969

· In the Plaster Casters’ diary, a penis is called a “rig”; fellatio is called “plating” and a fellator is called a “plater” [...] These terms come from British slang, taught the two girls by members of an English rock group. – J. Burks and J. Hopkins, *Groupies and Other Girls*, p.104, 1970

· Plater A male homosexual prepared only for oral sexual connections. Sometimes used in a heterosexual sense. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.197, 1977

· The process normally involves 3 people: me, the subject and the person who gets the subject hard (at this point, it’s always been a girl, although I’d love to work with a guy). I call this person the “plater,” which is cockney rhyming slang for blow-job-giver, although the mode of stimulation for casting can get as deep and down as is mutually agreed upon. – *www.abc.net.au*, interview with Cynthia Plaster Caster, 18th June 2002

plates and dishes; plates

noun

1 kisses [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 a wife [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang on *missus*.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· As its so ‘Arry I gets on a *trouble* an’ when I gets ‘ome I find the *plates* is out ‘aving a *butcher’s* round the *rub-as* for me and the *cherry*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, 1969

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.36, 1979

· ‘The plates’ is an old reference to the wife. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

plates of meat; plates; platesers

noun

the feet [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Thus PLATE IT. The double plural *platesers* has been recorded in British usage. ▶ see also ONE AND EIGHTS and PLATTERS OF MEAT

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, 1874

· As she walked along the street / With her little ‘plates of meat,’ / And the summer sunshine falling / On her golden ‘Barnet Fair,’ / Bright as angels from the skies / Were her dark blue ‘mutton pies.’ – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

· But when he talks of “their feet, irreverently alluded to by music-hall humorists with no eye to apt simile, as ‘plates of meat,’” he is wrong. The expression “plates of meat” is not a simile—it is simply rhyming slang[.] – *The Daily News*, Perth, 26th November 1908

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· My friend of the king-like toe spoke of his feet as “plates of meat”—and this though he was an Australian, not a cockney. – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, 1917

· – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928

· *Feet ... Plates of meat. [...] The abbreviation may be used “Plates.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· Twenty-five or thirty years ago, for instance, the ‘rhyming slang’ was all the rage in London. In the ‘rhyming slang’ everything was named by something rhyming with it—a ‘hit or miss’ for a kiss, ‘plates of meat’ for feet, etc. – G. Orwell, *Down and Out*, p.241, 1933

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· Other widely used abbreviations are *tiffer* (hat), *daisies* (boots), *platesers* (feet). – W. Matthews, *Cockney Past and Present*, p.152, 1938

- FEET. [...] plates, plates or platters of meat[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- **PLATES** (n. pl.) Your feet. – L. Shelly, *HJTD*, p.16, 1945
- **PLATES** (N) The feet. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949
- So I have had to foot it home on my “plates of meat”. – T. Skelton, *Clay under Clover*, p.208, 1949
- It is pretty hard to come by outside of London these days, but I did strike a rich vein in certain social zones in Australia a few years back [...]. Now and then someone would say he had the Joes (Joe Blakes), meaning the shakes, or refer to his feet as plates (plates of meat). – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October 1949
- Now kindly give me my post and remove your great plates off me foot scraper. – *Hancock's Half Hour*, UK radio: BBC Light Programme, 13th January 1957
- So, too, his “lump of lead” means his head; [...] his “plates of meat” his feet[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, 1963
- [F]rom the top of her lump of lead to her plates of meat, she is perfect. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- Some twitches in the plates of meat. – J. Hibberd, *Stretch*, p.6, 1973
- [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef* – Chief; *Bit-an-Brace* – Face; *Mince Pies* – Eyes; *Two-by-four* – Door; *Plates of Meat* – Feet[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, 1974
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, 1978
- How the fuck you saw a geezer’s plates off? – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.16, 1995
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001
- This time I dropped on my plates then went on my knees and that was it. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.195, 2002
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, 2007
- [L]ift yer plates of meat til I Hoover the floor. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 10th March 2014
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

plating

noun

oral sex [UK/US]

Formed on PLATE. In American English the term has been used since the late 1960s in the specific sense of ‘oral sex on a man’, often in connection with the work of American artist Cynthia Plaster Caster and her assistants.

- “But why do you think plating is perverted? Everyone I know does it,” I said. – J. Fabian and J. Byrne, *Groupie*, p.12 [1997], 1969
- In the Plaster Casters’ diary, a penis is called a “rig”; fellatio is called “plating” [...] These terms come from British slang, taught the two girls by members of an English rock group. – J. Burks and J. Hopkins, *Groupies and Other Girls*, p.104, 1970

- In 1968 *Rolling Stone* published an issue on groups with a page devoted to Cynthia and her crew, and they spoke of their methods. One of them performed fellatio (they called the activity “plating”) on the prospective penis, and when it was properly hard the other had the materials ready. – M. Paley, *Penis*, p.63, 1999

· – Is there, in common usage, a noun for the act of cunnilingus, as “blowjob” is to fellatio? – Plating is an expression for it I’ve heard here (England). – *The Straight Dope* forum, 18th and 19th November 2008

platter of meat

noun

a fleet [US]

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

platters of meat; platters

noun

the feet [UK/US]

A variation of PLATES OF MEAT. First recorded by Manchon (1923) in British English, but only in the full form. Evidence for the use of *platters* in Britain is lacking. In American English, *platters of meat* is recorded by Berrey and Van den Bark (1942), Monteleone (1949), Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962) and Dickson (1994); *platters* is given by Burley (1944) and Shelly (1945), both of whom record it in jive talk. Interestingly, Shelly (1945) defines the term more narrowly as ‘big feet’.

- – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, s.v. *plates of meat*, 1923

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· – D. Burley, *Original Handbook*, p.145, 1944

· – L. Shelly, *HJTD*, p.16, 1945

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – P. Dickson, *War Slang*, p.199, 1994

· He was about 7 feet tall, wrapped in a black tarpaulin (possibly a raincoat) with a large baseball cap balanced atop his boulderous head and size 22 baseball shoes on his platters of meat. – *www.themightychew.com*, blog, 10th October 2006

pleasant

noun

cannabis resin [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

- i’ll give y’all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] hashish (usually soap) = “phez/pheasant/pleasant”[...] – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January 2006

pleasure and pain; pleasure

noun

rain [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· The pleasure and pain and the stand from under were deafening. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· ‘Dear, dear,’ she said, holding out a flat hand and looking up at the sky, ‘I’m afraid your afternoon is going to be very wet. – As the cockneys say, here comes the pleasure and pain –’ – M. Joy, *Allotment Lane*, p.92 [1992], **1989**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Any more pleasure and we’ll be swimming. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· I wish this pleasure and pain would stop. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

· Then the pleasure came pouring; no Auntie around[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘A Tea Leaf’s Jackanory’, 3rd November **2013**

plenty

noun

twenty pounds [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· – www.oocities.org/knightshade3/cockney.html, 1st February **2001**

plenty too

noun

in darts, a score of twenty-two [UK]

A playful combination of rhyme and homophony.

· In England the game of darts has an idiom of its own similar to that which the soldiers used when playing crown and anchor. [...] Rhyming slang is used sometimes–fives are “bee-hives,” two’s are “Jews,” 10’s are “hens,” and 22 is “plenty, too.” – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 28th August **1937**

· “22” is often called “Plenty too!”—an example of Darts’ rhyming slang of which “Two Beehives” (“double 5’s”) and “Two Jews” (“double 2’s”) are others. – E. Hoyle and L. Dawson, *Hoyle’s Games Modernized*, p.465, **1950**

· Plenty too – Twenty-two. – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

Plimsoll mark; plimsoll

noun

a park [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Once Londoners could stroll through the Plimsoll in plimsolls (Plimsoll mark = park), but they don’t any more. – N. Jones, *The Plimsoll Sensation*, [2013], **2006**

plough the deep; plow the deep

verb

to sleep [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The spelling *plough the deep* is British and Australian, but is also recorded in two American sources (*The Evening News*, 24th October 1929; Pollock 1935).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little

vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Sleep, Plough the Deep. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· I now will repair to my shovel and broom, climb into the roses red, place the lump of lead on the weeping willow and plow the deep. – *East Liverpool Review*, East Liverpool, OH, D. Runyon, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 1st August **1942**

· Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here’s an example: ‘I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road), and met the cheese and kisses (missus) under the goose and gander (verandah) of the rubberdy dub (pub), and had a piping hot (pot) of oh my dear (beer), and then to ancient Rome (home), and sank my lump of lead (head) on the weeping willow (pillow), and went to plough the deep (sleep).’ – *The News*, Adelaide, 17th August **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· The ancient rhyming slang persists in Australia. [...] “Well, here’s off up the apples and pears to hop into the roses red and plough the deep”[.] – *The Tweed Daily*, Murwillumbah, NSW, 20th August **1946**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

plow the deep; plough

noun

sleep; a sleep [UK/US]

The full form, recorded in American English, has been functionally shifted from the verb *plow the deep* (an American spelling of PLOUGH THE DEEP). The shortened form *plough*, recorded only in the British phrase *do a plough* ‘to sleep’, is either a noun use of the first element of the verb *plough the deep* or a clipping of its hypothetical noun counterpart. The 29th July 1936 article from which the second quotation below is taken was also published in the *Milwaukee Journal* and the *Salt Lake Tribune* on 1st and 14th June 1936 respectively. There the term occurs in the form *plow and deep*, but that must have been the result of poor editing of the original manuscript.

· “So I took a flounder to the pope, laid my lump on the weeping, and did a plough.” That is quite a normal remark in any public bar. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

· At night his rest isn’t sleep. It’s “plow the deep”. – *The Portsmouth Times*, Portsmouth, OH, ‘New Criminal Argot Imported from Aussie’, 29th July **1936**

· PLOW THE DEEP – For sleep. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

plum-and-apple*noun*

a chapel [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.· Laid out, brad, in some arsee plum-and-apple in the Smoke. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, 1968**plum jam***noun*

a lamb [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Shearers' slang.

· – D. Bardsley, *Husbandry of Sheep*, 2003· – *Personal correspondence*, Graham Seal (Australian folklorist), 22nd December 2013**plum pud; plum pood; plum***adjective*

good [AUSTRALIA]

Often used in the phrases *no plum pud* and *any plum pud?* (or *any plum?*). The spelling with *-oo-* is given by Baker (1966).· If small boys, and their elder brothers too, desire to bestow praise upon some idol of the playing fields they shout a raucous query at the sky. “Is he any good?” they ask of nobody in particular. It is their way of saying he’s a “bonza.” [...] Nowadays it is “Is he any plum pud?” or “Georgie Wood”? The professors of this weird (s)language omit the last word. “Is he any plum?” or “Is he any Georgie?” is enough for them. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924· The rhyming slang for “good” has, at least since World War I, been “plum pud”[.] – *The Mirror*, Perth, 12th September 1953· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966· *any plum?/any plum pud?* any good? – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999· **no plum pud** [...] ‘no good’. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, 2004· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Plymouth Argyle; Plymouth Argyll; plymouth***noun*

1 a file (tool) [UK]

< Plymouth Argyle, a football club based in Plymouth, Devon, in the south-west of England. The variant spelling *Plymouth Argyll* is given by Puxley (1992) and Kirkpatrick (2001). Only evidenced in the full form.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 style [UK]

· I like ya Plymouth Argyle. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th March 2004· I like your plymouth[.] – *Back To The Oldskool*, 22nd November 2008· [I]f there’s any justice in the world he’ll be getting paid for his sense of Plymouth Argyle** alone. – *www.publicgriefjunkie.com*, blog, 8th February 2013· He’s got some Plymouth. – *RTG Sunderland forum*, 13th February 2013· Why not show your sense of Plymouth by inviting everyone up the nuclear for a couple of tiddleys. – *www.etsy.com*, 28th January 2014**Plymouth Argyles; Plymouth Argyle’s; Plymouth Argylls; plymouths***noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Plymouth Argyle, a football club based in Plymouth, Devon, in the south-west of England.· **Plymouth Argyles** *rhym. slang* Piles. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1997· **Plymouth Argylls** *Piles* People with ‘Plymouths’ have ‘grapes’ the size of footballs. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003· Cor my Plymouth Argyle’s are given me grief. – *North Stand Chat forum*, 25th April 2004· It looks like he is suffering from a dose of the Plymouth Argyles. – *North Stand Chat forum*, 14th February 2006· Who discovered that shark liver oil on your Plymouths makes them shrink? – *Stuttgart 9s forum*, 12th April 2006· Plymouths = Plymouth Argyles = Piles. – *www.geordie-times.com*, 4th April 2011· Ooh me Plymouth Argylls are griping today! – *CRS (co.uk)*, 10th May 2012· In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Bernards, Plymouths, Nuremburgs[.] – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, 2015**Plymouth Rocks***noun*

socks [NEW ZEALAND]

< Plymouth Rock, the first piece of land on which, according to tradition, the Mayflower Pilgrims set foot when they arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620.

· Nether garments once we looked upon as trousers, / And footwear years ago were christened socks, / Would you recognize the first as “Round the ’ouses,” / The second, “Plymouth Rocks”? – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909**Plymouth Sound; plymouth***noun*

one pound sterling [UK]

< Plymouth Sound, an inlet of the English Channel in Devon, in the south-west of England.

· £1 A Oncer, a Plymouth Sound, a Nicker. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.86, 1972· I was taking a ‘butchers’ at the ‘linen’ the other day and I saw that old ‘Oats’ had won the ‘April Fools’–20,000 ‘Plymouth Sounds’! – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.39–40, 1973

· “Peter, lenz a Plymouth.” “If I knew what a Plymouth was Ronnie I might lend you one.” “Yer know, a Plym-

outh – a grey'ound.” – P. Etherington, *My Youth, My Kop*, p.154, **2002**

· So how much Becks and Posh will this cost? A kilkeny or a Plymouth Sound? – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th May **2005**

pocket watch

noun

Scotch whisky [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [W]e had one to many pigs ears, followed by a pocket watch or two. – *Alt-country.org* forum, 14th February **2012**

poddy calf; poddy

noun

a pre-decimal coin worth two shillings and sixpence [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *half*, a shortening of *half a caser* ‘half a crown’, the word *caser* being slang for a crown (or five shillings). < *poddy calf*, sometimes shortened to *poddy*, ‘a hand-fed calf or lamb’.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

pogo stick; pogo

noun

1 the penis [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. A visual metaphor. The short form has been recorded in Australian and British usage.

· – J. Trimble, *5,000 Adult Sex Words*, **1966**

· – B. Moore, *LCL*, **1993**

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· I went out on a date / With a girl, a bit late, / She had so many friends, / I brought my pogo stick / Just to show her a trick[.] – *Bounce*, lyric, System of a Down, **2001**

· [S]uck my pogo mofo bitch[.] – *HLCLL* forum, 15th May **2002**

· I wouldn't mind her bouncing around on my pogo. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· I've slept with your mum and made her suck my pogo stick. – *www.youtube.com*, **2010**

2 a stupid or despicable man [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. Hence possibly *pogo*, a term used by Australian soldiers in Vietnam to refer to a member of the services who was stationed at the base; however, in this usage the word *pogo stick* post-dates *pogo*, which also makes it likely that the word originated independently, perhaps as an alteration of *pogue*, an American military slang term for a soldier serving in an administrative position.

· Be men, not mouths..men, not Pogos and 'support' turd-burglars who spin war yarns and bullshit in the bars and R.S.L.s. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: R. Pollard, *The Cream Machine*, p.2, **1972**

· I'm up before the bubble at Big Ben and I don't want to be Harry Tate for the pogo. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.148, **2008**

point

noun

a marijuana cigarette [UK]

A slang rhyme on *joint*.

· i'll give y'all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] joint = “point” (or) spliff = “bifta”. – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January **2006**

poison dart

noun

a fart [UK]

· Who's fired a poison dart? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Kelly: “Crystal what's up with your boyfriend, he looks as though he just ate something real bad?” Crystal: “Nah... he'll live... in fact it was me that ate something bad earlier on. I kinda involuntarily released a poison dart – he's just suffering the ill effects, ha ha.” – *UD (.com)*, 27th September **2009**

poke in the eye

noun

a pie [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· A poke in the eye wiv a drum an' fife please. – *Courage Best Bitter* beer mat, **1980**

· A poke in the eye with dead horse[.] – *Stampboards* forum, 8th September **2007**

polar bear

noun

air [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

· Nice to get a bit of fresh polar bear in my lungs. – *The Fair Intellectual Club*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 17th November **2016**

polish and gloss; polish

noun

(of a male) an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. A metaphorical description probably inspired by the use of the verb *polish* in slang phrases such as *polish the knob* and *polish the family jewels*.

· [W]hen 'e finally went to the brass, all 'e could afford was a polish. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

polish and gloss; polish

verb

(of a male) to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. A visual metaphor probably inspired by the use of the verb *polish* in slang phrases such as *polish the knob* and *polish the family jewels*. Also used transitively in the phrase *polish one's grandfather clock*. ▶ see GRANDFATHER CLOCK

· She wouldn't go all the way but she didn't mind polishing my Grandfather Clock. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Grandfather Clock*, **1992**

· – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Pollock Docks*noun*

socks [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Pollock Dock, one of the docks in Belfast harbour.

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006****polly flinder***noun*

1 a window [UK]

< Polly Flinders, the character in the nursery rhyme ‘Little Polly Flinders’, first published in 1805. The opening lines of the rhyme, ‘Little Polly Flinders / Sat among the cinders[.]’, account for the use of the word to mean ‘a cinder’.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a cinder [UK]

· This sausage is burnt to a Polly Flinder. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992****Polly Parrot***noun*

a carrot [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**· I was sent down the lollipop to buy Uncle Reg for Michael Winner, but the polly parrots were Dot Cotton[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.240, **2008****Polly Waffle***noun*

a brothel [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *brothel* as *broffle*. < Polly Waffle, a branded chocolate bar manufactured by Nestlé Australia Ltd.· The room and roses are red in this half-pie polly waffle were like what the dog said when he sat on the sandpaper, “RUFF.” – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, **1983**· Now, correct me if I’m wrong, but last time I checked, exchanging intimacy (sex) for expensive gifts (money) had a name: prostitution ... Not that I’ve got anything against the concept of the Polly Waffle* (let’s not go there again), I just think we need to call a spade a spade[.] – *blogs.theage.com.au*, Sam de Brito’s ‘All Men Are Liars’ blog, 10th October **2007**· The term “polly waffle” can mean various things in Australian culture, such as a brothel, gibberish, time wasting in sport, or feces. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 24th November **2009**· polly waffle – brothel. – *BellyBelly.com.au* forum, 13th January **2012**· [D]id ya just finish ya Ronny coote in the polly waffle? – *dumbshitshortpeoplesay.blogspot.com*, blog, 6th August **2013****Polo mint***noun*

a young woman or girlfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *bint*. < Polo, a popular brand of mints introduced in 1947, long advertised as ‘the mint with a hole’.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**· – *Football Forums.net*, 14th February **2002**· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003****Polo mint; polo***adjective*

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Polo, a popular brand of mints introduced in 1947.· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· Has anyone got a Melvin Bragg coz im absolutley Polo Mint!! – *Old Skool Anthem* forum, 17th August **2004**· Think I’ll only be out Sun this week cuz I’m polo mint[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 15th August **2006**· Getting my tickets next payday (25th) as I’m a bit polo at the min lol. – *Peugeot 106 Owners Club* forum, 16th May **2007**· Also I’m a bit polo mint at the moment so purchasing will only be undertaken if it’s really good. – *Monkey Gamers* forum, 23rd April **2008**· If someone tells you they are **polo**, it means they have no money[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.367, **2015****Pol Pot***noun*

a spot or pimple [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Cambodian communist dictator Pol Pot (born Saloth Sar; 1925–98), who, during his four years in power (1975–79), embarked on a widespread genocidal campaign against political opponents and ‘class enemies’.

· – [I]f av got wan its jus a wee spot. – Otherwise known as Randolph Scotts, Pol Pots & Jeff Dukes. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007****pommy; pommie; pom***adjective*

British or, more specifically, English; relating to a British or, more specifically, English newcomer to Australia or New Zealand [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

An adjectival use of *pommy* or *pom*, a shortening of POMMYGRANT. Hence *pommy bastard* (also spelt *pommie bastard*) or *pom bastard*, a common term of abuse.· Xenophobia of all types has never been far from the patriotic Australian who is often almost as ready to curse that ‘Pommy bastard’, his term of endearment for the British migrant, as the foreigner of any colour. – A.G.L. Shaw, *Short History*, p.198, **1967**· Personal interviews with the British fathers and mothers left me with no doubt that they all spoke with ‘a pommy accent’[.] – R. Johnston, *Future Australians*, p.82, **1972**· The day after the game I met a Pommie visitor who, amazingly, started criticising our commentators[.] – *Sunday Star-Times*, Wellington, 20th June **2004**

· Come on, get these filthy pom bastards out. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 13th July 2013

pommygrant; pommigrant; pommegrant; pummy grant; pomegranate; pommy; pommie; pummy; pom
noun

a British (especially English) person; originally and specifically a recent British (especially English) immigrant to Australia or New Zealand [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

An alteration of JIMMYGRANT. Possibly suggested by the pomegranate-like red skin that newcomers from Britain develop when exposed to the fierce Antipodean sun. The full forms and the rare shortening *pummy* are archaic; some of these forms are now chiefly found in historical contexts. Now generally only used in the variants *pommy* (sometimes spelt *pommie*) and *pom*. Thus *whingeing pom* (or *whingeing pommy*) ‘a British (or English) person stereotypically viewed as a habitual moaner’, *pommify* ‘to make British or English in quality or trait’ (mainly used as a past participial adjective), *pommification* ‘the act or process of making something British or English in quality or trait’ and TO AND FROM.

Despite the well-attested origin of *pom*, the word has been the subject of various fanciful folk etymologies, most of them based on references to the original convicts or settlers who sailed from Britain to Australia: P.O.M., an acronym of *Prisoner of Mother England*, *Prisoner of His/Her Majesty* or *Permit of Migration* (several other underlying phrases have been suggested); a shortening of *Pompey*, the naval nickname for Portsmouth, from where the First Fleet of eleven ships with convicts sailed to Australia in 1787; and an anglicisation of *pommes*, a shortening of the French *pommes de terre* ‘potatoes’, seemingly part of the staple diet of the British soldier in World War I.

· The other day a Pummy Grant (assisted immigrant) was handed a bridle and told to catch a horse...Pummy sneaked up behind the quadruped. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 14th November 1912

· The English are in fair numbers, but the Irish pommy, strange to say, is a rarity. The pommy as a navy may seem a hopeless proposition to some[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 4th January 1914

· Pommies say the mad Australians / Treat them rough, and they object / As their wrathful letters show us. / What, I ask, can they expect? [...] We have spent the cash we borrowed / Bringing out the “Pommigrants,” and the question now arises – / Have they helped the land advance? – *The Democrat*, Lithgow, NSW, 2nd October 1915

· Thousands of immigrants were arriving by the old clipper ships, and the colonial boys and girls, like all schoolchildren, ready to find a nickname, were fond of rhyming “Immigrant”, “Jimmygrant”, “Pommegrant”, and called it out after the new chum children. The name stuck and became abbreviated to “pommy” later on. – H.J. Rumsey, *Pommies*, Introduction, 1920

· Today’s issue of your paper contains the report that Sir William Lathlain, Mayor of Perth, is greatly concerned at the term ‘Pommie’ used to Englishmen. On the chance that it may interest, the term originated from emigrants, who, arriving with red, sun-burnt faces, were likened to pomegranates (red faces–red berries), altered to “Pommigrants,” and so abbreviated to “Pommies”. The misinterpretation of the term is due to that “Big Noise King” Northcliffe, who was, I believe, the first to understand that the term was used in derision. – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 21st July 1922

· The Editor—one of our Pommy-grants, / In back-seat Fleet Street accents rants, / If they give them nothing but shirts and pants, / Australians must be there. – *The Catholic Press*, Sydney, 21st September 1939

· The “Cornstalks”—as the native white Australians were called—were proud of their native land, and inclined to become truculent when immigrants (who were known as “Jimmy-grants” or “Pomegranates” or “Pommies”) tried to decry them. – F. Clune, *Scandals*, p.57, 1957

· For though we love not nuclear bombs / We trace descent from whingeing Poms[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 30th June 1973

· Clearly a whingeing Pom, he is even more upset that visiting journalist Paul Johnson recommended that British Labour Party leader Tony Blair should visit New Zealand and take a leaf out of its book. – *The Dominion*, Wellington, 2nd January 1996

· Kerfuffle. Henry’s never heard that word before. Billy’s a pommygrant originally, so maybe it’s from ‘home’. – P. Wilson, *Faces*, p.139, 2007

Pommyland; Pommie land; Pomland
nickname

Britain or, more specifically, England

From *pommy*, *pommie* and *pom*, three shortened variants of POMMYGRANT. Recorded in Australia and New Zealand.

· I’m a Pommy. And going back to Pommy-land, after twenty-four years. – R. Stow, *The Bystander*, p.21, 1957

· At risk of upsetting race relations experts, I must confess to sometimes being puzzled by politicians in Pomland. – *Sunday Star-Times*, Auckland, 17th March 1996

· Nah don’t hate poms. Don’t hate anybody. What I’m sayin is the countrys full of whingers. By the way, BEST Poms live in pommie land. – *The Daily Mercury*, Mackay, Queensland, 4th September 2009

· Send toilet-mouth Mel B back to Pom land quick smart!! – *Gold Coast Bulletin*, Southport, Queensland, 24th November 2011

Pompey whore; Pompey ’ore
noun

1 in bingo, the number twenty-four [UK]

< *Pompey whore*, an evocation of Portsmouth, the English seaport and naval base, affectionately known as Pompey, and historically regarded as a breeding ground for whores. Thus PAIR OF POMPEYS. The form

Pompey 'ore is given by Franklyn (1960) and Partridge (1961). The former author does not give the form *Pompey whore*, while the latter notes that it is rare. The plural *Pompey whores* is used in *all the fours*, *Pompey whores* (sometimes euphemised as *all the fours*, *Pompey ladies* or simply *all the fours*, *Pompey*), the rhyming call for number forty-four. ▶ see DID YOU SCORE?

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I'm not overly keen on the use of the word "whore" in a bingo call but the traditional two dozen call for the number 24 has been replaced with Pompey Whore at Costa Bingo[.] – *bingo.vg*, 18th April 2012

2 in bingo, the number four [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, 2007

3 a door [UK]

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th October 2013

'pon my life

noun

one's wife [UK]

< *'pon my life*, an apheretic form of *upon my life*.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

Pontius

noun

a ship's pilot [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *pilot* and *Pilate*. < Pontius Pilate, the Roman prefect of Judea at the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.97, 1984

Pontius Pilate

noun

a toilet [IRELAND]

A genuine rhyme in some varieties of Irish English. < Pontius Pilate, the Roman prefect of Judea at the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th May 2001

· [T]hen have a gypsies in the pontius pilate. – *Sputnik-Music* forum, 30th December 2004

· I need to go me pontius pilate! – *UD(.com)*, 12th November 2007

· – *The Straight Dope* forum, 30th April 2012

Pontypool; ponty

noun

a school [UK]

< Pontypool, a town in Monmouthshire, Wales.

· Pontypool School The Ponty. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, 1973

· I had a mate called Red Dicker when I was at Ponty (Pontypool: school. Ed.) – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.99, 1975

· – *The Sweeney*, p.9, 1976

· Learn anything at Ponty today, Wayne? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 7th April 2005

pony and float

noun

an overcoat [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.46, 1972

pony and trap; pony

noun

1 excrement; a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *crap*. Hence PONY, WALK THE PONY and TAKE THE PONY FOR A WALK. Also used for emphasis in the phrase *kick/scare/knock the pony and trap out of (someone)* or *kick/scare/knock the pony out of (someone)*. ▶ see MACARONI

· As to new words, here are some, but I think they are rather current slang than actual dialect words. [...] Pony, a = a shit. – P. Davison, *The Complete Works of George Orwell*, p.228, 1998: letter dated 4th September 1931

· Just time for a pony before The Professionals. – *The Independent*, London, 3rd September 1995

· David also recalls that in his misspent teenage years in London people would leave the bar for a snakes, or sometimes even for a pony. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th Mar 2002

· From the stories he heard, she scared the pony and trap out of everyone. – *www.fanfiction.net*, 24th August 2008

· Hence anyone having a piss could also enjoy the bonus of witnessing another punter having a pony and trap. – *The Free Kick* forum, 3rd December 2008

· The trick was to wait for someone to use the toilet, and when they were seated, a newspaper would be rolled into a big ball, set fire to, and placed down the end opening. This would float along the pipe and flames would erupt around the person having a 'pony and trap'. – T. Sanders and L. Sanders, *Heave a Bit, Driver*, p.21, 2009

· [W]as having a pony in a plaza toilet after having a few spliffs[.] – *LSL* forum, 3rd September 2010

· [T]he pic scared the pony out of me. – *www.youtube.com*, 2012

· [S]eriously, i have never seen so much pony in my life. – *Boards.ie* forum, 2nd October 2012

· Then you'd be able to fix your own ****ing roof and not sit in the rain while you're having a pony and trap and thinking about taking a spin on your pony and trap. – *www.independent.ie*, 28th November 2012

· u will scare the pony out of me. – *versusshadow.deviantart.com*, 17th February 2013

· JP is going to track down whoever sent this and kick the pony and trap out of you. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 14th June 2014

· For them, it's OK to charge about the country after a fox and set dogs on it. It's not OK to meet with another firm and knock the pony out of each other[.] – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.77, 2015

2 something worthless or inferior; nonsense; rubbish [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Also in the phrase *full of pony and trap* or *full of pony* (usually predicatively, after the verb *to be*), said of someone who talks nonsense or tells lies. ▶ see **LUCA PONY**

- The rest is all pony-and-trap, jargon, in other words im-i-tashun. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.88, **1956**
- Don't give me that pony and trap. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, **1974**
- PONY: rs, Pony & Trap, crap, rubbish (see also Tom (Tit) rs shit), believed to originate from the Khyber Pass. – G. Bushell and R. Halpin, *Iron Maiden*, p.126, **1984**
- How do we know that's not a load of old pony. – K. Lette, *Mad Cows*, p.19 [1997], **1996**
- Seeing their players wearing the word Pony on their chests seemed too much like a critical judgment. – *The Guardian*, London, 15th may **1999**
- Well, that's a load of pony and trap... – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th October **2000**
- – Most fans from back then hoped that Walsh would inject an earthy unpredictability but not even he could stop them from turning into Eartha Kitt. – Okay, Mark - bash the Eagles, bash the Stones, bash Re*ac*tor if you must! But when it comes to taking on Eartha Kitt...well, that's where I have to draw the line! – [...] I could have said pony and trap or Brad Pitt or even Ben Cartwright or Barry White and it'd have meant the same thing. – *launch.groups.yahoo.com*, *Yahoo! Groups*, 6th June **2005**
- Your talking a right load of Pony, you Peanut. – *Central Coast Mariners* forum, 22nd April **2010**
- Bank of Ireland shares: a good idea or a load of pony and trap? – *www.theguardian.com*, 26th November **2010**
- So you say you aren't English but you have followed Petey babies good work for a year??? Something tells me you are full of pony mate[.] – *www.theweedblog.com*, blog, 27th February **2012**
- He is definitely not down to earth (granted from personal experience so will omit) but even his media interviews are drival and full of pony. – *Boards.ie* forum, 26th March **2011**
- Same here, imho I would also add Reservoir Dogs and Pulp Fiction to the list of films that people claim are good but in reality are a load of old pony. – *CycleChat* forum, 27th March **2013**
- It just shows that, for all they go on about looking after the small guy, they are full of pony. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.129, **2015**
- That makes sense and explains everything without making him a liar, a hypocrite and a full of pony and trap poopyhead. – *Aging Macho Men* forum, 4th February **2015**

3 gonorrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the clap*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

pony and trap; pony
adjective

inferior, of poor quality; unsatisfactory [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- That's a bit pony mate! – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Mind you we've never been able to get BBC digital so we've suffered with a pony and trap (crap) analogue picture. – *percycweller.wordpress.com*, blog, 27th March **2012**
- Halfway stage when things still look a bit pony. – *twitter.com*, 21st January **2017**

pony and trap; pony
verb

to defecate [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Where do you pony around here? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
- You didn't *pony* [shat] your *strides* [trousers] did you? [...] Imagine – *ponying* his *strides*. What a show-up. – J. McVicar, *McVicar by Himself*, pp.135/136, **2002**
- I wonder if he left the calling card of of the burgaling fraternity the emptying of the contents of ones 'Simon Cowells' Pony and Trapping all over the gaffe till the nerves in your stomach settle ... – *realcaltontongs.freewebspace.com*, 7th November **2005**
- Mark ponying in the girls toilet. – *www.youtube.com*, 28th August **2010**
- Slough Borough Council believes that up to 3,000 shed people are being housed in these unsafe and primitive makeshift homes which often lack heating or running water. I suppose the dwellers don't have a khazi to pony and trap (*crap*) in either. – *percycweller.wordpress.com*, blog, 20th February **2013**

poofter's bum
noun

rum [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Poona Candy
nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Andy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Melrose's Poonakandy Ceylon Tea, a no longer available Scottish brand of blended tea. Alternative nicknames are PUFF CANDY and RIO GRANDE.

- I used this one on a guy called Andy last night, called him Poona Candy. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 28th April **2010**

Poor Man's Gruel
nickname

1 Liverpool FC, a football team based in Liverpool, in the north-west of England

- You support Poor Man's Gruel? You fool! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th September **2003**
- I was 'opin' what yew would get da champs league spot over Poor Man's Gruel[.] – *The-Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 4th January **2007**

2 the city of Liverpool, in the north-west of England

· If we're talkin' statistics Poor Man's Gruel 'as da lowest crime rate ov da five metropolitan police areas an' ranks seven'eenf in terms ov ci'y crime. – *s2.excoboard.com*, forum, 8th February **2006**

· – Bathroom Readers' Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.130, **2007**

· Pete, you're from Poor Man's Gruel, and we've all had enough Forsythe's Saga for tonight. – *Pojo Wrestling Alliance* forum, 21st April **2008**

· Would you *Adam and Eve*, that so many Londoners are catching the *John Wayne* up to *Poor Man's Gruel* rather than watching the *Liza Minelli*? – *Volkszone* forum, 21st November **2011**

poor relation

noun

a railway station [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· I'm going down the poor relation to get the Oxo Pepsi and Shirlie tomorrow[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.148, **2008**

popcorn; poppy

noun

1 an erection (of the penis) [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Hatton remembers the first time he saw his name up in lights, spelled out in the famous neon on the Strip. "It gave me the popcorn," he said in January 2007[.] – *The Independent*, 24th April **2015**

2 pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porn*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Pope

noun

soap [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme.

· Washing the bishop with the Pope. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.46, **1995**

Pope of Rome; Pope in Rome; pope-a; pope

noun

home; a home [UK]

· **Pop o' Rome**, home. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· POPE-OF-ROME, *subs. phr.* (rhyming). – Home. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1902**

· **Pope** (*Com. Eng.*). Abbreviation of pope o' Rome, the rhyming for 'home'. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· "So I took a flounder to the pope, laid my lump on the weeping, and did a plough." That is quite a normal remark in any public bar. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· I am remaining quiet to-day at home or, as our versatile friend would put it, Pope of Rome, and taking a glass of in and out, as it is the hour of high twelve. – *Aeronautics* magazine, London, 5th January **1916**

· – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· Then I shook his *St. Martin's Le Grand* and went to my *Pope of Rome*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

· – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.x, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· There's no place like *Pope* (*Pope of Rome/home*). – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.68, **1973**

· [T]here's no place like 'pope-a'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Now, now Currant Bun, said the Grasshopper, drop that Drum and Fife, you can't go around hurting others in their own Pope In Rome[.] – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

· I promised the tin lids I'd be at the Pope (in Rome) to read them a Jackanory before they went up the apples and pears. – *www.examiner.co.uk*, 3rd April **2012**

· I went down the apples, me Pope's underground[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

pope-o'-romeless

adjective

homeless [UK]

A derivative of POPE OF ROME.

· No Little Nell shall be rung for / This Pope-o'Romeless pot-'n-pan[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

Popeye the Sailor

noun

a tailor [UK]

< Popeye the Sailor, a cartoon character created by Elzie Segar in 1929.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

pop goes the weasel; pop

noun

diesel [UK]

< 'Pop Goes the Weasel', a traditional English nursery rhyme first recorded in 1855. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.147, **2011**

poppy red

noun

money [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bread*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *poppy* 'money', which is often regarded as its short form.

· Contracting's a good Bunsen Burner isnt it lads, but theres far too many Tea Caddies, Bacon Sarneys and Bengal Lancers at it. They've got to earn some Poppy Red right?, but their taking our Corn on the Cobs[.] – *Contractor UK forum*, 29th June **2006**

· **Poppy** – (Slang) – Poppy Red – Bread – Bread and Honey – Money. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.238, **2007**

· In cockney rhyming slang ‘poppy’ is short for ‘poppy red’, rhymes with bread[.] – P. Guttridge, *The Great Train Robbery*, p.64, **2008**

porcupine; porc

noun

1 a lie [UK]

A misinterpretation or a light-hearted variation of *porky pie*, itself a variant of PORK PIE. Only recorded in the full form. Common in children’s speech, but also used by adults.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.196, **1989**

· On sleeping with his dad in a tent, he woke his dad in the middle of the night to tell him “daddy, I’m scared I can hear woolworths” (werewolves)! Whilst arguing with Chelsea, he came running down the stairs to tell me that “Chels was telling porcupines” (porky pies)! – *joolzgiles.blogspot.com*, blog, 31st October **2003**

· I would call back and tell them you want to leave especially as the CS are telling porcupines. – *Digital Spy* forum, 11th June **2007**

· Every time the lefties are asked about the benefits of immigration, they say there are lots, but that because they’ve already explained them they won’t explain them again. Surely you’re not suggesting the lefties were telling porcupines? – *BC Forums*, 19th January **2010**

· H informed me yesterday, that his pal was moving house. I checked with his mum who said they weren’t [...] H said, ‘Yes I think he was telling porcupines!’ – *observationsonlifebyaslummymummy.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th June **2011**

· Even though i am a football expert i had never heard of Czech left winger Vaclav Pilar, and anyone who says they had is telling porcupines. – *NeoGAF* forum, **2012**

2 wine [UK]

· Wine. Porcupine. Where’s the porc waiter. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

pork and bean

noun

a homosexual man [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *queen*. Thus ORKAN’PA EENQUA.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, no. xxxviii, **1967**

· Dat’s da wing where dey got all da horses hoofs and da pork and beans. Ya sees, da queers is all penned up together, same as da wife-starvers[.] – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.129, **1968**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

pork and beans

noun

jeans [US]

Remembered by Corrigan (2005) as part of the slang of first- and second-generation Irish living in the Mission District of San Francisco in the first half of the 20th century.

· On his day off, he’d wear “pork and beans” or jeans at the racetrack. – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.167, **2005**

Pork and Beans; Pork and Beaners

noun

Portuguese troops; Portuguese soldiers [UK/AUSTRALIA]

An imperfect slang rhyme. Used during World War I.

· The cordiality of the relationship between British soldiers and the Portuguese may be taken as finally cemented by the fact that the latter now have a nickname, says the “Times.” They are “Antonio.” There were some who, at first, were disposed to call them “Pork-and-beans,” as having a general resemblance to the name Portuguese, but our Allies have proved themselves in the trenches, and custom is settling down to the friendly sobriquet of “Antonio,” which is already being shortened to “Tony,” fit counterpart to “Tommy,” showing that the rapprochement is consecrated and complete. – *The Liverpool Echo*, 29th June **1917**

· – W.H. Downing, *Digger Dialects*, **1919**

· I thought you lot may find this interesting. It’s from a diary written in Archangel in 1919 by an Australian soldier serving with the expeditionary force sent to fight the Bolsheviks. In it he ranks all the soldiers (except the Germans) which he or others in his unit had fought or served with. [...] Chinese (labour corps) – Chinks – 0.5. Portuguese – Pork and Beaners – 0.1. – *Forgotten Honor* forum, 7th July 2011: **1919**

· It was on top of a bus, going west up Whitehall. Enter a soldier in the rather drab uniform of the active service Portuguese Army. [...] As the conductor stood looking over the back and waiting to signal his driver to proceed, he merely said, apostrophising the horizon, “Hugh! Blooming pork and beans!” – *The Devon and Exeter Gazette*, 16th December **1919**

· [T]he nickname spread so widely that the authorities issued this order: “In future the forces on our left will be referred to by all ranks as ‘Our Oldest Allies’ and not, as heretofore, as ‘the Pork and Beans.’” – *Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 2nd May **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS1*, **1930**

· On the way we passed half-ruined, deserted villages, and once a working company of small, dark men. “Italians or Pork-and-beaners,” a man told me, looking at them contemptuously. – G.H. Hill, *Retreat from Death*, p.56 [2005], **1936**

· I have some personal reminiscences about them taking over and sharing trenches with the Portugese. The Leeds men despised them and called them the “Pork and Beans”. – *Great War Forum*, 6th December **2005**

· Pork & Beans was the one I have always heard for the Portuguese. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 9th December **2008**

· The Germans call us Tommy / We always call him Fritz / We call the Frenchman Froggy / Which sends him into fits / But our very oldest ally / You know who that

means /Must never be referred to as / The good old pork and beans. – *Free Republic* forum, 7th May 2011

Pork and Beans

nickname

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), the second oldest infantry regiment in the British Army

Rhymes on *The Queens* and *The Tangerines*, two popular nicknames for this regiment. Raised in 1661 as The Tangier Regiment of Foot, it ceased to exist as an independent regiment in 1959, when it was amalgamated with the East Surrey Regiment to form The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment; in 1992 it was further amalgamated with The Royal Hampshire Regiment to form The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

• – T. Carew, *Regiments*, p.42, 1974

• The Queen's Royal Regiment [...] The Tangerines (After Tangier). The Mutton Lancers (After Paschal Lamb and Flag Badge). The Pork and Beans (Cockney slang). – *www.queensroyalsurreys.org.uk*, 28th October 2003

• By the time of the First World War it was often known, because of the lamb and flag on its badge, as 'The Mutton Lancers', or, in Cockney slang, as 'The Pork and Beans'. – R. Holmes, *Tommy*, p.113, 2004

• My old regiment THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT (WEST SURREY) 2nd OF FOOT. The Mutton Lancers. The Pork and Beans. Kirks Lambs. The Tangerines. – *Forces Reunited* forum, 5th August 2011

pork and brawn

noun

an erection of the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*. *Brawn* is a Britishism for jellied pig's head.

• My favourite though is having the Pork and Brawn for being sexually aroused. – *www.theguardian.com*, 10th June 2014

Pork and Cheese; Pork; Porker; Porky; Porko

noun

■ a Portuguese; the Portuguese; originally, Portuguese soldiers [NEW ZEALAND/UK/CANADA/US/ZIMBABWE/ZAMBIA/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/ SOUTH AFRICA]

An imperfect slang rhyme. The full form is recorded in all eight locations of use. According to the available evidence, this is the only form used in American, Irish and South African English. The short forms are geographically distributed thus: *Pork* (Canada, Zimbabwe, Zambia), *Porker* (Canada), *Porky* (Canada), *Porko* (UK, Australia). Hence PORK CHOP.

• Portuguese; esp. Portuguese soldiers [...]. The New Zealanders called them *Pork and Cheese*. – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, s.v. *Pork and Beans*, 1937

• Not like our ancient and honourable ally the Pork and Cheese. – A. Wilson, *Late Call*, p.261 [1965], 1964

• Im a pork and cheese also!! – *MontrealRacing.com* forum, 3rd April 2002

• Portuguese people are often referred to as porks... You ever heard the comment? "oh so you are pork and

cheese" instead of portuguese? well that is what porks mean. I have no clue where this got started, but I have been hearing this my entire life. – *MontrealRacing.com* forum, 27th September 2002

• Pork and Cheese Portuguese Sounds similar. – *utah-indymedia.org*, 24th March 2003

• Um they call us 'Porkos' and spuds and stuff like that. – *psych.brookes.ac.uk*, 'The Education of Portuguese Students in England and Channel Islands Schools' by G. de Abreu and H. Lambert, July 2003

• "The Portuguese paratroopers," said K. "The Pork-and-Cheese jumpers, we used to call them. I tracked for them a few times." [...] K glanced behind at the women. "The Porks weren't afraid of dipping into the oil drum, hey." – A. Fuller, *Scribbling the Cat*, pp.27/227, 2004

• [I]n Zambia, where K. lives, segregation occurs more along cultural than racial grounds. [...] Afrikaners are "slopes" (for the way their foreheads are supposed to slant). Portuguese are "Pork and Cheese." [...] They were shit scared of us and they were shit scared of the Porks and they were shit scared of the gooks. – *The New Yorker*, 1st March 2004

• Honestly my prediction as to the final score against the Porkos will be: Greece 2 Portugal 1. – *GreekCity.com.au* forum, 2nd July 2004

• The game was hardcore cuz the Porkers got their favorite Swiss referee... – *MontrealRacing.com* forum, 5th July 2004

• When I was playing polo in England I met a crazy Portuguese player, who was utterly useless at the game and was permanently being shouted at and referred to by the coach, Terry Hambone as 'That useless f*cking Pork and Cheese.' – *howtobeportuguese-ish.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th November 2006

• You are correct that the Portuguese developed infrastructure was destroyed by the locals, at least that part that wasn't destroyed by the Porks themselves when they left. – *The Great North Road* forum, 29th July 2007

• – What is your favourite fifa soccer team? – mine is portugal. gotta support the porkies. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st December 2008

• Half British, half Portuguese, but African born, Alex never really felt accepted by the other white Rhodesian boys at his private boarding school. One school day that began like many others would stay in his memory forever. 'Pork and cheese, pork and cheese,' two bigger, older boys taunted him as he walked to assembly. Alex clenched his fists at the local slang for Portuguese. – T. Park, *Ivory*, [2011], 2009

• [T]hen one day a white guy referred to him a 'porko'. A disciplinary was bought about within a couple of hours and the white guy was dismissed. – *Trials-Forum.co.uk*, 12th February 2009

• This also explains why I could so relate to the play – being a Pork 'n Cheese myself, brought up in a crazy Portuguese home. Both my parents travelled from the little Portuguese island of Madeira those many years ago to

live the South African dream, just like the characters Mr & Mrs Ferreira did. – *www.jhblive.com*, 15th March **2009**

· While the Pork and Cheese (P&C) are generally a friendly bunch, put them behind the wheel of a car and suddenly a self-centred, kamikaze, incompetent maniac emerges. – *www.happythreads.ie*, blog, 23rd April **2010**

· How does that work with the Porkos playing the Samba Suckholes tonight? – *SFCU.com.au* forum, 25th June **2010**

· What have the pork and cheese done to upset you[?] – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 9th June **2012**

· What is needed is jobs and a growing economy and the Porks can provide that. – *New Zimbabwe* forum, 20th August **2012**

· He was at Oyster Bay, he met Nessie, but still he thinks you married a Pork 'n Cheese... – *4x4 Community.co.za* forum, 1st August **2012**

· I'm a pork an cheese, and love me a good churasco! – *AussieVapers* forum, 29th October **2012**

2 the Portuguese language [SOUTH AFRICA/UK/US]

Recorded in the full form. ▶ see PORKCHOPESE

· "So" she says, "I believe you speak Portuguese in Brazil" [...] "Ja, we call it 'pork and cheese' ha ha ha" At this point I was glaring at her. Bell smiles and says "so do you know some Portuguese?" – *nevermind.iblog.co.za*, blog, 7th February **2007**

· Ah, but the Argies speak Spanish and the Brazilians speak Pork and Cheese and the prop warning says "Helice" which is Frog... – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 22nd July **2007**

· I don't speak pork and cheese... but... I'd like to think that it is the plural for tavern... – *Ute Fans* forum, 9th January **2008**

Pork and Cheese; Pork; Porko

adjective

Portuguese [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK/ZIMBABWE/ZAMBIA/CANADA/SOUTH AFRICA]

An imperfect slang rhyme. *Pork* has been recorded in Zambia and Zimbabwe. *Porko* is Australian and British. Hence PORK CHOP.

· The Portuguese or 'Pork and Cheese' camp [at Sling]. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: E. Miller, *Camps, Tramps & Trenches*, p.85, 1939; 26th May **1917**

· [O]nly a side-glance at the "Pork-and-Cheese" (as they were dubbed) outfit, should have been sufficient to convince any nit wit on Army Headquarters that they were quite incapable of standing up to any of the opposing troops. – E. McKinlay, *Ways and By-Ways*, pp.104-105, **1939**

· There is a Porko guy called Edson Rolando Silva Sousa he is in PSV starts as a 16 yr. old and is a fab player... – *Xtratime* forum, 9th May **2001**

· He's Pork And Cheese – he's Portuguese. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th August **2003**

· There's a bar in Maputo that I go to where all the prozzies hang out. You know, the classy ones. The ones with

Pork blood in them. – A. Fuller, *Scribbling the Cat*, p.227, **2004**

· I'm so happy the Pork Chops lost eventhough I got pork and cheese friends. – *The Voyageurs* forum, 12th June **2004**

· **Pork and Cheese** Derogatory or merely joke word to describe someone of Portuguese origin...often used in Southern Ontario where at least half a million Portuguese live. *Hey Fatima are u pork and cheese*. – *UD(.com)*, 12th August **2004**

· [H]i dave thanx for the pork-and-cheese tips. good advise. i only know: obigado (spelling???) hello and no copriendo (spelling???) i don't understand. – *4x4 Community.co.za*, 12th December **2008**

· I just spelt it how I hear my Pork and Cheese relos say it. – *Overclockers Australia* forum, 24th January **2009**

· [P]ersonally I prefer the info from a pork and cheese sport paper[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th June **2010**

· Haha see! what's better than a porko girl to cook nandos and fix ur pants. – *Perth-WRX.com* forum, 9th June **2011**

· Why appoint a Porko failure over an ascending Cockney success. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 4th July **2012**

· fcuk ronaldo, fcuk that pork & cheese mofo. – *Barfi Lounge* forum, 8th June **2013**

Pork and Greens

noun

Portuguese troops; Portuguese soldiers [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme. A variation of PORK AND BEANS used during World War I.

· The small force of Portuguese volunteers who helped us in the last war were known either as "Pork and Greens" or as "Pigeons". – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 21st June **1940**

pork chop

noun

1 a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on *cop*, with a pun on the slang *pig*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Lets run from the Pork Chop. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th September **2003**

· – *The Straight Dope* forum, 27th May **2005**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

· Oh, here comes a Pork Chop, I'm off to have an Al Pacino. – *InterPals* forum, 6th January **2011**

2 a Portuguese [CANADA/US]

Formed on PORK AND CHEESE.

· Hey mark, better watch your mouth, The Captian is from Portugal....thats why Slawko calls him Pork chop!! – *City Aviation* forum, 13th December **2002**

· Lots of Porkchops in the CT area. – *Kilometer Magazine* forum, 31st August **2005**

· We had a big debate today about Portuguese being referred to as "Pork Chops", i just want to get ur opinion on this. So my question to u is, are u offended when called a "pork chop"? – *BigSoccer* forum, 19th October **2005**

- Porkchops will always be the Portuguese to me, however. – *Metro Fanatic* forum, 10th December **2007**
- All you porkchops are the same, when it comes to money. – *Topix* forum, 19th May **2009**
- Matt had told them the neighborhood was Italian and Portuguese, “Wops and Porkchops,” he’d said. – M. Helm, *Cities of Refuge*, p.130, **2010**
- Any porkchops in Milton want to watch the Euro ’12... – *www.hawthornevillager.com*, 2nd May **2012**

2 the Portuguese language [US/CANADA]

Formed on PORK AND CHEESE.

- I speak pork chop! – *NJGuido.com* forum, 12th January **2004**
- Doesnt toxic or rui speak porkchop? – *Toronto Jungle* forum, 28th March **2008**
- He speaks porkchop? Awesome! – *BabyandBump* forum, 23rd January **2013**

pork chop

adjective

Portuguese [CANADA]

Formed on PORK AND CHEESE.

- Pork chop chicks are a waste of time (nothing to offer)... – *TorontoNightclub.com* forum, 6th July **2004**
- i figured id have like at least 10-20 porkchop women bitching at me by now. – *Untz.ca* forum, 6th May **2005**

Porkchopese

noun

the Portuguese language [CANADA/US]

A derivative of PORK CHOP.

- I cant speak PorkChop’ese. – *City Aviation* forum, 13th December **2002**
- My Spanish is great, but I couldnt communicate with her cause Spanish isnt close enough to Porkchopese, I guess. – *USA Sex Guide* forum, 1st December **2006**

pork link

noun

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. < *pork link* ‘one of several pork sausages strung together’.

- – Chinky is racist too now, so Ive changed it to a rinky dink! [...] – Disagree pork link or missing link for me. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 29th and 30th November **2015**

pork linkies

noun

a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*’s. From PORK LINKY.

- The woman with the dour face in the pork linkies is killing my mood[...] – *twitter.com*, 26th December **2012**

pork linky

noun

1 a Chinese meal [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*. < *pork link* ‘one of several pork sausages strung together’, perhaps via the rhyming slang PORK LINK, though this is recorded later.

- A wee pork linky then we’re hitting the casino. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th January **2014**

- Absolute cannot wait to get a pork linky later. – *twitter.com*, 3rd April **2016**

2 a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

- Times does the pork linky open. – *twitter.com*, 18th May **2014**

3 a Chinese person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

- You’ll no see many folk happier than pork linkies in a casino. – *twitter.com*, 16th September **2016**

pork pie; porky pie; porkie pie; porky; porkie; porker

noun

1 a lie [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

Often shortened to *porky* or *porkie* in all five locations of use. The variant *porker* is recorded in British usage.

Hence WHITE PORK PIE. ▶ see PORCUPINE

- **Pork pie** Lie (untruth). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, **1969**

- Apparently he kidded them on at the time that he’d been in plenty of bands before, and was later prone to tell the press porkies about singing in reggae bands and such like. – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, pp.11–12, **1984**

- Well, one hardly presumes that he’s talking a lot of pork pies, is he? – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.145, **1984**

- I have it on a very reliable source, Bob, that you have been telling me porkies. – *The Bill*, UK TV: ITV, 16th October **1984**

- Don’t you give me all them little porkies[.] – A. Masters, *Minder – Yet Again!*, p.74, **1985**

- I am not suggesting anyone tells porkies[.] – *The Age*, Melbourne, 5th April **1995**

- Have Netway been telling porkies? – *aardvark.co.nz*, 20th August **1997**

- Knew you wouldn’t tell me a straight porkie. – J. Cameron, *Brown Bread*, p.206 [2000], **1999**

- She’s telling porkers again. – L. Purves, *Regatta*, [2003], **1999**

- [T]he current team has let them down badly, has been telling porkies about their ability and can’t see the wood for the trees. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 28th March **1999**

- [O]ne presumes His Grace wouldn’t tell pork pies. – *The Sun*, London, 24th August **1999**

- I’d have to conclude that someone was telling Porky Pies. – *mybroadband.co.za*, 10th May **2004**

- They had been misled, set on a wrong’n, led up the garden path, smoked like a kipper and told a porkie pie. – R. Rankin, *Da-Da-De-Da-Da*, p.283 [2009], **2007**

- Anyone who says they don’t argue is telling porky pies. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 26th August **2009**

· [I]t has to be a porkie; no-one can eat forty pies in ten minutes like he's claiming. – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

2 a lookout [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *spy*. Only recorded in the form *pork pie*. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

pork pie; porky pie; porkie pie
verb

to lie [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun.

· The one and only Mr Howard who has lied to us over just about everything, took us to a war again the nations wishes, porkie pied over that and has not stopped since. – *ABC Online* forum, 14th September 2004

· Is this actually true, or are you porky pieing? – *RLLMUK* forum, 13th December 2004

· Why you rhymin'? I think you're porky pieing[.] – *Yeah Yeah Yeah*, lyric, Akala, 2006

· How many kids play kiss chase over the age of 11? Ha ha. Unless he was porkypieing again! – *James Blunt Official Forum*, 27th August 2006

· How far did they really go? Who's lying here? I'm confused now... There's a bit of pork pieing on both sides. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 15th May 2007

· I know of two people in the music scene who have porky-pied about their age. – *Fastfude* forum, 15th February 2008

· However now I have rewatched and realised that no one was talking about Noirin at all and the OP was porkie pieing[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 22nd August 2009

· But by the poll results some folk must be pork pieing, why? – *International Falconry Forum*, 5th September 2010

· There were no more lies to tell. It was Labour who did most of the porky pieing before the last election. – *Politics.ie* forum, 3rd December 2011

pork pies; porky pies; porkies
noun

the eyes [AUSTRALIA/UK]

There is no evidence of its use in the short form in Australian English. In the British context, more commonly found in the dialects of the Midlands, the north of England and Scotland.

· We will not wear out our vocal chords any earlier in life by saying "stand at ease" instead of "cheese," "pork pies" for eyes, "plates of meat" for feet[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June 1952

· Then I couldn't believe my porkies, who walked in? – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.121, 1995

· I know, I can see it in your pork pies, / A pretty face and a fake smile is where you hide[.] – *Uri Geller Bent My Heart*, lyric, Lightyear, 2003

· I couldn't believe my porkies[.] – *BrianEnos.com* forum, 23rd January 2004

· [W]hen you used it to get washed it burned the hell out off your pork pies (eyes)[.] – A. Bell, *Tired and Weary*, p.128, 2009

· ELSO keep yir porky pies (eyes) aff Auldavie cause me and Clydo saw him first. – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 7th August 2009

· Though I am hoping one day he will realise that my *pork pies are hazel not green. – *www.scousenewyorker.com*, blog, 4th December 2011

· [Y]ou open your pork pies and see someone staring back at you who looks like a gargoyle or a gutted parrot fish. – *ufcrobins.com.au*, accessed 29th April 2013

pork scratch
noun

a match (a vesta) [UK]

Prison use. < *pork scratchings* 'small pieces of fried pork rind that are eaten cold as a snack'.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

Porky Pig
adjective

1 big [UK]

< Porky Pig, an animated cartoon character created by Bob Clampett (1913–84) in 1935.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [My] face is looking 'shiny and bright' although I've got quite a 'porky' 'selina' on my 'Gregory'. – *Acne.org* forum, 16th March 2006

· Whether she is *needle and pin* (*thin*) or a bit *porky pig* (*big*), chances are her form will catch the eye of someone or other. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.99, 2011

· She was wearin' a purple mustard underneath a blue nanny goat, with matching rhythms and a Porky Pig tifter. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August 2012

2 generous [UK]

Rhymes on *big*. Usually ironic.

· Oh, so you've put my name down for a fiver's worth of raffle tickets have you? Well that was Porky pig of you. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

porno mag
noun

1 a woman with low moral or sexual standards [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August 2001

· My girlfriend won't ever be on the internet like she's a porno mag. Ever. – *Mischief.tv* forum, 20th February 2005

2 a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*.

· And what's your problem today Harvey you porno mag? – *Total Football Forums*, 11th October 2005

Porphyry Pearl
noun

a girl or young woman [AUSTRALIA]

< Porphyry Pearl, an Australian brand of sparkling wine that was popular in the 1960s and 1970s.

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn,

copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December **2013**

porridge knife

noun

life [UK]

Also used in the phrase *get a porridge knife*, the direct equivalent of *get a life*.

· You're wite, I can do Irish in real Porridge Knife. – *ZAM* forum, 23rd May **2007**

· [Y]ou just so sad you orange peel the need to complain and complain abaht everythin' and anything, goodness sake sum of you need a Porridge Knife! [...] Ha ha ha sugar and spice try! But tough Bristol cities, so get a Porridge Knife and stop bein' a lil' tell Alderman's Nail moaner and winger, me profile will stand. – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 14th October **2009**

· [T]he brown bread are coming back to porridge knife – and they're headed straight to Hackney. – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

port and brandy; port

adjective

sexually aroused, lustful [UK]

Rhymes on *randy*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· i'm feelin a bit port and brandy. – *Coattails* forum, 22nd July **2003**

· He brought her a couple of drinks and was feeling very *port*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

port and sherry

adjective

wise, knowledgeable [US]

Rhymes on the slang *jerry*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

port and wine

noun

a password and sign [AUSTRALIA]

· It's all right, but chuck this 'port and wine' as you pass the 'Miller's daughter' at the 'Cain and Abel' on the 'Apples and Pears.' I successfully mastered the password and sign, and was ushered into the club-room, which contained about twenty men. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

Port Fail

nickname

Port Vale FC, a football team based in Stoke-on-Trent, in the north-west of England

A slang rhyme used by fans of local rivals Stoke City. More commonly called simply 'the FAIL'.

· Port Fail will continue to tread the path of mediocrity now and for years to come[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 18th August **2003**

· Another shocker from Port 'Fail'. – *BBC 606* forum, 13th October **2007**

· Port Fail: always the victim, it's never your fault. – *www.stokesentinel.co.uk*, 4th September **2013**

· Port Fail FC – Founded in 1876, begging like a cheap crack whore ever since. – *The Oatcake* forum, 11th January **2014**

Porthcawl

noun

absolutely nothing [UK: WALES]

Rhymes on *fuck all*. < Porthcawl, a coastal town in South Wales.

· I'm saying Porthcawl[.] – *The paul weller/jam/style council mailing list, Yahoo! Groups*, 25th September **2001**

· SE, I'm saying Porthcawl (as in Cockney rhyming slang)!! – *ScumV Rugby Forum*, 8th April **2005**

· More of a style bar then! Porthcawl (sorry welsh rhyming slang for f**k all) under the parcel shelf! – *MX5Nutz.com* forum, 12th January **2009**

· This has "porthcawl" (Welsh rhyming slang) to do with Team Carthorse, trotting or running[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd April **2013**

· I'll say porthcawl about it mate. – *twitter.com*, 8th February **2014**

· [S]ome will side with the anti imperialists and some will side with the crown but lots of Welsh take the attitude that its got porthcawl to do with us. – *Planet Swans* forum, 6th September **2015**

· Great piece of Welsh rhyming slang there to sit alongside: Say Porthcawl (feck all), and Going for a Don (Murray) curry. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 19th September **2015**

porties

noun

the ears [AUSTRALIA]

A pluralised shortening of PORT MELBOURNE PIER. Children's slang.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

Port Melbourne pier

noun

the ear [AUSTRALIA]

▶ see MELBOURNE PIER and PORTIES

· Blimey, no Mark Foy is going to give me a dig in th' grave. Yer might take me Port Melbourne pier off. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945: *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October **1942**

· He strained his Port Melbourne Pier to hear what they were saying. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, **1983**

· [T]he Aussies were soon coining their own terms like "Maggie Moores" or "Maggies" (women's drawers), "charming mottle" (bottle) and "Port Melbourne Pier" (ear). – R. Claiborne, *Marvelous Mother Tongue*, p.271, **1983**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· You'll have to speak up, I'm a bit Mutt and Jeff in the Port Melbourne Pier. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November **2004**

- – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Grab that and shove it in your Port Melbourne piers... (ears). – www.facebook.com, 27th November **2013**
- 2 beer [AUSTRALIA]
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Portobello

noun

a cello [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Portobello, a suburb of Edinburgh on the coast of the Firth of Forth.
- That gap between yer legs, ye could fit a Portobello there. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

posh and beck

noun

a cheque [UK]

- < Posh and Becks, the tandem nickname of the British celebrity couple Victoria and David Beckham.
- Rhyming slang for cheque (Letters, June 18)? No contest: a Posh and Beck. – www.theguardian.com, contributor from Nottingham, 19th June **2003**

Posh and Becks; posh

noun

1 sex [UK]

- A piece of popney slang that has become established in the general rhyming slang lexicon. < Posh and Becks, the tandem nickname of the British celebrity couple Victoria and David Beckham. Victoria Beckham (b.1974) came to prominence as a member of the all-girl pop group Spice Girls, where she was known as ‘Posh Spice’; her husband (b.1975), an English international footballer, is popularly known as Becks.
- – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**
- – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**
- – *The Bath Chronicle*, Bath, 27th November **2001**
- [H]eading home for some Posh... – *MacRumors* forum, 30th May **2005**
- And of course the running joke throughout the whole thing is that Samantha just so happens to have an orgasm every time she has Posh and Becks with someone[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.306, **2008**
- But he knew deep inside he was not a Perry Como, and feeling rather disturbed he went and found a One Time Looker to have Posh & Becks with... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**
- So, ‘Posh and Becks’ (sex) will be shortened for convenience to ‘Posh’. [...] Whether they do this to sound cool, be served quicker in pubs, or to get some Posh, is not particularly crystal. – B. Crystal and A. Russ, *Sorry, I’m British!*, p.33, **2010**
- Having a bit of Posh ‘n Becks were you? – M. Crawshaw, *To Make a Killing*, p.6 [2013], **2012**
- He left her because he wasn’t getting enough Posh. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

- And then we could clank and thwack and clunk our way into some vague state of undress and then just totally have some serious, mutually fulfilling and emotionally rewarding “Posh’n’Becks” (cockney rhyming slang, desperate now). – *The Times*, London, 7th March **2016**
- 2 turntables used by DJs for mixing and playing records [UK]

Rhymes on *decks*. Only recorded in the full form.

- Have you got yer posh ‘n becks yet. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Come down the southside bar early enough and you will see a world exclusive of FDB yes thats right people F D Fucking B the body MC b2b with mashed mark up on the posh and becks (Decks). – *HarderFaster* forum, 7th January **2006**
- He’s pretty good on the ‘Posh and Becks’. – *soulsurvivor.com*, 1st April **2009**
- 3 a pair of glasses [UK]
- Rhymes on *specs*. Only recorded in the full form.
- [S]he’s lost the knobby knees (keys). On with the Posh ‘n’ Becks (specs), and they’re Hare and Hound (found). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**
- – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**
- There is an up and a down to these new ‘posh and becks’ though. The lenses make my eyes look bigger which is a plus[.] – *gitikapartington.com*, blog, 6th November **2011**

postage stamp; postage

noun

1 a bar in a public house [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *ramp*.

- ‘Come on, get up the postage’, means ‘It’s your round’.
- R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 2 a tramp [UK]
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th November **2009**

post and rail

noun

a lie [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on (*fairy*) *tale*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Postman Pat; postman

noun

1 a cat [UK]

< *Postman Pat*, a British television series for young children, first broadcast on BBC1 in 1981, and its eponymous character. The lyric to the programme’s theme song makes the rhyme unavoidable: ‘Postman Pat, Postman Pat, Postman Pat and his black and white cat’.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**
- The Artful Dodger was in a Bob Murray to get to the Spotty, tripped over the Postman, fell down the Apples, hit his Loaf an a Tony Blair and broke his Gregory, now he’s Father Ted. – answers.yahoo.com, 22nd August **2006**

· And to make up for the post title, here's a little pic of me Postman Pat[.] – *www.alienontoast.co.uk*, blog, 19th September **2013**

2 a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*.

· A complete fool becomes a 'prize postman'[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Postman Pat; postman

adjective

fat [UK]

< *Postman Pat*, a British television series for young children, first broadcast on BBC1 in 1981, and its eponymous character.

· You're a bit Postman. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May **2006**

· So here's our first stab at possible entries for a 2006 Dictionary of Rhyming Slang. [...] Postman Pat – fat. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 3rd June **2006**

· Hartley's on the bench as Stevie Thompson's been given the old resurrection shuffle. Thommo ain't 'arf Postman Pat! – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November **2009**

postman's knock; postman's; postman

noun

1 a lock [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word. < *postman's knock* 'a party game in which a kiss is the "postman's" reward'. Shortened to *postman*.

· Postman? That is what the criminals call a lock in rhyming slang – postman's knock: lock. And the five notches of this particular postman, the Chubb "Castle" lock, are part of the latest advance in lock mechanism design. – *Advertisement* by Chubb, *The Times*, 15th January **1962**

2 a clock [UK]

Shortened to *postman's*.

· [Y]ou could set your 'postman's' by the postman's knock. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

postman's sack; postman

adjective

(of a person's skin colour) black [UK]

· 'Perhaps it's because I'm the first postman president.' 'Postman?' 'Postman's sack, innit.' – *The Secret World*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 2nd October **2012**

Post Office sorter; post office

noun

a daughter [UK]

· Also in the Cockney family there may be a *skin*, for *skin* and *blister*/sister and a *Post Office* for a *Post Office sorter*/daughter (a Post Office sorter is a sorter of mail). – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.68, **1973**

poatit heed

adjective

▶ see POTTIT HEID

pot and pan; old pot and pan; pot; old pot; old P

noun

1 one's father [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

Rhymes on *old man*. Recorded in the forms *pot and pan* (Australia, UK, US), *old pot and pan* (UK), *pot* (Australia), *old pot* (UK, Australia) and *old P* (Australia).

· You must know that my old pot was a bark and my old donah was a Cumberland woman. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.58, **1893**

· "How's yer ole pot-'n'-pan, Tutsie?" said Chiller. "When I knew him, he was head shop-walker on a saverloy-can, 'n' yer mother was carryin' round babies t' the poor, 'n' runnin' a 'families supplied' emporium in Paddy's Alley." – E. Dyson, *Fact'ry 'And's*, p.153, **1906**

· **Pot, the old.** – The male parent (from "Rhyming Slang,") the "old pot and pan" – the "old man." – C.J. Dennis, *Sentimental Bloke*, p.124, **1915**

· His own old pot wouldn't have known him. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

· Dad moistened his hands. He looked round for Twinkletoes. Said Dad: "Your little pot-and-pan is about fed up on this.[]" – T. Burke, *Twinkletoes*, p.111, **1917**

· I am glad to hear mother and the old pot-and-pan are still keeping fit[.] – *The Direct Hit (Journal of the 58th London Division)*, 'English as She is Spoke-in the Army', July **1917**

· *Old Pot and Pan* [...] father. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, s.v. *Old Man*, **1931**

· "The old girl's having a barney with the 'pot and pan,'" said Clarry. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.118, **1934**

· **Pot and pan**, the old man (otpay and anpay). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Why a father is called the old pot or the old P is explained in a similar way. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 14th September **1935**

· Pot and Pan ... (Father or Husband) Man. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· Hear the *old pot and pan* call to the *teapots*, "Hold your box (*box of toys/noise*)[".] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.68, **1973**

· At Chrissie, me and the Trouble and Strife went to the Steak and Kidney to see the rellies. The Pot was on the Dog and Bone most the time, so I was on my Al Capone. – *Daily News*, New York, 10th September **2000**

· All my rise means is that my old pot-and-pan (*rhyming slang-old man-father*) draws ten bob less off the Committee. – J. Savage, *Teenage*, p.299, **2007**

2 a man [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA]

Recorded in the forms *pot and pan* (Australia, US, UK, South Africa), *old pot and pan* (UK, Australia), *pot* (Australia) and *old pot* (Australia).

· The old pot and pan wasn't there; / But a pair of his round the houses hung / At the Anna Maria to air. – D. Chiderdoss, 'Meg's Diversion', *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· Halloa, Bill, who's the pot and pan going up the apples and pears? – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

· Hello, old pot and pan, how is your trouble and strife? – *The Age*, Melbourne, 3rd July **1920**

· So then if a friend tells you that he has to have a bowl of chalk with a pot and pan on the mumble and moan, you will readily understand. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**

· POT AND PAN. A man. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· **pot and pan** [...]. Hence an **old pot**—an old man. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· *pot and pan*, old man[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

· No Little Nell shall be rung for / This Pope-o'Romeless pot-'n-pan[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· Again, when he talks of a "pot and pan" he means a man[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· Next morning I was ready to move when a pot and pan driving a nice high stepping tomato sauce in a flash big an' bulky pulled up[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· **pot and pan (1) – man** Often abbreviated to *pot*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

③ used as a friendly form of address between men [UK] Rhymes on *old man*. Recorded in the form *old pot and pan*.

· Hello, old pot-and-pan, how is your trouble-and-strife? – *New Statesman*, London, 25th August **1917**

④ one's husband or male partner [UK/AUSTRALIA/US] Rhymes on *old man*. Recorded in the forms *pot and pan* (UK, US, Australia), *old pot and pan* (UK), *pot* (Australia) and *old pot* (UK, Australia).

· But she dreamt not that Winkins was her 'pot and pan,' / Because she only knew him as 'Bill!' – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010; D. Chiderdoss, 'Her Husband's Name', *Sporting Times*, London, 22nd January **1910**

· Old pot and pan ... Old man (husband). – P.P., *RS*, **1932**

· English (O.E.D.): "Where is your husband? He went down the road for a drink." Rhyming Slang (in full): "Where is the old pot and pan? He went down the frog and toad for a tiddley-wink." Spoken version: "Where's the old pot? Gorn dahn the frog fer a tiddley." – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· **Pot and pan**, the old man (otpay and anpay). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· **Old Pot and Pan** Old Man – husband. – J. Jones, *CRS*, **1971**

· POT AND PAN: rhym. Old man, as in husband or father. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· [Y]oung Cockney women returning for the weekend from Fleet or Threadneedle Street would relish their traditional food, reverting to their use of rhyming slang: 'Hallo love, how's your pot and pan?' (old man). – A. Madden, *Seeing His Way*, p.98, **1994**

· **pot and pan (2) – old man, meaning husband or father** Usually occurs as *pot* or *old pot*. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

⑤ a commanding officer; often a colonel who commands a battalion [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *Old Man*. Recorded in the form *old pot and pan* (also with capitals). Military use.

· OLD MAN.—The Colonel in charge of a battalion; any other Commanding Officer. In rhyming slang, *Old Pot and Pan*[.] – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, s.v. *Old Man*, **1931**

· **old pot and pan**: rhyming slang for the *Old Man* – the CO. – J. Laffin, *On the Western Front*, **2013**

⑥ a can [US]

Recorded in the form *pot and pan*.

· POT 'N PAN: CAN. – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

⑦ a van [UK]

Recorded in the forms *pot and pan* and *pot*.

· 'Tell Margaret she can chit and chop for me. And get Antioch Dodd to collect the pots. Got that?' 'Pots' are lorries, from rhyming slang: pots and pans, vans. – J. Gash, *The Tartan Ringers*, [2014], **1986**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.147, **2011**

potash and perlmutter

noun

butter [UK]

< *Potash and Perlmutter*, a 1913 comedy by Montague Glass and Charles Klein, first performed in London's Queen's Theatre in 1914.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

potaters

exclamation

▶ see POTATOES

potato; potata

noun

① a peseta [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/US]

A slang rhyme that depends on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*. The peseta was the basic monetary unit of Spain until 2002, when it was replaced by the euro.

· More imagination is needed to see that the "Bill and Ben" is the Japanese Yen, the "Potata" the Spanish Peseta, the "Scud" the Portuguese Escudo. – *Investors Chronicle* magazine, London, **1984**

· Do we have to pay in potatoes? – *Alicante*, Spain, spoken reminiscence, **1986**

· Spain 1997: [...] We found a good hotel for 1250 pesetas, or potatoes as we call them. – *www.netspeed.com.au/ta-itgregson*, accessed 10th April 2013; diary entry dated 1st April **1997**

· "How many potatoes is this?" He meant pesetas. – R.F. Randall, *Grand Tour*, **2003**

· I do not collect my two hundred pesetas or potatoes or whatever it is I get[.] – *www.indymedia.ie*, 9th April **2003**

· Then together we all got many more laughs than truly necessary from trying to pay for things in Spain using potatoes (pesetas – potatas! Get it? Hmmmmm...). – *homepage.nthworld.com*, 23rd August 2009

2 a Mexican peso [UK]

Rhymes on *peseta*, wrongly used for *peso*. In the Mexican context the word *peseta* is used colloquially to refer to the sum of twenty-five pesos.

· Saturday 16th August 1980. [...] Once at the border we cast about for the best currency exchange deal, that wasn't difficult since there were only two to choose from, the official one and the non-official one. Anyway, we bade farewell to our Belizean Dollars and got ourselves acquainted with Mexican "Potatoes" (Pesetas) because of insurance reasons we had to abandon the Landrover on the Belizean side of the border and walk into Mexico. – *oldshop.livejournal.com*, blog, 24th October 2011; diary entry dated 16th August 1980

potato and spud

noun

a stupid or ineffectual person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *dud*. Children's slang.

· – J. Factor, *KidSpeak*, 2000

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

potatoes; potaters

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *laters*. Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potatoes* as *potaters*. ▶ see BAKED POTATO

· A conversation with a ticket tout, for example, might go thus: A deep sea (diver – fiver) for that? You haven't got an igloo (clue), our kid. Potaters (laters – as in baked potatoes). – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 12th February 2004

· 'Potatoes', as they say – *baked potato*. – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May 2014

potatoes in the mould

noun

a cold [UK]

Hence *potatoes in the lump* 'a cold in the head'.

· Cold, *Potatoes-in-the-mould*. [...] Jim suggested that we should see her home, but I said, "Nanty my jills," as I was bunged up with potatoes in my lump and my Tom Beet were like ice[.] – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.9/14, ca 1937

potatoes in the mould; potatoes; pertaters

adjective

▶ see TATERS IN THE MOULD

potato peeler; potato; potater

noun

a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*.

· Snow told him not to be a mug, the sheila had him in her sights because she thought he was a bit of all right. That would be the day, Locky retorted, when some bloody potater..had him stringing along with her. – *OED2*, 1989: D'A. Niland, *Call Me*, p.69, 1957

· [T]here'd be only one potater for me, and that's her sitting right there, Liz Killoran[.] – D'A. Niland, *Gold*, p.150 [1960], 1959

· It strikes me he's been endeavouring to commit intimacy with your potato. [...] On top of it all a tinted person king hits him for saying "I love you" to a nice potato peeler. – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, 1971

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· [H]ave a butcher's hook at the Vatican cities on the potato peeler in the corner playing the goanna. – *first-thoughts.org*, 21st October 2013

potato peeling; potato pilling; prayta pillin'; 'tater pillin'; tayter pillin'; tater

noun

a shilling [UK]

With the second element pronounced *pillin'*, thus rhyming on *shillin'*.

· How much, a lord o' the manor or a potato pillin'? – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July 1943

· **potato-peeling** (pronounce 'tater pillin') *Shilling*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· tayter pillin' 'shilling'. – Wright, p.104, 1981

· Ah've nobbut a prayta pillin'[.] – P. Wright, *Lanky Twang*, p.18, 1991

· **Potato pilling** *Shilling* How this old amount of money became known as a 'tater'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

pot of glue; pot; potter

noun

1 a Jew [US/UK]

Possibly suggested by the slang *glue* 'money'. In American English, only recorded in the full form. In British usage it is usually shortened to *potter*. This is, in fact, the only form listed by Thorne (1990); Puxley (1992) gives both *pot of glue* and *potter*, though he notes the latter form is much more common.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, 1978

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.523, 1984

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· I think that man who sold me that dodgy toster was a pot of glue. – *UD(.com)*, 28th June 2010

2 a prison warder [SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *screw*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – H.C. Bosman, *Jerepigo*, p.136 [1957], 2002: 'South African Slang', originally published in *The South African Opinion*, 18th–19th June 1946

· Warders generally are *boere*: sometimes *screws* (with infrequently used rhyming slang, *pot of glue*) or *lanies*

(Afrikaans pronunciation, derivation probably Malay). – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.9, **1974**

3 a clue [UK]

Sometimes shortened to *pot* in Scottish usage.

· He hasny got a pot, stumer that he is. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**

· u avnt got a pot of glue who u want us 2 buy titus bramble or sutin wudnt suprise me lyk. – *Evertonfc.com* forum, 4th July **2007**

4 a queue [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Not uncommon to get stuck in a ‘pot of glue’ in the post office on pension day. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

pot of good cheer

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

· – *goaustralia.about.com*, accessed 30th November **2012**

· For refreshments you may need some ‘chewy toffee’ (*coffee*), cow’s juice (*milk*), ‘chateau de cardboard’ (*cask of wine*) or some ‘pot of good cheer’ (*beer*) – just to wet your whistle at the after parties. – *www.squaredancena.tional2016.com*, ‘Buderim Bush Telegraph’, March **2016**

pot of honey

noun

1 money [US/UK]

An elaboration of HONEY.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· BEES AND HONEY. Money. (Origin uncertain, probably English. *Pot o’ honey* in Cockney slang). [...] I have heard *bees and honey* ten times for every use of *pot o’ honey*. – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

2 a sizeable amount of money; riches [US]

A combination of the slang terms *pot* ‘a large sum of money’ and HONEY, with influence from *pots of money*.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

pot of jelly; pot o’ jelly; pot

noun

the belly [US/UK]

The short form, given by Aylwin (1973), is exclusively British.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.57, **1973**

· [F]or ‘belly’ you have the politer choices *pot o’ jelly*, *Auntie Nelly* and *Derby Kell(y)*. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

pots

noun

nerves [IRELAND]

A shortening of the imperfect rhyming slang *pot of herbs*.

· Jaysus, me pots are gone. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 23rd January **2013**

pots and dishes

noun

wishes [UK]

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.36, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

pots and pans

noun

the hands [US]

A not quite perfect rhyme.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

potted heid; potted

adjective

► see POTTIT HEID

potter’s wheel; potter’s

noun

a meal [UK]

· Away from the up and down, we can stop at a bath for a Dame Edna and a potter’s. [...] potter’s (potter’s wheel = meal). – *americasright.com*, 26th August **2006**

pottit heid

noun

lead (a metal) [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *leid*. < *pottit heid*, the Scots form of *potted head* ‘a traditional Scottish meat dish’. Used by scrap-metal dealers in Glasgow.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

pottit heid; poatit heid; potted heid; pottit; potted

adjective

dead [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *deid*. < *pottit heid*, the Scots form of *potted head* ‘a traditional Scottish meat dish’. Scott (2004) derives *potted* from *potted seed*, yet evidence of use of this latter form is lacking.

· Ay, ma femly’ll appreeshit me whan Ah’m poatit heid. – A. Mackie, *IGG*, **1984**

· – Heard the news? Fuckin sad eh? – Eh? – Granty ... ye didnae hear? ... Coke looked straight at Lenny. – Naw. Wha ... – Deid. Potted heid. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.99 [1994], **1993**

· Ah think yer goldfish is pottit heid. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

· And ‘pottit heid’ means ‘deid’, which doesn’t rhyme with the word dead. – *The Guardian*, London, 29th April **2002**

• **Potted** Rhyming slang for dead. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

• You could be a fuckin accessory if she's fuckin potted!
– I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.201, **2012**

• Pan breid corresponds to English brown bread (dead). An alternative is pottit heid, or simply pottit. – *www.scot-slanguage.com*, 5th February **2013**

• You hear about Betty? Found potted heid last night. – *www.scotsman.com*, 2nd February **2016**

pounce

noun

▶ see STALK AND POUNCE

pound coin

noun

the groin [UK]

Drug users' slang.

• I hope they can't see me too, cos I've lost all my veins and I've got to go in the old pound coin, groin. – *Drugs-Forum*, 16th April **2013**

• Men said stuff about "putting a wrap of brown in their pound coin", and I kept saying, "What does he mean? What's 'brown'? What's a 'pound coin'?" – *The Independent*, London, 17th December **2015**

pound note

noun

a coat [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

pound of butter

noun

a crazy or eccentric person [UK]

Rhymes on *nutter*.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

pound of lead; pound

noun

the head [UK]

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

pounds and pence

noun

intelligence, especially common sense [UK]

• If he had a bit more pounds and pence he'd just be daft.

– R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

pouring rain

noun

a train [UK/AUSTRALIA]

• "When did you come? Are you staying all over Christmas? Are the twins here, too?" Sam nodded. "We all come down together on the pouring rain yesterday. We got till

the day after Boxing Day – same as you – so we can go back together. They're out getting wood for the rubber tyre." – L. Harry, *PS I Love You*, pp.155–156, **2002**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

powdered chalk

noun

a walk [UK]

Used in the phrase *take a powdered chalk*, rhyming on *take a walk* 'to go away'. Possibly influenced by the American expression *take a powder* 'to depart swiftly'.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

prairie hat; prairie

noun

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*.

• Works for me and same is true for airflow jeans – you'd look a right prairie hat having to take them off to put the liner in by the side of the road. – *UKGSer.com* forum, 18th May **2007**

• You, Geezer, are a right prairie. – *Golfmagic* forum, 1st February **2011**

• I am sure you're aware of the above but just can't stop acting like a prairie hat. – *Non League Matters* forum, 25th November **2011**

• You'd look like a right prairie hat! – *ComputerAndVideo-Games.com* forum, 20th March **2012**

prawn crackered

adjective

1 exhausted [UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*.

• I'm prawn crackered. – *Aladdin*, pantomime, Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool, December **1997**

• Ty dudes later, im prawn crackered! (knackered for all you non cockney speakers). – *Project Reality Forums*, 28th August **2006**

• I have been working 12 hour shifts and have been absolutely prawn crackered. – *WeightWatchers.co.uk* forum, 19th January **2011**

2 drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *knackered*.

• As a student at York, your list of priorities might go something like this: getting absolutely prawn crackered, sleeping, eating and then maybe the odd attempt at your degree. However that first priority, indulging in the precious commodity, alcohol, is now under threat, courtesy of Theresa May, Home Secretary. – *www.nouse.co.uk*, 4th December **2012**

prawn crackers; prawns

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *knackers*.

• A low blow is a punch up the 'prawns'. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, **2003**

• She had howld of me Prawn crackers. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

· Meanwhile, back in the studio, Ant and Dec laugh how Bear Grylls has just been kicked in the prawn crackers. – *bastardbunnyblog.com*, blog, 19th September **2013**

prayta pillin'

noun

▶ see POTATO PEELING

preference share

noun

the hair [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

prescot

noun

a waistcoat [UK]

A slang rhyme on the colloquialism *weskit* or a shortening of CHARLIE PRESCOTT.

· Spot his blooming prescot. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

press and scratch

noun

a match (a vesta) [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Cigarettes are rarely lit by 'presses' any more[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

pretty polly

noun

money [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *lolly*. A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his dystopian 1962 novel *A Clockwork Orange*. It belongs to Nadsat, the slang Burgess invented for the novel's first-person narrator and his friends. < *pretty Polly*, a catchword taught to parrots.

· You got used to a bit of peace and you got used to a bit of extra pretty polly. – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.136 [1965], **1962**

pride and glory

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *cory*.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

pride and joy

noun

a boy [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

Suggested by the gender-neutral phrase *pride and joy*, commonly used to refer to one's offspring.

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.15, **1973**

· I've got three grown-up girls, but he was my only pride and joy. – M. Joy, *Allotment Lane*, p.90 [1992], **1989**

Prince of Wales

noun

scales for weighing drugs [UK: SCOTLAND, NEWCASTLE]

< Prince of Wales, a title bestowed on the eldest son of the reigning British monarch.

· I think your Prince of Wales are fucked, mate. – *Personal correspondence*, musician from Edinburgh, 9th July **2010**

· [O]nly one that springs to mind is prince of wales (scales)[.] – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 29th August **2011**

Princess Di

noun

1 a pie [UK]

< Princess Di, a familiar name for Diana, Princess of Wales (1961–97).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Right, we'll have two Princess Di's (16) and two Richard Todds (17) with Zolas (18) and Uncle Fred (19). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

2 the sky [AUSTRALIA]

· [N]ot a cloud in the princess di. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Princess Grace

noun

the face [AUSTRALIA]

< Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly (1929–82).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Prince's Trust; Princes Trust

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *bust*. < The Prince's Trust, a British youth charity.

· Blow me down with one, when she gits 'er Tung Chee Hwa off an' I clock those Bristols, I think I've died an' gone ta 'eaven. "Stroke me!" I says, "What a Princes Trust!". – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, **2011**

Principal Skinner

noun

a dinner [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Principal Skinner, a character in the American TV cartoon *The Simpsons*, created by Matt Groening; introduced in the first episode of the series, broadcast in December 1989.

· – *theMouthPiece.com* forum, 18th December **2003**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

printer's ink; printer's

noun

a drink [UK]

· Some time before Christmas I spoke of going down (or dahn) the frog for a printer's. A battalion of readers

had no problem in explaining this as Cockney rhyming slang for going down the road (frog and toad) for a drink (printer's ink). – W.L. Webb, *The Bedside 'Guardian'*, p.153, **1976**

· 'Double straight vodka,' Anna Day replied. 'Ice ... a couple of slices of lemon, tell the guv'nor it's for me ... he knows how I take my printer's ink ...' – P. Turnbull, *Denial of Murder*, **2014**

Private Dancer

noun

cancer [UK]

A perfect rhyme in some British accents. < 'Private Dancer', a song by Tina Turner included in her 1984 album of the same name. ▶ see IKE AND TINAS
· – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

Professor Griff; professor

noun

a cannabis cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *spliff*. < Professor Griff, the stage name of American rap artist Richard Griffin (1960), best known as the 'Minister of Information' of the hip-hop group Public Enemy.

· [B]est slang for spliff = professor griff ie. 'am just popping off to chew on a professor'. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 3rd May **2005**

profile page

noun

one's age [IRELAND]

Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.
· Did he not ask her her profile page? – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

profit and loss

noun

a boss [AUSTRALIA]

· Pipe the profit and loss coming in his white cady. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

prominent bits

noun

the male breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*; obviously influenced by semantics. Tailors' slang.
· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.94, **2005**

Prowler

nickname

English footballer Robbie Fowler (b.1975).

A slang rhyme. Used with the definite article. Fowler is more commonly known by the nickname GROWLER.
· Flashes of brilliance I agree, unfortunately, are all we have left from the Prowler. – *LFC NY* forum, 29th December **2004**

· Exciting, and great to see the Prowler in action but heartbreaking ending. – *Footytube* forum, 15th July **2010**

PR stunt

noun

a foolish or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· What a hypocritical bunch of PR stunts (yes, that's rhyming slang). – *www.facebook.com*, 4th October **2011**

· PR Stunts and other rhyming slang. – *themuns.tumblr.com*, blog, 21st September **2014**

prune and plum

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. Perhaps a folk-etymological elaboration of the American slang *prune* 'the anus', itself a visual metaphor. A variation of *date and plum*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Lemon (squeezer) = geezer, a "prune and plum" is the bum and of course raspberry (tart) is also a fart. – *beingcheerful.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th October **2011**

Prussian guard

noun

1 a bingo card [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a playing card [UK]

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Ps and Qs

noun

shoes [UK]

< *Ps and Qs*, from the phrase *mind one's Ps and Qs* 'mind one's language and manners, be on one's best behaviour'.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, **1969**

· [I]f you don't put your feet in your Ps & Qs it's not worth having 'em. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· The feet, clad in "ARMY (or BRIGHTON or ALMOND) ROCKS" (socks) were thrust into "DAISY ROOTS" (boots) or, for the more affluent, "P's-AND-Q's" (shoes). – *On the Wire*, newsletter of the Great War Association, Gillette, NJ, autumn **2007**

psychopathic

noun

traffic [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

publicity stunt

noun

an obnoxious or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. The phrase *publicity stunt* occurs in Spike Milligan's song 'I'm Walking Backwards for Christmas' (1956), where it has long been considered by some as covert rhyming slang: 'I've tried walking sideways, / And walking to the front, / But people just

- look at me, / And say it's a publicity stunt'. However, the influence of this on current usage is uncertain.
- [T]o employ the cockney rhyming slang of which he is so patronisingly fond, he is a born publicity stunt. – *hat4uk.wordpress.com*, blog, 9th January **2012**
 - Calling him a publicity stunt is a bit harsh. – *twitter.com*, 1st August **2013**
 - [Y]ou're a publicity stunt (rhyming slang). – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2014**

pudding and gravy; pudding

noun

- the navy [UK]
- The 'pudding' is one of several terms for the senior service. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Bert's joined the pudding. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

pudding and pie

noun

- the eye [UK/US]
- – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**
- – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 5th April **1924**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- Loiterers and bar-loungers in modern times have adopted their own linguistic formulæ, in which are the following examples:– [...] round the houses (pair of trousers), elephant's trunk (drunk), pudding and pies (the eyes). – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

pudding basin; pudden

noun

- a Freemason [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

pudding chef

adjective

- deaf [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Puff and Blow

nickname

- used as a substitute for the pet name *Joe* [UK]
- On my table there is a Joe, Dave and Keith. I call them Puff and Blow, Rant and Rave and False Teeth. – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 23rd September **2009**

puff and dart

noun

- █ in the building trade, the act of beginning to do something [UK]
- Rhymes on *start*. Used in the phrase *make a puff and dart*.
- Supposing our wearied workman to be on his way to fresh scenes of labour, a new man must be sought to fill his place. When applied to by the "ganger," he would an-

nounce his willingness to "make a puff and dart" (start) in the morning. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, **1880**

- In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: "I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] 'Puff and dart,' Start. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**
- █ in the dice game of Crown and Anchor, the heart [UK]
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**
- Each dice was marked with the four suits of cards plus two extra symbols, the crown and the anchor. The heart was known as the puff and dart; the diamond was Kimberley[.] – C. Moore, *Roger, Sausage and Whippet*, p.42, **2012**

puff and dart

verb

- to start [UK]
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Evening Standard*, London, 19th August **1931**

puff and drag

noun

- a cigarette [UK]
- Rhymes on *fag*. Cleverly formed on words associated with smoking.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Puff Candy

nickname

- used as a substitute for the pet name *Andy* [UK: SCOTLAND]
- < *puff candy*, a Scottish English synonym for *cinder toffee* or *honeycomb toffee* 'a type of toffee made from sugar, golden syrup and bicarbonate of soda'. Alternative nicknames are POONA CANDY and RIO GRANDE.
- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**
- – I normally call guys called Andy Rio Grande, hope this helps. – Never heard of that one, I've used the rhyming puff candy or as P.P.P. says Rio Grande. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 28th April **2010**

Puff Daddy

noun

- a golf caddy [E-ANGLOSPHERE]
- Popney rhyming slang. < Puff Daddy, a stage name of American rapper Sean Combs (b.1969).
- And golf fans could see Tiger Woods getting a bit Mariah Carey – lairy – after a bust-up with his Puff Daddy – golf caddy. – *www.mcarchives.com*, 14th January **2001**
- – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**
- Playing golf? Don't hit the links without your personal Puff Daddy (golf caddy) at your side. – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

· Bob's Puff Daddy to some lemon squeezers every Saturday. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January **2012**

pull down the shutter

noun

1 butter [UK]

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, **1979**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

2 bread and butter [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· I'd love some bangers and mash and a couple of slices of 'pull down the shutter'. – D. Wyn, *The M4 Cats*, p.117, **2008**

pull rank

verb

to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

pull-through

noun

a Jew [UK]

< *pull-through* 'a length of strong cord with a small piece of flannel at one end and a small weight at the other to be used for cleaning rifle barrels'; the piece of flannel attached to the cord is known in military slang as a *four-by-two*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

Puma Trackie; Puma Tracky; puma

noun

a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < *Puma trackie* 'a tracksuit manufactured by Puma, a well-known sportswear and sports footwear company'.

· I've got a lot of mates up in Leeds who are possibly the most racist people I know!! They call asian's Puma's i.e Puma Trackies = Paki's & when I pull them up on it they use the same stupid excuse "ah, it's cos they're from Pakistan!"!! – *Back To the Oldskool* forum, 11th January **2009**

· Smelly puma trackie. – *www.facebook.com*, 15th September **2012**

· Sounds like a typical 'Puma Trackie' to me. – *Anglo-Saxon Foundation* forum, 23rd November **2012**

· [N]o I do not call you 'pakis' I call you 'Puma trackies' hahahahaha. – *twitter.com*, 14th August **2013**

· Told ye anytime come to Manchester an we'll av it u Puma tracky. – *twitter.com*, 1st March **2015**

Puma Trackie; Puma Tracky

adjective

Pakistani; loosely, relating to any of the countries of the Indian subcontinent or their natives [UK]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < *Puma trackie* 'a tracksuit manufactured by Puma, a well-known sportswear and sports footwear company'.

· [A]ll u pakis posting shit to the guys vid if you dont like it do one back home u puma trackie cunts. – *www.youtube.com*, 28th June **2008**

· [R]acism aside...there seems to be a few 'fit' Puma Tracky birds on TV at the moment?! – *BTOS* forum, 22nd November **2008**

pummy grant; pummy

noun

▶ see POMMYGRANT

Pun

nickname

the *Sun News-Pictorial* newspaper (Melbourne), published from 1922 to 1990

Rhymes on *The Sun*, the popular name for this newspaper. An alternative, more common nickname is 'the CURRANT BUN'.

· When I wore a younger man's clothes (i.e. thinner ties), I was a whipper snapper of a reporter on the now defunct Melbourne *Sun News-Pictorial*. [...] Those big ocean mammals could have a whale of a good time, and of course it was hats off to the milliners at Cup time. No wonder we called our paper *The Currant Bun*. Or *The Pun*. – S. Dow, *Gay*, p.125, **2001**

Punch and Judy

noun

lies, deceit, verbal trickery [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *moody*, the short version of MOODY AND SANKEY. < *Punch and Judy*, a traditional puppet show featuring the hunch-backed, hook-nosed Mr Punch and his wife Judy.

· Don't give me all that old Punch and Judy. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Punch and Judy

adjective

moody [UK]

< *Punch and Judy* 'a traditional puppet show featuring the hunch-backed, hook-nosed Mr Punch and his wife Judy'.

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Don't get all Punch and Judy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th September **2006**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· Coz when I'm in me Uncle Ned / feeling a bit Punch and Judy, / they flash upon my Bacon Rind / which is what being on yer Toblerone's all about. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

· Why are you all punch and judy today?? – *twitter.com*, 28th February **2012**

punk

noun

skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· Some argot spoken by the young people was similar to the East London Cockney rhyming slang. For instance, some referred to skunk cannabis as 'punk'. – B. Sanders, *Youth Crime*, p.22, **2005**

- Street skunk weed is frequently known as “punk”, rhyming slang but also perhaps a comment on its quality. – *criticalbills.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th June 2005
- – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January 2006

puppy's tail

noun

- a nail (a metal spike) [UK]
- “Pu’ ve puppy’s tail in the Johnny ’orner ov ve miser’s ’oard,” said Ted one night to a bewildered undergraduate, meaning to direct the putting of a nail in the corner of a board. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, 1922

Purley Way

noun

- a tube running diagonally across the face of a scaffold in order to brace the construction and prevent swaying [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]
- Rhymes on the technical term *sway*, an elliptical form of *sway brace*. < Purley Way, a major road that passes through Croydon in south London.
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November 2012
- – *Scaffolders Forum*, 21st April 2013

purple and mauve

noun

- a stove [AUSTRALIA]
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

purse mixer

noun

- a go-between in an illegal business [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]
- Rhymes on the slang *fixer*.
- Well, Paddy Farrell’s responsibility would have been as the ‘purse mixer’, or ‘fixer’, on the finance going over to Liverpool. – Kevin Sheehy, former head of the RUC drugs squad, in J. McDowell, *Godfathers*, p.224, 2001

push and pull

noun

- a prison guard [US]
- Rhymes on *bull*.
- – Richard Ross, General Semantic Group of California Medical Facility in Vacaville: letter to Peter Tamony, 22nd October 1962
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004
- – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August 2008

push and shove

noun

- 1 used as an affectionate form of address [UK]
- Rhymes on *love*. Often as *my push and shove*.

- “That’s right my little **push and shove**, (CRS)” chirps Benson. – L. Ellen, *Persephane*, p.46, 2007
- 2 love [UK]
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th January 2007

push bike

noun

- a lesbian [UK]
- Rhymes on *dyke*.
- – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006

push in the truck

noun

- an act of sexual intercourse [UK]
- Rhymes on *fuck*. Suggested by the slang *pusher* ‘a promiscuous young woman, especially a prostitute’.
- I ain’t had a push in the truck since I come out of the nick and I’d like to have another before they top me. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.153 [2008], 1938
- You don’t want a push in the truck from the ocean pearl on er jack jones, she ad the ace of spades. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th September 2006

push in the truck; push the truck

verb

- to have sex with someone [UK]
- Rhymes on *fuck*. The variant *push the truck* is given by Nind (2003).
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003
- For fuck’s sake, don’t think of someone you’d rather be pushing in the truck. – *greenstelite.livejournal.com*, blog, 8th May 2007

pussy willow; pussy

noun

- a pillow [UK]
- A variation of WEEPING WILLOW.
- [Y]ou would take off your **round the houses** (trousers), rest your head on a **pussy willow** (pillow) and shut your **mince pies** (eyes). – *This Week* magazine (*The Salt Lake Tribune*), Salt Lake City, UT, 10th March 1968
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

put and take

noun

- a cake [UK]
- < *put and take* ‘a gambling game’.
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, 1969
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.142, 2002

put in the boot

noun

- to shoot [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973

Q

QPR; qpr

noun

▶ see QUEENS PARK RANGER

Quaker oat; Quaker oats; quaker

noun

a coat [UK]

< Quaker Oats, a brand of oatmeal. Usually in the forms *Quaker oat* and *quaker*; the latter is first recorded in 1975. The full form *Quaker oats* is rare.

• – P.P., *RS*, 1932

• As it began to Andy Cain and I had no Quaker oat, I took the baa lamb to the Gates of Rome. – *The Age*, Melbourne, ‘The Other English Language. Cockneys’ Rhyming Slang’, 19th April 1952

• CHARLES: And what is a dickey, sir? BILL: Shirt wivaht a chassiss–gimme me Charlie Prescott–that’s my waistcoat–and now me I’m afloat. CHARLES: The–eh–what sir? BILL: Quaker oat. CHARLES: Porridge, sir? BILL: Naow! Coat. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.12, 1973

• – Anon., *BRS*, 1975

• – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.44, 1979

• – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, 1984

• – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley’s Guide*, p.118, 1985

• That’s a ridiculous Quaker Oats; I won’t wear it. I’ve lost my Quaker Oat. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

• I’ve heard it may rain tomorrow, so anyone thinking of walking don’t forget your **Quaker oats** and **Auntie Ella’s**. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005

• It’s cold out there, you’ll need your quaker. – S. Klein, *CRSl*, 2009

• Anyway – have yer got yer quaker oat on? – *help.com*, 2012

quality time

noun

in bingo, the number nine [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

• – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July 2003

• – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004

quarter mile

noun

a smile [AUSTRALIA]

• One would think by the quarter mile on his chivy-chase that he’d just backed a saint and sinner for a monkey. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

quarter to two; quarter past two

noun

a Jew [UK]

Quarter to two is the more common of the two forms; it is listed in all the dictionary sources below. *Quarter past two* is recorded only by Puxley (1992) and Ayto (2002).

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSl*, 1960

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.65, 2002

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Quasimodo; quasi

noun

soda water [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *Quasimodo* as *Quasimoda*. < Quasimodo, the hunchback in Victor Hugo’s *Notre-Dame de Paris* (1831), published in English as *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, and the film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939), particularly notable for Charles Laughton’s much imitated performance as Quasimodo; the Disney feature animation of the same title, with Tom Hulce voicing Quasimodo, was not released until 1996.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.159, 2002

queen bee; queen B

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-three [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

• [T]he reign of “Queen B” has ended in favour of “camomile tea” for the number 73. – *The Journal*, Newcastle, 5th May 2003

• “Queen Bee,” the woman called. Only three of the cards had a seven in the first column[.] – J. Papernick, *Who by Fire*, p.240, 2007

• Bingo call for number 73. Bedtime for three. Queen Bee. – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July 2008

• **queen bee – seventy-three (Bingo)**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], 2010

• – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

• – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

Queenie Paul

noun

a wall [AUSTRALIA]

< Queenie Paul, the stage name of Australian entertainer Evelyn Paul Connors (1895–1982).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Queenie Pauls

noun

the testicles [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Queenie Paul, the stage name of Australian entertainer Evelyn Paul Connors (1895–1982).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Queenie Watts; queenies*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the trots*. < English actress Queenie Watts (1926–80).

· [W]hen your anus resembles a brake light, you've been stricken by the 'queenies'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Queen Mum; queen*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. < Queen Mum, the affectionate nickname for Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (1900–2002).

· [G]et off your Queen Mum. – *h2g2* forum, 17th December 1999

· [T]he wife says she takes it up the Queen Mum. – *Talk Audio* forum, 16th August 2002

· Actors? They all take it up the Queen Mum. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Eggy explained the delightful process by which an Angel earned his wings – by performing oral sex on a menstruating woman. 'Do you mind if I don't? Not this time at any rate ...' 'How about the Queen Mum?' – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.33, 2004

· Get off yer queen! – *Tripwire Interactive* forum, 18th February 2010

· "A petticoat lane–*pain*–in his ... bottle of rum? What's that?" "You know! His kingdom come. His fife and drum. His queen mum." – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

· Bond would bang her up the queen mum. – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 27th July 2012

Queen of Spain*noun*

rain [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.82, 1973

· The Queen of Spain is chucking down even faster and I can hardly see anything. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.78, 1975

Queen of the May*noun*

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. An elaboration of the colloquialism *queen*. < *Queen of the May* 'a young woman or girl who is chosen to participate in May Day celebrations'.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Queen of the South*noun*

the mouth [UK]

< Queen of the South, a football club based in Dumfries, in the south-west of Scotland; the team gets its name from the town itself, popularly known as 'The Queen of the South'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.18, 2002

· Ye'd better shut yer Queen o' the South pal or ye'll end up face doon in the Annan. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

· Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it's in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowdenbeath. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August 2015

queen's gaff*noun*

the anus [UK]

A covert pun on WINDSOR CASTLE. < *queen's gaff*, a colloquial Britishism for *queen's residence*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Windsor Castle*, 1992

queens park; queens*exclamation*

used among professional wrestlers as a warning that they should stop talking openly because a member of the audience or someone not privy to the wrestling business is within earshot [UK/US]

A shortening of *queens park rangers*, the plural of QUEENS PARK RANGER. In American usage, only evidenced in the form *queens park*, used as a synonym of the more common term *kayfabe*.

· For this reason outsiders were *never* allowed in the dressing room, however famous they were. If some geezer walked in unexpectedly, a voice would say: 'Queens, queens,' and everybody would stop talking. 'Queens' was short for Queens Park Rangers which, in rhyming Cockney slang, means 'strangers'. – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.76 [1987], 1985

· Outsiders were never allowed in the dressing room. If some geezer walked in unexpectedly, a voice would say, 'Queens, queens,' and everybody would stop talking. – S. Garfield, *The Wrestling*, p.90 [2007], 1996

· – It's the same as saying Queens park, it was a term to stop talking about something or if two guys were talking in an area they shouldn't have been because someone, a mark, could see or over hear you. – Interesting to see this term used in the States. It was used in Britain for the same purpose, deriving from the rhyming slang of the football team Queens Park Rangers (as in strangers). – *WrestlingClassics.com* forum, 29th June 2000 and 22nd October 2001

· Wrestlers in Britain had their own variation on insider terms, usually involving nothing more complicated than rhyming slang. [...] The warning of "kayfabe" was replaced by Queens, short for the football team Queens Park Rangers, or 'strangers'. – J. Lister, *Clandestine Jargon*, 2006

· Huge efforts were made to keep the secret including a wrestlers language that could be used to exclude outsiders. As late as the 1980's British wrestlers were using the expression "queens" (Queens Park Rangers = strangers) as a warning if an uninitiated member of the public was within earshot. – *thebadolddayswillend.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th February 2011

queens park ranger; queen's park ranger; QPR; qpr*noun*

a stranger [UK]

< Queens Park Rangers (also known as QPR), a football club based in London.

• **Queen's Park Ranger(s)** *Stranger(s)*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

• Queens Park Ranger(s) (Q.P.R.'s) *Stranger(s)*. – S.E. Plumtree, *DoCRS*, 1992

• Do you get many Queens Park Rangers there? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, 1997

• **Queen's Park Rangers** *strangers[.]* – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

• The pub's full of Queen's Park Rangers. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

• It was through Uncle Harry I learned the Headlight code and some chat like Queens Park Rangers, [Strangers] which usually meant commisioners. – *TruckNet UK* forum, 5th January 2012

• – A QPR?? What on earth is that? Or am I just showing my stupidity? – no youre not stupid. id been drinking when i wrote that. a qpr is a queens park ranger - stranger. and no im not cockney im a geordie. – *ApriliaForum*, 26th November 2012

• Abbie, Gimac, QPR (to me but has been playing every week), the corner, me, Simmy, Gladys, Knerrad, Qpr, Qpr. Not sure what order people wen out but Abbie was 5th (vul again!) I was 4th gimac and 2 of the qprs left! – *Newcastle Poker Forum*, 15th March 2013

queen's wave*noun*

a shave [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *Queen's wave* 'a type of wave with a cupped hand and a turning wrist given by Queen Elizabeth II as a gestural greeting or acknowledgement'.

• – *TalkCeltic* forum, 11th December 2008

Queen Vic*noun*

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. < The Queen Vic, a familiar shortening of The Queen Victoria, a pub in the popular BBC soap *EastEnders*.

• His Queen Vic failed to rise to the occasion. – *Daily Star Sunday*, London, 20th April 2008

Queen Vic*adjective*

[1] physically ill; depraved [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*. < The Queen Vic, a familiar shortening of The Queen Victoria, a pub in the popular BBC soap *EastEnders*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• – Richard the Third buried again eh, the only monarch to be immortalised in rhyming slang I would venture. – Queen Vic...sick Ann Boleyn...gin Elizabeth Regina... – *twitter.com*, 26th March 2015

[2] (of a person) stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *thick*.

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

queer*noun*

a beer [UK]

A slang rhyme or a blend of *quick* and *beer*.

• Went out for a couple of queers and a Ruby Murray... – *b3ta* forum, 7th February 2003

Quentin Crisp; quentin*noun*

a lisp [UK]

< English gay icon, writer and occasional actor Quentin Crisp (born Denis Pratt; 1908–99), whose 1968 autobiography *The Naked Civil Servant* was made into a film of the same title in 1978, and whose subsequent life was the subject of Sting's 1987 song 'Englishman in New York'.

• You heard that muppet with the Quentin? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th July 2006

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

• [N]ever knew your brother talks with a Quentin Crisp. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008

• Tony's pride & joy's got a bit of a Quentin. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 31st January 2012

Quentin Tarantino; quentin*noun*

wine [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *vino*. < American film director Quentin Tarantino (b.1963).

• I fancy a glass of Quentin (Tarantino). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th July 2003

• The quack has telt us tae lay oaf the bevvy, apart frae the odd Quentin. – *Splroofus* forum, 8th November 2006

• Tanya luv, fancy a large glass of Quentin? – T. Randall, *EastEnders*, p.120, 2008

• [T]hat's a vintage bottle of Quentin Tarantino. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008

• Pour us a glass of Quentin, will you? – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

• So pretty much on a Friday night, we don't wanna do much more than pop open a bottle of Quentin or 2. – *www.alienontoast.co.uk*, blog, 21st September 2013

quiche lorraine*noun*

a train [UK]

• I first dropped off Lovely Lotte and Maxie Boy at Deal Station so they could catch the fast quiche lorraine back to the smoke. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 22nd April 2014

quiver and shake*noun*

a steak [AUSTRALIA/UK]

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

R

rabbit and pork; rabbit

noun

talk; a conversation [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

In British English, also used in the phrases *have more rabbit than Sainsbury's* and *have more rabbit than Bugs Bunny* 'to talk volubly, often about trivial matters'. In New Zealand usage, only recorded in the short form. *Have more rabbit than Sainsbury's* was coined by English musical duo Chas and Dave in 'Rabbit' (1980), a comic song about a girl who wouldn't stop talking. ▶ see BUNNY and NUN'S HABIT

· To Barker, a row is a Bull-an'-a-Cow; a suit is a Whistle, or Whistle-an'-Flute; a kid is a Gord-Forbid; a car is a jam, or jam-jar; talk is Rabbit, or Rabbit-an'-Pork; beer is Pig's Ear ... and so on, up and down the language. – G. Kersh, *They Die with Their Boots Clean*, p.27, 1941

· So I descend to street level to have a rabbit with him. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.84, 1962

· You won't stop talking, why don't you give it a rest?, / You got more rabbit than Sainsbury's, it's time you got it off your chest. – *Rabbit*, lyric, Chas and Dave, 1980

· They had one heavy and one lively, the Italian-suited Nagels with more rabbit than Bugs Bunny. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.19, 1986

· Our first example had more front than Harrods and more rabbit than Sainsburys. He had been there, done that, seen everything and missed no opportunity to let everyone know what a success he was. – *Management Services (Journal of the Institute of Management Services)*, London, June 1992

· They all saw 'im, and 'ad a good ol' rabbit-and-pork with 'im[.] – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.51, 2002

· The small break-down in trust once they realise you have more rabbit than Sainsbury's will become part of a general decline in your overall credibility. – J. James and J. Moore, *The You Code*, p.52, 2010

· You my friend have more rabbit than bugs bunny! – *twitter.com*, 2nd May 2013

· I've 'ad a French and I don't give a monkey's toss for your rabbit no more. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August 2013

· Help! I dont get any of it. your rabbit and porks a load of pony and trap to me lol. – *www.facebook.com*, 11th December 2013

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

rabbit and pork; rabbit

verb

1 to speak; to have a conversation [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *talk*. Functionally shifted from the noun.

The full form is exclusively British. *Rabbit on* (or *away*) 'to talk at length, often about unimportant things; to

chatter' is a widespread colloquialism in all five locations of use. Thus BUNNY and RABBITING TO.

· One who 'rabbits' all the time is one who never stops talking. – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950

· I didn't understand a dicky-bird about what he had been rabbiting about[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.104, 1959

· She was rabbiting away with Captain Wu[.] – W.H. Canaway, *The Willow-Pattern War*, p.85, 1976

· I really had to rabbit and pork to this geezer[.] – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July 1978

· For example, in some cases Ministers would rabbit on about the issue which may in some vague way have been related to the question. – *www.parliament.wa.gov.au*, Parliament of Western Australia, 'Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995': *Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia*, pp.5939–5940, 2nd November 1993

· [W]hen psychologists rabbit and pork about complex problems that blokes didn't cause for themselves, the psychologists rabbit and pork in the second-geezer singular[.] – *www.jiscmail.ac.uk*, 'Radical-Psychology-Network Archives', 9th April 1999

· In fact, he rabbit-and-porked about it so much that Jesus couldn't go into town publicly. – M. Cole, *Bible*, p.67, 2001

· [H]e will remain one of the examples thrown up by younger hacks to rebut the old timers who rabbit on about how there are no characters among the modern era of sportswriters. – *www.iol.co.za*, 11th May 2001

· [L]et me assure you I have rabbitied on about the need to have an independent Development Trust akin to the very successful Otorohanga operation, for some years. – *Te Awamutu Courier*, Te Awamutu, New Zealand, 11th October 2005

· My friends will tell you that I've been rabbiting on for years about this. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 1st October 2007

2 to divulge information [UK]

Rhymes on *talk*.

· Get a couple of the boys and give her a going over. See if you can make her rabbit. – D. Warner, *Death of a Snout*, p.107 [1974], 1961

rabbit hutch; rabbit

noun

1 a clutch (of a motor vehicle) [UK]

· Does one, for example, pull into a horse and carriage (garridge) and ask the 'eap of coke (boss or 'bloke)' to fix a slipping rabbit (rabbit-hutch, for clutch)? – *The Motor* magazine, London, 4th August 1948

· 'I was doing 70 down the frog when the rabbit went in the haddock.' My friend the used-car dealer made this

observation the other day and I gazed at him blankly whereupon he elaborated. He had been driving at 70 miles an hour down the frog and toad, when the rabbit hutch had failed to function in the haddock and bloater. – *The Spectator*, London, 15th March **1986**

· Rabbit Hutch is Cockney slang for Clutch. “I wouldn’t buy that Jam Jar mate, the Rabbit’s shot.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th November **2003**

· We found the rabbit was knackered when we took it out for a Charlie, so we replaced it as well as the charm[.] – *Motor Industry Magazine*, Brickendon, Hertfordshire, 20th April **2006**

2 the crotch (of a person or animal) [UK]

Rhymes on *crutch*. ▶ see GRAB-IT HUTCH

· I looked down at the front of my jeans. They were soaked. Especially around the area of the rabbit. [*hutch* = *crutch*. *Editor*] – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.104, **1979**

· These bleedin’ rounders [i.e. *round-the-houses* = trousers] is a lot too tight in the rabbit hutch. – E. Partridge, *DSUES*, 1984; R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Without appearing too obvious I next allow myself a closer slipperly shuffy down by the rabbit hutch, but for the life of me I can’t see a pecker in the panties. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.159 [2012], **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 a crutch (for a lame person) [UK]

· [L]ame people often need the support of a ‘rabbit’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

rabbiting to

noun

a scolding or reproof [UK]

An equivalent of *talking-to*. Formed on *rabbit*, a shortening of the verb RABBIT AND PORK.

· [D]on’t know what Yacaman was doing, they need to give him a good rabbiting to. – *Ten-Tenths Motorsport* forum, 12th October **2015**

rabbit in the thicket

noun

1 cricket [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a wicket [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

3 a ticket [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

rabbit’s paw

noun

1 a chat, a long talk [UK]

Rhymes on *jaw*. In this sense the word is a folk-etymological elaboration of *rabbit*, the short form of RABBIT AND PORK.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a telling-off [UK]

Rhymes on *jaw*. Extended from the previous sense.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 the jaw [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

rabbit’s paw

verb

to talk [UK]

Rhymes on *jaw*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *rabbit* (the clipped version of RABBIT AND PORK), which is often regarded as its short form. Chiefly found in metalinguistic contexts.

· *RABBIT *Rabbit’s Paw–Jaw* To chat. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.6, **1959**

· **To Rabbit.** to talk. Rhyming slang. Derivation: Rabbit’s paw (jaw). As this is becoming widespread, to bunny is supplanting it. (Underworld.) – *New Society* magazine, London, 13th June **1963**

· I asked a group of white working-class boys, with pronounced racist views, to give me their associations to the word. ‘Bunny’ for them, first of all, meant ‘slag’ or ‘whore’ after the eponymous heroines of *Playboy* magazine. It also signified someone who was ‘all mouth’ and rabbits on (rhyming slang: rabbit’s paw = jaw): shades of the cockney singing duo, Chas and Dave. – P. Cohen, *Tarzan*, p.26, **1988**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Rab C.

noun

urine; an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *Rab C. Nesbitt*, the title of a popular TV comedy series, set in Govan, Glasgow, and its eponymous leading character.

· Gonnae let me in, ‘am burstin’ oan a Rab C. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Rachel Heyhoe Flint; rachel heyhoe; rachael heyhoe

adjective

penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *skint*. < English cricketer Rachael Heyhoe Flint (1939–2017).

· It’s a clear day, but I can’t see the point. / And anyway, I’m a bit rachael heyhoe. – *Clear Day*, lyric, Half Man Half Biscuit, *On the Wire*, UK radio: BBC Radio Lancashire, ca August **1992**

· Events came to a head at Knutsford Service Station on the M6 when it is alleged Pebblehead told his colleague that he couldn’t lend him an Edward (Jenner) as he was Rachel Heyhoe (Flint). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st February **2009**

· I can’t come to the pub tonight, I’m a bit Rachael Heyhoe. – *z1.invisionfree.com*, *The Fall* forum, 19th January **2017**

Rachel Hunter

noun

an ugly or unattractive woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *munter*. < New Zealand-born American model Rachel Hunter (b.1969).

· She's a bit of a Rachel Hunter. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th May **2007**

· Rachael Hunter > = munta = she's an old munta. – *Teak-Door* forum, 16th April **2011**

racketty coo

noun

a Jew [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly < 'Racketty Coo!', a song composed in 1915 by Rudolf Friml, with lyrics by Otto Hauerbach, for the operetta *Katinka*; ultimately from *racketty coo* 'a loud cooing sound'.

· I've got a feeling the racketty coo will live[.] – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off*, **1971**

racketty tank

noun

a bank [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Racquel Welch

verb

▶ see RAQUEL WELCH

Radio Clyde

adjective

fly, perspicacious, streetwise [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *wide*. < Radio Clyde, the broadcaster that operates Glasgow-based radio stations Clyde 1 and Clyde 2.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

Radio Ones; radios

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the runs*. < BBC Radio One, a pop music station.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I realised this week why the expression "I've got a touch of the Radio Ones" is a euphemism for diarrhoea. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 27th April **2002**

· He did say earlier that he'd got a touch of the radio ones, so he is a bit under the weather today. – *SwimClub.co.uk* forum, 3rd January **2008**

· Christ, I've got the Radios. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

radio rental; radio

noun

a mad person [UK]

Rhymes on *mental*.

· He's one crazy mutha. He's a radio rental mate. – *The Force.net* forum, 14th March **2001**

· Aye, he's a radio rental. – *UKGSer.com* forum, 5th July **2010**

· Most people on here are f*cking radios. – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March **2011**

· "Good luck being a fucking radio, you spastic cunt," Charlie spat viciously at his back. – D.S. Fletcher, *Jackboot Britain*, p.499, **2014**

radio rental; radio rentals; radio

adjective

insane, crazy [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mental*. < Radio Rentals, a TV and video rental company that operated in Britain from 1932 to 1999, when it merged with Granada to form Boxclever; it still trades under its original name in Australia. The form *radio rental* is common in all three locations of use. *Radio rentals* and *radio* have been recorded in Britain.

· And one of Harry Johnstone's phrases, 'Ah'm goin' radio', was explained to me by Tim as an abbreviation of 'Radio Rental', chosen to rhyme with 'mental'. – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.120, **1973**

· 'Am I Going Insane (Radio)?' – Song by English rock band Black Sabbath, **1975**

· Take no notice of him; he's radio rental. – *The Gazette*, Montreal, 18th February **1984**

· [Y]ou won't have a "Scoobie-Doo" when they tell you that they were "kettled" at the "radio rental" end-of-term party, where they managed to get off with a right "swamp donkey". – *The Guardian*, London, 19th December **2000**

· Ma da's a nutter. Radio rental. He'd dae anythin for a laugh so he wid[.] – A. Donovan, *Buddha Da*, p.1, **2003**

· Hope to Drink 40 Euros in Stuttgart of proper beer and go radio rental when Doyle scores his first international Goal. – *Foot.ie* forum, 24th August **2006**

· Get down to check the talent this week as it will be our last local line up for nearly a month as we prepare to go radio rental with international guests over the coming weeks [full info below]. – *Boards.ie* forum, 12th June **2007**

· He seemed nice enough until I mentioned my mission, at which point he went totally radio. – *12 Dark Secrets* forum, 17th Aug **2007**

· Just looking at the title I thought Dale Winton had gone radio rentals. – *MX4Nutz Forum*, 3rd March **2008**

· Ruddy hell he's radio rentals. – *The British Comedy Guide* forum, 24th July **2009**

· [T]he world has gone radio rental. – *AussieVapers* forum, 26th August **2012**

· [I]t drives me radio fucking rental! – *twitter.com*, 27th January **2014**

radox

noun

a laugh [UK]

A shortening of *Radox bath* or a punning variation of BUBBLE BATH. < Radox, a brand of bubble bath. In the phrase *you're having a radox* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· £72.36p inc vat "FOR ONE PEDAL RUBBER" ...?? Are Skoda having a "RADOX"? – *Briskoda.net* forum, 10th May **2005**

· You are having a radox Wayne, the way youve been playing[.] – *[DAD] Clan* forum, 4th July **2005**

- You've got no jimmy? You're having a radox. – *h2g2* forum, 19th March **2009**
- [Y]ou gotta be having a radox!!!! – *Photoshop Contest* forum, 8th April **2009**
- €18m? You're having a Radox, pal. – *GoonersWorld* forum, 4th August **2009**

raffle and crank*noun*

a bank [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, **1973**

raffle ticket; raffle*noun*

1 in cricket, the pitch [UK]

Rhymes on *wicket* 'the ground between the wickets, especially in regard to its condition'. Only evidenced in the full form.

- [I]t's a beautiful raffle ticket, nice and slow and the ball bounces true... – R. Digance, *Run Out*, pp.139–140, **1983**

2 a mistake [UK]

Rhymes on *ricket*.

- I've made a right raffle. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

rag and bone*noun*

1 a telephone [UK/IRELAND]

- I'm on the rag and bone to San Francisco and a geezer from Milan gets the engaged tone. – A. Masters, *Minder*, p.113, **1984**

· Every ten years there'd be a new word for telephone – Al Capone, eau de cologne, rag 'n' bone. – *Time Out: London Calling*, p.193, 2008: interview with Ian Dury, dated 7th October **1998**

- [W]ill he ever get off the rag and bone? – *www.slang.ie*, 8th October **2012**

2 a toilet seat and bowl [UK]

Rhymes on *throne*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**
- I was sitting on the rag and bone. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- He's on the rag and bone. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

3 a throne [UK]

· From the House of Commons to the House of Lords – where we got within touching distance of the Queen's golden *Rag and Bone* (throne). – *scandalmunro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September **2005**

rag and tag*noun*

a bag [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

raging thirst; raging*noun*

a first-class university honours degree [UK]

Recorded in the short form by Thorne (1997) and Puxley (2003). This form is noted by the former as current in the late 1980s.

- He was tipped for a raging, but he ended up with a Desmond. – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

railway timetable; railway table*noun*

a tall tale [UK]

Rhymes on *fable* and serves as a humorous comment on the reliability of railway timetables.

- What's he been doin'? Reading a railway table. – *A(.com)*, accessed 15th December **2006**

rain and pour; rain*verb*

to snore [UK]

Influenced by 'It's raining, it's pouring, / The old man is snoring', the first two lines of a nursery rhyme first recorded in the US in 1939.

- You kept me awake all night with your raining. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

rainbow trout; rainbow*noun*

1 a German [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**
- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· The bloody Rainbows beat us in the penalty shoot out again! – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th March **2011**

2 gout [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

raindeer*noun*

a male homosexual [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. A misspelling of the standard English *reindeer*.

- [H]e s a raindeer. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

rain flow*noun and verb*

used as a substitute for *train go* in the sentence *when does the rain flow?* [AUSTRALIA]

- If you hear a bloke on the race platform ask his clobber, "When does the rain flow?" and his clobber says, "Go slow; chat de Christmas card," you know, or you ought to anyway, that one has enquired, "When does the train go?" and the other has replied, "Don't know; ask the railway guard." – *The Sydney Sportsman*, 4th March **1903**

Rajputana

noun

a banana [UK]

< Rajputana, from 1800 to 1949, the official British name for areas now in the Indian state of Rajasthan; probably via Rajputana, a P&O passenger-cargo vessel that was active from 1925 to 1939, when she was requisitioned by the Admiralty to serve as an armed merchant cruiser until her sinking in 1941.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

• Making love in a French letter is like eating a Rajputana with the skin on. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Raleigh bike; raleigh

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*. < *Raleigh bike*, a reference to a product of the bicycle manufacturer Raleigh.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• Raleigh Bike = Dyke (i.e. lezzer). – *Runner's World* forum, 25th January 2005

• I don't believe she's a raleigh bike. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

• [T]hought she was a raleigh bike but nah, so i used a brass monkey but summat must have gone pete tong. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July 2006

• She's a right Raleigh. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December 2006

Ralph Fiennes

noun

doses of a powdered drug laid out in lines for snorting [UK]

< Ralph Fiennes, the professional name of English actor Ralph Nathaniel Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes (b.1962).

• – *The Word* magazine, London, March 2009

Ralph Lynn

noun

gin [UK]

< English comic actor Ralph Lynn (1882–1962).

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Ralph Slater

adverb

later [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish tailor Ralph Slater (1919–97), founder of the Glasgow-based clothing chain Slaters.

• We'll see you Ralph Slater. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 12th September 2008

rambling rose; rambling

noun

the nose [IRELAND/UK]

< 'Rambling Rose', a song written in 1948 by Joseph McCarthy (lyric) and Joe Burke (music) and popularised by Perry Como. In Irish usage, only recorded in the full form.

• Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Rambling Rose* – Nose. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

• That landlord 'ad bin a boxer and 'e 'ad the rambling to prove it. – *cally2.hubpages.com*, 31st October 2009

• I remember my father singing a little song to me when I was a small child. To the tune of "Rambling Rose" he went through the parts of the body giving their full rhymes and translations. I can't remember the exact words he sang but the rhymes went like this: Rambling rose – nose Boat race – face Barnet Fair – hair[.] – *cally2.hubpages.com*, 24th June 2011

rammy rousers; rammies

noun

▶ see ROUND THE HOUSES

Ramsgate sand; ramsgate

noun

the hand [UK]

Ramsgate is a seaside resort in Kent, in the south-east of England.

• Up the *apples* to *lemon* me *Ramsgates*. [...] Then 'es got a pair of yeller *turtle doves* on 'is *Ramsgate Sands* to stop 'em getting *taters* in the mould[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.9/20, 1969

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• A little boy was leading Samson to the pillars holding his Ramsgate. [...] 'The right lemon has come,' he said, 'and the kingdom of God is at Ramsgate Sand!['] – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.55/65, 2001

• When I was much younger, my older cousins would say "lemon your Ramsgates!" – 8th May 2009

ranch and farm

noun

the arm [us]

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, 1968

R and B

noun

in bingo, the number forty-three [UK]

< *R and B*, an abbreviation of *rhythm and blues*.

• – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May 2003

• – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004

Randolph Scott; randolph

noun

a spot, a pimple [UK/IRELAND]

< American actor Randolph Scott (1898–1987).

• The sideburns are coming on: less bum fluff, more little black ones. Anzora white preparation for the haircut. Water on first – sides only if the grapes look healthy. Dreadful randolphs round the corners of the mouth. – I. Dury, *Razors Out*, p.9, 1981

• [I]f she saw you in that dopey shirt and your face covered in Randolph Scotts, well, that'd be good night Vienna, wouldn't it? – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 8th January 1989

- To have a face full of ‘Randolphs’ is the bane of youth. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- [P]eople still say they’ve a Randolph (Scott = spot) on their finger and thumb[.] – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**
- [S]he’s never had a Randolph Scott as long as I’ve known her. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.17, **2007**

Randolph Scott*adjective*

hot [UK]

< American actor Randolph Scott (1898–1987).

- We could feel the Coronation Street as soon as we got off the Don McLean, it was really Randolph Scott for my liking. – www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com, blog, 2nd November **2005**

Randwick races*noun*

trouser braces (suspenders) [AUSTRALIA]

< *Randwick races*, a reference to the famous races at Randwick Racecourse (formally Royal Randwick) in Sydney.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rangitiki; Ranjitiki*adjective*

tricky [UK]

< Rangitiki, a New Zealand liner that used to maintain a regular passenger-cargo service between New Zealand and the United Kingdom; she was active from 1929 to 1962. First recorded with the spelling *Ranjitiki*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Rangoon*noun*

a prune [UK]

< Rangoon, also known as Yangon, the former capital of Burma (now officially the Republic of the Union of Myanmar).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Rank*nickname*

English philosopher Gilbert Ryle (1900–76) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce nickname formed as a shortening of *rank and file*. Coined by Welsh writer Frank Parkin (1931–2011) in his novel *The Mind and Body Shop* (1987).

- ‘Okay if I scarper now? I’m due up at the main campus at four to give me lecture on Rank.’ ‘Who on earth is Rank?’ Another of these young German or American prodigies I should have read, he thought guiltily. ‘Rank and file,’ Skillicorn explained. ‘I beg your pardon?’ Skillicorn eyed him with forbearance. ‘Rank and file, Gilbert Ryle.’ – F. Parkin, *Mind*, p.160, **1987**

rank and riches*noun*

riding breeches [UK]

- Then a bow-wow by her side [...] / Gave a hydrophobia bark, / (She cried, ‘What a Noah’s Ark!’) / And right through my ‘rank and riches’ / Did my ‘cribbage pegs’ assail. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896; Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

- – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, ‘Beginner’s Guide to Mathe-son Lang’, 2nd December **1973**

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

rant and rave*noun*

1 a grave [UK]

- Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] grave – rant and rave[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

2 a shave [UK/IRELAND]

- When I wake up I have a Rant an Rave. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th July **2004**

- Yup, going to nip home on the old apple fart (note place of residence), get out of my tin of fruit, jump into the sweet and sour, have a quick brad pitt and rant and rave, grab the trouble and strife and head for the near and far for a couple of arthur scargills. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

- [M]y dad, @themerrybounder, and I have a dispute over what is the better rhyming slang for ‘shave’. he says Rant and Rave, I say Chas ’n Dave. – *twitter.com*, 26th November **2012**

Rant and Rave*nickname*used as a substitute for the pet name *Dave* [UK]

- Different areas of the factory created different names for me, such as “Dr. Bob”, “The Headshrinker”, “Rant and Rave”, (rhymes with Dave) “The Absent-minded Professor” and “The Lardee-da University Lad”. – D.L. Collinson, *Managing the Shopfloor*, p.112, **1992**

- On my table there is a Joe, Dave and Keith. I call them Puff and Blow, Rant and Rave and False Teeth. – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 23rd September **2009**

Raoul Moat; Raul Moat; RaoulMoat; raoulmoat;**raulmoat; raoul***noun*

1 a TV remote control [UK]

- < Raoul Moat (1973–2010), an English criminal who, following his release from prison in July 2010, shot his former partner, killed her new boyfriend and blinded a police officer. The coinage was triggered by the extensive TV news coverage of the manhunt. Also as **RAOUL MOAT CONTROL**.

- Pass the Raoul Moat, love. – *twitter.com*, 9th July **2010**
- I’m bored of the news and want to turn it over but I’ve lost the raoulmoat. – *PistonHeads* forum, 10th July **2010**

- [P]ass the raulmoat. – *Muscle Talk* forum, 13th July **2010**
- [P]ass the RaoulMoat. – *twitter.com*, 28th November **2011**
- Has lost the raulmoat. Mabey it's down the side of the sofa. – *twitter.com*, 29th February **2012**
- It's official "Pass the Raul Moat" is now the wordplay of choice for "Pass the remote". – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2012**
- [W]e tend to be looking for the Raoul... – *twitter.com*, 18th September **2013**
- Been watchin the tele on mute for 20 minutes because a cny be arsed gettin up to find the raul moat. – *twitter.com*, 11th October **2013**
- Can you pass me the remote, or as I like to call it the Raul Moat. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2014**
- Just said to me ma "pass the Raoul Moat" I'm turning over. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2016**
- 2 a raincoat [UK]
 - Only recorded in the form *Raoul Moat*.
- It looks cold and wet out there, let me get my Raoul Moat on. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2012**
- 3 a coat [UK]
 - Recorded in the forms *Raoul Moat*, *Raul Moat* and *raul*.
- – *first-thoughts.org*, 28th June **2012**
- [G]et your Raoul on we're leaving. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**
- I'll get my Raul moat! – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Raoul Moat control; Raul Moat control; RaoulMoat control; RaulMoat control; raulmoat control; raulmoat control

noun

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 - < Raoul Moat (1973–2010), an English criminal who, following his release from prison in July 2010, shot his former partner, killed her new boyfriend and blinded a police officer. The coinage was triggered by the extensive TV news coverage of the manhunt. Also as RAOUL MOAT.
- I can't turn off the Sky news man hunt coverage because i can't find the Raoul Moat control. – *twitter.com*, 8th July **2010**
- Cant find the raulmoat control anywhere. – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July **2010**
- [M]y partner just asked me to pass the RaoulMoat control!! – *twitter.com*, 9th July **2010**
- I'm on fire! pass the raulmoat control and turn up the volume! – *twitter.com*, 21st July **2010**
- Where's the Raoul Moat control? – *twitter.com*, 7th February **2013**
- Does anyone else call there 'Telly Changer' the 'Raul Moat Control'? Or is it just me? – *twitter.com*, 1st July **2013**
- [A]lways hard to find the raul moat control, you need lager, chicken and a fishing rod. – *twitter.com*, 13th November **2013**

- I'd turn you off, but I can't find the raoulmoat control. – *twitter.com*, 23rd January **2014**
- Ahh mate, will you pass us the RaulMoat control. – *twitter.com*, 1st November **2015**
- [P]ass the Raoul Moat control. – *twitter.com*, 12th June **2016**

rape and pillage

nickname

the Olympic village in east London

- Coined in the period preceding the 2012 London Olympic Games.
- – P.K. Munroe, *How Not to Be a Tourist*, **2011**

Raquel Welch; raquel

noun

a belch [UK]

- < Raquel Welch, the stage name of American actress Jo Raquel Tejada (b.1940).
- – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**
- [H]e doesn't seem to recognize the American origin of *George Raft* ('draught'), *Mickey Mouse* ('house'), *Raquel Welch* ('belch'), and so on. – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, pp.119–120, **1978**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**
- As she touched her lippy she gave out the loudest *raquel* I've ever heard. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.114, **2011**

Raquel Welch; Racquel Welch

verb

to belch [UK]

- < Raquel Welch, the stage name of American actress Jo Raquel Tejada (b.1940).
- – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**
- [T]he nelsons always make me racquel welch. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

rasher

adjective

in darts, applied to the segment of a number that scores double points [UK]

- A shortening of RASHER AND BUBBLE.
- I was having a game of horses and carts down the nuclear sub and all I needed was a rasher Tom Mix[.] – *The Cave of Dragonflies* forum, 5th May **2009**

rasher and bubble

noun

1 a double in darts [UK]

- < *rasher and bubble* 'a dish of bacon and bubble and squeak (leftover mashed potatoes, cabbage and sometimes meat, fried together)'. Hence RASHER.
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – *The Cave of Dragonflies* forum, 5th May **2009**
- 2 a double bet [UK]
 - – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

raspberry ripple; raspberry rippler; raspberry*noun*

1 the nipple of a woman's breast [UK/IRELAND]

< *raspberry ripple* 'a type of vanilla and raspberry ice cream'. A variation of STRAWBERRY RIPPLE. Recorded in the forms *raspberry ripple* and *raspberry*.

· 'You got no raspberry ripples,' I said cheerily, 'you only got little dents.' – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.37 [1977], **1975**

· He doesn't want anyone to see my raspberries. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 24th December **2001**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**

· So you ain't mad that your raspberry ripples went on high alert when I looked at you in your new threads? – D.S. Mitchell, *Gangster Girl*, p.171, **2010**

2 a disabled person [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cripple*. *Raspberry ripple* is common in all three locations of use, but its shortened version *raspberry* is exclusively British. In New Zealand it has also been recorded in the form *raspberry rippler*.

This word was the inspiration for the Raspberry Ripple Awards (popularly known as the 'Raspberry Ripples'), honouring the best and worst portrayals of disabled people on television and in the cinema. The name is likely to have been influenced by the *Golden Raspberry Awards*. ▶ see RASPBERRY TART

· I'm an Irish cripple, a Scottish Jew, / I'm the blackmail man, / A raspberry ripple, a buckle my shoe. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· *Raspberry* – Stage play by Tony Marchant, first produced at the 1982 Edinburgh Festival, 30th August **1982**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· I slip into the corridor and catch the lift reserved for wheelchair bound raspberries. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.280 [2012], **2004**

· '[E]lp 'im with the door – poor geezer's a raspberry. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· At this rate their god forbids health will be friar'd before they even get out of their teens and if they do get out they're going to end up raspberries. – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [M]y Mum is partly disabled now and even she calls herself a raspberry! – *Betfair Community* forum, 6th March **2011**

· [O]ne day when I hobbled in after a particularly strenuous triathlon, he said to me "Are you here to join the Raspberry Club?". I said "No, I prefer mangoes."; to which he chuckled and then explained that Cockney rhyming slang for a cripple is a "raspberry ripple". – *adephadventures.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th October **2013**

· I always made sure that there was a bar stool available, and once seated and surrounded by my lot, you'd never know that he was a 'raspberry' [.]. – J. Coppard, *My Thanks*, **2015**

3 in golf, a score of three strokes over par on a single hole [UK]

Rhymes on *triple*, an ellipsis of *triple bogey*. Recorded in the form *raspberry ripple*.

· barney rubble is (rhyming cockney slang) thats what we call a double bogey, its better than a raspberry ripple (triple). – *twitter.com*, 4th September **2009**

raspberry ripple; raspberry; raspberry up*verb*

to cripple in a violent attack [UK]

From the noun RASPBERRY RIPPLE.

· I'd have took him out forcibly into the car park and then we would have really served him up. He would have been raspberried up. He would have been a permanent hospital case. – F. Foreman and T. Lambrianou, *Getting it Straight*, [2011], **2001**

· We nearly fucking mullered 'em, Danny. Raspberried 'em right up. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.212 [2012], **2004**

· 'When you say you want to 'raspberry' this man I'm not sure of your vernacular. What do you mean?' 'Raspberry ripple, cripple.' 'You want to cripple someone.' – *Legend*, film, script by Brian Helgeland, **2015**

raspberry rippled*adjective*

crippled [UK]

From the noun or verb RASPBERRY RIPPLE.

· **Raspberry Rippled** Our office – spurred on by a huge-bosomed middle-aged woman used to collect huge wads of money for a well-known handicapped kids' charity. – *www.b3ta.com*, 'b3ta qotw', 22nd November **2007**

· 'I got raspberry rippled,' said Tony. He looked around. Then he urgently whispered to Brian and me, a pleading look on his face, 'The guards beat me up.' – J. Ronson, *The Psychopath Test*, p.275, **2011**

· I am a raspberry ripple, pretty much, I shall probably end up fully raspberry rippled. – *blogs.spectator.co.uk*, blog, 13th October **2013**

· Someone's getting raspberry rippled. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2016**

raspberry tart; raspberry; razzberry; rasp; ras; razz;**rarze; rarzer; razzer; razzie; razzo; razzo; razzo; ra***noun*

1 a derisive or contemptuous fart-like sound made by sticking the tongue out and blowing [UK/US/CANADA/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

First recorded in the form *raspberry*; generally believed to be a shortening of *raspberry tart*, rhyming on *fart* (sense 3 below). However, this could well be a folk etymology. The late occurrence and rarity of *raspberry tart* in this figurative sense, along with the nature of the texts in which it usually occurs (mostly dictionaries, discussions on word origins, etc.), suggests that this could have arisen as an elaboration of *raspberry*, itself perhaps originally triggered by the imitative value of the initial *r* sound or formed as a pun on *rasp*:

the flatulent noise made by vibrating the lips can be described as a *rasping* sound.

When used in this sense, the word has been recorded in the forms *raspberry* (UK, US, Australia, Ireland, South Africa), *razzberry* (US, Canada, UK), *razz* (US, UK), *rasp* (UK), *ras* (UK), *rarze* (UK), *rarzer* (UK), *razzer* (UK) and *razzie* (UK). Hence the theatrical phrases *give (someone) the raspberry* and *get the raspberry*, recorded by Partridge (1937). *Raspberry tart* occurs as a rare variant in British English.

This word was the inspiration for the symbolism of the raspberry in the Golden Raspberry Awards (popularly known as the ‘Razzies’), the flip side to the Oscars, honouring the year’s worst films, actors and directors. Winners receive a gold spray-painted raspberry on top of a mangled Super 8 film reel. ▶ see BRONX RASPBERRY and RASPBERRY RIPPLE

· One gentleman I came across had a way of finding out the cussedness of this or that animal by a method that I found to be not entirely his own. The tongue is inserted in the left cheek and forced through the lips, producing a peculiarly squashy noise that is extremely irritating. It is termed, I believe, a *raspberry*, and when not employed for the purpose of testing horseflesh, is regarded rather as an expression of contempt than of admiration. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, SA, s.v. *Raspberry*, 1902: *Sporting Times*, ca 1880

· Give ‘im a raspberry! – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, 1930

· *Raspberry Tart* also signifies a *f-rt*, a time-honoured method of expressing theatrical disapproval [...] *Raspberry* is current theatrical argot, with variant *rarzer* and euphemism *basket of raspberries*. The Lord Chamberlain shut his ear to the “rarzer” given in *Suspense*. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· A loud noise unmistakably a razzberry comes from the general direction of the open window in the police station. – *Nashua Telegraph*, Nashua, New Hampshire, 25th June 1932

· **rarze(r)**. A raspberry (sense 1): theatrical [...]. Also spelt *ras* in its shorter form. – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· DEMONSTRATIONS OF DERISION; HISS, ETC. [...] (ripe) raspberry or razzberry, razoo[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· Not to luff der Fuehrer iss a great disgrace, / So ve Heil! (Razz) Heil! (Razz) Right in DER FUEHRER’S FACE. – *Der Fuehrer’s Face*, sheet music, words and music by Oliver Wallace, 1942

· How did he like that razzberry shower[?] – *The Gazette*, Montreal, 4th December 1943

· The Doc. joined in the argument, and when the Mate blew a razzberry at the Third as he left the saloon the Doc. thought it had been blown at him, and complained to the Captain. – C. Field, *Lucky*, p.185, 1948

· “**Raspberry**” cost £2 Sydney: A man who poked his tongue at a police sergeant and gave him a “raspberry” was fined £2 in Paddington Court. [...] Carrick poked

his tongue at Sgt. Schumack and “made noises with his mouth.” – *Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW, 20th January 1954

· When a child, as a sign of derision, expels air through his compressed lips, the stock retort is ‘We have them with custard’. The chain here is that breaking wind was, at one time, by the process of rhyming slang, known as a ‘raspberry tart’, hence ‘raspberry’. – I. Opie and P. Opie, *Lore and Language*, pp.8–9, 1959

· But it will always be Fred Karno’s island, haunted by the ghosts of comedians whose defiant reply to the tragedy of life was to cock a snook and blow a raspberry-tart. – P. Howard, *London’s River*, p.19, 1975

· Was that a raspberry I heard in the background? – *The Sun*, London, 13th May 1994

· “What is that?” he queried TLW of the meaning of “humbug,” whereupon TLW, never at a loss for words, stuck out his tongue and gave a razz to signify the mean-spirited significance of the term. – *Jewish Exponent*, Philadelphia, 6th January 2005

· Thread: When Americans say the phrase “Give someone a raspberry”. – A raspberry is when a stupid retarded kid sticks his tongue out at you and blows at you. – *Bodybuilding.com* forum, 9th May 2005

· Blowing a rasp. – *www.flickr.com*, 14th April 2006

· I sometimes blow a razz at the end if I’m not happy with my playing, Looks like I forgot that was in the recording. – *Sax on the Web* forum, 28th April 2006

· [W]hy is Betty blowing a razzler in Squeaks’ ear? – *NuS-koolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 18th December 2006

· [T]he reply is the equivalent of sticking your thumbs in your ears, wiggling your fingers and blowing a razzie[.] – *UTSanDiego* forum, 23rd February 2007

· She’s rolling, standing, blowing razzes, babbling and mimicking sounds she hears! – *Baby Talk Zone* forum, 20th July 2007

· Blowing raspberries and bubbles encourages respiratory strength. – *leahreillyfoundation.co.za*, 2008

· Yup fellows, ‘tis clear as muck that anybody who joins or assists the PSNI will be accosted by someone of a dark evening who will steal up on the unsuspecting malefactor, blow a raspberry and skedaddle afore they’re recognised. – *www.indymedia.ie*, 8th January 2008

· Why not just say ‘Na-ah’ and blow a raspberry? – *blog.greens.org.nz*, blog, 25th July 2008

· Ivys Into blowing razzies at me! Also if you make a kiss sound she sucks in her lips and tries to do it back! – *Pregnancy Forum*, 4th January 2009

· Then they stuck their tongue out & blew a razzie. – *twitter.com*, 23rd May 2011

· [S]he emerged from the kitchen and exclaimed, “The Yankees suck!” Then she blew a raspberry. – *Ottawa Citizen*, 3rd September 2011

· [R]uined the nice reflective moment Christopher had created. LOL – did you blow a rasp?! – *www.facebook.com*, 29th July 2012

2 the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person's emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

Recorded in the forms *raspberry tart* and *raspberry*. The latter is exclusively British.

· Then I sallied forth with a careless air, / And contented raspberry tart. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· A tear-drop fell from the girl's mince-pie, / And her raspberry-tart was torn / With anguish; for she'd an empty sky, / And nothing to bullock's horn. – D. Chiderdoss, 'Meg's Diversion', *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· As I sat in front of the Anna Maria / Warming my plates of meat, / There came a knock at the Rory O'More / That made my raspberry beat. – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April **1915**

· They tell me that he's lost his raspberry tart to a twist and twirl on all the rage. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

· RASPBERRY. – Short for *raspberry tart*, rhyming slang for heart. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**

· Raspberry Tart (Raspberry) also Jam Tart ... Heart. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· HEART. [...] raspberry tart[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· RASPBERRY TART (N) The heart. – V.J. Monteleone, *CS-VUL*, **1949**

· "Use your loaf" means "use your loaf of bread" (head), "Anna Maria" (fire), "plates of meat" (feet), "Rory o' More" (door), "raspberry tart" (heart)[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· My raspberry tart is jelly[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.291, **1957**

· So, too, his "lump of lead" means his head; [...] his "raspberry tart" his heart[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, **1963**

· Cold German's, warm raspberry... [...] *Have a raspberry* is not an invitation to partake of tasty fruit. It is a request to please be kind and comes from the Cockney rhymers raspberry tart/heart, and so means "have a heart". – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.11/31, **1973**

· Sometimes it seems to me that life with Moonie is too hectic for my raspberry to take the strain and I envy the schoolmates who go on to become accountants, minicabbers and window cleaners. – D. Butler, *Moon the Loon*, p.34, **1981**

· **raspberry tart** (rhyming slang) heart[.] – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· **raspberry tart** a heart. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**

3 a fart [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fart*. In British usage, recorded in the forms *raspberry tart*, *raspberry*, *ra* and *razzo*. In Australian English, always used in full.

· RASPBERRY-TART [...] a FART (*q.v.*). – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1902**

· One has to know the people and their speech very well – or how could one trace a *ra* to a "fart" (ra < raspberry < raspberry tart < fart)? – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.240, **1968**

· **let go a razzo**. To break wind. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by F. Leech, **1972**

· **raspberry tart** [...] fart. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· I smell a raspberry[.] – B.R. Summer, *The Lucky Generation*, p.16, **2011**

· "Fabulous. And Penelope married too. At least her groom isn't ancient and sour. Although he does reek of farts." [...] "You should call it a raspberry tart," she teased. "Remember what Lady Satterlee always said." Violet waved an imperious hand. "A pox upon her. A fart is a fart. And he smells of them." – S. York, *Dark Fancy*, p.73, **2013**

· It's just I'm so Mork & Mindy (windy) that I've let out a raspberry tart (fart)! – J. Tovey and V. Clark, *Puppy*, p.49, **2015**

4 a refusal or reprimand; disapproval; indignation; derision; disrespect [US/UK/ CANADA/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

Extended from sense 1. Recorded in the forms *raspberry*, *razzberry* and *razzie*. Often used in the phrases *give (someone) a raspberry* 'to reprimand', *get a raspberry* 'to be reprimanded', *blow a raspberry* 'to disapprove', *give (someone) the razz/raz/razoo/old razzoo* 'to ridicule; to deride; to disapprove; to reprimand' and *get the razz/raz/razoo/old razzoo* 'to be ridiculed or derided; to be disliked or disapproved'. ▶ see BRONX RASPBERRY

· Giving the 'raz' to the efficiency expert who is giving the books the o.o. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.68, 1993: *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 8th September **1916**

· But what shall we say to this bit of language reproduced in the Westminster Gazette from an actual letter, which the Gazette leads us to believe is growing in common usage among middle class Englishmen: [...] Mean to knock off two bottles of the best. Expect I shall get a raspberry from the old Oojah if I arrive (with the milk) blotto. Never mind, I've not had a buckshee binge for years! – *The Kansas City Star*, 1st October **1919**

· The idea was elaborated on by Beau Brummel, who was the first sapp to realize that collars would look better when worn clean. Sir Walter Raleigh sided with the Beau, but was given the razzberry. – *The Washington Herald*, 24th October **1919**

· Downing, who refereed the bout, gave him that shade after a fierce battle—and the fans gave him the razz. – *Deseret News*, Salt Lake City, Utah, 29th December **1922**

· The red face of the ex-policeman—now one of the most successful private detectives in New York—took on a deeper shade. "You know what I mean: everything that happened. I said 'Gray Ghost'; and I got the raspberry

from Headquarters, the papers, the public, and everyone.” – *Collier's* magazine, US, 14th October **1922**

· [I]nstead of getting the “razz” from the followers, he throws them in the paddock following his games. – *Miami Daily News and Metropolis*, 28th August **1926**

· Along about the third inning the Cleveland right fielder dropped a fly, lost it in the sun or something, and those 500 kids gave him the razz. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 3rd January **1927**

· The films, particularly those from Hollywood, are responsible for some delicious specimens, of which the following are among the latest: – Give the razz (to rebuke severely), hit the hay (go to bed)[.] – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

· [T]he same kind of melodramas that used to bring in the heavy dough now only get the razzoo. – G.J. Nathan, *Theatre Book*, p.168, **1943**

· It seems they listen appreciatively to the hot jazz and then, just like back home, give the commercials the old razzoo. – *PM*, New York, 1st September **1943**

· One of those naive, gullible, midtown husbands was finally told that his Mrs. was giving him the Old Razzoo – “We’ll show you with your own eyes,” said a pal... They went to a movie theater and, sure enough, there she was (necking like anything) in the next-to-last row with a fella... – *Times Recorder*, Zanesville, Ohio, 17th March **1947**

· Britain’s Flight International magazine complained that the Samos and Midas satellites were not quite scientifically cricket, whereupon the New York Daily News blew a razzberry – “Cricket schmicket.” – *USA 1* magazine, April **1962**

· At a time when the Kennedy Administration is getting the razz for so many things it hasn’t done so well, here’s one that has, apparently, been worthwhile. – *Kentucky New Era*, 25th April **1963**

· And a loud raspberry to the premier and to Justice Minister Jerome Choquette for ducking out on the press after the confrontation with the mayor[.] – *The Gazette*, Montreal, 11th April **1973**

· The Premier was suitably embarrassed. The press gave him a raspberry. – *www.parliament.nsw.gov.au*, ‘Hansard (Legislative Assembly)’, 17th April **1986**

· The Minister deserves a raspberry for endorsing such a call. – *www.vdig.net*, ‘Hansard (New Zealand Parliamentary Debates)’, 3rd March **1992**

· Winston (Churchill) liked the idea of a gallant, handsome RAF fighter ace marrying a beautiful princess, but Clemmie (his wife) gave him a raspberry for his sentimentality. – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 4th February **2002**

· Also important to note is that last year we gave a raspberry to the Taxi series for being overpriced[.] – *www.artthrob.co.za*, January **2003**

· Doonan [...] has always been a champion of uncompromising self-expression, particularly when it comes to what he calls “wacky chicks,” the girls who blow a rasp-

berry at social expectations and usually get away with it. – *www.irishabroad.com*, 30th July **2008**

· Thank you for blowing a razzie at this should-be sweet shop. I’ve been there a few times & last time, a staffer got offended because I wouldn’t take her “advice” on an allergy herbal med. – *www.yelp.com*, 8th November **2008**

· But that won’t stop you giving me a raspberry on my satisfaction survey. – *The Sun*, London, 3rd December **2009**

· Long ago on this website, I gave my seal of approval to the Compact dual-flush toilet made by R.A.K. Bathware. (And blew a raspberry at a dual-flush toilet that does not work as advertised.) – *www.greenerhouse.co.za*, 22nd January **2011**

· A big thanks to Brooklyn for pointing this out, and a raspberry for TBH for not telling me[.] – *NZRag* forum, 12th September **2011**

· So let poor old stupid uninformed me blow a razzie at those who claim CONTACT for cash or status[.] – *Above Top Secret* forum, 17th August **2011**

· It blows a razzie at any possibly misinterpreted grandioseness in it. – *www.laurenceplatt.com*, 31st December **2011**

· It seems to me there is something fundamentally human about someone coming up against a system of knowledge and blowing a raspberry at it[.] – *www.newcastle.edu.au*, accessed 15th September **2014**

5 a playful sound made by pressing one’s lips against someone’s (or one’s own) skin and blowing [US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/UK/CANADA/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Extended from sense 1. Often as *raspberry kiss*.

· She planted a raspberry kiss against the giggling youngster’s cheek. – J.M. Fredette, *Fiction Writer’s Market 1986*, p.74, **1986**

· Whenever he came home, Maurice planted raspberry kisses on his Moodles’s cheeks, while she shrieked in delight. – C. O’Hagan, *Benediction*, p.63, **1992**

· He blew a raspberry against her neck and clamped her back to him. – D. Soutter, *A Matter of Trust*, p.120, **2005**

· Bambino blunder: Silvio blows a raspberry kiss. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 22nd April **2006**

· DEBBIE tickles LEAH, blowing a raspberry kiss on her face, trying to make her laugh[.] – *www.bbc.co.uk*, ‘BBC Writersroom’: A. Morgan, *White Girl*, film script, **2008**

· Fago, you don’t like tickles? What about those raspberry kisses thingys on your tummy? – *Boards.ie* forum, 20th July **2010**

· OH certainly wouldnt blow a rasp on my thigh and say oh your cellulite is lush!! – *WeightWatchers.co.uk* forum, 22nd March **2011**

· Finally, say, “Now it’s time for raspberry kisses!” Put your lips on her belly and blow. Repeat after hearing that addictive belly laugh. – *www.todaysparent.com*, 24th October **2011**

· I just blew a raspberry on my arm and it sounded like a rabbit fart and I haven't stopped laughing for five minutes now. – *spring.me*, 27th December **2012**

· [H]e blew a raspberry on Tony's neck, where his boyfriend was mildly ticklish. But somehow, raspberries were like his secret weakness. – *sour-strawberries.tumblr.com*, 12th July **2013**

· There have been a few parodies popping up on YouTube, most of them centring on other intimate first moments in a relationship: such as the first time you give someone a raspberry (or tummy fart), and that moment you break your fist bump virginity. **FIRST RASPBERRY** Making fart noises on someone's tummy is a massive deal and a big step in any relationship. – *junkee.com*, 14th March **2014**

· [B]low a raspberry on her stomach as you get her dressed each morning. – *www.totstoteens.co.nz*, August **2014**

6 a boring or unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *fart*. Used in the phrase *old raspberry tart* (or *old raspberry*).

· How come everyone else had got the placements they'd asked for yet she'd got tucked up with a load of old raspberry tarts? – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], **2003**

· You look like an old raspberry. – *CycleChat* forum, 18th September **2012**

raspberry tart; raspberry; razz

verb

1 to tease; to deride; to heckle; to scold [US/CANADA/IRELAND/UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun *razz*, a shortening of *raspberry* (or *razzberry*), itself presumably an elliptical form of RASPBERRY TART. Only recorded in the form *razz*. Hence the noun *razzing*.

· Razzing the office fathead who always comes in and dumps the snow off himself into everyone's rubbers and coats. – L. Zwilling, *A TAD Lexicon*, p.68, 1993: *Los Angeles Examiner*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 26th January **1918**

· I'm not afraid of what the school will say about me. [...] As for the class, I don't owe them any favors. They haven't done anything for me, by jiminy! Nothing but razz me and call me names. All right, they've had their fun. – R.H. Barbour, *Substitute Jimmy*, p.144, **1928**

· One day, four years ago, an RCMP officer made his first visit to an industrial school for delinquent boys. He was hissed, booed and razzed. – *The Evening Citizen*, Ottawa, 29th September **1949**

· If I ever wore a skirt my classmates would ask, 'What are you dressed up for?' Even my gym teacher razzed me. – *The Gazette*, Montreal, 25th September **1975**

· He razzed the players = He teased the players. – S. Beecher, *DoCS*, **1983**

· Do you get any razzing from the rest of your team-mates over your current hot streak? – *www.cambridgeunited.com*, 18th July **2000**

· [O]j, have you lot got nowt better to do than razz me? – *ScoobyNet* forum, 6th January **2006**

· The Liberal leader began election day with a short swim, where he got "razzed in the pool by swim buddies", before enjoying breakfast with his family. – *www.heraldsun.com.au*, 26th November **2006**

· His team-mates went into the match determined to seek retribution for what coach Joey Wright said were "derogatory" comments aimed at Bradshaw. "I expected to be razzed by the crowd but there is a line and they (Breakers) crossed it," Bradshaw said. – *www.stuff.co.nz*, 1st January **2009**

· The act of making it is referred to a blowing a raspberry. If you need a single word-verb for it, the one I hear used occasionally is razzing. The problem with razzing is that over the years it has come to be used more often metaphorically than literally. – *english.stackexchange.com*, 7th November **2011**

· So let's start razzing the dozy twunts that make road law in this country... – *Biker.ie* forum, 22nd December **2011**

2 to fart [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun RASPBERRY TART. Only recorded in the full form.

· "I want to go for a Gerry Riddle and an Edgar Britt," Little Tich whispered, suddenly caught short. "A what?" "A piddle and a shit. I had a Jack the Ripper for breakfast and it's made me raspberry tart." – F. Hardy, *Foolgarah*, p.28, **1971**

· [I]f anyone has a bit too much, an it plays havock with the old **Derby kelly**, just don't go **raspberry tarting** all over the place will ya... co's that'd be a right **fine and drummer**. – *MyMedia-Forum.com*, 20th September **2006**

· Halfway through the party, a somewhat unpleasant odour made itself known. Being the tactful creature I am, I gathered all the fairies, princesses and assorted juniors together and asked them "which one of you lot has just raspberry tarted?" – *b3ta* forum, 31st March **2008**

· Raspberry tart: to fart (break wind). – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

3 to express contempt or derision by sticking the tongue out and blowing, thus making an imitation fart sound [US/UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun *raspberry*, presumably an elliptical form of RASPBERRY TART. Only recorded in the form *raspberry*.

· She raspberries to let us know she's happy. She raspberries to let us know she's mad. [...] Imagine her delight when she discovered that raspberrying while mommy attempts to feed her squash results in amazing flights of orange mush off the spoon and into mommy's hair, face, and lap. – *oreena.typepad.com*, blog 29th April **2004**

· I would suggest 'thbpthbpthbp'. That's my preferred method of raspberrying someone. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 26th March **2007**

· I work with disabled students and today I got raspberried by post-it. – *imgur.com*, 2013

4 to press one's lips against someone's (or one's own) skin and blow, thus producing a fart-like sound and a tickling sensation on the recipient [US]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *raspberry*.

· My aunt Judy punched me in the rib one time because she was giving me a nice hug and I “raspberried” her on the top of her head. She said, “You sure know how to spoil a moment.” – *Debt Consolidation* forum, 15th April 2006

· Justin is raspberriying me on my bed. Being tickled is so much fun. – *www.youtube.com*, 29th July 2007

rat and mouse; rat

noun

1 a house [UK/US]

The short form is given by Sharpe (1938). In American usage, only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· Stick yer “tit fer” on yer “Uncle Ned” and come to the “rat and mouse” for “Tommy Tucker.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, ca 1937

· – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.332, 1938

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Rat and Mouse–house. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April 1941

· The rat and mouse means a house[.] – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, ‘The Brighter Side’, 23rd March 1942

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

· – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.207, 1950

· I left the *rat and mouse* this *gypsy's warning* and ran into my old *China plate* from the *gravy* and he said “What about a *tumble*.” – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, 1953

· – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May 1956

· My *old Dutch* and I, as we sit by our *Jeremiah* in Buckingham Palace, with our *Gawd fer bids* by our side, are especially thinking of you all this Christmas Tide; sitting in your own *rat and mouse*, cluttered round the *Ned Kelly*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, 1979

2 a despicable person; an informer [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *louse*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the colloquial *rat*; therefore, the term only qualifies as rhyming slang when used in full.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

3 house music [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Dundee folks, rat and mouse (house) night tonight at the union, good music, no fuss. – *twitter.com*, 7th March 2013

ratcatcher's daughter

noun

water [UK]

< ‘The Ratcatcher's Daughter’, a serio-comic ballad popular in the 1840s and 1850s, written by Edward Bradley (lyric) and Sam Cowell (music).

· MOTHER AND DAUGHTER. Water. (Origin doubtful, probably English.) This again, if English, is rare. I have never heard anything except *ratcatcher's daughter* (from a popular song of the 1850's), or *didn't ought ter*. – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, pp.46–47, 1946

· As for drinks, pig's ear is the Englishman's usual choice, but there is generally a choice of needle and pin, gay and frisky, [...] or just plain didn't oughter, sometimes known as rat-catcher's daughter! – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May 1956

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, 1960

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

rat race

noun

the face [UK]

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

rats and mice; rats

noun

1 dice; a game of dice [US/UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

· This Rhino Tingley's carrying an eleven-hundred-case roll. Minnie says he got it with the rats and mice. – D. Hammett, *The Dain Curse*, p.30 [1989], 1929

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Dice, Rats and Mice. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

· As though to help us over initial difficulties, the “Manchester Guardian” published on Thursday an up-to-date list of current words and phrases, taken from the pages of “Transition,” an American magazine published in Paris. [...] “Weeping willow” is given for “pillow,” for instance, “Spanish guitar” for “cigar,” “Jackie Horner” for “corner,” and “rats and mice” for “dice.” These have been current in English theatrical circles certainly since I was a youth. – *The Burnley News*, Burnley, England, 21st September 1929

· Come on, boys, “rats and mice,” who pays for the “Joe Skinner” – it won't be more than an “Oxford.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· During the intervals between bouts we used to play dice with them for coppers or sixpences; Rats and Mice the game was called. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.170, 1938

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- For instance, rats to a Cockney means dice[.] – *Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa, Ontario, 18th March **1954**
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.98, **1968**
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, **1969**
- The rats aint running for me tonight. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Rats and Mice–Pair of dice. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

2 rice [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- The short form is confined to British usage.
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, no. XXXIX, **1967**
- – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
- [H]e settled on a portion of rats and mice with a chow style loop the loop. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**

- Served up in curry houses where chicken and 'rats' is much ordered. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 ice (for drinks) [AUSTRALIA]

- Only recorded in the full form.
- [W]orked in a pub...raised a few eyebrows when I used to say "going to get the rats and mice"...(ice)... – *www.facebook.com*, 20th May **2014**
- Put some rats n mice in the Jayden Leskie and have a few colonel Clinks. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

rattle and clank

noun

- a bank [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- He went up the apples and pears, straight down the field of wheat, past the first rat and mouse, across the frog and toad, past the rattle and clank, in and out of the rub-a-dub-dub[.] – *The Late Late Show*, US TV: CBS, 3rd March **2016**

rattle and hiss; rattle

noun

- 1** urine; an act of urination [UK]
- Rhymes on *piss*. The short form is recorded by Ashley (1978).
- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Horn Book*, p.117, **1978**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 ■ on the rattle and hiss; on the rattle engaged in a drinking session [UK]

- Rhymes on *the piss*, used in the phrase *on the piss*.
- [A] night on the 'rattle' is a drinking bout. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

rattle and hiss; rattler siss

verb

- to urinate [US]

Rhymes on *piss*. Both *rattle and hiss* and *rattler siss* are recorded by Pollock (1935). *Rattle and hiss* is also given by Maurer (1944).

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

rattle and hum

noun

semen [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *come* (sometimes spelt *cum*). < *Rattle and Hum*, a 1988 album by Irish rock band U2; also the title of its accompanying rockumentary film.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**
- – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

rattle and jar; rattling jar

noun

a car [US/SOUTH AFRICA]

A descriptive phrase as well as a rhyme. The variant *rattling jar* is given by Flores (1998). In South African usage, only recorded in the form *rattle and jar*.

- Rattle an' jar is a motor car. – D. Ryan, *Angel's Flight*, p.20, **1927**
- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**
- Rattle and jar, that's a car. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May **1929**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Rattle and Jar-car. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· [I]t does not look as if the old rattle-and-jar can hold the road much longer. – D. Runyon, 'Barbecue', short story, in *Collier's* magazine, 2nd August **1941**

· [W]hen he talks of grabbing a "rattle and jar" he means he is going to steal a motor-car[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Rattle and Jar-A car. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

rattle and tank

noun

a bank [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

A nonce word.

· WE ARE CONTACTING YOUR RATTLE AND TANK. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

· [D]o you wish to check your balance at 'ya rattle & tank'? – *Mail on Sunday*, London, 30th August **2009**

rattler's hiss

noun

a kiss [US]

• – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, 1978

rattler siss

noun

▶ see RATTLE AND HISS

rattlesnakes; rattles

noun

the trembling that characterises delirium tremens [UK]

Rhymes on *the shakes*.

• [T]he ‘rattles’ follow the morning after being rattled (drunk). – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

rattling jar

noun

▶ see RATTLE AND JAR

rat trap; rat

noun

a Japanese [UK]

Rhymes on *Jap*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Raul Moat

noun

▶ see RAOUL MOAT

raven nutters

noun

window shutters [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *raven nutter*, the Scots form of *raving nutter* ‘a total lunatic’.

• – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February 2006

Ravi Shankar; Ravi

noun

a golfer who strikes the ball on the inside of the club-face in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [US/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *shanker* and *Shankar*. < Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar (1920–2012). Also occasionally used to refer to the mishit itself.

• And if my friend or anyone else nails a shot off the hosel, he hollers, “Ravi!” as in sitarist Ravi Shankar. – J. Steinbreder, *Club Life*, p.113, 2006

• **Ravi:** A ‘Ravi’ is someone who’s all too familiar with the hosel rocket. – *www.royalandawesome.co.uk*, 8th September 2015

• It’s been a running joke that any time someone hits a shank—they get the Ravi Shankar treatment. – *www.golf-digest.com*, 10th February 2016

• Help #golf my mates are calling me Ravi again (Shan-ka). – *twitter.com*, 25th June 2016

Ravi Shankar; Ravi Shanka; Ravi Shanker; ravi

noun

1 a despicable or obnoxious person [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar (1920–2012). The short form has been recorded in British usage. ▶ see FAN OF RAVI SHANKER

• If I hear any more of this supposed Cockney slang, I’m gonna punch some Ravi Shanka right in the Hale and Pace! – *h2g2* forum, 25th July 1999

• I thought he was a bit of a Ravi. – *alt.support.stop-smoking*, *Google Groups*, 24th April 2000

• I never knew sitar player Ravi Shankar had fathered hot new warbler Norah Jones, winner of four Grammys this week. I remember when he was just a bit of rhyming slang. – *The Sun*, London, 26th February 2003

• Each band has one of the original line-up. And they’re all Ravis. – R. Rankin, *Knees Up*, p.116, 2004

• [S]elf righteous bunch of ravi shankars. – *Digital Spy* forum, 22nd November 2004

• Toolio Iglesias = Rhyming slang for a man who is a bit of a Ravi Shankar. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 28th June 2007

• A right Ravi Shanker if ever there was one. A braying donkey whose every utterance must be ignored. – *Politics.ie* forum, 7th August 2009

• That ref’s a right Ravi Shankar today isn’t he? – *Torquay Fans Forum*, 29th December 2009

• What a ravi shankar you are[!] – *New 606 Sports Forum*, 8th October 2012

2 an anchor [UK]

Scuba diving slang.

• Ravi – (“okay, let go of the Ravi”) = the anchor as in Ravi Shanka. – *Yorkshire Divers – Scuba Community* forum, 13th July 2010

raving iron hoof; raving iron huff; raving iron; raver

noun

a male homosexual given to ostentatious affectation [UK]

Formed on IRON HOOF and IRON HUFF.

• Raving iron (n): Queen[.] – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, 1985

• Look at those couple of raving irons kissing over there! – *UD(.com)*, 24th July 2005

• I wouldn’t be able to control all the raving iron hoofs. – *BC Forums*, 12th June 2006

• Upminster Iron, is that your username as you support West Ham or because you are a raving Iron Hoof? wouldn’t surprise me, half your lot are chutney Ferrets. – *www.thespoiler.co.uk*, blog, 11th August 2008

• P.S. oh and judge is a raving iron huff obviously. – *Cunts Corner* forum, 12th September 2012

• A **raving iron** is a flamboyant homosexual [...] Before 1998 it was sometimes shortened to ‘raver’[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.302, 2015

Rawalpindi; Rawal Pindi*adjective*

windy [UK]

< Rawalpindi, a city in northeastern Pakistan, near Islamabad. The spelling variant *Rawal Pindi* is given by Aylwin (1973).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, 1972
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973

raw and ripe*noun*

a tobacco pipe [US/UK]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Ray Cyrus*noun*

▶ see BILLY RAY CYRUS

Ray Martin*noun*

a carton of twenty-four cans or bottles of beer [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian journalist and TV presenter Ray Martin (b.1944).

- i think next time i will just spend \$30 on a Ray Martin (carton) and invite the boys over and begin a Soarer working bee... – *Soarer Central* forum, 14th October 2005
- Im nipping down to pick up a ray martin, you want in? – *UD(.com)*, 25th September 2006
- So when he said he was going to the rub a dub (pub) for a Ray Martin (carton of beer), you knew he would be planning to go out and pick up a tanned boot (a root). – *writingforright.org*, 29th May 2013

Ray Mears*noun*

beers; a beer [UK]

< English survival expert Ray Mears (b.1964).

- I'm going down the pub for a few Ray Mears. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 14th February 2007
- [G]et me a ray mears while you're there! – *www.forum-womansowndiets.co.uk*, 14th March 2008
- Get the train! That way you can have a few Ray Mears. – *Hob Nob Anyone?* forum, 21st October 2008
- Many happy returns Rich, & treat yourself to a couple of Ray Mears! :) – *OCD-UK* forum, 6th September 2011

Ray Milland; Ray Miland*noun*

1 the hand [AUSTRALIA]

< Ray Milland, the stage name of Welsh actor Reginald Alfred John Truscott-Jones (1905–86). Recorded with the spelling *Ray Milland*.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, 1983

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

- – *www.answerbag.com*, 15th March 2013

2 sand [UK]

Recorded with the spelling *Ray Miland*.

- I had to take my Gloria Gaynors off and then I got Ray Miland in between me Marilyn Monroes, a real pain in the rear to be honest with ya. – *www.worldchamps1966.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd November 2005

Ray Stehr*noun*

beer [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian rugby league player Ray Stehr (1913–83).

- I decided to nip into the **near and far** for a **Ray Stehr**[.]
- E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, 1997
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Coached by rugby league legend Arthur “Pony” Hallway, an Easts side containing some of the game’s then-biggest names in Sid “Joe” Pearce, Dick Dunn and Stehr – whose name was widely adopted as rhyming slang for beer – got the better of their nemesis Souths that afternoon[.] – *wwos.ninemsn.com.au*, 23rd September 2014

razor blade; razor*noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *spade*.

- “Lenny said he saw you. He called you a razor-blade.” “I avoided the fat little pit,” she retorted. “I’m not even tanned now, anyway.” – G.F. Newman, *Sir, You Bastard*, p.225 [1971], 1970
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990
- The racial slur brought a frown to Winston’s face. He recognized the criminal rhyming slang – razor-blade, spade. – P. Cave, *Soldier T*, [2013], 1995
- Or a man could mention that a bunch of razor blades had moved into the next street (razor blades – spades). – S. Webb, *A 1960s East End Childhood*, p.147, 2012

read and write*noun*

1 an escape [UK]

Rhymes on *flight*.

- READ AND WRITE, v. Flight. “He took to *read and write*.” – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

2 a fight [UK]

Although the first unambiguous record of this usage is from 1937, the 1908 quotation supporting the word’s use as a verb could also be taken to illustrate its use as a noun. In that quotation the word occurs both in full and shortened form (*read*).

- When I bottled him he parkered a dud medza; I’ve a good mind to have a read-and-write and poke him in the mince. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.6, ca 1937
- And it only cost a pound to start that read and write–half a bar each I promised Mike and Johnny–and of course, you’ll ’ave to pay their fine. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.24, 1938

· You just came 'ere to see a good 'ol read, didn't you? [...] They went off to read with the Ammonites, old enemies of the Israelites and a nasty bunch, always up for a read-and-write. – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.42/44, **2001**

· Its not quite coals and coke, (broke) but with six saucepan lids, (kids) its a bit of a read and write, (fight) to go on holiday. – *www.tripadvisor.com*, 17th November **2005**

· You been in a read and write? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**
 3 a tobacco pipe [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Shovel (Lord Lovell); pipe (read and write); Pillow (tit willow)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

4 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· One I use going to the loo is I need to go for a read and write! – *HubPages* forum, 4th July **2009**

· I'm going for a read and write. – *Not606* forum, 10th September **2013**

read and write; read

verb

1 to fight [UK/US]

The short form is exclusively British. In the 1908 quotation the context – or rather the lack of it – makes it impossible to determine if the word is used as a noun, a verb or both.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Ordinary vernacular might almost as well be used for “Left and Right” or “Read and Write,” meaning “fight.” But simply “Left” or “Read” would be understood only of the people up in this patter. – M. Cobbett, *Sporting Notions*, p.207, **1908**

· [T]wo men in the four-ale bar commence ‘reading and writing,’ and he helps the landlord to bundle them through the ‘rory’. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, **1944**

· [B]y now everyone was truly ‘elephants’ and began to ‘read and write’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.72, **1973**

· [‘]So if you think you're tough, prove it. Find some fella to read with me.' [...] Who on earth could they find to read-and-write with this bloomin' massive geezer. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.39, **2001**

· Stop that read and writing. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

2 to take flight [US]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· The slang in use among criminals is for the most part a conscious, artificial growth, designed more to confuse outsiders than for any other purpose, but sometimes it is singularly expressive; for instance, *two-time loser*—one who has been convicted twice; and the older *gone to read and write*—found it advisable to go away for a while.

– D. Hammett, ‘From the Memoirs of a Private Detective’, *The Smart Set* magazine, US, March **1923**

· The mistake you made was in picking a sap like Goose-neck to do the turn – a sap who went on a killing spree and then lost his nerve. Going to read and write just because three or four witnesses put the finger on him! And only going as far as Mexicali! – D. Hammett, ‘The Golden Horseshoe’, in *The Continental Op*, p.70 (2004), **1924**

reader and writer

noun

a prizefighter [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Fighter, Reader and Writer. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.190, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I was going to the auditorium to see the “reader and writers” with a couple of “heap of cokes “from Frisco.” – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June **1966**

Ready, Steady Go; ready, steady

noun

a chamber pot [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *po*. < *Ready Steady Go!*, a pop music programme which ran on ITV from 1963 to 1966.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Real Madrid; real

noun

1 one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. < Real Madrid, a football club based in Madrid, Spain. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th December **2003**

· [G]ot a fine went to fish tank to get a pony out only to find i only had a real madrid[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th December **2006**

2 a lid [UK]

Also used idiomatically in the phrase *keep a real on it* ‘to keep something secret’.

· “i’ve got a secret but don’t tell no one mate, alright, keep a real on it” “two cups of tea to take away love, nice one, can you stick a couple of real madrid’s on the top please love, don’t wanna get tea all over me white van”. – *UD(.com)*, 11th May **2004**

Real Slim Shady

noun

in bingo, the number eighty [UK]

A perfect rhyme depending on the pronunciation of the intervocalic /d/ and /t/ as a voiced flap. < ‘The

Real Slim Shady', a song written by Eminem, Dr Dre and Tommy Coster for Eminem's album *The Marshall Mathers LP* (2000). Always with the indefinite article: *the Real Slim Shady*. ▶ see SLIM SHADY

- – www.northamptonchron.co.uk, 6th May 2003
- – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June 2004
- – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October 2013

rear ender

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *bender*. An obvious pun. < *rear ender* 'a rear-end vehicle collision'.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

reason why

noun

a tie (a necktie) [UK]

The trick of rhyming slang is to say not what you mean but something that rhymes with what you mean. [...] *Tie* becomes *reason why*, *hat* is *tit for tat*, *feet* changes to *plates of meat*, *wife* is appropriately *trouble and strife*. – W. Price, *Roaming Britain*, p.197, 1958

Rebecca

nickname

Luas, Dublin's light railway system; a Luas tram

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *Luas* (< Irish *luas* 'speed') and *Loos*. < Spanish-born Dutch 'kiss-and-tell' celebrity Rebecca Loos (b.1977). ▶ see CARL LEWIS, CECIL DAY, C.S., DANIEL DAY, HUEY LEWIS and JERRY LEE LUAS

- I love the Luas or, as we've taken to calling it in our house, the Danny Day. A friend insists on calling it the Rebecca but I think that kind of lowers the tone. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 7th July 2004
- When the Luas was first introduced, Dubliners weren't long about giving it a new celebrity nickname and so thanks to someone's ingenious play on words, it became known among many teens as the 'Rebecca' or the 'Daniel Day'. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 8th July 2007

red devil

noun

1 in the building trade, a spirit level [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 a level (a position on a scale of quality, quantity, etc.) [UK]

· So no Chinese is allowed ter commen' on da red devil (level) ov my English!! – *Chinadaily* forum, 19th July 2004

red hot

noun

a glass of beer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pot*, which in certain parts of Australia refers to a beer glass that holds 285ml.

- Stick yer onkas in yer sky-rocket, grab some rifle-range and get a couple of red-hots – it's your Wally Grout! – L. Johansen, *DD*, p.508, 1988

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – www.businessballs.com, accessed 10th February 2009

red hot cinder

noun

a window [US]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *window* as *winder*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

red hot cinders

noun

spectacles [US]

Rhymes on the American slang *windows*, colloquially pronounced *winders*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

red hots; redders

noun

1 harness racing [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the trots*. The word is tainted with negative connotations that associate it with race fixing and corruption. The form *redders* is given by Wallish (1989).

· Trotting was for halfbreeds—what Australians, I was informed, irreverently call the “Red Hots”—and hence suspect as a sporting proposition. – H.E. Stearns, *The Street I Know*, p.346, 1935

· Then “the trots” were aptly described by the cognoscenti as “the red hots”. – J. Holledge, *The Great Australian Gamble*, p.116, 1966

· Punters referred to the trots as “the red hots”, a nickname that embodied more than mere rhyming slang. – *The Canberra Times*, 7th September 1968

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984

· I won a lot of money at the red-hots last night. – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, 1989

· Once known as the “red hots”, trotting and pacing has been riddled with accusations of corruption as well as declining attendances in recent years. – *The Sports Factor*, Australian radio: ABC Radio National, 11th February 2000

· We are off the red hots to have a punt or two. – K.P. Rowe, *WAI*, 2005

2 diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the trots*. Only evidenced in the full form. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the red hots* ‘to make someone angry or annoyed’.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· I've had a bad case of the red-hots since eating that stuff! – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· [N]ever had any probs with susp. althought sustenon “questionable” gave me the red hots... for 4 days. – *Steroidology* forum, 5th May 2003

· I have a touch of the red hots (the trots). – K.P. Rowe, *WAI*, 2005

· [H]is later period work is starting to give me the red hots. – *Melbourne Victory* forum, 28th January 2010

· And a delayed flight and a night in Sydney, a missed massage, a minor dose of the ‘red-hots’, and the attack of the killer fleas could not diminish the simple pleasures of being on holiday[.] – *reddyneddy.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th October 2012

red ‘n’ yella

noun

umbrella [UK]

Based on a colloquial rendition of *red and yellow*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th June 2001

· It looks like rain, so we should take the red ‘n’ yella. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O’ The Day*, p.44, 2008

· He kicked at a barrel filled with umbrellas, and they clinked and shuffled against one another. “Hoy!” shouted a checkered-vested clerk no older than Collin. “Don’t touch the merchandise, my young friend. This ain’t no red ‘n’ yella sample shop.” – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

· Whitt that much rain mate you will be needing a Red ‘n’ Yella. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 16th March 2012

red raw

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-four [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, 2002

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July 2003

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], 2010

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

red reels of cotton; red reels

adjective

▶ see REELS OF COTTON

Red Rom

noun

a large sum of money [UK]

Rhymes on *bomb*. < Red Rom, the nickname of Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich (b.1966).

· I thought, blimey, this going to cost a Red Rom (bomb) and I’m on the Joe Cole (dole). – *The Sun*, London, 1st September 2003

red rubies; red, red rubies; reds; red reds

noun

a woman’s breasts [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *boobies*.

· “Hey, Red, Reds!” – when you see a nice pair! – *CRS (co.uk)*, 10th February 2005

· One look at ‘er red rubies an’ me Hampton is Marquis de Sade. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· **red red rubies** very precious boobies. – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006

· I’m sure you’ll be Christian Zieger to show me ya Red Rubies and suck my Blackpool Rock. – *Hijack/Bristol Music Culture* forum, 18th January 2009

· “That the bird with the hooters?” “Red, red rubies.” Fordy loved rhyming slang. “Nah mate”. – *Massive*, Massey University’s student magazine, New Zealand, October 2012

· “Can you describe these people for me?” “Well, one of them had a right fine pair of reds.” – *The Librarians*, US TV: TNT, 21st December 2014

red rum

adjective

unable or unwilling to speak [UK]

Rhymes on *dumb*. < Red Rum, a champion racehorse (1965–95).

· Why didn’t you say something, you’re not Red Rum are you? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

red steer

noun

beer [US/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· Beer can also be called *Crimea*, *far an’ near*, *Oh, my dear!*, *never fear*, *red steer*, etc. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, 1981

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July 1982

red, white and blue

noun

a shoe [UK]

< *red, white and blue*, the colours of many national flags, but here, probably, of the British Union flag.

· It might even be Mr Douglas Hayward, that well-known purveyor of whistles, Peckhams and Dickies to well-off ice creams. (He even has a nice line in red, white and blues.) – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

reeler

noun

a policeman [UK]

A slang rhyme on *peeler*.

· A reeler came to the cell and cross-kiddled (questioned) me[.] – J.S Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1903: J.W. Horsley, *Macmillan’s Magazine*, p.502, October 1879

reeling and rocking; reeling

noun

a stocking (a woman’s garment) [UK]

< ‘Reelin’ and rockin’”, a 1958 rock and roll song by Chuck Berry.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [A]n East End villain walked into the lavatory of a local pub and was stopped in his tracks by the sight of a

performing drag act putting on a ‘reeling’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

reels of cotton; red reels of cotton; reels of; reels; red reels

adjective

1 rotten [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Used as a synonym of *rotten* in all its senses: ‘putrid; horrible; very bad or unpleasant; unsatisfactory; drunk’. In Australian usage, only recorded in the form *reels of cotton*.

· “I’m feeling reels,” he began. “That means I’m feeling rotten. Get it? Reels is the first word of ‘reels-of-cotton’ which is a phrase that rhymes with rotten.” – *Lebanon Daily News*, Lebanon, PA, 24th May 1957

· ‘is plates pen and ink. ’Is almonds must be reels. [...] ’is plates o’ meat pen and ink. ’Is almond rocks must be reels of cotton. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.12, 1969

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.36, 1979

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, 1983

· The job was OK once but since they stopped the overtime it’s all gone reels of cotton. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Now it’s all gone reels. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Red reels of cotton, or red reels, meant rotten. [...] Even though that bird with the syrup has a red reels boat race, she does have great Scotch eggs and I’d like to take her for a Donald. [...] It was a horrible, red reels debut and everyone knew it. – C. Jericho, *A Lion’s Tale*, pp.160/316 [2008], 2007

· Actually the proper cockney rhyming slang for things going wrong is not “pete tong” its “reels of cotton” its gone rotten! – *CCR Explorers* forum, 21st June 2012

· Have you washed that shirt? It’s reels of. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.369, 2015

2 (of a greyhound or horse-racing bettor) having no money to wager [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *rotten*. Only recorded in the forms *reels of cotton* and *reels*.

· Don’t bet with him, he’s reels. – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, 1989

Reet Petites

noun

the feet [IRELAND]

A regularised plural of the unrecorded form *Reet Petite*, rhyming with *feet*. < ‘Reet Petite (The Sweetest Girl in Town)’, a 1957 song by Jackie Wilson, written by Berry Gordy, Jr and Tyran Carlo.

· I’ve got the old Reet Petites firmly under the table there, by the way. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *NAMA Mia!*, p.262, 2011

· Aida’s a lot faster on her Reet Petites than I would have given her credit for. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Shelbourne*, p.329, 2012

Reg Date

noun

a plate [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian footballer Reg Date (1921–95).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Reg Empey; Sir Reg Empey; reg

adjective

empty [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Belfast-born politician Sir Reg Empey (b.1947), former leader of the Ulster Unionist Party (2005–10). For Ulster Scots speakers, this word may be pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *empy*, the Ulster Scots form of *empty*.

· And of course referring to somewhere the numbers fall far short of capacity as ‘Reg Empey’. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August 2010

· [W]hy is this page Sir Reg Empey? – *www.facebook.com*, 16th June 2011

· Glory, we’re making a stop at a filling station because your petrol looks pretty reg there. Reg Empey, empty. – *vine.co*, 26th July 2016

Regent’s Park

noun

a playful adventure; a harmless prank [UK]

Rhymes on *lark*. < Regent’s Park, one of the Royal Parks of London.

· “Bushy Park” for “lark” I have seldom heard. “Regent’s Park,” “after dark,” and “beano” are all preferable, at least in more frequent use. – *The London Figaro*, 26th November 1898

Reggie

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *harris*, an alteration of *aris* (the short version of ARISTOTLE) and *Harris*. < Reggie Harris, a familiar form of the name of English sprint cyclist Reginald Hargreaves Harris (1920–92); he was commonly known as Reg Harris.

· “Now ’ere’s a good one,” said Sammy, hardly able to eat for the joy of rabbiting, “your khyber can also be your reggie. Reggie Harris – remember him, the professional cycling champion? Harris – aris. Aristotle – bottle. Bottle and glass – arse. Simple, innit?” – G. Williams and T. Venables, *Play on Grass*, p.140, 1971

· You could start looking for some geezer with his reggie in bandages. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Solomon*, p.162 [1976], 1974

Reggie Blinker; Reggi Blinker

noun

▶ see REGI BLINKER

Reggie Kray

noun

a tray [UK]

< Reggie Kray, London gangster Reginald Kray (1933–2000), who terrorised the East End of London with his twin Ronnie in the 1950s and 1960s.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008

Reggie Varney*adjective*

Pakistani [UK]

< English actor Reg Varney (1916–2008). ▶ see REG VARNEY

- – Do these UK citizens he's speaking about self-identify as "Pakistani"? – IME lads from a Reggie Varney background are split about 50/50 as identifying as Pakistani. – *Urban75* forum, 8th January 2011

Reg Grundies; Reginald Grundies; reginals; reggies*noun*

underpants [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *undies*. < Australian television producer Reginald 'Reg' Grundy (1923–2016). In New Zealand English, only recorded in the form *Reg Grundies*. ▶ see GRUNDIES

- **reg grundies, reginals** (rhyming slang) undies; underpants. – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

• [M]y idea of a good wedgie was to make sure that i lifted them clean off the ground by the reg grundies and jerk them up and down.... – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 1st August 1995

• Ask any mallee root spreading her ginger meggs to get a merkin sailor to drop his reg grundies. – *fl.life.in-japan*, *Google Groups*, 25th May 2002

• Well, not quite a nude run, but did strip down to my reggies for running with the bulls at a rodeo in Canada a couple weeks back. – *Australian INfront* forum, 20th August 2007

• You know it's funny – I used to go around with several pairs of jeans that the crotch had disintegrated out of, and no reginald grundies, letting my knackers flap about in the breeze to the amusement and horror of my mates. – *Netrider* forum, 26th June 2008

• I'm a chauvinistic pig who has been known to change women more frequently than my reggies[.] – *RealSurf Surfers' Forum*, 20th January 2009

• [A] player's wife got photographed with her Reg Grundies showing when she was walking the red carpet[.] – *Courier Mail*, Brisbane, Queensland, 9th February 2009

• Reginalds (Reg Grundies) – undies (underwear). – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009

• Fortunately for me as I adjusted my Reg Grundies with my Onkaparingas, I saw a Norman Von Nida which turned out to be quite a Victor Trumper. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

• **reg grundies** noun UNDIES (rhyming slang)[.] – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

• Everyone's got a pair of Reg Grundies[.] – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May 2016

Regi Blinker; Regie Blinker; Reggie Blinker; Reggi Blinker; regi*noun*

1 in sports and entertainment, a very poor performance [UK]

Rhymes on *stinker*. < Dutch footballer Reginald 'Regi' Waldi Blinker (b.1969), who played for Glasgow Celtic FC from 1997 to 2000.

- Wright explained: "We trained this morning and the banter was great. I had some good banter with Regi Blinker, because he missed a penalty to win at five-a-sides. It was just natural, I said 'You've had a Regi, Regi!'" cried Wright. He added: "I just kept laughing. That's what everyone says down in England, 'Oh I had a Regi Blinker'." – *Daily Mirror*, London, 29th October 1999

• Cockney rhyming slang is not overly used in the east end of Glasgow, but Blinker has now passed into local folklore thanks to the unwitting confession of erstwhile colleague, Ian Wright, who revealed that it had become common parlance in dressing room circles to describe under-performing players as: "Having a Regi – Regi Blinker, stinker." – *The Times*, London, 24th April 2000

• Man I am having a regi blinker. – *PESFan* forum, 18th June 2003

• Former Old Firm players Kai Johansson (e.g. 'Up the Kai, Kai Johansson, dancin') and Regi Blinker ('having a Regi', Regi Blinker, stinker) still get a mention today. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 16th September 2005

• [Y]ou'll only get abuse if you have a reggi blinker in a real game. – *twitter.com*, 22nd July 2010

• Just seen a couple of replays of Andy Carroll's miss. He's had an absolute Regi Blinker. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 14th April 2012

• Tiger woods is havin a reggie blinker. – *twitter.com*, 29th September 2012

• The game ended up 4–0 and it was in some way at fault for every goal. It was the mother of all Reggie Blinksers, so bad in fact that I couldn't even go back through it in my own head afterwards. – C. Carlisle, *You Don't Know Me, But...*, p.99, 2013

• A bit concerned that the new Courteeners album might be a bit of a "Reggie Blinker" – one listen and uninspired! – *twitter.com*, 11th February 2013

• Milon having a reggie blinker...why on earth is he bowling? – *twitter.com*, 15th February 2013

2 a bad or unpleasant person or thing; an unsatisfactory experience; a faulty performance; a very bad day [UK]
Rhymes on *stinker*. No evidence of use in the short form.

• Absolute Reggie Blinker of a site, they're crowding round my PC watching Lost. – *gaadiscussionboard.yuku.com*, forum, 16th October 2006

• Had a Reggie Blinker of a day today. Hot dinner, hot bath and an early night are in order. – *twitter.com*, 20th September 2010

• [H]ad a reggie blinker on the #lager today. – *twitter.com*, 1st April 2012

• Laptop is having a Reggi blinker here. Not happy. – *twitter.com*, 13th August 2012

• I like some of his work but he's also designed some right reggie blinksers. – *PomsInOz* forum, 6th March 2015

· [I]n a regi blinker of a mood this morning. – *twitter.com*, 28th April **2016**

· [Y]ou pack of Regie Blinkers. – *twitter.com*, 13th August **2016**

3 something that smells very bad [UK: SCOTLAND]
Rhymes on *stinker*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· In bed last night with the bird and let a regi blinker of a fart go and the smell was Alex Totten. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 3rd May **2009**

· Re: Player booked for farting in referees face. – He had a Reggie blinker then. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 16th January **2013**

regina

noun

the vagina [AUSTRALIA/CANADA/UK/US/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

A euphemistic slang rhyme. < *Regina*, the title of a reigning queen, a girl's given name and the name of the capital city of Saskatchewan, Canada; ultimately from the Latin *regina* 'queen'.

· There were, more than forty words used by children for a vagina, among them 'tooty', 'jobby-wee', 'muffin', 'scooter', 'Virginia', 'Regina', 'Gina' and 'pinky'. – R. Goldman and J. Goldman, *Show Me Yours!*, p.xx, **1988**

· He points at a woman 2 shower nozzles away. In his best stage whisper, he says, "Mom! Her regina's gettin' away!" I look to where he's pointing. The woman is, indeed, wearing half her moneymaker outside her bathing suit. Do I shush him, tell him not to be rude? – *fromanywheretoanyone.blogspot.com*, blog, 9th October **2008**

· [S]he might be offended if you said you loved to eat her "Regina"? – *Plenty of Fish* forum, 4th November **2008**

· [T]op vagina nicknames – dick hole. Regina. – *IGN* forum, 21st July **2010**

· – [T]he one on the tap gets so excited he commits suicide. – [Y]eah! because he couldn't take the side of her regina! – *www.youtube.com*, **2011**

· If you had a vagina, what would you call it? – Regina. – *Boards.ie* forum, 25th March **2011**

· I loved Kelly freaking out "I saw her regina!". – *Gossip Rocks* forum, 20th May **2011**

Reginald Benny

noun

one hundred pounds [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *cenny*.
· – *Bushcraftliving.com* forum, 1st June **2009**

Reginald Denny

noun

a penny [UK]

< Reginald Denny, the stage name of English actor Reginald Leigh Dugmore (1891–1967).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Reginald Grundies; reginalds

noun

▶ see REG GRUNDIES

Reg Varney; reg; Reggie

noun

1 a sandwich [UK]

Rhymes on *sarnie*. < English actor Reg Varney (1916–2008). Used in full or reduced to *reg*.

· Oi, get us a Bacon Reg. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd November **2002**

· Just had a subway, Beef and Cheese Reg Varney for my breakfast[.] – *Recreational Groups* forum, 8th October **2006**

· [W]e adopted his name for a Sarnie at Uni... "going for a Reg Varney" will never be the same again. – *Sheffield Forum*, 16th November **2008**

· A cheese and pickle Reg, please! – *Sheffield Forum*, 19th November **2008**

· Fancy a quick Reg Varney?!! – *twitter.com*, 15th October **2015**

2 a Pakistani [UK]

▶ see REGGIE VARNEY

· Martin's new bird's a Reg. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

· The curry haaas must be aufentic wiv good grub, the place is full of regies. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April **2007**

· Charity record being recorded for the Reg Varneys. – *Leeds Service Crew* forum, 3rd August **2010**

· A chippy in the east end would be run by Reg Varneys. – *www.youtube.com*, March **2016**

3 a quarrel or row [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *barney*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Creambo briefly looks at me with a betrayed pout, but fair play, he's certainly going for the Queen's Industry Award, as he marches right intae the heart ay the Reg Varney. Ah cautiously follow, and all hell's breaking loose[.] – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.332, **2012**

reindeers

noun

the ears [us]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

Ren and Stimpy

nickname

Wimpy, a British-owned chain of fast-food restaurants

< Ren and Stimpy, two animated cartoon characters created by Canadian artist John Kricfalusi; they first appeared on Nickelodeon's *The Ren & Stimpy Show* in 1991.

· Any bin lid, given the fucking choice, is going to piss off down the parade and visit the local Ren and Stimpy or a local Colonel Gadaffi and stuff em' self full of Jimmy White, which is only fit for the nearest Ille Nastase. – *free.uk.internet.isp.blueyonder.poor-service*, *Google Groups*, 15th October **2006**

Republic of Mali*noun*

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < Republic of Mali, the formal name of Mali, a landlocked country in west Africa.

· – M. Haskins, *Drugs*, p.272, **2003**

Restharrow Cabernet Sauvignon Grape; Cabernet Sauvignon Grape; Cabernet*nickname*

Restharrow Scrape, a shallow man-made wetland and bird observatory in Sandwich Bay, Kent, in the south-east of England

< *Cabernet Sauvignon* ‘a red-wine-producing grape variety originally grown in the Bordeaux region of France’. Birdwatchers’ slang.

· After yesterday’s excitement at Restharrow Cabernet Sauvignon Grape, this morning was comparatively quiet. [...] It was a bit quiet at the Cabernet Sauvignon Grape today with a very Harry & Billy wind blowing. [...] Another good morning at the Cabernet despite the reeds higher than a pachyderm’s eye. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 23rd April, 9th May, 26th June **2014**

Reverend Ronald Knox; Reverend Knox; the reverend ronald; the reverend; the right reverend*noun*

syphilis [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < Reverend Ronald Knox (1888–1957), English priest and writer of detective fiction. The full form *Reverend Ronald Knox* is recorded in the three sources cited below. Each of these sources in turn has one or more other forms: *Reverend Knox* (*www.sex-lexis.com*, 2012), *the reverend ronald* (Puxley 1992), *the reverend* (Partridge 1984), *the right reverend* (Partridge 1984; Puxley 1992).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *www.sex-lexis.com*, **2012**

Rex Hunt; rex*noun*

1 a despicable person [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Australian Rules footballer-turned-celebrity fisherman Rex Hunt (b.1949). According to the available evidence, the elliptical form *rex* is confined to Australian usage; it is first recorded in 2003.

· “You bloody Rex Hunt” said I, as my missus laughed at me. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· He is a right Rex Hunt, that guy. – *FishingMagic* forum, 12th November **2004**

· What a Rex Hunt. – *timblair.net*, blog, 20th November **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [M]eanwhile, isn’t bob carr making a rex of himself. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 10th April **2014**

· And so I said to John Wilson here is some cockney slang for you old boy, you’re a right Rex Hunt! – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd May **2014**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Rex Hunt of (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin or spoil’. Only recorded in the full form.

· I look forward to them making a rex hunt of it. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 19th June **2009**

· Made a right Rex Hunt o his Skol Cup Prediction. – *HibeesBounce* forum, 27th September **2009**

· [M]any a sheriff makes a rex hunt of it and this wan clearly did and such silly decisions are easily overturned. – *www.scotzine.com*, 24th April **2011**

· That’s what I did, and made a right Rex hunt of my answer. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 12th October **2012**

· What a Rex hunt of a day, worst on this swing by a country mile. – *twitter.com*, 16th December **2015**

Rex Mossop; rex*noun*

gossip [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian dual code rugby international and sports commentator Rex Mossop (1928–2011).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· What’s the latest Rex, love? – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2001**

· So I’d better fire up and get cranky every time I hear “Rex Mossop” being used as slang for “gossip”. – *ABC Online* forum, 8th February **2005**

· Back soon with fresh Rex Mossop (gossip, get it Pricely?). – *ballstofeet.blogspot.com*, blog, 23rd March **2009**

Rhodes scholar*noun*

five shillings in pre-decimal currency; after the introduction of decimalisation in 1966, one dollar [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dollar*.

· Even our sadly deflated currency is not immune. Here we have the “John Dillon” and two outstanding corrupted corruptions in “hammer and tack,” for “zac” (6d.), and “Rhodes scholar,” for “dollar” (5/). – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· You want a couple of Aristotles, so you dive into the sky rocket and off goes a Rhodes Scholar. – *The News*, Adelaide, 11th July **1952**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

Rhona Martin*noun*

farting [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *fartin*. < Scottish curler Rhona Martin (b.1966). Also used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

- [H]ad an andy murry last night but i have been rhona martin all day. – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**
- I can't stop Rhona Martin... – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

rhubarb*noun*

- 1 an advance of wages, a loan [UK]
 - Relies on the dialect pronunciation of *rhubarb* as *roobub*, with the second syllable rhyming on *sub*.
 - F.C. Bowen, *Sea Slang*, **1929**
 - J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 2 a membership subscription [UK]
 - Relies on the dialect pronunciation of *rhubarb* as *roobub*, with the second syllable rhyming on *sub*.
 - R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

rhubarb and custard; rhubub*noun*

- mustard [UK]
 - *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th December **2006**
 - Pork pie for lunch? Steak for dinner? OK, pass the 'rhubub'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

rhubarb crumble; rhubarb*verb*

- to grumble [UK]
 - You mustn't Rhubarb. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th December **2003**
 - Come on, Bill, you mustn't Rhubarb. You can't get mad over our occasional Flight Lieutenant Biggles. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January **2009**
 - Don't rhubarb, put a pony in yer sky an get yer billy on. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

rhubarb pill; rhubarb*noun*

- 1 a hill [UK]
 - < *rhubarb pill* 'a type of laxative containing rhubarb'.
 - Both *rhubarb pill* and *rhubarb* are first recorded by an anonymous author in 1941.
 - Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
 - R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, **1979**
 - *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
 - There's a crackin' view from the rhubarb pill! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**
- 2 a bill (an account) [UK]
 - The short form is first recorded by Aylwin (1973).
 - J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCRS*, **1972**
 - B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, **1973**
 - But if you're **hearts of oak** (broke), don't expect a bill collector to have a heart of gold when he gives you the **rhubarb pill** (a bill for payment). – *New Straits Times*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 21st November **1989**
 - No no, it's my rhubarb; I insist on paying. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**
 - *Customer*: Got the rhubarb please? *Waiter*: There's no rhubarb on, sir. *Customer*: No rhubarb? *Waiter*: No sir,

no rhubarb. *Customer*: Lovely, lovely! – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

- Cheese (12), let's have the Rhubarb Pill (21). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

rhubarbs*noun*

- the suburbs [US/UK]
 - A slang rhyme. Relies on the common dialect pronunciation of *rhubarbs* as *roobubs*, with the second syllable rhyming on the slang *subs*. Possibly also punning on *the sticks*. Franklyn's claim that the word had been 'adopted in the U.S.A.' is unsupported by evidence. The American *rhubarbs* 'suburbs' dates back at least to the 1850s, while in Britain there is no record of the word until 1960.
 - It is without foundation, that Mrs. Oscar Shanghae was seen promenading on the Rhubarbs (suburbs), of the city, in company with 'the man who was stung with the Bumblebee'—as it has been contradicted at No.2, Dey street. – *Bizarre: An Original, Literary Gazette*, Philadelphia, 22nd April **1854**
 - I had walked but a few hundred yards beyond the "rhubarbs" of the town when I heard a strange noise[.] – G. Rose, *The Great Country*, p.348, **1868**
 - What do you suppose would happen if we were to print the fact that on a certain evening, in the dark of the moon, we saw a prominent married man sashaying about in the "rhubarbs" of the town with another man's wife? – *The Washington Post*, 7th April **1907**
 - "This station," said J. Andy White, who, by the way, hails from Crestwood, N.Y., one of the rhubarbs of Bronxville, "is WDY." – *The Evening World*, New York, 6th February **1922**
 - J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 - R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Rhymes-With**
 - nickname*
 - used as a mischievous substitute for, or adjunct to, a surname rhyming on *cunt* [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]
 - James "Rhymes With" Blunt is not a happy bunny. – *ilXor.com* forum, 25th May **2006**
 - The Daily Comment can reveal today that posh Labour Candidate Tristram Rhymes-With doesn't think ordinary people in outer London should have the same say as inner London folk on the running of THEIR city. – *iaindale.blogspot.com*, 22nd April **2008**
 - In an emergency debate at the house of commons, Culture Secretary Jeremy 'Rhymes With' Hunt told fellow MPs, "Albarn must be stopped.["] – *Viz* comic, October **2012**
 - Awesome, it seems Mike "Rhymes with Hunt" is a true internet progressive. – *MyGaming.co.za* forum, 1st October **2012**
 - In the New Avengers, he played the avuncular suave Svengali to Mike Gambit, played by Gareth "rhymes

with” Hunt. – *rec.arts.drwho*, *Google Groups*, 27th February 2015

· I think Jeremy Rhymes-With thinks we will just fall for the headline and assume the doctors are greedy. – *www.theguardian.com*, 4th November 2015

rhyming May Pang; rhyming may

noun

rhyming slang [UK]

< May Pang (born Fung Yee, 1950), John Lennon’s girlfriend during the ‘lost weekend’, an eighteenth-month period between 1973 and 1975, when Lennon and Yoko Ono were separated. Pang was originally Lennon and Ono’s personal assistant.

· Whilst being biggest on the old rhyming May (May Pang = slang), for ‘underpants’ Cockneys use the term ‘beetles’ (beetles and ants). – *bristlingbadger.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th January 2005

rhyming Michael Chang; rhyming Micheal Chang

noun

rhyming slang [UK]

Formed on MICHAEL CHANG. ▶ see DAVID HOCKNEY

· Cockney awer “Cockney Rhymin’ Micheal Chang” is a Micheal Chang language spoken in London. – *Piston-Heads* forum, 2nd August 2003

· David ‘ockney rhymin’ Micheal Chang. – *British Expats* forum, 2nd February 2004

· [D]is is ‘ow yew speak proper english wiv da use ov David ‘ockney rhymin’ Micheal Chang. – *Aircraft of World War II – Warbird Forum*, 24th March 2004

· The time has come to create a group for rhyming michael chang... – *profileengine.com*, accessed 7th July 2015

rhyming slang; Cockney rhyming slang

noun

used as a euphemistic substitute for any taboo word specifically implied by its rhyme [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· WAP is still cockney rhyming slang and no-one has discovered anything useful to do with GPRS phones, which have faster internet access. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 12th March 2002

· Not only was their more talent then Johnny Young Talent Time but there was plenty of rhyming slang (New York Cities!)[.] – *Hoops.com.au* forum, 24th December 2005

· @GeneHunt Hello Gene I thought you were a right rhyming slang when you never spoke to me AFTER I voted for U Talk to me. – *twitter.com*, 16th December 2013

· I’ve heard (and read) of our esteemed Health Minister being described as a right *steaming rhyming-slang*. – *thylacosmilus.blogspot.com*, blog, 2nd February 2015

Rhyming Slang; Mr Rhyming Slang

nickname

used to express contempt as a substitute for, or adjunct to, a surname rhyming on a vulgarity or term of abuse

(for example, *cunt*, *shit*, *wanker* or the Scots *pish*) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Famously applied to English pop singer James Blunt (b.1974), Scottish footballer Colin Nish (b.1981), English politician Jeremy Hunt (b.1966) and Australian politician Greg Hunt (b.1965). The expression *Rhyming Slang* is also used on its own as a nickname for both Colin Nish and Jeremy Hunt. ▶ see JAMES CUCKING FUNT, JAMES CUNT, MINISTER FOR RHYMING SLANG and SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RHYMING SLANG

· The man who’s appeared for the AJC against the Waterhouses on almost every occasion is a bloke named Stitt ... Bob Stitt QC, or, as he’s known in the legal world and outside, Rhyming Slang QC. [...] Well, perhaps Mr Rhyming Slang could tell us what is enough. – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 13th September 1997

· Gareth Rhyming-slang. – *ScoobyNet* forum, 9th January 2005

· Mr Rhyming slang himself... James Blunt. – *Empire* forum 29th May 2007

· James Rhyming-Slang’s appalling You’re Beautiful really DOES have to go down as the most irritating song of all time. – *The Sun*, London, 26th June 2007

· Gotta admit I quite like the melody 1973 by Mr Rhyming slang. – *b3ta* forum, 12th September 2008

· Well na na ne nah nah to you all cos I’ve voted, and I have to say, this collection has some of the best (ELO) and worst (fucking Paul Anka, Mr Rhyming Slang himself...God help us) of the year in one neat package. – *fadesinslowly.blogspot.com*, blog, 19th September 2008

· Topic: Nish The dirty fouling bassa – I thought that “Rhyming Slang” was lucky not to get a yellow card for persistent fouling - or for the assault on Kello. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th October 2008

· Yep, Mr Rhyming Slang himself, Carmichael Hunt, has now got it confirmed. – *RedVee.Net* forum, 11th June 2009

· justinh still remembers those ads with Mr Rhyming Slang (Gareth Hunt). – *irc.mythtv.org/ircLog*, 18th December 2009

· New Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt has impressed staff by getting rid of his ministerial car [...]. And to think before his elevation he was known to civil servants simply as ‘Rhyming Slang’. – *News of the World*, London, 23rd May 2010

· Mr Hunt, allegedly known as “rhyming slang” by his detractors within the civil service, laughed off the gaffe[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 7th December 2010

· Asked to assess Jeremy Rhyming-Slang’s performance so far, an FA stalwart told me: “One of the best things about Hunt is that he’s not Ivan Lewis.” – *The Independent*, London, 8th December 2010

· [J]ust seen that james rhyming slang has quit music. – *www.dailyedge.ie*, 1st November 2012

· Re: Delahunt, “Rangers wouldn’t dare take their 40% would they?” Mr Rhyming Slang does talk some shite. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 4th December 2012

· I must say Colin Rhyming Slang had a good game today, winning a fair number of aerial balls and having some neat touches as well as scoring. – *jackdeighton.co.uk*, 12th January **2014**

· Greg Rhyming Slang Hunt's definition of "extreme left": non-coal heirs/miners. – *twitter.com*, 3rd August **2014**

· Even Greg rhyming slang could allow himself to giggle. – *www.facebook.com*, 30th August **2015**

· The retention of the malignant incompetent, 'Rhyming Slang' Hunt in the Ministry Against the Environment is a very, very, very, bad sign. – *thenewdaily.com.au*, 21st September **2015**

· What a silly Jeremy 'Rhyming Slang' he is! – *twitter.com*, 4th October **2016**

Rhys Flint

adjective

penniless [UK]

· Rhymes on *skint*. < Welsh jockey Rhys Flint (b.1991).
· – *Betfair Community* forum, 29th July **2010**

rhythm and blues; rhythms

noun

shoes [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

< *rhythm and blues* 'a genre of popular music'. In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form.

· I'll buy a new pair of rhythm and blues as well! – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 15th December **1983**

· Look at the price of them rhythm and blues! – G. Failla, *England*, p.41, **2005**

· I'm buying a pair of chocolate-coloured Sonetti chinos and new rhythms[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.70, **2005**

· She was wearin' a purple mustard underneath a blue nanny goat, with matching rhythms and a Porky Pig tifter. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August **2012**

· When I go out I like to wear a nice Gary Pert and a good pair of Rhythm and Blues. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January **2015**

rhythm and rhyme

noun

the time [UK]

· Gor blimey, barstad! ... Look at the rhythm an' rhyme. – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

· What's the time? What's the time? What's the rhythm and rhyme? – *What's the Time?*, lyric, Johnny and the Raindrops, **2012**

Rhythm is a Dancer; rhythm

noun

cancer [IRELAND/UK: SCOTLAND, LIVERPOOL]

A good rhyme in Irish, Scottish and Liverpool English. < 'Rhythm is a Dancer', a 1992 song by German Euro-house group Snap!; perhaps specifically inspired by two of the song's lines: 'I'm as serious as cancer / When I say rhythm is a dancer'.

· A lot of people i know are using "Rhythm is a dnacer" as cockney rhyming slang for cancer too now. – *Boards.ie* forum, 30th August **2008**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Think one if my town halls is bigger than the other... Hope its not the Rhythm is a Dancer... – *twitter.com*, 4th June **2010**

· ["H]e's got rhythm apparently", "what do you mean?" "rhythm is a dancer – cancer", "ohhh you're 'orrible you are..." – *PistonHeads* forum, 31st May **2013**

· Rhyming-slang is quite common in Liverpool. One of my mates used it frequently. The morbid highlight was when he came into work and said "Had a bit of bad news at the hossie yesterday. Me mum's been diagnosed with the ol' Rhythm is a Dancer." – *theafterword.co.uk*, blog, 19th December **2013**

ribbon and curl

noun

a girl [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· A ribbon and curl and her Telly Tubby were at a Cain and Abel having a Henley Regatta[.] – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· [I]s it or is it not a complement to be told you've got real Jackson Pollocks for a ribbon and curl? – *meghany.livejournal.com*, blog, 27th March **2006**

rice

noun

a synthetic cannabinoid blend best known as *spice* [UK]

A slang rhyme recorded in use among prisoners and their suppliers. Hence RICE ATTACK. ► *see* BASMATI RICE

· The qualitative phase revealed prisoners using the term 'rice attack' (rice being an alternative word for spice) to describe having fits and/or loss of consciousness following spice use. – S. Baker, *Examination*, p.22, **2015**

· Someone died on Friday night, from rice (spice). – *www.uservice.org*, 'Spice: The Bird Killer', report, May **2016**

· These are packets of Spice. There's quite a few slang names for it. Rice, which is what a lot of people call it. Er, gonna have rice with my dinner. Or Katie Price. Legal advice [...] [*Subtitled text:*] 'Get the rice, innit.' 'What d'you want, bruv?' 'I want Spice!' – *The Secret Life of Prisons*, UK TV: Channel 4, 10th November **2016**

rice and barley; rice

noun

cocaine [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *charlie*.

· I've just done a nice little twine in there, lad. It's sorted me enough to go and score a bag of rice and barley. [...] Rice – *cocaine (rice and barley = Charlie)*. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, pp.249/309, **2014**

rice and sago*noun*

a person of Latin ethnic origin; loosely, a person of Mediterranean background [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dago*.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

rice attack*noun*

a manifestation of medical symptoms or a combination of adverse physical and mental effects, including hallucinations, temporary paralysis and loss of consciousness, resulting from immoderate use of spice, a synthetic cannabinoid blend [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *spice attack*. Formed on RICE.

Reported in use among prisoners.

- Constantly hear of prisoners having rice attacks. – S. Baker, *Examination*, p.48, **2015**
- It is easy to take too high a dose and collapse, and suffer what is sometimes called a ‘rice attack’. – *www.inside-time.org*, 30th March **2015**

Richard and Judy; richard*noun*

lies, deceit, verbal trickery [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *moody*, the short version of MOODY AND SANKEY. < English husband-and-wife TV presenters Richard Madeley (b.1956) and Judy Finnigan (b.1948), jointly known as Richard and Judy.

- Lies and deception may be known as ‘a load of old Richard’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Richard and Judy*adjective*

moody [UK]

< English husband-and-wife TV presenters Richard Madeley (b.1956) and Judy Finnigan (b.1948), jointly known as Richard and Judy.

- Your suit is well Richard and Judy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December **2001**
- – *The Sunday Times*, London, 9th May **2004**
- [I]t was a joke! Don’t get so Richard and Judy. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

Richard Branson*noun*

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*. < English entrepreneur Richard Branson (b.1950).

- [M]y older bro thinks he’s cool as fuck n uses rhyming slang n calls it the Richard branson[.] – *twitter.com*, 19th May **2013**

Richard Briers; richards*noun*

pliers [UK]

< English actor Richard Briers (1934–2013). Electricians’ slang.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Richard Burton; richard*noun*

a curtain [UK]

< Welsh actor Richard Burton (born Richard Jenkins; 1925–84).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th June **2003**
- Shut the Richards – I’m trying to get some kip. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**
- I kept me Richard Burtons closed during all this[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th August **2011**

Richard Dix*noun*

in cricket, a ‘six’, a shot in which the ball goes over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs [AUSTRALIA]

< American film actor Richard Dix (1893–1949).

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Richard Gere; richard*noun*

beer [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< American actor Richard Gere (b.1949).

- A Pernod and lemonade for Julia and half a pint of richard for myself. – *London*, spoken, male, 22, September **1995**
- [D]on’t think I am Alan Border, it’s just that I’ve had too many Richards[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**
- Don’t drop a catch or you’d be the one shouting the Britanny’s, or Richard’s – both worked (Brittany’s Spears or Richards Gere’s = beers). – *V8Central* forum, 10th January **2007**
- It’s, like, Saturday afternoon, roysh, and I’m sitting in, watching TV, knocking back a few Richard Geres[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.363, **2010**
- Havin a Richard Gere[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**
- ‘Then there’s Richard Gere.’ ‘Which is...?’ ‘Beer.’ – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.182, **2014**
- Just a few Richard Geres for the last day of summer. – *www.instagram.com*, 29th February **2016**

Richard Gough; richard*noun*

the act of leaving a place [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *off*. Used in the phrase *do the Richard Bough* or *do the richard* (also with the indefinite article) ‘to leave’, a direct equivalent of *do the off*. < Scottish footballer Richard Gough (b.1962).

- Suffice to say I turned heel and did a richard[.] – *Type-R Scotland* forum, 18th February **2004**

· Why can't Majic and the like do a Richard Gough and pull a sickie[?] – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 1st March **2006**

· [T]he seeker can only use his shotgun (no secondary weapons/flashbangs/equipment). This makes it a lot more even, as the hiders then have a chance to run away. The hiders CANNOT kill the seeker. That's the important bit. You need to just do the Richard Gough. – *Muselive.com* forum, 18th November **2010**

2 a cough [UK: SCOTLAND]

· While having an Eric Liddell, I let out a Richard Gough[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

· Suffering with a bit of a chesty Richard at the minute. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

Richard Millhouse; Richard Nixon; Richard

noun

house music [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce pseudo-rhyming slang word punning on the homophones *house*, a common term for house music, and *-hous*, the last syllable of the name *Milhouse*. < Richard Milhouse Nixon (1913–94), the 37th President of the United States. Coined by Scottish writer Irvine Welsh in his 1996 novel *Ecstasy*.

· Too many seemed po-faced cunts with no spirit, and it showed in the Richard Millhouse. Ye cannae gie other cunts enjoyment if you cannae enjoy it yourself. One afternoon ah was settling down to a bit of Richard Nixon when the door went. [...] Ah went back inside, wrapped it on the Richard and headed oot tae the shops tae get the ingredients for the soup. – I. Welsh, *Ecstasy*, pp.176/177 [1997], **1996**

Richard the First

noun

thirst [UK]

< Richard I (1157–99), also known as Richard the Lionheart, who was king of England from 1189 until his death. Note that *first* and *thirst* are homophones when pronounced with a Cockney accent.

· Richard the First is “thirst,” while Richard the Third is “bird.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

Richard the Third; Richard III; King Richard the Third; King Richard III; richard; king richard

noun

1 a bird [UK]

< Richard III (1452–85), who was king of England for two years, from 1483 until his death in 1485 during the Battle of Bosworth Field. Only recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· Richard the Third (Richard) ... Word, Bird. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· [A] large percentage of bread bought by Cockneys is fed to the ‘Richard the Thirds’. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· And the Richard the Third flew back to its nest. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· So, the geezer did a good job there, naming all the animals and Richards. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.12, **2001**

· In fact, one of my favourite Richard the Third's is the mallard duck. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 25th March **2014**

2 an expression of disapproval by an audience, usually conveyed by hissing or booing [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *the bird*. Recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*. Theatrical use.

· [M]any a depressed artiste has sadly confessed to having “got the Richard the Third.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· If they don't go too well with the audience they “die the death,” and if they don't go at all, and the audience are audible in their remarks, they get the “Richard” (Richard the Third), and not as we simpletons would have it, namely, “the bird.” – H. Darewski, *Musical Memories*, p.205, **1937**

· Bird (to get the) ... Richard the Third ... Richard. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.64, **1973**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

3 a word; one's word (a promise) [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*.

· I give you my “Richard”. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

4 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *turd*.

· Richard the Third. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010; L. Payne, private collection, **ante 1945**

· ***Richard the Third** (2) *Turd*[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· “Hello, mate, how's it going? I thought I saw you the other day. What, d'you live along here now?” Scotty asked. “No, I'm just doing a Richard along the road, that's all,” he lied. – G.F. Newman, *Sir, You Bastard*, p.161 [1971], **1970**

· Richard III *Turd*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.64, **1973**

· She wouldn't use you to scrape a Richard the Third off the back of her shoe. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.45, **1976**

· “That god-damned dog from next-door,” he snarled. “It left a bloody great king richard where it knew I'd tread in it. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· **King Richard the Third** (rhyming slang) *turd*; *shit*. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Meanwhile, Gummer is proposing to increase the fine for owners who let their dogs foul the footpath to £2,500. No one likes negotiating piles of Richards every five yards, but £2,500? Please. – *The Sun*, London, 17th March **1994**

· Or haven't they ever seen a Richard The Third on the pavement? – *The Sun*, London, 13th September **2002**

· I might go and have a King Richard III / And make her clean the f***ing bin. – *The Sun*, London, 4th February **2004**

· [A] massive richard floatin in the jacks. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 10th June **2011**

· A home is not a home until you have laid a Richard the Third on every surface in sight. – *twitter.com*, 22nd October **2012**

· I had been having a Richard the Third daily before this discovery anyway. – *Gizmodo Australia* forum, 5th February **2013**

5 a young woman or girlfriend [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bird*. Recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*; the latter is exclusively British.

· **Richard**. A girl. The girl friend. (From rhyming slang, Richard the Third–bird.) – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· He's a right horny one and he's had his minces on that richard a long time[.] – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.84, **1956**

· That's some Richard you've got yourself there, Blake. – A. Hall, *On the Run*, p.16, **1974**

· *Richard the Third or Bird* – a girl. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· Tarra was a sly-eyed richard with coppery hair – dyed – and a dirty laugh. – T. Venables and G. Williams, *Three-Card Trick*, p.142 [1977], **1975**

· The thought of wearing a uniform was nearly as bad as the lack of Richards. [...] I also had a butler called Glyn whose one virtue was that he would keep shtommo if I had a Richard the Third about the premises. – J. de Vileneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.22/84, **1986**

· The Richard the Third at the counter was no cheery Cockney sparrer either[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, 2nd December **1988**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Some guys tell their wives everything, some guys nothing. I'm sure Morty wouldn't tell his Richard his name if he thought he could get away with it. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.140 [2001], **2000**

· What do you think of the Richards? – M. Sellers and G. Morecambe, *Sellers on Sellers*, p.34, **2000**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang My Richard the Third is away on hols... – *twitter.com*, 18th June **2010**

6 time served in prison; a prison sentence [UK]

Compounded rhyming slang on *bird*, the short version of BIRDLIME. Hence DOUBLE RICHARD. Recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*. Prison use.

· They all ended up with 'plenty of Richard', which, translated, means that they were all sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. – E. Parr, *Grafters All*, p.77, **1964**

· I even done a little richard[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

· Until you are moved in about a month's time to an open prison you will be 'banged up' in your cell over 18 hours a day. This is your hardest challenge, for a pris-

oner becomes what he thinks about during those long and lonely hours. Far too many cons spend that time brooding with resentment, bitterness, and self-pity over their plight. This is known to wise old lags as 'doing yer Richard twice' (translation: Richard III bird length of sentence). – *Daily Mail*, London, 20th July **2001**

· When a criminal says that he is due for a spot of Richard, then Richard refers to Richard the Third, which rhymes with bird[.] – S. Halliday, *The Little Book of Crime*, p.137, **2014**

7 an obnoxious or unpleasant person [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *turd*. Only recorded in the forms *Richard the Third* (or *Richard III*) and *richard*.

· As for Richard 1, I suggest you would be more correctly described as a "Richard the third". – *blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun*, blog, 20th December **2008**

· Australian tourists popping down to the East End of London would do well to avoid giving the kind of offence that may provoke someone to say [...] "Stop talking pony and trap"; or "You're a Richard the Third". – G. Barrett, *Psychopath*, p.322, **2013**

· That bloke's a complete Richard. – *resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk*, 5th August **2013**

Richard the Third

verb

to birdwatch [UK]

Rhymes on *bird*. Functionally shifted from the noun form. Birdwatchers' slang.

· I'm not Richard the Thirthing today (Sunday) so I'll show you a couple of smudges taken on yesterday's Grove Ferry John O'Groate ride up the Stour. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 6th April **2014**

richard the thirthing

noun

birdwatching [UK]

Rhymes on *birding*. From the verb RICHARD THE THIRD. Birdwatchers' slang.

· It was so lugubrious this morning that not only did I not want to go Richard the Thirthing*, but nearly didn't get out of the Uncle Ned*. [...] Or tried, but I'm a creature of habit so up I jumped up (steady de Q, remember you're a womble) did ablutions, and dressed for an outing of Richard the Thirthing*. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 3rd and 21st January **2014**

Richard Todd; richard

noun

a portion of fried cod [UK]

< Irish-born British actor Richard Todd (1919–2009).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

· [W]ho knows how much longer 'richard and chips' will be on the menu? – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· I'll have a Richard Todd and a portion of Jagggers, please. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Right, we'll have two Princess Di's (16) and two Richard Todds (17) with Zolas (18) and Uncle Fred (19). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Richard Widmark; richard

noun

a mark or smudge of excrement on underwear [UK]

Rhymes on *skid mark*. < American actor Richard Widmark (1914–2008).

· [B]est rhyming slang [...]. – Gladys Knight Alan Whickers Richard Widmarks (You could easily combine all them into one coherent sentence!). – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

· Richard (Widmark) The result of not wiping properly. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Richie Pitt; Ritchie Pitt

noun

excrement; a piece of excrement [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Rhymes on *shit*. < English footballer Richie Pitt (b.1951), who played for Sunderland from 1968 to 1975. First recorded in 1997 in the phrase in *the Richie Pitt* 'in trouble' (the direct equivalent of *in the shit*), but this seems to be a nonce occurrence; later re-coined, apparently independently, as part of the Sunderland vernacular.

· "We've got Kevin and we're in heaven," Russell Cushing, the club secretary, trumpeted. "It's a good job you didn't sign Richie Pitt then," Bob Cass, the veteran North-east football writer, famously retorted. Just five years have passed since Newcastle were stuck deep in the Richie Pitt. – *The Independent*, London, 21st September **1997**

· I'm just off to the bog to knock a Richie Pitt out. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 26th May **2011**

· [B]est rhyming slang [...]. – Turkish delight. – eartha kitt or ritchie pitt. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Rick and Dick

adjective

stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *thick*. Ayto (2002) notes that this usage is first recorded in the 1960s.

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.93, **2002**

ricketty dick; rickety dick; ricketty

noun

1 a stick (of wood) [AUSTRALIA/US]

In Australian usage, only recorded in the full form. The clipped form is given by Monteleone (1949).

· "Yes," we agreed, "we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, 'Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I'll get a false alarm of ricketty-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.'" – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rickety Kate

noun

a gate [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

rickety-rack

noun

the back [UK]

· [N]ext thing you know I had her on top of the Betty Grable on her rickety-rack, both legs akimbo and with a carrot stuck up her arse[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.178 [2012], **2004**

Ricki Lake; Ricky Lake

noun

1 a cake [UK]

< American actress and TV personality Ricki Lake (b.1968). Only recorded in the form *Ricki Lake*.

· – *Football.co.uk* forum, 9th October **2007**

2 a steak [UK/IRELAND]

· More modern variations on the CRS are Ruby Murray = Curry, Ricki Lake = Steak, Pete Tong = Wrong. – *York and District Plastic Model Society, Yahoo! Groups*, 11th March **2010**

· Just had giant ricky lake with jockey's whips and few pigs ears... – *twitter.com*, 11th May **2010**

· [L]ove a ricky lake. – *www.instagram.com*, January **2016**

Ricki Lake

adjective

fake [UK]

< American actress and TV personality Ricki Lake (b.1968).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [T]he evidence was Ricki Lake (fake), and I had my reasonable Brussels sprout (doubt). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

Rick Ross

noun

▶ see RICKY ROSS

Rick Rude

noun

the state of being naked [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *nude*. < Rick Rude (in full, Ravishing Rick Rude), the ring name of American wrestler Richard Erwin Rood (1958–99). Used in the phrase *in the Rick Rude*.

· [T]hem nuts in the Rick rude?? – *twitter.com*, 5th July **2016**

Rick Stein

noun

a fine [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

< English television presenter, restaurateur and chef Christopher Richard ‘Rick’ Stein (b.1947).

· You could go to prison for that, or incur a very heavy Rick Stein. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Rick Witter; Rick Whitter; rick

noun

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < English rock singer Rick Witter (b.1972), who came to prominence in the mid-1990s with Britpop band Shed Seven.

· Rick Whitter is Cockney slang for Shitter (arse). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· She took it up the Rick Whitter. – *Network54* forum, 21st September **2001**

· [D]o most of you know what “takes it up the Rick” means. – *ilXor.com* forum, 22nd May **2002**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· The way I’m walking today I look like I’ve been taking it up the Rick Witter all night long. – *Non-League Football* forum, 15th July **2010**

· The correct protocol for asking a lady if she would like a portion in the bonus tunnel is “Eh up luv, d’ya tek it up the Rick?” – *The Fishy* forum, 12th November **2012**

2 a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· I’m off to the rick witter. – *www.last.fm*, 23rd September **2004**

· Back in a sec – I’m off to the rick. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

· Apparently some leather faced pikey (well known for being a chutney round our way) ran up to him in the Rick Witter of our local and whispered softly in his ear “I’ve always wanted to suck your cock!”[.] – *Visordown* forum, 23rd Mar **2007**

3 Twitter, a microblogging service that allows users to send and read messages of up to 140 characters [UK]

· Going to have a look at the old Rick Witter - Twitter. – *twitter.com*, 20th November **2016**

Ricky and Bianca; ricky

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < Ricky and Bianca, two characters in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by Sid Owen (b.1972) and Patsy Palmer (b.1972).

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· It may not be just to do with your Corn On the Cob but have you thought it could be because you are a Ricky. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 8th November **2006**

· – [A]nd the lads just call him a *****! – was that word BROWN NOSE???? it censored it out!!! – nah sounds like banker – ha ha yeh i know that word “ricky and bianca”[.] – *Scaffolders Forum*, 24th August **2010**

Ricky Gervais; ricky

noun

1 the face [IRELAND/UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < English comedian Ricky Gervais (b.1961); he pronounces his surname to rhyme with *maize*.

· But instead of being met with another slap across the Ricky, she actually gives me a hug[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.214, **2006**

· The geezer had claret all over his Ricky. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd October **2006**

· Then I go back down to the reception, hitting the jacks on the way to clean up the old Ricky Gervais. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.121, **2007**

· Cor, blimey – did you see the Ricky on her? – T. Randall, *EastEnders*, p.120, **2008**

· Imagine the look on their Rickys! – *www.etsy.com*, 28th January **2014**

2 in a deck of playing cards, an ace [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Ricky Lake

noun

▶ see RICKI LAKE

Ricky Laker

noun

a baker [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *www.reddit.com/r/northernireland*, 26th February **2014**

Ricky Martin; ricky

noun

a side parting [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *parting* as *partin*. < Ricky Martin, the stage name of Puerto Rican pop singer Enrique Martín Morales (b.1971).

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· Just a little off the top, please barber, and do us a Ricky Martin. – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 10th January **2001**

· – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· When I was younger I had a real Ricky haircut. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

Ricky Ross; Rick Ross

noun

something of little or no value [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toss*. Used in the phrase *not give a Ricky Ross* ‘to not care at all’. < Scottish singer-songwriter Ricky Ross (b.1957), best known for his work with the rock band Deacon Blue.

· Do us a favour guys – you may have a few Deacon Blue CDs in the cupboard but you couldn't give a Ricky Ross about Scotland. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 28th August **2003**

· Unless, of course, it turns out you couldn't give a Ricky Ross. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May **2007**

· You didn't give a rick ross before, so why now? – *UK Hip Hop* forum, 19th December **2008**

Riddick Bowe; riddick

noun

1 body odour [UK]

Rhyming slang on *BO*, an initialism for 'body odour', or pseudo-rhyming slang punning on an altered pronunciation of *BO* as a homophone of *Bowe*. < American boxer Riddick Bowe (b.1967).

· That girl's got some bad Riddick. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th February **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a fart [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the full form.

· The blonde says she's off to the Gary Glitter (the spotty dog) fer a quick bish bash bosh (I sussed she 'ad a bit of Riddick Bowe by the pen, an' fancied a two-bob bit or a camel's hump an' a gypsy's kiss). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

riddle

noun

a lavatory [IRELAND]

Possibly from a shortening of JIMMY RIDDLE. Noted by Ó Muirthe (2004) as current in Tuam, County Galway, and probably confined to schoolboys.

· – D. Ó Muirthe, *GISUL*, **2004**

riddle and kiss

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· What about alternative names for what people do when they are in the Dunny (Australia!). There is "Barry White", "Scooby Doo" and "Jamie Redknapp" plus "Jimmy Riddle", "Riddle and Kiss", "Single Fish" (Glasgow) and "watering the horse". – *h2g2* forum, 3rd August **1999**

riddle-me-ree

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

· He walked up to the door handle, cleared his throat and whispered, "Riddle-me-ree." He let the words sink in. It made sense in his head, but saying it out loud he realised he had just told a door handle in rhyming slang that he wanted to urinate. – J. Auckland, *Nana Barb*, p.289, **2012**

riddle me ree

numeral

three [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

ride plush

verb

to hush [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

ridgy-dite

adjective

genuine; able to be trusted [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *all right*. An alteration of the Australian colloquialism *ridgy-didge* 'genuine, true'.

· He'd tell you himself I'm ridgy-dite. I worked for him. – K. Tennant, *The Joyful Condemned*, p.294, **1953**

ridgy-didge; ridgy didge

noun

a fridge [AUSTRALIA]

< *ridgy-didge*, an Australian colloquialism meaning 'genuine, true'. The spelling variant *ridgy didge* is given by Aven-Bray (1983).

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

· – A. Delbridge, *AT*, **1984**

· Just whack it in the ridgy-didge. – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

Ridley Scott

noun

a spot, a pimple [IRELAND]

< English film director Ridley Scott (b.1937).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th May **2006**

riff-raff

noun

1 a Welsh person [UK]

Rhymes on *Taff*. < *riff-raff*, possibly influenced by Riff Raff, a character in the cult musical *The Rocky Horror Show* (1973) and the film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a café [UK]

Rhymes on *caff*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I then took a sherbert dab to the dover harbour and after he had sorted out my barnet I went to a Riff Raff. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 22nd May **2001**

· I'm off to the riff raff. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

rifle range; rifle

noun

1 change (money) [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· So we went to the *battle cruiser* and he had a *Bay of Biscay* and I had a *pig's ear*. Picking up the *rifle range* we went to the *bird's nest*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, 'Cockney – Morton versus Mason', **1953**

· He tenders a merry-go-round and receives in rifle three half Oxfords. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, **1973**

· Here's the sausage [*and mash* = cash]. Look sharp with the rifle. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984; R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

· – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

· He realized that he didn't have any loose change on him and shouted to me to 'get the rifle out of the bag in the front of the van so I can pay this fucking idiot out'. [...] In rhyming street-trader slang the word 'rifle' means 'change', as in rifle range = change. The poor sap thought he was going to get shot, all over fifty pence! – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.6, **2015**

2 an alteration of circumstances [UK]

Rhymes on *change*.

· If these Jeremy Hunts were on the same greengages as us and their dustbin lids went to the same house of future fools as our dustbin lids, we might see a rifle range. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolwoman80' on 16th July **2016**

right and wrongs

noun

1 flip-flops [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian English *thongs*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

2 stupid or inept people [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *nongs*.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

right chalk

noun

a pavement [US]

Rhymes on *sidewalk*.

· In the old days we had what we called the Australian slang. It is used in the joint. [...] The only phrase that I can remember is "Piper hizek, the bottles and stoppers walking down the fields of wheat on the right chalk." – H. King, *Boxman*, p.55, **1972**

right reverend

noun

▶ see REVEREND RONALD KNOX

Right Said Fred

noun

1 the head [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Right Said Fred, an English pop band that enjoyed success in the early 1990s; they took their name from the title of a song written by Myles Rudge (lyric) and Ted Dicks (music) and recorded in 1962 by English actor and comedian Bernard Cribbins. Also used in the phrase *out of one's Right Said Fred* 'mad'.

· If anyone was going to realise that I was out of my right-said-Fred, it would be him. – K. Lukowiak, *Marijuana Time*, p.57, **2000**

· Proper night out for the teddy boys, woodsy was in attendance was of my right said fred, 3 out of 5 got there jam roll[.] – *thyabuser.livejournal.com*, blog, 25th June **2005**

· It's Sunday arvo and I'm getting ready to head down the Arms for a few calming ales but can't get Junior's goal kicking display out of me Right Said Fred. – *ufcrobins.com.au*, **2008**

· Saturday night I head out and always end up drinking too much and waking up on the Sunday thinking to myself "what have i done and whats with the sore right said fred". – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 25th November **2009**

2 bread [UK]

· I'll have two slices of Right Said Fred. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th June **2002**

3 a bed [UK]

· – *Neoseeker* forum, 30th September **2002**

· Wouldn't that be slightly noticeable and embarrassing for your massive knob protruding out of your right said Fred? – *iPoo*, social network app, 29th September **2012**

· I'm off to the right said Fred (bed) and I'm receiving these. – *twitter.com*, 17th December **2015**

Right Said Fred

adjective

dead [UK]

< Right Said Fred, an English pop band that enjoyed success in the early 1990s.

· He's Right Said Fred. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th June **2002**

· Get out or she's Right Said Fred! – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

· 'I already took care of the ones that did Kaylo.' 'But... all of them?' 'All of them.' 'D-E-A-D, brown bread.' 'Right Said Fred?' 'Simply Red.' – *Crank 2: High Voltage*, US film, script by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor, **2009**

Right Said Fred

verb

to read (in the past tense) [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Right Said Fred, an English pop band that enjoyed success in the early 1990s.

· ENJOYED MY TANSY LEE. THEN RIGHT SAID FRED THE SKYSCRAPER. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

Rigobert Song; rigobert

noun

a thong [IRELAND/UK]

< Cameroonian footballer Rigobert Song (b.1976).

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· Nice Rigobert she's wearing. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th June **2007**

· Jeez, would you look at that bird and her Rigobert Song. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· [T]his Rigobert's like wearing a cheesewire. – *The Child-free Life* forum, 6th February **2013**

Rigobert Song; rigobert

adjective

wrong [UK/IRELAND]

< Cameroonian footballer Rigobert Song (b.1976).

· It's all gone a bit Rigobert[.] – *The Sun*, London, 3rd February **2001**

· There is a reason why **Rigobert Song**'s name has become rhyming slang for wrong. And it's this: he's not very good. – *www.theguardian.com*, 13th March **2002**

· I started a thread on them on That Other Place but it all went Rigobert Song. – *Anorak* forum, 15th August **2008**

· My first time here but was doing okay in the WCPL before it all went Rigobert Song. – *BBC 606* forum, 6th August **2010**

Rikki tikki tavi; rikki tikki

noun

a lavatory [UK]

Relies on the pronunciation of the literary name *Rikki-tikki-tavi* (properly pronounced *Ricky-ticky-tarvy*) to rhyme with *lavvy*. < 'Rikki-tikki-tavi', one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* (1894) and its eponymous central character.

· A public 'rikki tikki' is likely to be frequented by homosexual men intent on getting their trouser snakes 'eaten'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Ringo Starr; Ringo-Star; ringo

noun

1 a bar [UK]

< Ringo Starr, the stage name of English musician Richard Starkey (b.1940), best known as the drummer of the Beatles. Recorded in the forms *Ringo Starr* and *ringo*.

· Ringo Starr – bar: "Here's a tenner to go to the Ringo." – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

· Lets go for a few Britneys in the Ringo. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th September **2002**

· She's popped off down the ringo for a drink. – *Alicante, Spain*, spoken, male from Bradford, England, 55, May **2008**

· And with the *Meryl Streep* (cheap) door price of 3 *saucepan lid* (quid) before midnight, plus B.O.R. resident **The Filth Wizard** making you *Jack Palance* (dance) and the cheap *Tom Cruise* (booze) behind the *Ringo Starr* (bar), it makes complete sense to GET INVOLVED and have a right knees up (mother brown, etc). – *myspace.com*, **2009**

· Well, I wuz standin' at the **Ringo** last night 'avin' a **Nelson**[.] – *www.wordsyoudontknow.com*, 24th August **2009**

· Most Ringo Starr's (*Bars*) will serve Sajid Mahmood (*Food*) if your out for the Leo Sayer (*All Dayer*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

2 a car [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

· Right, back to the Ringo! – *www.noddleit.com*, 4th July **2010**

· Your ringo-star's Donald-ducked init? – B. Hulley, *Nativity?*, p.278, **2011**

rinky-dink

noun

1 in snooker, the pink ball [UK]

< *rinky-dink* 'old-fashioned; of poor quality and not important'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

2 the best condition; the very best of health [UK]

Used in the phrase in *the rinky-dink*, the rhyming equivalent of the colloquialism *in the pink*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Fred's in the rinky-dink since his holiday in Ibiza. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

3 a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· – *Thai360* forum, 13th February **2004**

· – *TalkCeltic* forum, 5th November **2009**

· Chinky is racist too now, so Ive changed it to a rinky dink! – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 29th November **2015**

4 a drink [UK]

· I nipped down the frog+toad to the rubber-dub for a rinky dink o' pigs ear[.] – *CycleFish* forum, **2012**

rinky-dink

verb

to give off an unpleasant smell [UK/US]

Rhymes on *stink*.

· Rinky dinks in ere dunnit? – J. Ridgwell, 'Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man', in *Radgepacket*, Vol. 2, p.113, **2008**

· She currently rinky-dinks. I really need to give her a bath[.] – *Useless Forums*, 12th October **2012**

rinky dinky; rinky dinky dinky

noun

1 a Chinese meal [UK]

Rhymes on *Chinky*. According to the available evidence, the variant *rinky dinky dinky* is exclusively Scottish.

· Whit're ye fur the night? A rinky dinky dinky or a Chic Murray? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· I regularly hear the same people who condemn "Paki" refer to a Chinese (meal) as a "Chinky". What a time to be alive. – It was always a rinky dinky for me. Never new it was a potentially racist thing until about 3 years ago. – *www.reddit.com/r/unitedkingdom*, 6th January **2015**

2 a Chinese person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Recorded in the form *rinky dinky*.

· – I stopped reading after 'chinkies'!! Didn't know people still used this term to describe the Chinese. – Think the PC term is rinky dinky or plural rinky dinkies. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 26th November **2013**

Rin-Tin-Tin; rinty

noun

1 an ornamental pin used to keep a necktie or cravat in place or as a brooch [US]

Rhymes on *stickpin*. < Rin-Tin-Tin, the name given to several generations of a German shepherd dog that has starred in a number of films and TV series since 1922. Only recorded in the full form.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

2 gin [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

- “What would you like to drink” he asked kindly. “I am very partial to a little Rin Tin Tin,” she smiled coyly. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.14, **1983**

3 the leg [UK]

Rhymes on *pin*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

4 the chin [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

- Your chin is your Rin-Tin-Tin. – *tabloidbaby.blogspot.com*, Australian journalist Steve Dunleavy, 30th September **2008**

Rio

noun

one thousand pounds [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *grand* and *Grande*. < Rio Grande, the river that forms the Texas-Mexico border. Often regarded as the short form of RIO FERDINAND.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- **Boy A thousand! Fly-Pitcher 3 A grand! Fly-Pitcher 1 A rio!** – D. Eldridge, *Market Boy*, p.45, **2006**
- – *A(.com)*, accessed 25th August **2006**
- Best TV for a grand/bag of sand/grubby hand/rio/1 large? – *United Forum*, 29th March **2011**

Rio Ferdinand

noun

one thousand pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *grand*. < English footballer Rio Ferdinand (b.1978). Perhaps a folk-etymological elaboration of RIO, which is often regarded as its short form.

- Rio Ferdinand is Cockney slang for Grand (as in One Thousand Pounds). “That cost me a Rio.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th February **2004**
- Five tons are a monkey, an’ twin monkeys are a grand, or a bag of sand (last week I got word in me shell-like on the dog from me old man that they’re sayin’ a Rio Ferdinand back ’ome nah). – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Rio Grande

noun

1 a stand (for spectators) [AUSTRALIA]

< Rio Grande, the river that forms the Texas-Mexico border.

- Hutton goes for the bash, and with a mighty swipe of his this and that sends the town hall high up into the dick fair and into the Rio Grande for a Dorothy Dix. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

2 a band (a group of musicians) [UK]

• Diffo story coming back with a live band playing opposite the Pier in the open space in front of the King’s Head. Very jolly too, sounded like a rather good rock & roly poly Rio Grande. – *justindequeack.com*, blog, 21st April **2014**

Rio Grande

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Andy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the pronunciation of *Rio Grande* as *Rio Grandy*. < Rio Grande, the river that forms the Texas-Mexico border. Alternative nicknames are POONA CANDY and PUFF CANDY.

- – I used this one on a guy called Andy last night, called him Poona Candy. [...] – I normally call guys called Andy Rio Grande, hope this helps. – Never heard of that one, I’ve used the rhyming puff candy or as P.P.P. says Rio Grande. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 28th April **2010**

Rio Grandes

noun

hands [AUSTRALIA]

< Rio Grande, the river that forms the Texas-Mexico border.

- – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

Riot House

nickname

the Continental Hyatt House (1966–76) on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, renamed the Hyatt on Sunset (1976–97) and the Hyatt West Hollywood (1997–2009)

A slang rhyme. Originally opened in 1963 as the Gene Autry Hotel, its location on Sunset Boulevard was convenient for, and led to an association with, rock musicians and the excesses of a rock and roll lifestyle. Also known as the Riot Hyatt.

- The crew members were staying at the Continental Riot House on Sunset Strip. – *Rolling Stone* magazine, 11th September **1975**
- At the Riot House there were the usual outrages. Led Zeppelin had the eleventh floor to themselves. At slack moments Richard Cole would roar down the corridor on a big Honda motorcycle that he had sneaked in via the freight elevator. – S. Davis, *Hammer of the Gods*, p.200 [2008], **1985**
- RUSSELL (privately) So. You want to come up to L.A., we’ll be at the “Riot House” all week. WILLIAM “The Riot House?” RUSSELL The Continental Hyatt House! It’s on Sunset Strip. – *www.dailyscript.com*, *Almost Famous*, screenplay by Cameron Crowe, **1998**
- When Quatro came to town in the spring of 1975, Joan staked out her hotel, the Hyatt House, aka the Riot House, a site of infamous rock ‘n’ roll parties and debauchery. – E. McDonnell, *Queens of Noise*, p.22, **2013**

ripple

noun

▶ see STRAWBERRY RIPPLE

rip-rap

noun

the action or activity of borrowing or attempting to borrow [UK]

Rhymes on *tap*. Used in the phrase *on the rip-rap*, an equivalent of *on the borrow*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- And once it was known you weren't on the rip-rap or a nark for the police, everyone was pretty friendly. – T. Broadbent, *Spectres*, p.87, 2005

rip-rap

verb

to borrow; to beg [UK]

Rhymes on *tap*.

- – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, 1968
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973

ripsy rousers; ripsey rousers; ripsy rowers

noun

trousers [US/HONG KONG]

· I imagine Mr. Tunney would have been willing to forfeit at least \$4.98 rather than undergo the embarrassment he must have felt when he found himself squatted flapdab on the seat of his ripsy-rowers, as we speak of trousers at the club. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 3rd October 1927

· Ripsy Rowers, that's your trousers. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 2nd May 1929

· Trousers–ripsey rousers. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April 1934

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Ripsy Rousers–trousers. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April 1941

- RIPSEY ROUSERS – For trousers. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
- RIPSY ROUSERS: TROUSERS[.] – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.304, 1978
- Pants; Underpants not "Ripsey rousers". – *The Correspondent* magazine, Hong Kong, June 1993

Rip Van Winkle; rip van

verb

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *tinkle* and *sprinkle*. < Rip Van Winkle, a character in an 1819 short story by American author Washington Irving. The short form *rip van* is given by Puxley (2003).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

rise and shine

noun

1 wine [US/UK]

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.86, 1973

· I am trying to keep out of his way but he suddenly raises an arm and snaps his fingers. Clearly, he is seeking a drop of rise and shine. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.149, 1974

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· Nazirites were people who gave their lives to God, and they promised not to drink any rise-and-shine or pig's ear[.] – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.51, 2001

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August 2004

· Four bottles of yer best Rise and Shine (14). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

2 in bingo, the number twenty-nine [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, 2004

- – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010
- – www.ballsupbingo.co.uk, 13th April 2011
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012
- – bingo.vernons.com, accessed 27th September 2013

3 in bingo, the number forty-nine [UK]

· – bingo.vernons.com, accessed 27th September 2013

4 in bingo, the number fifty-nine [UK]

· 'Five and nine.' 'Rise and shine.' – *Endeavour*, UK TV: ITV, 24th January 2016

rising damp

noun

cramp [UK]

Suggested or reinforced by *Rising Damp*, a sitcom broadcast on ITV from 1974 to 1978.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, 2008
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Rita Rusk

noun

a performance by a busker [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *busk*. < Scottish hairdressing entrepreneur Rita Rusk (b.1947).

· Com' oan, let's hit Buchanan street and gie it a Rita Rusk. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Ritchie Pitt

noun

▶ see RICHIE PITT

River Cities*noun*

a woman's breasts [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *titties*. < BBC Scotland continuing drama *River City*, first broadcast in 2002. Used idiomatically in the phrase *get on someone's River Cities* 'to irritate someone intensely', the direct equivalent of *get on someone's titties*, itself a variation of the more common *get on someone's tits*.

· Shut it! You're really getting on my River Cities. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Riverina*noun*

a shilling [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the old slang word *deaner*. < Riverina, a region of south-western New South Wales.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

River Lea*noun*

1 tea [UK]

< River Lea, one of London's rivers.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· 'ere, I've finished me River Lea, where shall I put the cup? – I. Porter, *Whitechapel*, p.97, 2009

2 the sea [UK]

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1903

River Lee*noun*

tea [IRELAND]

< River Lee, a river that flows through Cork in the south-west of Ireland.

· Some melted evening breeze (cheese) on holy ghost (toast) for lunch & cup of river lee (tea). – *twitter.com*, 16th May 2010

River Murray*noun*

a curry [AUSTRALIA]

< River Murray, also known as Murray River, the longest river in Australia.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

River Murrays; rivers*noun*

■ **no River Murrays; no rivers** no problem, not to worry; also used as a polite formula for responding to thanks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *worries*, used in the Australian phrase *no worries*. < River Murray, also known as Murray River, the longest river in Australia. The short form *no rivers* is given by Spilsted (1997).

· A fair while ago, a young Aussie bloke called Dick Smith went to work for a radio repair company in Sydney. [...] Dick's advertising agent racked his brains for a

while and then said, "No River Murrays, they reckon he's a wizzard so a wizz he'll be – The Electronic Wizz!" – *Radio-Electronics* magazine, New York, May 1985

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· No "river murrays" me old "china plate". – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 18th March 2003

· Okay rets ... come and work for me for \$6.25 an hour, and I can get you a second-hand car cheap as well, no River Murrays! – *Thorn Tree* forum, 17th March 2007

· If I were the one providing the service and receiving the "Thank you" my responses would vary between "No worries", "No River Murrays", "My pleasure" and "It's my pleasure" depending on the perceived formality of the situation and my attitude towards that formality. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 4th December 2008

· Among the crowd I encountered in the late 70s (in Oz), a frequent response to "Thank you" was "No River Murrays". This was a Strine version of "No Worries" and the increasing frequency of both seemed a bit of a reaction against the creeping influence of US marketing programs that were teaching people like shop assistants to say "You're welcome" in response to a "Thank you". – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 17th December 2009

River Nile*noun*

1 a smile [UK]

< Nile, a river in northeastern Africa.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 a denial [UK]

Informed by the punning catchphrase *Denial is not just a river in Egypt*.

· She's definitely in the River Nile. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st May 2007

· He just won't admit it – I'm afraid he's in the River Nile. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· [I]ts over between you two, don't be in the River Nile. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008

River Ouse; River Ouze; River Ooze; the river; the Ouse*noun*

alcoholic drink; rarely, an alcoholic drink [UK]

Rhymes on *booze*. < River Ouse, a river in North Yorkshire, England. Often used in the phrase *be (or go) on the River Ouse* (in its variant spellings and forms) 'to be engaged in (or go on) a serious drinking bout'. *River Ouse* is the only form that has been recorded in the countable sense 'an alcoholic drink'.

· RIVER OUSE.– A booze, a drink(ing). – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· 'Strewth, yer "King Death" don't arf "Pen and Ink," been on the "River Ouse"? – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· **River Ouse.** A drink; a drinking-bout[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937

· 'How pay our fares? Here's my ten.' But I thrust it back at her: 'No, no–keep it for river ooze: we'll kite 'em at the airport!' – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.90, 1962

· **river ooze** or **River Ouse, the**; usu. simply **the river**.

Strong drink[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970

· He put some ‘Oscar’ into the ‘Tank’, bought six new ‘whistles’ and then went on the ‘River Ouse’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.40, 1973

· **River Ouse** Booze. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.36, 1979

· I knew him in Clapham when he was on the River Ouse. – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January 1984

· It was the spectacle of the suffering and anguish of my father all through my childhood, as he strove to stay sober, that has given me such a mature and responsible attitude to the River Ouse. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, p.18, 1991

· The sounds were good, the gear was great, the River Ooze was flowing. – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.81, 2001

· A common expression for a drinking session is to be ‘on the River Ouse’ or just ‘on the Ouse’. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, 2003

rivers an' lakes

noun

cakes [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. Recorded in the phrase *sell like ‘ot rivers an’ lakes*, the direct equivalent of *sell like hot cakes*.

· These strawbs is sellin’ like ‘ot rivers an’ lakes. – *Viz* comic, August 2016

River Tyne

noun

wine, especially cheap wine of inferior quality [UK]

< River Tyne, a river in north-east England.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

R. J. Knowles

noun

holes (of any kind) [UK]

< Canadian actor R. G. Knowles (1858–1919), who was billed internationally as ‘The Very Peculiar American Comedian’.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.134, 1977

R. Kelly

noun

the stomach, the abdomen, the belly [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < R. Kelly, the stage name of American R&B singer Robert Sylvester Kelly (b.1967).

· [Y]ou may want a few Britney Spears, unless your R. Kelly is too big, in which case you want to head down the Fatboy Slim. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 16th December 2000

roach and dace

noun

the face [UK]

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1903

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

road cone

noun

motor neurone disease; a person with motor neurone disease [UK]

Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’.

· – *messybeast.com*, 1st February 2001

road wrecks

noun

sex [UK]

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Living Language*, p.208, 2014

roaring oar

noun

a door [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.526, 1984

Roary O’More

noun

▶ see RORY O’MORE

Roast

nickname

1 English print union official Reginald Alexander ‘Reg’ Brady, best known as leader of the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants (NATSOPA), whose action forced the closure of Times Newspapers Ltd from 1st December 1978 to 12th November 1979

A shortening of *Roast Beef and Veg*, rhyming on *Reg*.

· – R. Bourne, *Londoners*, p.26, 1981

2 used as a substitute for the name *Keith* [UK]

A shortening of *roast beef*, rhyming on *Keef*, a form representing a common colloquial pronunciation of the name. An alternative nickname is FALSE TEETH.

· [A] Cockney friend, when asked how he’s doing on a bad day, will respond “reels.” [...] Another friend’s nickname was “Roast.” I later found out it was short for “roast beef,” which rhymes with his name, “Keith” – at least as he pronounces it, “Keef.” – *artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com*, 12th April 2009

roast beef

noun

the teeth [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

· I’ll knock your roast beef so far down your throat you’ll be able to eat your dinner again. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

roasted duck*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- O how I cried when Alice died / The day we were to have wed! / We never had our Roasted Duck / And now she's a Loaf of Bread! – W.H. Auden and C. Isherwood, *The Dog Beneath the Skin*, III.i, p.123, **1935**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

roast joint; roaster*noun*

a pint of beer [IRELAND/UK]

A genuine rhyme in some Irish accents and a nearly perfect rhyme in Cockney. The form *roaster* is exclusively Irish. The Mancunian slang *rosster* 'a pint (of beer)', recorded in Robert Roberts's *Imprisoned Tongues* (1968), may be a further, as yet unproven, variation.

- So I said to the trouble and strife that I had a few barney dillons in me dean's grange and I could go down to the battle cruiser for a roast joint anytime I wanted to. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, **1966**
- Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Roast Joint* – Pint. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**
- 'I'll 'ave a roast joint (pint)[.]' – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.99, **1981**
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- I could not complain about the roast joints we had last year - black, wet, and lovely – as was yer one serving them with shamrocks on top whose father was from Kildare. – *Vauxhall Owners Network* forum, 2nd August **2007**
- **Roasters** *n.* shortened from roast joint (pronounced *joynt*), rhyming slang for pint (or *point*). – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.121, **2009**
- [G]oing for a few Roasters[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th June **2009**
- Jaysu me throat is like a tram drivers glove – I'd love a Roaster. – *www.slang.ie*, 8th October **2012**

roast pork; roast*noun*

1 a fork [UK]

The short form is given by Dodson and Saczek (1972).

▶ see DRUMMOND AND ROCE

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a talk [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

roast pork; roast*verb*

to talk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

- 'Ere–wotsher roastin' abaht? – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Now, what are you roasting about? – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

- Roast Pork the Bill Lang[.] – G. Seal, *DEDH*, p.6, **2009**

roasty roast*noun*

the starting or finishing post on a racetrack [US]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

Robbie Coltrane barrier*noun*

the pain barrier [UK]

< Robbie Coltrane, the stage name of Scottish actor Anthony Robert McMillan (b.1950).

- You may even decide to get in the Karen Dunbar, hit the Tiger Tim, lift some weights and work through the Robbie Coltrane barrier. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Robbie Flower; Robert Flower*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Robert 'Robbie' Flower (1955–2014).

- Nonsense words you say to your kids – [...] DH is shocking for it. Some of his list are: Harold Holt = Salt. Robbie Flower = Shower. – *Essential Kids* forum, 18th June **2008**
- Used to throw them around in days gone by. Some of the more popular ones were Robbie Flower = shower. James Hird = terd. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October **2009**
- Robbie flower= having a shower. – *DirtBikeWorld.net* forum, 28th March **2012**
- Apparently last night on "I'm a Celebrity Get me Outta Here" (I say 'apparently' because I haven't personally watched the current season) Anthony Callea was left a little perplexed when another contestant made reference to needing a "Robert Flower". – *www.deepfriedfruit.com.au*, blog, 23rd February **2016**

Robbie Fowler; Robbie*noun*

a foul mood [IRELAND/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *fouler* and *Fowler*. < English footballer Robbie Fowler (b.1975).

- [S]he's obviously in another Robbie. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.167, **2004**
- I just got a message from my friend saying 'don't be in a Robbie Fowler'. – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**
- In a right Robbie fowler today, fuck offfff. – *twitter.com*, 21st August **2016**

Robbie Fowler; robbie*noun*

1 a glaring mistake [UK]

Rhymes on *howler*. < English footballer Robbie Fowler (b.1975), also known by the nicknames GROWLER and 'the PROWLER'.

· Footballer Geoff (Hurst = burst or urination) may not be too pleased. Nor perhaps Scott Gibbs (meaning fibs) or even Robbie (Fowler = howler). – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**

· I made a right Robbie yesterday. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

· Ilunga had another Robbie Fowler last night. – *www.catflapfootball.com*, 11th March **2009**

· That goalkeeper made a right old Robbie Fowler[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 31st January **2011**

2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *growler*, an altered shortening of GROWL AND GRUNT.

· I bet she's got a well groomed robbie. – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 5th June **2003**

· I've always enjoyed using his name as vulgar slang for the word f@nny. Robbie Fowler = Growler. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 17th January **2006**

· [S]how us yer robbie fowler – growler. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

· Must have been too much vodka on the “lady garden” naming day – I then changed its name by deed poll to “Robbie Fowler” (see the rhyming slang there???) – *You and Your Wedding* forum, 27th July **2007**

· My little girl calls it her lady parts... however my OH has many names for it tho... my fav is Robbie fowler (growler), wrong I know... but it always makes me laugh!! – *StudentMidwife.NET* forum, 16th February **2012**

3 an unattractive woman [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *growler*.

· Robbie Fowler. That bird's a right Robbie! – *The Cafeine Machine* forum, 18th October **2009**

4 a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *growler*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [J]ust what its known as where I'm from, Robbie Fowler = Growler = Cigarette haha. – *twitter.com*, 23rd January **2012**

Roberta Flack; roberta

noun

1 dismissal from employment [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*. < American singer Roberta Flack (b.1937). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Big Mac (Roberta Flack): Sack. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a bed [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

· [H]it the Roberta. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· You wanna hit the Roberta? – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.173 [1993], **1987**

· **bed** [...] Roberta Flack = sack (Roberta). – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· I'm barb-wired, I'm going to hit the Roberta. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· But there was one girl at the bar that caught Nigel's eye and he was determined to get her into the *roberta*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

3 a person's back [UK]

· – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· – *The Travel to Greece Forums*, 25th October **2006**

4 excrement [UK]

Rhymes on *cack*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – *FMTTM* forum, 5th February **2010**

Robert Carlyle

noun

bile [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish actor Robert Carlyle (b.1961).

· Ah've been baulkin' aw night. Just a bit too much o' the Robert Carlyle. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Robert Carlyles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Scottish actor Robert Carlyle (b.1961).

· [Y]ou know, a case of the old Robert Carlyles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

· I've got a terrible dose of the Robert Carlyles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 23rd May **2007**

Robert De Niro

noun

a hero [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American actor Robert De Niro (b.1943). ► see BOBBY DE NIRO

· [Y]our a 'robert de niro' = hero. – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

· Look at that lad trying to act the Robert De Niro. – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Robert Dougall

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *bugle*. < English newsreader Robert Dougall (1913–99).

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Robert E. Lee; robert e.; robert

noun

1 the knee [UK]

< American confederate general Robert E. Lee (1807–70).

· Now if you've got lumbago, rheumatics or gout, / Or a pain in your Robert E. Lee, / Don't kick up a shindy[.] – *Auntie Maggie's Remedy*, lyric, George Formby, **1941**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a quay [UK]

Dock workers' use. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

3 urine; an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· As it's early morning I'm bursting for a Robert E.–J. May, *Gasman*, p.37, **1977**

· To take a Robert – To urinate[.] – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· **Robert E** [...] Sometimes shortened still further to **Robert**. – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.43, **2002**

4 a key [UK]

· Why are 'roboters' never where you left them? – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Robert Fleck

noun

1 the neck [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Robert Fleck (b.1965).

· You could always switch to the football, but your team may have had a fair few Gavin Hastings recently, and watching that could be a pain in the Robert Fleck. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

2 a cheque [UK: SCOTLAND]

· [W]hen I used to write cheques it was a Robert Fleck. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

Robert Flower

noun

▶ see ROBBIE FLOWER

Robert Fripp; robert

noun

1 a journey, especially a short one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *trip*. < English rock guitarist Robert Fripp (b.1946). Only recorded in the full form.

· Take a Robert Fripp wiv Dusty Bin and Ted Rogers up the old frog and toad of televisual entertainment and feast your mincers on this festering pile of pony and trap[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 14th December **1985**

2 impudent talk [UK]

Rhymes on *lip*.

· “Less of the robert”: Robert Fripp – lip. – *The Motley Fool* forum, 15th January **2004**

· Don't give me any Robert Fripp. – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

Robert Kilroy-Silk

noun

▶ see KILROY-SILK

Robert Lee

noun

tea [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< English footballer Robert Lee (b.1966), who played for Newcastle United FC from 1992 to 2002.

· – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

Robert Miles; roberts

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Robert Miles, the stage name of Swiss-Italian electronic musician Roberto Concina (1969–2017).

· *THE* best rhyming slang for piles is most definitely.....Robert Miles! – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 30th April **2005**

· Ooh, me roberts are killing me. – *www.theguardian.com*, 8th November **2006**

· Thoughts from the toilet seat; We all know; Pete Tong = Wrong Robert Miles = Piles[.] – *twitter.com*, 12th November **2013**

Robert Prytz

noun

diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < Swedish footballer Robert Prytz (b.1960), who played for several Scottish clubs during his career.

· Later on I may need to go for a Jim White. I may get an Andy Murray later on and end up with the Robert Prytz the next day. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2008**

Robertson and Moffatt; robertson

noun

a profit [AUSTRALIA]

< Robertson and Moffat, a now defunct drapery, millinery and furniture firm, first established in Melbourne in 1852.

· [T]he odds-merchants probably balanced up their day's books in showing what, in the uncommendable rhyming slang of the turf, is known as a “Robertson and Moffatt.” – *Truth*, Perth, 8th September **1906**

· *Robertson* means profit, by extraction from the name of the Melbourne firm of *Robertson and Moffatt*[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**

Robertson Hare

noun

a pear [UK]

< English actor Robertson Hare (1891–1979).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Robert Stack

noun

1 heroin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smack*. < American actor Robert Stack (1919–2003).

· “Remember Cedar Bay” is chalked up on the toilet walls at Herschell Street, the limehouse lord and his bodyguard wait with the Robert Stack ‘Whatever happened to Mary Jane?’ – J.L. Jiggins, *Marijuana Australiana*, p.60, 2004: *The Cane Toad Times*, Brisbane, May **1977**

2 a person's back [UK]

· How's the ole Robert Stack? [...] My ex was from Barking and that is one slang term I always remembered! – *twitter.com*, 12th July **2012**

Robert the Bruce

noun

1 a two at cards [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *deuce*. From Robert the Bruce (1274–1329), King of Scots (1306–29).

• – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

2 a house [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *hoose*.

• – *Daily Star*, London, ‘New Way of Leith Walking; It’s Jockney’, 26th January **2001**

• Ma telly’s on the blink, dae ye mind if I com’ o’er and watch the fitba’ at your Robert the Bruce? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

• The poor wee soul’s in the Robert the Bruce on his Billy Sloan. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

• Remember the so-called gas inspector that turned up at my granny’s Robert the Bruce? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June **2007**

• [O]rite, cool see you at the robert the bruce. – *New Media Medicine* forum, 15th June **2007**

Robert Tilling

noun

a shilling [UK]

A blend of the slang *Robert* (a reinterpretation of *bob* ‘a shilling’) and THOMAS TILLING.

• – W.B. Springle, *The Vanishing Cockney*, p.52, **1990**

Robert Young

noun

the tongue [AUSTRALIA]

< American actor Robert Young (1907–98).

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

• She stuck her Robert Young down me Motor boat. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Robin Hood

noun

1 blood [UK]

A perfect rhyme in the accents of northern England. < Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw hero of Sherwood Forest. It is uncertain if the word is confined to a specific northern dialect or if it has been recorded elsewhere in England. The fact that Peter Wright mentions it (with the spelling *Robin ‘ood*) in his *Cockney Dialect and Slang* (1981) could well suggest that it is a humorous mock northern English rhyme used in Cockney.

• – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

2 wood [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a wood [UK]

Also in the plural form ROBIN HOODS.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 a Woodbine cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *Wood*, a popular name for a cigarette of this brand.

• [A] tup’ney Robin Hood. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

5 things that are of better than satisfactory quality [UK]

Rhymes on *the good*. Functionally shifted from the adjective.

• To separate the Robin Hood from the Alan Ladd. – *The Gadget Show*, UK TV: Channel 5, 19th December **2014**

Robin Hood; robin

adjective

good [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw hero of Sherwood Forest. In British English, also used in the expressions *no Robin Hood* and *no bloody robin* ‘bad; useless’, the direct equivalents of *no good* and *no bloody good*.

• A clip in the “Newingtons” will do him a bit of “Robin Hood” and put him on the Rory O’Moore. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

• The virtues of Robin Hood live on in the use of his name for “good.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

• – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

• **no Robin Hood** *No bloody good*, used extensively in the army 1914–18, now obsolescent. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, **1973**

• [I]f it’s ‘no Robin Hood’ or ‘no bloody Robin’, it’s no bloody good. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Ope ya all ad a Robin Hood nickle and dime at the bloody weekend. – *MX Trax* forum, 17th May **2004**

• GOT OUT OF JIMMY NED AFTER A ROBIN HOOD BO PEEP. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

• What did you buy that for? That’s no Robin Hood! – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

• So, is the new show any Robin Hood (or ‘good’, for those not fluent in rhyming slang)? – *now-here-this.time-out.com*, 30th May **2013**

• – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, **2014**

Robin Hoods

noun

1 goods (merchandise or possessions) [UK]

< Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw hero of Sherwood Forest.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the woods [UK]

Also in the singular form ROBIN HOOD.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Robinson and Cleaver; robinson

noun

a fever [UK/US?]

< Robinson and Cleaver, a long-gone London department store, originally established in Belfast in the late 19th century. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain,

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- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, 1973
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, 1979
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- Wayne's in bed with a Robinson. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- I'm comin' down with a Robinson. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

Robinson Crusoe; robinson

verb

to do so [UK]

- < *Robinson Crusoe*, a 1719 novel by Daniel Defoe and its eponymous hero.
- Come on, boys, “rats and mice,” who pays for the “Joe Skinner” – it won't be more than an “Oxford.” All right, “Robinson Crusoe.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- Why don't you Robinson? – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.285, 1948
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, 1979
- ‘If you don't move your car from in front of my gate I'll call the police.’ ‘Well Robinson Crusoe.’ – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Robinson Hare

noun

a pear [UK]

- A variation of ROBERTSON HARE.
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, 1981

rob my pal; Rob my pal

noun

a girl [UK]

- Rhymes on *gal*. Probably a development of BOB, MY PAL. Both Franklyn (1960) and Ayto (2002) acknowledge this etymology. However, the lower-case form *rob my pal*, recorded in Franklyn (1960) and the *New York Times* of 22nd March 1964, may suggest a different history.
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS*, 1960
- So a liar became a holy friar, a church, a chicken perch, a lodger, an artful dodger, a gal rob my pal, kids God forbids, and so on[.] – *The New York Times*, 22nd March 1964
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.2, 2002

Rob Roy

noun

a boy [UK/US?]

- < Scottish folk hero Rob Roy (real name Robert MacGregor; 1671–1734), immortalised in Sir Walter Scott's novel *Rob Roy* (1818); *Roy* is an anglicisation of the

Scottish Gaelic for *red*, a reference to his dark red hair. The only record of this rhyming slang term in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of words that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

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- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- [Y]ou'll be the proper Rob Roy innit givin it the Barry down the awld rub-a-dub. – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 2nd October 2006
- Where he met Bubba, now Bubba was a very friendly Rob Roy. – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October 2008
- He's just a Rob Roy but I'm sure he can bowl from a good length. – *www.greenandgoldrugby.com*, 4th November 2009
- Though truth to tell, the old Rob Roy is all bluff and bluster. – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

Rob Roy MacGregor; rob roy

noun

a beggar [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Scottish folk hero Rob Roy MacGregor, also known simply as Rob Roy (real name Robert MacGregor; 1671–1734).
- Aye ye've tae mind where ye go these days, the city centre's jist fu' o' Rob Roys. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Rob Sitch

noun

a spiteful woman [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *bitch*. < Australian comedian and director Rob Sitch (b.1962).
- [T]he lid came off and got me right in the Gladstone Smalls. “You bloody Rex Hunt” said I, as my missus laughed at me. “You know, you can be a real Rob Sitch” I told her[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October 2001

rock and boulder; rock boulder; rocky boulder; rocky

noun

the shoulder [UK/US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

- The binomial form is recorded in British, American and South African usage; however, there is no evidence of its use in the singular (*rock and boulder*) in American and South African English. The form *rock boulder* is Australian. *Rocky boulder* is Australian and British, while its clipped version, *rocky*, is exclusively British.
- ROCKS AND BOULDERS.–Shoulders. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· **Rocks and boulders**, the shoulders. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· rocks and boulders, *the shoulders*[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· ROCKS AND BOULDERS. The shoulders. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· ROCKS AND BOULDERS (N) The shoulder. – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· So, too, his “lump of lead” means his head; [...] his “rocks and boulders” his shoulders[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, pp.105–106, **1963**

· Shoulders *Rocks and boulders*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.83, **1973**

· I run my germans down to her shapely rocks and boulders and feel her shiver. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.152, **1974**

· Rocky Boulders - Shoulders. – Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gattward, *Other Side*, p.50, **1996**

· [H]urt me rocky boulder. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· A bloke at work turned round to me and said ‘cor, my rockys are well playing me up today.’ To which I eloquently replied, ‘you what mate’. You know rockys, rocky boulders... shoulders’. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**

· **rock boulder/s – shoulder/s** – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [A]ll you get to see in the mirror are your rocky boulders (shoulders). – *1130cc.com* forum, 15th May **2009**

· [G]ot a pain in me rock and boulder. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 2nd June **2009**

rock and lurch

noun

a church [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· See you at the rock and lurch on Sunday. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

rock and roll

noun

▶ see ROCK ‘N’ ROLL

rock and rollers

noun

players of lawn bowls [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bowlers*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rock Around the Clock

noun

the penis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cock*. < ‘Rock Around the Clock’, a rock and roll classic written by Max Freedman and James Myers, popularised by Bill Haley and The Comets in 1954.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

rock attack

noun

crack cocaine [UK/US]

· – M. Haskins, *Drugs*, p.282, **2003**

· – H.H. Trimm, *Forensics the Easy Way*, p.350, **2005**

rock boulder

noun

▶ see ROCK AND BOULDER

rock ‘n’ roll; rock and roll

noun

1 unemployment benefit [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· Will the present generation of school-leavers, living, as they say, ‘on the rock and roll’, find more survival value in techniques of self-improvement than their predecessors did? – I. Bates et al., *Schooling for the Dole?*, p.125, **1984**

· The skilled men, (boners for example) have no trouble finding work down south; others used to stay and go on the ‘rock and roll’ (dole) in Tennant until the season started again. – M. Brady, *Beer Truck*, p.28, **1988**

· Then there’s Dublin rhyming slang. What’s that all about? ‘I don’t feel the Mae West, spent all me rock’n’roll on some lethal Bob Hope.’ – D. Hughes, *Digging for Fire*, IV, p.119, **1993**

· Yeah, ah’m likesay happy steyin oan the rock n roll the now man, ken? – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.63 [1994], **1993**

· How can we begin to develop a strategy for employment schemes in this sector where, in some parts of the country such as Liverpool or the North East, being a musician means more or less being on the ‘rock and roll’ for life[?] – A. McRobbie, *In the Culture Society*, pp.28–29, **1999**

· Actually, a stint on the Rock and Roll is exactly what I need myself. – *Gaire* forum, 15th October **2007**

· There were also those who, after years in college, had come out the other side, landed their dream job, bought their dream homes (because one just isn’t enough), and now found themselves on the rock ‘n’ roll with nowhere to go. – *Mulligar Advertiser*, Mullingar, Wexford, 26th February **2010**

· Make it a proper exercise, live on the rock and roll for three months and see how you get on. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 3rd January **2013**

2 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Usually in the phrase *get one’s rock and roll*, the direct equivalent of *get one’s hole*.

· Erika asks me to meet her in the Westbury Hotel for cocktails, roysh, and like a fool I end up getting a Jo there, thinking I might be on for my rock and roll. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.176, **2004**

· Being a true Northsider (quick, grab your wallet!! ha ha), Charlies in Howth was always a great place to get your rock n roll! – *Foot.ie* forum, 3rd November **2004**

· Lads, this is the place to go if your looking to get your rock and roll! Two occasions when I brought home two ladies in one night – no word of a lie! – *www.indublin.ie*, 6th February **2009**

· I had rang my aul lad off her phone telling him I was about to get my rock and roll. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 12th December **2009**

· If I don't get my rock n roll tonight I'm jumping head first into the train. – *twitter.com*, 17th April **2013**

rock of ages; rock; rocks

noun

wages [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< 'Rock of Ages', a religious metaphor for the steadfastness of Christ, best known from the hymn 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me' (1775) by English clergyman Augustus Montague Toplady. The forms *rock* and *rocks*, first recorded by Roberts (1968) and Anon. (1960) respectively, are exclusively British.

· In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: "I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:—'Greengages' or 'Rock of Ages,' Wages. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· Rock of Ages (Rocks) also Greengages ... Wages. – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· And the blokes as work there got to draw their rock of ages to get the roast and boiled of a Sunday, ain't they? – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.21, **1943**

· "Wages" can easily become "rock"[.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· A man on rock of ages can't save. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

· Rock: wages. – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, **1968**

· If there's no *rock of ages* (wages), there may well be a *bull an' cow* (row) with your *trouble an' strife* (wife). – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, **1979**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Between you and me, the rude ones are often the best but this is a family newspaper so I'll try to keep it clean or the editor will stop my rock of ages. – *Sunday Express*, London, 11th May **2003**

· – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 29th July **2005**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rockford Files; rockfords

noun

haemorrhoids [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < *The Rockford Files*, an American television series broadcast from 1974 to 1980. The first recorded use of the full form is in October 2000. ▶ see JIM ROCKFORDS

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· I'm having a bit of trouble with me Rockford Files. – *The Royle Family*, UK TV: BBC1, 16th October **2000**

· It isnae that, he gasped through gritted teeth, – it's the Rockfords, they've been giein ays gyp for days. – I. Welsh, *Glue*, p.338, **2001**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· I have a shocking dose of the Rockford Files. – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· The oddly named Thirsty Jack, however, prefers two other bits of rhyming slang – Ceramics and Rockfords. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 18th August **2010**

· Jayses lads I've some pain in me gary Glitter from the Rockfords. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 22nd January **2013**

· How's your Rockfords? – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.76, **2015**

rocking chair; rocker

noun

in cricket, a closely-mown area in the middle of the ground on which the wickets are set [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *square*.

· Rocking chair – square: as in "I couldn't hit it off the rocker". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

rocking horse

noun

1 sauce [UK]

· [A] poetry not to be confused with the street poetry of hawkers selling lavender and hot spiced gingerbread, not with the rhyming slang of cockney speech: *pass the rocking horse* for *pass the sauce*. – *Transition* magazine, Kampala, Uganda, **1963**

· The essential condiment to accompany the "banger" – or indeed, almost any savoury "nosh" is *rocking horse/sauce* – sometimes known as *cart (and horse/sauce)*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.73, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.36, **1979**

· Don't you mean ROCKING horse? That means sauce. – *Football Forums.net*, 12th February **2002**

· [I]s there a **rocking horse** to go with that? – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· Think about it, smothered in a nice bit of 'rocking horse', you know, the plum sauce, and all the onions, all this and all that. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.164 [2014], **2009**

2 impudence [UK]

Rhymes on *sauce*.

· You've got some bloody rocking horse you have. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 alcoholic drink [MARKETING/ADVERTISING]

Rhymes on *sauce*. A nonce word.

· LET'S GET ON THE ROCKING HORSE. – Legend on a badge designed by Edge Design Ltd, London, **2011**

Rocking Horse; Rock

nickname

King's Cross, an area of central London and a major railway and underground station

A perfect rhyme in traditional Cockney dialect, where *cross* was pronounced *crorse*. Used with the definite article.

· King's Cross is still called "The Rock" (rhyming slang for Rocking Horse)[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 28th November **1950**

· Many of the mainline stations have nicknames: 'Padders' is (Paddington), 'The Vic' (Victoria), 'The Loo' (Waterloo) and 'The Liver' (Liverpool Street). Then we have 'The Rocking Horse' (Kings Cross) and 'The Pancake' (St Pancras). – A. Townsend, *The Black Cab Story*, p.89, **2009**

rocks

noun

socks [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of *almond rocks*, the plural of ALMOND ROCK.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

rock-wheeler

noun

a girl [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*. A children's word apparently formed as an alteration of *rottweiler*, perhaps originally with a pun on *dog* 'an unattractive woman'.

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

rocky boulder; rocky

noun

▶ see ROCK AND BOULDER

Rocky Ned; rocky

noun

1 the head [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < 'Rocky Ned', a 1939 song by New Zealand-born country singer Tex Morton (real name Robert William Lane).

· I soon worked out I had a lug on each side of my Rocky Ned, I mean head. – *AAP General News*, Australia, 23rd January **2001**

· Your head is your *rocky*. – *tabloidbaby.blogspot.com*, Australian journalist Steve Dunleavy's video masterclass on tabloid journalism, 30th September **2008**

2 a bed [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rocky Raccoon

noun

the moon [UK: LIVERPOOL]

< 'Rocky Raccoon', a song from the Beatles' *White Album* (1968).

· Dirronda Rocky Raccoon. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.29, **1972**

rocky shore

noun

a whore [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

Rocky Ted

noun

the head [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of ROCKY NED.

· – *1stgencivic.com* forum, 24th May **2011**

· Be careful, don't bump your Rocky Ted. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**

rod and float; rod

noun

an overcoat [UK]

· "A rod" is a shortening of "rod and float," which is rhyming slang for overcoat. – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September **1915**

Rod Laver; rod

noun

1 a raver [UK]

< Australian tennis player Rod Laver (b.1938).

· RODS Rod Lavers – ravers. – B. Young and M. Moody, *Rock 'n' Roll*, p.125, **1985**

2 a favour [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Do me a Rod Laver. – *When Saturday Comes* forum, 22nd October **2008**

· Can you do me a Rod Laver (Favour) and take it to your local engravers to save me doing the honours? – *www.thinkalink.co.uk*, 5th February **2011**

· Come on mate, do us a Rod Laver. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 11th February **2011**

· First things first and do me a 'Rod Laver' (*favour*)[.] – *www.squaredancenational2016.com*, 'Buderim Bush Telegraph', March **2016**

3 in horse racing, a hedging bet [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *saver*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Written in a uniquely demotic style with a liberal sprinkling of rhyming slang – 'Fanny Craddock' = paddock; 'Rod Laver' = saver; 'Wilson Pickett' = ticket; 'eau de cologne' = phone, etc. – the column pinpointed the value-for-money bet at the five-day stage of ante-post races[.] – J. Lambie, *Story*, p.546, **2010**

4 a shaver [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July **2012**

Rod Marsh

adjective

harsh [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Rod Marsh (b.1947).

· [T]hats a bit rod marsh on him. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th July **2007**

Rodney Hogg; rodney

noun

1 an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *bog*. < Australian cricketer Rodney Hogg (b.1951).

· Before me David I'll have a Rodney Hogg[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· Or my dad calls it a tom tit and a rodney hogg, shortney to a rodney. – *FasterLouder* forum, 30th September **2005**

· Going for a Rodney. – www.sunburntcountry.au.com, accessed 10th May **2013**

· [D]ont think Id have a rodney in the david. – *twitter.com*, 4th January **2017**

2 a hot dog [AUSTRALIA]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· I have a bunch of mates who still use uniquely Australian rhyming slang on a daily basis – “A left jab” (a cab), “A Rodney Hogg” (a hotdog), “A meat pie under the Holy Ghosts” (a try under the goal posts), “A Captain Cook” (a bit of a look) and dozens more. – www.smh.com.au, 9th January **2004**

Rodney Marsh; rodney; rodders

adjective

harsh [UK/IRELAND]

< English footballer Rodney Marsh (b.1944). The variant *rodders* is recorded in Merseyside speech.

· [T]hats a bit rodney marsh. – *VoyForums*, 1st December **2002**

· But surely there’s a bit of malice about *Rodney Marsh* (‘harsh’), *Brian Clough* (‘rough’) [...]. Please don’t be too *Rodney* if I’ve missed your personal favourites. – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, pp.112/115, **2004**

· [E]h mate, giving that emu a slap was a bit Rodders like! – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

· He said: “Barry Robson was terrible for Scotland. He’s good at set-pieces and nothing else. If he’s a top-drawer midfielder player then we’re in soapy bubble.” That’s a bit Rodney Marsh. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 12th September **2008**

· [T]hat’s a bit Rodney Marsh[.] – *twitter.com*, 30th January **2013**

Rodney Rude; rodney

noun

food [AUSTRALIA]

< Rodney Rude, the stage name of Australian comedian Rodney Keft (b.1943).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rodney Trotters; Rodney

noun

diarrhoea [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *trots* (used in the expression *the trots*) and *Trotters*. < Rodney Trotter, a character in the popular BBC TV sitcom *Only Fools and Horses*, first broadcast in 1981; played by English actor Nicholas Lyndhurst (b.1961).

· He’s had the Rodney since he found out. – *Woking*, spoken, male, 39, **2002**

· [G]lad to hear u aint had the rodney trotters (yet)[.] – *ton.travellerspoint.com*, blog, 22nd February **2006**

· – A ruby with boiled rice!! – As long as you don’t get a dose of the rodneys. – *HoganStand* forum, 19th December **2012**

· Falkirk Salvation Army get donations but if its hot or reheated food its a no no. Just because you are a good samaritan wont stop some “needy” person suing your butt off if they get a dose of the Rodney. – *One F in Falkirk* forum, 19th January **2013**

· He’s as funny as a dose of the Rodney. – *twitter.com*, 1st October **2015**

rogan josh; rogan

noun

money [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dosh*. < *rogan josh* ‘a popular curry dish’. Thorne (1997) enters it as *Rogan (Josh)*, which is taken as indirect evidence that the elliptical form was already in use in the late 1990s.

· By the look of them they’re not short of a bit of the old Rogan Josh. – T. Thorne, *DCS2, 1997: London*, spoken, musician, August **1994**

· It spawned rhyming slang spin-offs like rogan josh and orange squash. – *The Sun*, 11th June **2002**

· By the 1970s “wedge” was all the go among trendy Britons, then it was “wonga” in the 1980s and in the 1990s “Rogan Josh” (because it rhymes with dosh, of course). – www.nzherald.co.nz, 24th June **2002**

· Rogan (22) or Pain in the neck (23)? No prob, keep the change. – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Roger Bannisters; Roger Banisters; bannister’s

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

A shortening of *Bannister’s four-minute miles*, rhyming on *piles*. < English athlete Roger Bannister (b.1929), the first man to run a mile in under four minutes (3 min., 59.4 sec.). ▶ see FOUR-MINUTE MILES

· When I read them, my bannister’s started playing up. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 8th July **2003**

· **Roger Banisters** - (slang) Four minute miles (piles). – www.ejectorseats.co.uk, ‘Rafanasaurus’, 22nd December **2004**

· Bumgrapes / Chalfonts... [...] what you mean me Roger Bannisters?? – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 30th August **2007**

· Piles [...] The Roger Bannisters. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 16th August **2013**

Roger Binny

noun

a can of beer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *tinnie*. < Indian cricketer Roger Binny (b.1955).

· Grab us a Roger Binny outta the Jaidyn leskie will ya? – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 10th January **2004**

Roger Black; roger

noun

a terrorist attack [UK]

< English Olympic athlete Roger Black (b.1966).

· Olympic officials and other VIPs need to be on their toes to Steve Cram [scram] down the Sally [Gunnell – Blackwall Tunnel] in the event of a suspected Roger

[Black – terrorist attack]. – *www.newsbiscuit.com*, 28th February **2011**

Roger Hunt

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English footballer Roger Hunt (b.1938).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· You must think I'm a right Roger Hunt, but hopefully over the next couple of days service will start with a wide reception. – *Old Skool Anthems* forum, 25th October **2002**

· Far better than getting slowly pushed on lager surrounded by work 'mates', and eventually telling my boss I think he's a Roger Hunt. – *Phorum: Caley Thistle Fan Forum*, 15th December **2003**

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· Andy carroll is a right Roger Hunt. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2012**

· If I yelled anything back he'd offer me out in front of all my workmates, which really pissed me off and made me look a right Roger Hunt. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.188, **2014**

2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Roger Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin or spoil'.

· Let him go with his mentor and make a Roger Hunt of Middlesborough... – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 15th December **2009**

· I think we know which Group D team will make a Roger hunt of it. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 6th December **2013**

Roger Melly; Roger Mellie; roger

noun

television; a television [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *telly*. < Roger Melly, The Man on the Telly, a character in the English comic *Viz*.

· A few nights ago Rory's Roger iron rusted, so he has gone to the battle-cruiser to watch the end of a football game. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· [T]he rest of us will be glued to the Roger Mellie waiting for news from Sky Sports. – *Planet Swans* forum, 10th November **2005**

· I can't even watch the roger Melly as I have no sound and the colour is funky. – *offthebeettrack.blogspot.com*, blog, 14th July **2007**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Watching a DVD on the roger melly... – *twitter.com*, 18th April **2010**

Roger Moore; roger

noun

1 a prostitute or promiscuous woman [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hoor*, the Scots and Irish English form of *whore*. < English actor Roger Moore (1927–2017). Hence ROGER MOORING.

· I stick one of Hector The Farmer's videos in to get me in the mood before the Roger Moore shows up. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.222 [1999], **1998**

· Now totally Schindlers List and decide to find a Roger Moore. – *F150online* forum, 7th February **2002**

· I was trying to get my trousers back on, and the dirty roger is running up the street with my wallet. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**

· Its got beer and roger moores they speak good english aswell. – *Thai Visa* forum, 7th September **2013**

2 a door [UK]

· Shut that bleedin' Roger Moore. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· And out the Roger Moore (door). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· There are six versions, with three or five Roger Moores (doors) and with three choices of Haddock and Bloater (motor). – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November **2003**

· Pete Tong heads out of the Roger Moore[.] – *The Independent*, London, 6th August **2007**

· REGAN– “Yes wooden top, you can. Open the ol' Roger.” Civvie– “Excuse me?” CARTER– “the Roger Moore...” – *shijuronotgeorgedixon.wordpress.com*, blog, 25th November **2011**

3 the floor [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 twenty pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *score*.

· Can you lend me a Roger? (Roger Moore, -score, = £20). – *www.noddleit.com*, 30th October **2009**

Roger Moore

verb

to snore [UK]

< English actor Roger Moore (1927–2017).

· When a woman hasn't slept because of the non-stop 'rogering' of her old man she won't necessarily have a smile on her face in the morning. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

roger mooring; roger moore-ing

noun

the activity of having sex with prostitutes [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *whoring* (or *hooring* in Scots and Irish English). From the noun ROGER MOORE.

· Out here I've been far too preoccupied with the Roger Mooring to be bothered about the fitba. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.176 [1999], **1998**

· Hyland was his name, a proper troll who got his rocks off by being pissed and crapped on. Imagine going out Roger Moore-ing and paying some bored dripper to use

you like a public convenience. – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.68, **2004**

· Is that not what Spitzer was doing too? Sleeping with prostitutes in order to remove the stigma attached to Roger Mooring. – *The Property Pin* forum, 20th March **2008**

· You could also use the cash for some ‘Roger Moore-ing’ if you fancy. Don’t try it in Africa though. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 11th April **2009**

· I wouldn’t say this has anything to do with Tigers past and his keen interest in ‘Roger Mooring’... – *thescore.thejournal.ie*, 29th October **2013**

Roger Rabbit; roger

noun

a drug habit, a drug addiction [UK]

< Roger Rabbit, the title character of *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, a 1988 Robert Zemeckis film that mixed live action with animation.

· If any of the locals got a ‘Roger Rabbit’ back then, they couldn’t score on their own patch and had to get their drugs from Cheetham Hill or Gooch Close in Moss Side. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.284, **2014**

· If you use drugs like heroin, crack or powdered cocaine, then the chances are good that you will end up with a **Roger**[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.325, **2015**

rogue and villain; rogue; rogan

noun

a shilling [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the colloquial pronunciation *shillin*’. The short forms *rogue* and *rogan* are exclusively Australian; they are given by Baker (1941 and 1966 respectively).

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· Come, cows and kisses, put the battle of the Nile on your Barnet Fair, and a rogue and villain in your sky-rocket[.] – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], ‘Thieves’ Slang’, 8th February **1883**

· – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 5th April **1924**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· Lesser amounts are expressed thus:– [...] rogue and villain (a shilling), and lord of the manor (a tanner, or 6d.) – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November **1936**

· – S.J. Baker, *PDAS1*, **1941**

· Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham’s willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe.” “No.” “An Egyptian Hall? Two turtle doves?” – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

roland

noun

▶ see ROLL AND BUTTER

Roland Rat; roland

noun

a stupid, obnoxious or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *twat* and *prat*. < Roland Rat, a television glove puppet created by English puppeteer David Claridge in 1983.

· An obnoxious or foolish person is known as a ‘Roland’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· He’s a right Roland Rat. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd January **2014**

Roland Rat

adjective

excellent [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *phat*. < Roland Rat, a television glove puppet created by English puppeteer David Claridge in 1983.

· That is well Roland Rat. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th November **2000**

Roland Young

noun

the tongue [UK]

< English actor Roland Young (1887–1953).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Rolf Harris; Rolf Arris; Rolf

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *harris* (or *arris*), an alteration of *aris*, the short version of ARIS-TOTLE. < British-based Australian entertainer and artist Rolf Harris (b.1930).

· [A] kick up the Rolf ‘Arris. – *Subvert Central* forum, 14th October **2003**

· That was the kick up the Rolf they needed to sort themselves out. – *London*, spoken, March **2004**

· [I]t wont break but it’s a pain in the rolf arris when it cuts out all the time. – *Talk Audio* forum, 29th November **2006**

· She kicked him in the Rolf. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· [H]e needs a kick up the Rolf Harris. – *Tottenham-hotspurs.tv* forum, 3rd July **2011**

· [S]hove THAT up your rolf arris!!!! – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 26th August **2012**

Rolf Harris; rolf

noun

charas, a potent form of cannabis resin [UK]

< British-based Australian entertainer and artist Rolf Harris (b.1930).

· [A]llright mate, is rolf there?” “yeah, rolf’s here. He would love to see you, come on over”. – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**

· – Over 200 kg charas missing from Goa police warehouse [...] – *OMG 200kgs of Rolf Harris!* Coming this way please. – *UK420* forum, 5th April **2010**

· I can't call mxe rolf harris cos that's what i been calling charas for the last 25 years or so. – *Bluelight* forum, 9th February **2012**

roll and butter; rolls and butter; roland

noun

a crazy person [UK]

Rhymes on *nutter*.

· [Y]ou guvnah are a right roll and butter! – *The Black Flag Cafe* forum, 23rd April **2006**

· That blokes a bloody roland! – *Quiz-zone* forum, 29th May **2008**

· [H]e's a roll and butter, the last thing we need is another loony. – *We Are The Rangers Boys* forum, 5th October **2009**

· I think Tevez is a complete roll and butter. – *JA606* forum, 14th December **2011**

· They will probably just think I am chicken oriental, just a rolls and butter. They're probably Isle of Wight. – *www.liveleak.com*, video posted on 16th July **2016**

roll and lurch

noun

a church [AUSTRALIA]

· I go to roll and lurch every Sunday[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

roll me in the dirt

noun

1 a shirt [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1903**

2 a skirt [AUSTRALIA]

The authenticity of this usage is doubtful. In the only quotation that supports this sense, the word *skirt* may well be a misprint for *shirt*. Given the semantic relationship between *skirt* and *shirt*, it is also likely that the author of this quotation misinterpreted the meaning of the rhyming slang term.

· Skirt—"Roll me in the dirt." – *The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia, 4th March **1909**

roll me in the gutter; roll in the gutter; roll me

noun

butter [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

According to the available evidence, *roll me in the gutter* is common in all four locations of use. *Roll in the gutter* is only used in Britain, while the clipped form *roll me* is found in both Britain and Australia.

· I got me up in the morning and had some knock me dead (bread) and roll me in the gutter (butter). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· It seems strange that "roll-in-the-gutter" should be in such demand that it has earned a place on our ration cards. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946; *The Manchester Guardian*, October **1940**

· And I can come home now after a hard days yakka, change into clean duds, shove my Dutch pegs under the Cain an' Abel, wade through half a dozen dishes of scan that we used to dream of when we were on the track, then finish up with Uncle Ned and roll me in the gutter. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· The following is heard at the long, scrubbed, mess table. 'The bait-slinger chiakked the blue-tongue but that brownie-gorger called for some roll-me-in-the-gutter for his dodger and sand for his burgoo and the babbler headed for the mulga saying he'd not cook for a sword swallower.' – P. Adam-Smith, *The Shearers*, p.278, **1982**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **Roll me in the Gutter** [...] An ancient example that has always been known as 'roll me'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Pass the roll me[.] – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 1st February **2012**

roller coaster

noun

1 a toaster [UK]

· – *www.spring.net*, 10th February **2000**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a poster [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August **2001**

· Our funky roller coaster! – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd February **2016**

rolley roar

noun

the floor [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

rollicking

noun

▶ see ROLLOCKING

rollicks; rollies

noun

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rollicks

exclamation

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rolling billow; rollin' biller

noun

a pillow [UK]

Usually in the plural. Noted by Franklyn (1961) to date back to the 19th century. Although this author describes the term as practically obsolete at the time of writing, he reports its use among contemporary

Covent Garden porters, who themselves claimed that it was used in London's Borough Market. The variant *rollin' biller* is recorded by Wright (1981).

· "To Bopeep on their rolling billows," said Copper Baldwin, with a certain relish. "Where their loaves o' bread repose." – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.144, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, **1973**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

rolling deep

noun

sleep; a sleep [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

rolling rocks

noun

socks [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· Standing on a f**king hoor of a plug with only a pair of rolling rocks on my plates of meat. – *GAA forum*, 21st December **2007**

rolling stone; rolling

noun

a bone [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < English rock band The Rolling Stones, who took their name from the 1950 Muddy Waters song 'Rollin' Stone'; ultimately from the proverb 'A rolling stone gathers no moss'.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· Something gonna happen, I can feel it in my rollings. – *www.facebook.com*, 6th August **2010**

Rolling Stones; rolling

noun

1 headphones [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < English rock band The Rolling Stones, who took their name from the 1950 Muddy Waters song 'Rollin' Stone'; ultimately from the proverb 'A rolling stone gathers no moss'.

· Do you mind using your Rolling? I'm finding that music you're listening to quite offensive. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

2 scones [UK]

A perfect rhyme for those speakers who pronounce *scones* with a diphthong. Only recorded in the full form.

· Plesantries were further effectuated by taking Rosy Lee and Rolling Stones with clotted cream at Salutation House. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 21st April **2014**

roll in the gutter

noun

▶ see ROLL ME IN THE GUTTER

rollix

noun

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rollix

exclamation

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rollixed

adjective

▶ see ROLLOCKSED

rollmops

noun

the police [UK]

Rhymes on *cops*. < *rollmop* 'raw pickled herring rolled around onion or gherkin'.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

rollock

noun

a mistake [UK]

A slang rhyme on *bollock*. Used in the phrase *drop a rollock* 'to make a blunder', a euphemistic equivalent of *drop a bollock*.

· But I'm sure that will change as the group tries living off meagre rations after Fed dropped a rollock. – *Evening Chronicle*, Newcastle, England, 31st May **2003**

· Have I dropped a rollock anywhere obvious? – *BBC 606 forum*, 13th August **2008**

· I just know I'm gonna drop a rollock soon. – *www.hotukdeals.com*, **2011**

rollock

verb

to reprimand or scold [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollock*.

· If I'd scored two by half-time, he'd rollock me for one I missed. – *www.fourfourtwo.com*, 1st July **2004**

· He was most apologetic, and went to rollock the staff, and gave us an f.o.c. ticket to leave. – *Boards.ie forum*, 14th May **2007**

· [T]hey can't rollock me cos I'm not allowed to work by the doc am I? – *Peoples Republic of Cork*, 6th September **2009**

· After rollocking them all, he turned to Kesselring and snarled, 'And you will take over Luftflotte 2 – because there's no-one else.' – J. Holland, *The Battle of Britain*, p.108 [2011], **2010**

· Her geography tutor rollocked her for talking, not listening and in maths she was moved in class for constant chatting. – *www.mirror.co.uk*, 18th September **2011**

rollocking; rollicking; rowlocking

noun

a scolding [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

A slang rhyme on *bollocking*.

· A *rollicking*, a telling off. ('He gave the copper a real rollicking.') – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.332, **1938**

· Someone's dropped a clanger. Someone's going to get a rollocking. – *OED2*, 1989: M.K. Joseph, *I'll Soldier*, p.54, **1958**

· Try dealing with 32 17 year olds that just walk in after they've had a rollocking from another teacher for poor behaviour[.] – *Aussieveedubbers* forum, 30th March **2006**

· If he gets that wrong, that's when he'll get a rollocking, not for being in the newspapers. – *Evening Herald*, Dublin, 9th October **2008**

· If they do that then they won't get a rollocking from me as a coach and I'll just have to point out a few things here and there. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 25th November **2009**

· Thanks to those offering advice even when they were giving me a rowlocking. – *Car4play* forum, 13th August **2012**

· I assume they got a good rollicking at half time to shake them from their slumber[.] – *Mayo Advertiser*, 16th November **2012**

· Patosi was taken off five minutes from the end of the game by coach Peter Maes, who got a rollocking from the crowd and has also since had to explain his actions in the Belgian press. – *www.sufc.co.za*, 24th October **2013**

rollock naked

adjective

completely naked [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *bollock naked*. Also as *stark rollock naked*.

· There you was, all alone, stark rollock naked in the room. – L. Golding, *The Little Old Admiral*, p.91, **1958**

· An old favourite shows a surgeon berating a harassed nurse – “You blithering idiot, I distinctly told you to remove his spectacles” – whilst a patient flees, rollock-naked, into the distance. – *www.thenorthernecho.co.uk*, 22nd November **2011**

rollocks; rollox; rollies; rollicks; rollix; rowlocks

noun

1 the testicles [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollocks*; perhaps originally a shortening of TOMMY ROLLOCKS. Also used idiomatically in the phrases *make a rollocks of (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’, *not give a rollocks* ‘to not care at all’ and *the DOG’S ROLLOCKS*. In Irish usage *rollix* and *rollicks* rhyme on *bollix*, a spelling reflecting the Irish pronunciation of *bollocks*. These forms also occur in the phrases *me rollix* and *ask me rollix*, used to express disbelief or contempt. ▶ see OARS AND ROWLOCKS

· Have the recruiting blokes made a rollocks of it again? – L. Golding, *The Little Old Admiral*, p.91, **1958**

· I made a right rollocks of the whole thing all by myself and I tried to blame you because I got in a panic. – J. Herriot, *The Lord God Made Them All*, p.73 [1982], **1981**

· **rollocks** The testicles [...] Less common is the abbreviation ‘rollies’. – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slangage of Sex*, **1984**

· On Saturday, the Record’s Bob Shields blasted Hill for putting lives at risk and said he’d like to give him, “a good kick in the rollocks”. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd August **2001**

· A bunch of namby Pambies who deserve a good kick in the rollicks! – *Udon Thani Thailand Forum*, 29th August **2010**

· Ten pints me rollix, ten pints and the rest! – *Irish Taxi Drivers* forum, 19th September **2010**

· i dont give a rollix how independent the poll was. – *You Boys in Green* forum 29th September **2010**

· O’Flynn made a Rollix of a great chance from 6 yards late on. – *Foot.ie* forum, 21st October **2011**

· Kerry looked poor this weekend – methinks young Tomas will get a long suspension for that attempt at a knee in the rollicks. – *The Grove Social Club* forum, 13th February **2012**

· She should have kicked him in the rollox. – *Sheffield Forum*, 17th June **2013**

· People who say ‘crotch’ when they mean ‘crotch’ deserve a kick in the rowlocks. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2015**
2 nonsense; rubbish [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollocks* or *bollix*.

· The great thing about being spoilt rotten and having success at an early age and all that rollocks, is that you don’t do anything you don’t want to do. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 28th April **2000**

· I think you are talking rollox mate. – *Digital Spy* forum, 28th May **2003**

· I cant recall a time where I got bad enough to slur/talk rollix. – *Boards.ie* forum, 6th January **2006**

· Total load of rollocks[.] – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 14th September **2006**

· What utter rowlocks. What, exactly, is moral about paying tax? – *h2g2* forum, 29th November **2006**

· Its a load of old rollicks. – *Pigeon Watch* forum, 22nd January **2010**

· ‘What I don’t like is people saying that I have reinvented myself, just to be popular,’ he said. ‘That’s the biggest load of rollocks.’] – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 11th March **2012**

· Because it was just like, “No lies, no nonsense.” If I was even out socially and someone was talking rollicks I was like, “Rollicks?! – *www.tallgirlshorts.net*, accessed 17th January **2014**

· All that stuff that Norman posted about a French ‘renaissance’ is of course complete rowlocks. – *Complete France* forum, 27th February **2016**

3 courage; guts [UK]

A slang rhyme on *bollocks*.

· So glad you had the rowlocks to go through with it after what happened before. – *HealthBoards* forum, 23rd June **2003**

· Fortunately somebody had the rowlocks to throw money at it. – *h2g2* forum, 17th April **2006**

· They wouldn’t have the rollox to say these things in front of their own family never mind in public or to relatives of the ninety-six! – *Sport Witness* forum, 22nd April **2011**

· Doubt I would have the rollocks to do it though[.] – *BabyCentre* forum, 25th October **2012**

· If you have the rollocks to post sumit INTENTIONALLY that is defamatory, then you should have the rollocks to stand by what you wrote and if you haven't got the rollocks to stand by what you say then DON'T write it in the first place[.] – *LegalBEAGLES* forum, 2nd December 2013
 4 a stupid person [IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollix*. Spelt *rollix*.
 · What that he is a rollix ohhhhhh I said it lol. – *twitter.com*, 19th June 2013
 · JJ R is a rollix. – *www.thejournal.ie*, 23rd August 2013

rollocks; rollox; rollocks up; rollox up; rowlocks up
verb

to ruin or spoil [UK/IRELAND]
 A slang rhyme on *bollocks (up)*.
 · [O]thers have rolloxed it up on my behalf. – *Bristol City Fans' Forum*, 16th February 2005
 · Seems I may have rolloxed my suspension going up the kerb too. – *Vauxhall Owners Network* forum, 12th November 2006
 · [H]e got wicked signal strength for miles when he transmitted and rowlocksd up hundreds of Tv sets signals into the bargain causing meyhem[.] – *The Security Installer* forum, 10th September 2007
 · I haven't rollocksd up the girls night out tomorrow so that's my bit of excitement. – *Mumsnet* forum, 6th February 2009
 · I remember typing it up and to send a pm is fairly straight forward some how rolloxed it up[.] – *CarpFishingIreland.com* forum, 22nd April 2010
 · I've been playing in it that much (being a bit of a pratt really) i seem to have rolloxed my clutch, or have i??? – *LandyZone* forum, 17th January 2010
 · That tag match was great until that stupid redneck alcoholic rollocksd it up. – *thewrestlingnerdshow.blogspot.com*, 13th May 2013

rollocks; rollox; rollicks; rollix; rowlocks
exclamation

1 used for indicating that something is rubbish or nonsense [UK/IRELAND]
 A slang rhyme on *bollocks*. An interjectional use of the noun ROLLOCKS. In Irish usage *rollicks* and *rollix* rhyme on *bollix*, a spelling reflecting the Irish pronunciation of *bollocks*.
 · "Rollocks!" said Maguire and his voice was deliberately gruff to hide his embarrassment. – *OED2*, 1989: B. Wells, *Earth Caught Fire*, p.26, 1961
 · – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, 1984
 · "Are we really expected to believe that Diana is going to be content to tiptoe about in secret?" asked Daily Express columnist Peter Tory. "Rollocks!" he answered. – *Toronto Star*, Toronto, Ontario, 27th February 1994
 · – [T]hey look ridiculous! Mind you better than the gob****e I saw fairly motoring down them last night with no helmet on at all! – Rollocks, I bet he looked sh1t cool. – *Boards.ie* forum, 31st August 2011

· Rowlocks–what the politicians mean is more state control. – *www.oxfordtimes.co.uk*, 7th February 2013
 2 used to express disgust, frustration or annoyance [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollocks*.
 · Oh Rollocks, Shame that one!! – *FlightSim* forum, 8th May 2002
 · Ah rollocks, i completely forgot about it! – *IrishDogs* forum, 27th January 2010
 · Ah rollix..... Would have been a great call. – *Boards.ie* forum, 1st April 2010
 · Oh rollox what do i do now! – *London Bikers* forum, 18th October 2010
 · Oh rowlocks I'm having a bad day????? – *www.facebook.com*, 14th August 2012
 · Oh rollocks. I ate them all. – *twitter.com*, 13th October 2012
 · Ah rollix! Was all geared up to listen while giving blood, but just remembered I left earphones in the car. – *www.facebook.com*, 22nd August 2013
 · Oh rollox. I thought Thumper was the Canadian one. – *Zroadster.net* forum, 23rd September 2014
 · Hello! what's that Viper doin.....oh rowlocks he's at ramming speed[.] – *Frontier* forum, 25th March 2015

rollocksd; rolloxed; rollixed; rowlocksd; rowloxed
adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK/IRELAND]
 A slang rhyme on *bollocksd*. In Irish usage *rollixed* rhymes on *bollixed*, a spelling reflecting the Irish pronunciation of *bollocksd*.
 · Would the CPU just have been fried or could the motherboard be rollocksd too? – *Fiesta Turbo* forum, 3rd March 2003
 · – Test Server Feedback – Basically it's rowloxed. – *EVE Search* forum, 18th September 2003
 · [T]he dvd drive is again rolloxed, it seems to never accept a disk[.] – *Overclockers UK* forum, 18th July 2008
 · So, anyway – the charging system in the car is quite clearly rollocksd. – *PistonHeads* forum, 23rd May 2010
 · Oh, and just to cheer me up even more Paul rang y'day to tell me that clutch was rowlocksd & down to the rivets. – *Subaru Forester Owners* forum, 18th September 2010
 · Very good condition, good body, drives well, been lowered a little...sits REAL nice. Sales speak for the suspension is rollixed. – *Classic American Motors Ireland*, 19th December 2011
 2 completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted [UK/IRELAND]
 A slang rhyme on *bollocksd*. In Irish usage *rollixed* rhymes on *bollixed*, a spelling reflecting the Irish pronunciation of *bollocksd*.
 · I will be in the car with my other half, and I have kindly nominated her to drive as I will be getting rolloxed[.] – *UB40 (The Official Site)* forum, 27th June 2003

· Then I was woken up again at 4am with another call out and now I'm back in work. I've got football after work and I think I'll be well and truly rollocksed tonight. – *PESFan* forum, 16th January **2008**

· [T]hink im gonna head off now guys, its been a long day and im rolloxed. – *ForumGarden.com* forum, 2nd May **2008**

· Staying in tonight for first time in about 25 yrs tonight, to rollixed after playing Doctors and nurses to the family in my private home hospital for what seems like months. – *Boards.ie* forum, 31st December **2008**

· I feel sorry for the poor door man having to count out all them 1 pennies each time some one comes in. He will be totally rolloxed if a group of 5 people turn up. – *Simple Match Fishing Forum*, 3rd March **2009**

· If this happens and you drill the head off the bolt, then you really are rolloxed. – *Trials Central* forum, 12th January **2013**

3 ■ **I'll be rollocksed if I (do something)** used emphatically to state that something is not the case [UK]

A slang rhyme on *bollocksed*, used in the phrase *I'll be bollocksed if I (do something)*. Also spelt *rolloxed*.

· I wouldn't put a post up normally but I'll be rolloxed if I can remember what your user name is! – *SXOC* forum, 29th July **2003**

4 ■ **drunk** [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *bollocksed*.

· [G]ot rolloxed last night and poured out my heart to a great friend who i've fancied for ages. – *IGN* forum, 23rd November **2003**

· I also tend to say seriously a lot when I'm rollixed. – *Boards.ie* forum, 6th January **2006**

· [B]y the time they made it to my establishment they were so rolloxed most of them never knew their names let alone what else they were taking. – *Leinsterfans.com* forum, 11th December **2007**

· [D]on't go out and get rollocksed, then turn up at 11am the next day smelling like a pissed seaside donkey and vomit on the partner's shoes. – *Mumsnet* forum, 25th July **2013**

rolls and butter

noun

► see ROLL AND BUTTER

Rolls-Royce; rolls

noun

1 ■ a voice; the human voice [UK]

< Rolls-Royce, an originally British make of luxury car manufactured since 1903. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· But on top of that they brought along two of the most legendary *Rolls Royces* (voices) in the game... – *scandalmunro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September **2005**

· Yer Rolls-Royce is cushty 'Chelle. [...] But in an attempt to raise her spirits, Ryan Thomas, 27, who plays mechanic Jason Grimshaw, started putting on a Cockney accent when talking to Michelle, 50, (below) during a break in filming. – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 17th July **2011**

· I should've said what does your rolls royce sound like? – *help.com*, **2012**

2 ■ a choice [UK]

· Rolls-Royce is Cockney slang for Choice. "Its your Rolls." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd July **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Well, me little maurice, it's your rolls. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

rolly

noun

a race between two horses [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Rolly Hatch*, rhyming on *match*. < Rolly Hatch, a prominent horse-racing personality in New Zealand and Australia.

· – N. Wallish, *TDRS*, **1989**

Roman candle; roman

noun

a sandal [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Why are you wearing those Romans? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th December **2001**

· She's whipp'd off 'er Roman candles sharpish an' this nice little whistle. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Roman nose

noun

a rose [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] rose – Roman nose[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

romantic ballad

noun

a salad [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

romp and ramp

noun

a lamp [AUSTRALIA]

· The popularity of rhyming – and other – slang (discussed in more detail elsewhere) at this time can be heard in this probably apocryphal exchange between an American and an Australian soldier, late in World War I: The Yank: 'Say Guy, how far to battle?' Aussie: 'Well sonny, I guess it's about five kilos. Just 'pencil and chalk' straight along this 'frog and toad' till you come to the 'romp and ramp' on the 'johnny horner'. Then dive across that 'bog orange' field till you run into a barrage. That lobs you right there. D'ye compree?' – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.59, **1999**

Ronald*noun*

a piece of excrement [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Terry Pratchett (1948–2015) in *Witches Abroad* (1991). Shortened from *Ronald the Third*. < fictitious king Ronald the Third of Lancre; formed on the model of RICHARD THE THIRD.

· ‘I wouldn’t eat all of it. Even the gutters are scrubbed. Not a Ronald’ in sight, look.’ ‘Gytha!’ ‘Ronald the Third of Lancre, believed to be an extremely unpleasant monarch, was remembered by posterity in this obscure bit of rhyming slang. – T. Pratchett, *Witches Abroad*, p.153 [1992], **1991**

Ronald de Boer; ronald*noun*

1 a door [UK]

< Dutch footballer Ronald de Boer (b.1970).

· Shut that Ronald de Boer. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May **2006**

· [C]lose the Ronald de Boer. – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**

· Don’t yew know ter ’old a Ronald de Boer fer a lady? – *www.fanfiction.net*, 6th April **2007**

· Close the ronald de boer[.] – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May **2012**

· Go on, go on out the ronald, take a glen, ’cos you’re gona get brussel from me if you do a frank. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

2 twenty pounds sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *score*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Gimme a ronald de boer. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th May **2006**

3 the state of affairs; the current situation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *score*. Only recorded in the full form.

· What’s The Ronald De Boer? – *BBC 606* forum, 5th September **2008**

4 a score [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· [N]ever get the ronald de boer (score) right. – *Neoseeker* forum, 6th November **2009**

Ronan Keating; ronan*noun*

1 an act of hitting someone repeatedly and violently

[E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *beating*. < Irish pop singer Ronan Keating (b.1977).

· You have an altercation resulting in fisticuffs, you’ve been given a Ronan (Ronan Keating = Beating). – *The Motley Fool* forum, 28th November **2000**

· He then gives him a right Ronan Keating and nicks all his Buddy Holly. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

· Ronan Keating – A good beating. “Yeah!! I gave ’im a right good Ronan, an’ no mistake! – *sausageNet Nostalgia Forums*, 17th October **2004**

· I’d love to take him down a dark alley and give him a right Ronan Keating. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th November **2006**

2 central heating [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· – *New Zealand Truth*, 15th December **2000**

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· A young man called chez Diary the other day to have a look at our “Ronan Keating”, as he put it. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 11th January **2001**

· Can you turn the Ronan on, love? I’m freezing my Jacksons off[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd August **2005**

· Getting your Ronan Keating installed[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

· [T]he wife is obsessed with having the Ronan Keating up high. – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March **2012**

3 a meeting [UK]

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.186, **2007**

· So we got on the dog and bone and set up some Ronan Keatings with six dedicated surfers who live in the Smog, either because they grew up there or moved to find Captain Kirk. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

· If your company’s MD comes up from London and suggests a Ronan, he’s probably inviting you to a “Ronan Keating” or “meeting”[.] – *www.northantstelegraph.co.uk*, 12th July **2012**

4 cheating [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Ronan Keating is nothing more than rhyming slang for ‘cheating’. – *twitter.com*, 5th November **2012**

· ‘It would be Ronan Keating,’ I said. [...] ‘Oh, it’s the rhyming slang Dylan likes to use. *Ronan Keating* means *cheating*,’ Mum said. – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.182, **2014**

Ron Coote; Ronnie Coote; Ronny Coote; ronnie; ronny*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse; hence a person regarded as a sex partner [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *root*. < Australian rugby league player Ron Coote (b.1944). First recorded by Spilsted (1997) in the forms *Ron Coote* and *Ronny*.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· i got a ronnie coote last night, but she didn’t allow me to mal meninga her[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 9th October **2002**

· She laid on her Garry Jack and said I was the best Ronny Coote she had in Gary Spears. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

· Any other interesting facts or memories, traits or comments? Overdue for a ron coote. – *Racing and Sports* forum, 26th October **2005**

· All cashed up he headed off to the Polly Waffle keen for a Ron Coote. – *Aussie Greyhounds Forum*, 6th August **2007**

· On the bright side... surely this move would increase the chances of pulling a Ronnie Coote? – *Real Surf* forum, 30th April **2008**

· Now, I'm not saying the sheilas are a bunch of mallee roots, but maybe a Ron Coote will be on offer[.] – *Pattaya Addicts* forum, 2nd January **2016**

Ronnie Barker; ronnie

noun

a marker pen [UK]

< English comedian and actor Ronnie Barker (1929–2005), best known for his comic double act with Ronnie Corbett as The Two Ronnies; he famously starred as Fletcher, a Cockney prisoner, in the BBC sitcom *Porridge*, broadcast from 1974 to 1977. Ronnie Barker's *Fletcher's Book of Rhyming Slang* was published in 1979. Puxley (2003) notes the word's use in the 1970s. McMahon and O'Donoghue (2004), in their *Brewer's Dictionary of Irish Phrase and Fable*, list *Ronnie Barker* as '[r]hyming slang for "Parker", used for the ballpoint pen refills, inside which messages were smuggled in and out of prison by and for Republican prisoners during the Northern Troubles'.

· – *www.spring.net*, 10th February **2000**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Results and prices were marked up by hand with a 'Ronnie'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Have you been drawin' on the walls with a Ronnie Barker again? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Ronnie Biggs

noun

1 lodgings [UK]

Rhymes on *digs*. < English criminal Ronnie Biggs (1929–2013), who was involved in the Great Train Robbery of 1963; his prison escape in 1965 led to continuing media interest and celebrity.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 cigarettes [UK]

Rhymes on *cigs*.

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

Ronnie Coote; Ronny Coote; ronnie; ronny

noun

▶ see RON COOTE

Ronnie Gill; Ronny Gill

nickname

the *Evening Chronicle* newspaper (Newcastle, UK)

A not quite perfect slang rhyme.

· [I]f you believe everything you read in the Ronny Gill there is more chance of Andy O'Brien becoming a Premiership quality defender than O'Neill leaving Celtic for us. – *Toonchat* forum, 3rd September **2004**

· Without the usually accurate stories on signings etc (rather than rehashes of the Ronnie Gill), it is just an-

other website fanzine really. – *Toontastic* forum, 26th October **2005**

· Speaking to the Ronnie Gill he said: "Going out in Europe was a major disappointment[.]" – *www.newcastle.vitalfootball.co.uk*, 29th March **2007**

· The thing she misses more than anything is the Ronnie Gill. – *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 5th November **2010**

· Just don't bother reading the Ronnie Gill ... shit rag, shit craic. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 11th July **2011**

· Ronnie Gill which is what the paper sellers shouted out at the newstands when selling the Newcastle Evening Chronicle. – *twitter.com*, 1st March **2012**

Ronnie Kray

verb

to pray [UK]

< Ronnie Kray, London gangster Ronald Kray (1933–95), who terrorised the East End of London with his twin Reggie in the 1950s and 1960s.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

Ronnie Whelan

noun

a ceiling [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *ceilin*. < Irish football player and manager Ronnie Whelan (b.1961).

· – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**

Ron Randell; Ron Randle

noun

a candle [AUSTRALIA]

The spelling *Ron Randle* is given by Seal (2009), who notes that the word has been claimed to be based on Australian-born actor Ron Randell (1918–2005), but his name is usually pronounced with the stress on the final syllable.

· She sits by a flickering Ron Randell in sweet celestial bliss[.] – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.13, **1983**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Ronson lighter; Ronsen lighter ; ronson

noun

1 a man who lives off a prostitute's earnings, a pimp [UK]

An elaboration of *ronce*, the second element of JOE RONCE and JOHNNY RONCE, perhaps influenced by *Johnson*, another slang word for 'prostitute'. < Ronson, a brand of cigarette lighters. Recorded in the forms *Ronson lighter* and *ronson*; the latter *ronson* is given by Franklyn (1960) and Powis (1977).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· And unless Scotland Yard can find him with more speed than seems humanly possible, the garrotter may strike again. He is one of four types: a 'Ronson lighter' which, for some reason, is what the puff calls the pimp who finds clients for him[.] – *News of the World*, London, 25th February **1962**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.187, **1977**

2 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *shiter*. This usage is particularly common in Scottish English.

- [A] great glasgow ryhming slang term is ‘ronston lighter’, I’ll let you guess for yourself what it means!! – *soc.culture.scottish, Google Groups*, 13th February **1996**
- **Ronson** *rhym. slang* Arse. From *Ronson lighter – shiter*. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**
- This is a long way of me saying... shove it up your ronson. – *Chortle* forum, 11th June **2003**
- [M]uhahahhahaha quadruple boom up your ronson lighter and goodnight ... – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 2nd April **2008**
- I’d be straight doon tae the nearest parasitology unit to make sure I didnae have a deid Komodo dragon up my Ronson. – C. Brookmyre, *Pandaemonium*, p.27 [2010], **2009**
- I know she dropped in on yer ma at Cornton Vale yesterday, she smuggled a moby in up her ronson. – *JA606* forum, 4th July **2012**
- [Y]er dad still pumps yer maw! And occasionally up the ronsen lighter. – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2012**
- [J]ust had vindaloo there for dinner, may the chilli gods have mercy on my ronson lighter tomorrow. – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2014**
- Personally id ram it right down his throat or up his Ronson lighter. – *twitter.com*, 10th January **2016**

roof rack

noun

- 1 the back [UK/IRELAND]
- – *www.spring.net*, 10th February **2000**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- [A] sore roof rack. – *www.bebo.com*, male from Finglas, County Dublin, 6th December **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 2 a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK]
- Rhymes on *pak*, probably as a shortening of *Paki*.
- – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**
- 3 crack cocaine [UK]
- – *Rollitup* forum, 19th December **2009**

Roof Rack

nickname

- used as a substitute for the pet name *Jack* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]
- – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

roof tile; roof

noun

- a smile [UK]
- Put a Roof on yer Boat. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January **2004**
- The roof tile all over the blonde’s boat is etched forever. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- I love your Roof Tile. – *www.notonthehighstreet.com*, legend on a Valentine’s card, **2014**

Rookery Nook; rookery

noun

- 1 a book [UK]

< *Rookery Nook*, a 1926 farce by English writer Ben Travers, based on his own 1923 novel of the same title.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, **1969**
- There seems little chance of the Cockney language dying out with a Rookery Nook like this around[.] – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2nd December **1973**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- You can read about them in the rookery of Judges in the Bible. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.48, **2001**
- He has a way with *dickys*, his head is always in a rookery and he got a *geoff* at university. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**
- 2 a cook [UK]
- Only evidenced in the full form.
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, **1969**

root

noun

- ▶ see BULLROOT

root and tooter

noun

- ▶ see ROOTIN TOOTER

rooter

noun

in prison, a man who plays the passive or female role in a homosexual relationship [us]

- A slang rhyme on *fruiter* ‘a male homosexual’.
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.527, **1984**

rootin tooter; root and tooter

noun

a male homosexual [us]

- Rhymes on *fruiter*. An elaboration of *ROOTER* based on the colloquial adjective *rootin’-tootin’* ‘exciting, boisterous, noisy’. The earliest form is *root and tooter*, listed by Cardozo-Freeman (1984). Flores (1998) defines *rootin tooter* as ‘[t]he one who plays the female role in a homosexual relationship’; in this usage, the term is synonymous with *rooter*.
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.527, **1984**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

roots

noun

boots [AUSTRALIA/US]

- A slang rhyme triggered by metaphor or a shortening of *DAISY ROOTS*. In American English, *roots* is recorded by Pollock (1935) in the sense ‘feet’, which suggests that, at least in American slang, the sense ‘boots’ may have arisen via metonymy, the rhyme being purely fortuitous.
- – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Roots Manuva; roots*noun*

a vacuum cleaner [UK]

Rhymes on *hoover*, originally an American trademark and now a generic British term for a vacuum cleaner.
 < Roots Manuva, the stage name of English rapper Rodney Smith (b.1972).

· [G]otta give this floor a good ol' roots manuva. – *ilXor.com* forum, 16th October **2002**

· “Mum, I sat on a beanbag and it split and the stuff's gone everywhere!” “Well, get out the Roots and clear it up then.” – *www.theguardian.com*, 8th November **2006**

· I made a hell of a mess, had to get the roots manuva out. – *UD(.com)*, 28th July **2010**

Rory Best*noun*

the chest [IRELAND]

< Northern Irish rugby player Rory Best (b.1982).

· [H]er eyes are immediately out on stalks, staring at my Rory Best. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.99, **2010**

Rory Delap; rory*noun*

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < English-born Irish footballer Rory Delap (b.1976).

· [G]oing for a Rory Delap[.] – *Punters Lounge* forum, 12th December **2004**

· Just going for a Rory (Delap). – *SaintsWeb* forum, 15th October **2009**

2 something worthless or inferior; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*.

· I've never seen a match this bad, it's absolute Rory..... – *WFC Forums*, 22nd May **2009**

· What a load of rory delap goin to celtic for 10 million these are real rumours. – *Football Rumours* forum, 10th January **2010**

· Absolute load of Rory Delap IMO, FWIW. – *Down at the Mac* forum, 12th March **2012**

Rory McGrath; rory*noun*

1 a laugh [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. < English comedian Rory McGrath (b.1956). Often in the phrase *you're having Rory McGrath* or *you're having a rory* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

► see RORY O'MORE

· Havin a Rory McGrath. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June **2003**

· They must be having a Rory McGrath. – *The People*, London, 27th June **2004**

· He's having a rory. – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· [W]ind-up merchants and practical jokers are said to be 'having a rory'[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 half an ounce of a drug [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

· Two Henrys make a Rory. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th January **2004**

· Rory – bath. [...] (Rory also used for half oz). – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

3 a bath [UK]

· Rory McGrath = bath. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**

· [E]vening darling shall I run you a Rory? – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

Rory More; Rory Moore*noun*

a door [US]

An early American version of RORY O'MORE.

· Rory More—the door. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.100, 1968: *The San Francisco Examiner*, D. Runyon (reproduced from the files of P. Tamony), **1933**

· door [...] *Rory Moore*. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

Rory O'Moore*numeral*

four [AUSTRALIA]

< 'Rory O'More', a song penned in 1826 by Anglo-Irish novelist, songwriter and painter Samuel Lover (1797–1868) and popularised shortly thereafter by Madame Vestris.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

Rory O'More; Rory o' More; Rory O'Moore; Roary O'More; rory*noun*

1 the floor [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

< 'Rory O'More', a song penned in 1826 by Anglo-Irish novelist, songwriter and painter Samuel Lover (1797–1868) and popularised shortly thereafter by Madame Vestris. Lover worked the song up into a novel and a play in 1837. The short form is exclusively British. Thus *on the rory* 'penniless', a synonym of ON THE FLOOR.

· RORY-O'MORE, *n.* Floor. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· RORY O'MOORE, the floor. – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Where you going to sit? On the bench or on the Rory O'More? – T. Burke, *Twinkletoes*, p.36, **1917**

· [T]he God forbids played on the Rory. – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· A clip in the “Newingtons” will do him a bit of “Robin Hood” and put him on the Rory O'Moore. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· ON THE RORY: Penniless. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.330, **1938**

· ROARY O'MORE. The floor. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· Rory O'Moore Door (or Floor). – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, **1953**

· *Skint, On the floor, “Rory” or Fallen out of bed ... Broke.* – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.202, **1962**

· *Rory O'More* = floor. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

· **Rory O'Moore**: the floor. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· [I]f you wind up on the Rory (Rory O'More = floor), someone will hit you in the Chevy (Chevy Chase = face)[.] – *Connoisseur* magazine, New York, 'Anglospeak', January **1984**

· Two naked people at it on the Rory and clothed Nagela carrying on polite conversation, eyes averted. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.35, **1986**

· We washed down the meal with Germaine Greers and Donald Ducked on the Rory O'Moore. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.170 [1993], **1987**

2 a whore [UK]

Recorded in the full form *Rory O'More*.

· **Rory o'More**, the floor. Also used to signify a whore. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· [W]hen Liza is described as a *Rory O'More*, it is her character and possibly her calling that is indicated. – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.294, **1953**

3 a door [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

In American slang, sometimes also in the forms RORY MORE and *Rory Moore*. According to the available evidence, the elliptical form *rory* is confined to British and Irish usage.

· But I fired him out of the Rory quick, / And he fell on his I suppose. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.188, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· **Rory O'More**. Slang for a door. – E.C. Brewer, *DPF*, **1894**

· [T]wo men in the four-ale bar commence 'reading and writing,' and he helps the landlord to bundle them through the 'rory'. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· As I sat in front of the Anna Maria / Warming my plates of meat, / There came a knock at the Rory O'More / That made my raspberry beat. – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April **1915**

· **Rory O'More**, the door. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Some lousy berk must have been snooping around the place and found that rory open. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.145 [1947], **1936**

· Here we give some common examples of those mysterious phrases which have been spoken in London, and elsewhere, for generations. [...] Through the Rory O'Moore. – *Hull Daily Mail*, Hull, England, 24th December **1940**

· [T]here are patently local Irish variations: as for example, Rory O'More, for the Door[.] – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, **1941**

· 'E never 'ad a chance: the grasshopper took one butcher's as he come through the Rory, and 'alf inched him for being elephant's before he even got the old jam-jar on to the frog. – *The Motor* magazine, London, 4th August **1948**

· "Use your loaf" means "use your loaf of bread" (head), "Anna Maria" (fire), "plates of meat" (feet), "Rory o'

More" (door)[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th January **1949**

· He was Joe Brown at 'Jim's' by the bereaved and breft of the Roary O'More, resting his plates and enjoying a snout[.] – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'Gangster Lingo in London Based on Rhyming Words', 10th December **1951**

· PARTS OF HOUSES. *Spec.* grocery store, in, out, Rosie O'Moore, Rory O'Moore, a door[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**

· RORY O'MOORE – For door and floor. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Open the Rory. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· I knock on the Rory but there is no answer. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.146, **1974**

· [T]he knock-about quickly turned most of the phrases into shortened versions – Gregory (short for Gregory Peck; neck); the Rory (short for Rory O'More; the door)[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th April **1975**

· **Rory O'Moore** Floor, door, four. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.41, **1983**

· **Rory (O'Moore) Door**. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

4 ■ on the rory crouching down to avoid being hit or seen [UK]

Used as an equivalent of *on the floor*. A figurative extension of sense 1, but sometimes folk-etymologised as a shortening of *Rory McGrath*, rhyming on *half* in Cockney. ► see RORY MCGRATH

· On the rory, on the rory, on the rory! Listen, we'll get the beers safe. Then we'll outflank 'em, yeah? – *The Football Factory*, UK film, script by Nick Love, **2004**

· We parked up around the corner, walked back to the house behind Frankie and on the Rory behind a wall. [...] On the Rory - Rory McGrath/half, to crouch down out of sight. – MC Flux and P. Nice, *Dirty*, p.137, **2015**

Rory O'More; rory
adjective

1 (of a racehorse) fallen [UK]

Rhymes with *on the floor* 'on the ground'. Only recorded in the short form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

2 penniless [UK]

Rhymes on *poor* and ON THE FLOOR. Perhaps functionally shifted from the noun, which is also used idiomatically in the phrase *on the rory* 'penniless'. Both Powis (1977) and Thorne (1990) record the elliptical form *rory*. Powis (1977), however, gives the second, rhyming part of the expression in brackets; it is unclear if this represents a genuine use or is just meant to show where *rory* comes from.

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.199, **1977**

· – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, **1990**

Rosa Lee; Rosa Lea; Rosalie
noun

► see ROSIE LEE

rose hip; rose*noun*

the lip [UK]

- Once again I allow myself to be mesmerised by those dimples and that tonk-tweaking tremble of the roses (rose hips: lips. Ed.). – T. Lea, *Plumber's Mate*, p.38, **1975**
- I don't wait for a reply but plonk myself down and start running her lipstick over my rose hips. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.83, **1976**
- Here Atomic Bomb, there's a Pansy Potter running doon yer Rose Hip. Ye better get a Killiecrankie before it's in yer Queen of the South and aw ower yer Cowden-beath. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 13th August **2015**

Rose Marie*noun*

tea [UK; SCOTLAND]

- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**
- The roll that filled the hole and a nice wee cup of rose marie. – *Strathycruise* forum, 25th October **2009**

Roseanne Barr*noun*

a bra [UK]

- < American actress and TV producer Roseanne Barr (b.1952).
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

rosebud*noun*

a large hole in a sock or stocking [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *spud*.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

rosebuds; roses*noun*

1 potatoes [UK]

- Rhymes on *spuds*.
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- I've got to take the *cocksparrer* up the *Dolly* fer some roses. [...] I've asked the *baked potato* for a *Joe Blake* and some *rosebuds*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.10/12, **1969**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, **1973**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- “Man your sticks, boys, we have breakfast and a tale to tell,” Wiggins sang, pulling open the sack. “Rosebuds for me pride and joys.” – T. Mack and M. Citrin, *Amazing Zalindas*, p.27, **2006**
- 2 studs [UK]
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.43, **1973**

rose is red*noun*

▶ see ROSES RED

Rose Lee; Rose Lea*noun*

▶ see ROSIE LEE

Rose of Tralee; rose of*noun*

an act of urination [UK]

- Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < ‘The Rose of Tralee’, a 19th-century Irish ballad.
- [S]he may be in the rosie's having a ‘rose of’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

roses red; rose's red; rose is red; roses are red; roses and red; roses of red; roses*noun*

a bed [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

- Roses red* is common in all three locations of use. The other forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *rose's red*, *rose is red*, *roses are red* (Australia), *roses and red*, *roses of red* (US), *roses* (Australia, UK).
- It's the rhyming slang [...] *Roses red*, that's the bed[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August **1919**
- But Australian slang, it's hopeless. [...] Another example: ‘Put the tin lid to roses red.’ Meaning put the baby to bed.’ ‘Tin lid’ means kid. ‘Roses red’ means ‘bed’. – E. Lane et al., *Outback Penguin*, 2016: diary entry dated 17th June **1924**
- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Bed, *Roses Red*. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**
- Odd might be interested in knowing that these freakish synonyms also are used: [...] roses of red–bed [...] There are hoodlums who can carry on a complete conversation using almost entirely such words and phrases. – *The Sioux City Journal*, 30th January **1931**
- Bed–roses red. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- **Roses red**, a bed[.] – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- I now will repair to my shovel and broom, climb into the roses red, place the lump of lead on the weeping willow and plow the deep. – *The Marion Star*, Marion, OH, D. Runyon, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 31st July **1942**
- ROSES RED. A bed. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**
- Be that as it may, it is certain that such expressions as “roses red” (bed), “fields of wheat” (street), “trouble and strife” (wife), “ball and bat” (hat)–all of which are legal tender in the verbal currency of Surry Hills and Fitzroy (Vic.)–if not definitely Cockney in origin are the result of the strong influence of the Cockney culture. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 23rd March **1946**
- ROSES RED – For bed. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- *roses red*, bed. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· roses red = bed. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.98, **1968**

· When I get “elephants trunk” all I want to do is lay on “the roses and red”[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

· The room and roses are red in this half-pie polly waffle were like what the dog said when he sat on the sandpaper, “RUFF.” – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, **1983**

· **roses red**: a bed. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **bed roses red** (roses). – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· **Roses Red Bed** Sounds like a painful experience, diving into ‘roses’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Re: Uncle Wally’s fun guide to Aussie Slang (Part 12.) [...] Rose is red / Rose’s red / Roses red – bed (rhyming slang). – *alt.prophesies.nostradamus*, *Google Groups*, 2nd December **2005**

🍞 bread [AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *roses are red* and *roses*.

· **Sangers** consist of a sliver of meat or cheese or tomato or **beetroot** (red beets) between two slices of amply buttered **roses are red** or toast. **Roses are red** rhymes with bread. So, “butter up some **roses!**” – H. Jonsen, *Kangaroo’s Comments*, p.39, **1988**

roses red; roses

adjective

dead [AUSTRALIA]

· Someone dead, for example, was “roses red”, but if Grimwade described some recently departed acquaintance as “roses”, all his friends knew what he meant. – C.D. Kemp, *Big Businessmen*, p.178, **1964**

Rosewall and Hoad

noun

a road [AUSTRALIA]

< Rosewall and Hoad, a tandem reference to Australian tennis players Ken Rosewall (b.1934) and Lew Hoad (1934–94).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Rosie Lee; Rosy Lee; Rosie Lea; Rosy Lea; Rosey Lee;

Rosely Lea; Rose Lee; Rose Lea; Rosa Lee; Rosa Lea;

Rosaley; rosie; rosy; rosey

noun

🍵 tea [UK/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Of unknown origin. From the early 1940s onwards, probably reinforced by *Gypsy Rose Lee*, the stage name of American striptease artist Rose Louise Hovick (1914–70). The variants *Rosa Lee*, *Rosa Lea* and *Rosalie* are exclusively British. *Rosie*, *rosy* and *rosey* are British and Irish. Hence BUILDERS ROSIE LEE. ▶ see GYPSY ROSE LEE

· **ROSY LEE**: Tea. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· [A]fter thieves and vagabonds, the weirdest language is used by travelling showmen. They say ‘Rosie Lee’ for ‘tea,’ ‘mutton pie’ for ‘eye,’ and ‘lord o the manor’ for ‘tanner’ or ‘sixpence.’ – *The Fife Free Press*, Kirkcaldy, Scotland, 16th November **1929**

· In Clerkenwell or Fulham a request for “Kate and Sidney pie” is still perfectly understood, and it is only natural that it should be washed down with a hot cup of Rosy Lee, or—if one is lucky—with a pint of pig’s ear. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, England, 18th July **1932**

· There are a number of language forms shared by the underworld and more innocuous groups, such as the rhyming slang most popular in England, where a suit is “a fiddle and flute,” and tea is “Rosie Lee”[.] – *Auckland Star*, ‘Gang Jargon. The American Coinage’, 27th May **1933**

· We had a cup o’ rosy together. – P. Allingham, *Cheap-jack*, p.164, **1934**

· Come and have a cup of Rosy Lea at our place[.] – *Daily Herald*, London, T.O. Beachcroft, ‘Five Marriages’, 21st June **1939**

· I ’as to stagger up the Jack and Jill with the farmer’s daughter for the boss when he wants his Rosie Lee. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· How would you like a cup of rosy lea (tea) from the W.V.S. and a few scones, now, eh? – *The Hawick News and Border Chronicle*, Hawick, Scotland, 14th July **1944**

· Come on, dears, you’re not having your rosy yet, you’re to go down right away. – N. Streatfeild, *Theater Shoes*, p.32, **1945**

· This is a typical example of rhyming slang. It is used daily in the east end of London by the Cockney. [...] Their feet are “plates of meat,” “Rosie Lee” is a cup of tea. – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 28th April **1950**

· On the Johnny Horner I must stand / In this land of the yet-to-be, / ’Olding out my Martin’s-le-Grand / For the price of a Rosie Lee. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· The most colloquial in the crew were Cockney. [...] When she began asking for a cuppa rosey lee for a cup of tea, he thought he was going out of his mind. – *Life* magazine, New York, 21st July **1960**

· [W]hen he asks for his “Rosie Lee” he means his tea[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· **Rosie Lee**: tea. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I was still making the Rosie for Sergeant Valentine. – M.J. Trow, *Lestrade*, p.38 [2013], **1990**

· Not my cup of rosa lee but its good to be different[.] – *Astra Owners Club* forum, 14th April **2005**

· [S]he simply dug deep, drew on all her mystical powers and pulled these babies by reading the tea leaves from her morning cup of Rosie Lea. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 30th April **2006**

· I was around in BladeRR’s tonight for a cuppa Rosey Lea[.] – *Biker.ie* forum, 10th May **2007**

· Remember Boston and have a cup of “rosie lee”. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 21st July **2009**

· [L]ove to meet you for a cup of rosa lea (tea). – *www.facebook.com*, 18th April **2010**

· Pull off the M6 and call to getz’s for a cuppa Rosy! – *Boards.ie* forum, 19th July **2011**

· How many great inventions and plans first saw the light of day over a cup of Rosie. – *Irish Railway Modeller* forum, 20th June **2012**

· So bands playing just aren't their cup of rosy lea... – *Politics.ie* forum, 2nd September **2012**

· Now, that's more like it—can't be going off on an adventure in the dead of night without a ready supply of the old 'Rosie Lea'. – T. Chapman, *Out of This World*, **2013**


· After unpacking and dark came, a cup of rose lea later, I needed a piss[.] – *stories.nxxx.com*, 10th March **2013**

· Cuppa Rosie Lee and we'll go Jack Palancing. – *www.the42.ie*, 14th May **2013**

· [D]rinking a luke warm cup of 'rose lee'. – *www.gaslightgrill.co.uk*, 27th September **2013**

· Cuppa rosey and a smoke. – *twitter.com*, 30th December **2013**

· Oh blyme! Looks like the old girls got the kettle going! Nice cup of Rosalie, eh? – *www.mibba.com*, accessed 13th January **2014**

 a flea [UK]

Recorded in the form *Rosy Lea*.

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, ca **1937**

Rosie Lee bag

noun

a tea bag [UK]

Formed on ROSIE LEE.

· [Y]ou can bet that @justinrose99 will always bring the Rosie Lee bags for a nice brew. – *twitter.com*, 24th November **2011**

Rosie Loader; Rosie Loder; Rosy Loader; Rosy Loder; rosie; rosy

noun

soda; whisky and soda [UK]

· [H]e was having a "Jack and Rosie," and off it went. [...] "Jack-the-Dandy" (brandy), "Rosie Loader" (soda). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· "Rosie" (Loader)=soda[.] – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, **1911**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· "Oh! You mean a 'pimple and blotch' (scotch) and a 'Rosie Loader' (soda). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.6, **1973**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

Rosie O'Grady

noun

an elderly woman [US]

Rhymes on *old lady*. < Rosie O'Grady, the title character of the song 'Sweet Rosie Grady' (1896) by Maude Nugent, itself featured in the 1943 film musical of the same name, starring Betty Grable.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.77, **1968**

Rosie O'Grady's; rosie's; rosies; rosie

noun

a women's public toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *the Ladies*. < Rosie O'Grady, the title character of the song 'Sweet Rosie Grady' (1896) by Maude

Nugent, itself featured in the 1943 film musical of the same name, starring Betty Grable.

· [T]he ladies' toilet, the Rosie O'Grady's. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· This oldish term now seems only to relate to the ladies' toilet as the 'Rosie O'Grady's' or 'Rosies'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [S]he may be in the rosie's having a 'rose of'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, s.v. *Rose of Tralee*, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· He said the gents was out of order, but I could pop into the *rosie* if I was quick. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.114, **2011**

Ross Brawn

noun

dawn [UK]

< English Formula One motorsport engineer and strategist Ross Brawn (b.1954).

· I thought I'd be up at the crack of Ross Brawn, but after vadering the Aladinsane from my bedroom window I went back to bed. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 19th April **2014**

Rossy Docks; rossies

noun

▶ see ROTHESAY DOCKS

Rosy Bump

noun

a person's buttocks [US]

Rhymes on *rump*. A visual metaphor.

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

Rosy Lee; Rosy Lea; rosy

noun

▶ see ROSIE LEE

Rosy Loader; Rosy Loder; rosy

noun

▶ see ROSIE LOADER

Rosy O'More; Rosie O'Moore

noun

a door [US]

A variation of RORY O'MORE.


· Rosie O'Moore, *rhyming slang*, a door[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· ROSIE O'MOORE – For door. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaefer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· *Rory O'More* (floor or whore, while *Rosy O'More* is the same as *three or four*, a door)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.148, **1977**

rosy-red

noun

 the head [AUSTRALIA]

· [T]here isn't awful-doom enough for me to get my rosy-red down onto the weeping willow. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

2 a bed [AUSTRALIA]

· Sometimes a single but compound phrase is used to supply the rhyme; thus, a corner is a Jack Horner; a bed is a rosy-red. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

Rothesay Docks; Rossy Docks; rossies

noun

socks [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Rothesay Dock in Clydebank, near Glasgow. The spelling *Rossy* represents the broad Glaswegian pronunciation of *Rothesay*.

· **Rossy (Rothesay) Docks** Socks. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Haw hen, whar's ma Rossies? – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

· **Rothesay Docks** = socks. – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, **2012**

Rotten Row

noun

1 a hard strike, as with the fist [UK]

Rhymes on *blow*. < Rotten Row, an equestrian track in London's Hyde Park.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.39, **1969**

· Place names also perform a new linguistic task, as *Rotten Row* standing for a blow, and *Blackwall Tunnel* for a funnel. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, **1981**

· [A] Rotten Row to the back of the head. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a shock or misfortune [UK]

Rhymes on *blow*.

· Phew. That was a bit of a Rotten Row (1). Bleedin' Frog (2) nearly hit the Salford Docks (3). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

Rotten row

nickname

Bow, an area of east London

< Rotten Row, an equestrian track in London's Hyde Park.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

rough and bulky

noun

a sulky (a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle for one person, used especially in harness racing) [AUSTRALIA]

· Mrs P. J. McLaren was one of several readers who reminded us that rhyming slang was around in the days of horse travel, with "rough and bulky" for sulky and "Charlie Idle" for bridle. – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

round and square

adverb

everywhere [UK]

· – J.O. Halliwell, *DAPW*, s.v. *round*, **1852**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1903**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

round the houses; around the houses; round me houses; round my houses; rammy rousers; all-round-my-houses; round me's; round-my's; rammies; rounds; rounders; roundies

noun

trousers [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND]

According to the available evidence, the different variant forms are geographically distributed as follows: *round the houses* (UK, US, Australia), *around the houses* (UK), *round me houses* (UK, Australia), *round my houses* (UK), *rammy rousers* (Australia), *all-round-my-houses* (Australia), *round me's* (UK), *round-my's* (UK), *rammies* (Australia, South Africa), *rounds* (UK, US, Ireland), *rounders* (UK), *roundies* (UK). ▶ see ROWTON HOUSES

· ROUND ME HOUSES, *n*. Trousers, pronounced trousers. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· ROUND THE HOUSES, trousers, – vulgar pronunciation of trousers. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· He offered to stand me a booze, so I / Took him round to the "Mug's Retreat;" / And my round the houses I tried to dry / By the Anna Maria's heat. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.187, 1896: D. Chiderdoss, 'The Rhyme of the Rusher', *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· One day he walked straight into this kitchen clobbered in a black pair of rounds, tight to his legs[.] – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.55, **1893**

· And why should coat and trousers be concealed under such circumlocutions as "I'm afloat," and "Round the 'ouses?" – *The Times*, London, 29th July **1894**

· Just because he'd been and spoil his trousers, / His extra special pair of round my houses. – *Just Because They Put Him into Trousers*, lyric, written and composed by Lawrence Barclay, **1896**

· "Strike me pink," he continued, "these 'round me houses' are very 'peas in the pot'[".] – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· "That sound an' excellent judge, Mr. Commissioner Kerr," he began, when the liquor had been served, "once informed a snip who was after a chap for the price of a couple o' pair o' light 'round-my's' to go to Ascot in, and who said he 'didn't give credit at all in his bithneth,' that there was no such thing as *takin' credit*[".] – *The Man of the World*, London, 24th June **1896**

· How much on these round me's? – D. Chiderdoss, 'Meg's Diversion', *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· Philological research has enabled me to discover how a pair of pants was transmogrified into rammies. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 20th December **1906**

· **Pair o' round-my's** (*Low Life*). Trousers. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· The Jack Lancaster round his three-quarter-peck required some wiping out. And as for his Charles Prescott, it was a study. His all-round-my-houses were all there[.] – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**

· [A] pair of trousers were “round the houses,” and “Cop” became “John Hop”. – *Punch* magazine, Melbourne, 27th November **1913**

· Very cold up in the trenches last night. Also very quiet. They have got the prisoners on fatigue. Got a new or rather fresh pair of rammies of (sic) N. Cullin. – *freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dnp1954*, “War Diary of Allen Fergus Taylor. 1915”: diary entry dated 6th June **1915**

· [H]e had on the same old dicky dirt, round me’s and daisies. – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· When he has done eating he may, if he is not “hearts of oak,” which is to say “broke” or penniless, put on a more seemly pair of “round the houses”-trousers-don his “top-flat”, or hat, and stroll out under the pretext of having a “Barnet Fair cut”[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

· **Round the houses**, trousers. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Hubby popped straight out of the bed he had just entered, pulled a pair of “rammy rousers” over his pyjamas and hied off to the hostelry for the needed stimulant. – *The Western Argus*, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, 6th July **1937**

· He said ‘I’m goin’ ter keep on till me round me ‘ouses drop’[.] – *Knees Up, Mother Brown!*, lyric, written and composed by Harris Weston and Bert Lee, **1939**

· Round the Houses (Rounds) ... Trousers. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· ROUND THE HOUSES. Trousers. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.194, **1944**

· ‘E went up the apples and pears and ‘e sets down ‘is cherry ripe on the Cain and Abel and says to his cows and kisses, and where are me round the ‘ouses? – R. St. John, *It’s Always Tomorrow*, p.146, **1944**

· After the “fun” is over, when a prostitute is good enough to hand her client back his “rammies”, she is handing him back his trousers. – L.F. Freed, *European Prostitution in Johannesburg*, p.107, **1949**

· **round the houses** Trousers (pronounced *trouses*). [...] It is still in constant use, and is generally reduced to ROUND ME’S. [...] In America the reduction takes a different form: ROUNDS. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Trousers, known as rammies, are of the stove-pipe variety, tapered and very tight at the ankles. – J.M.Z Huthwaite, *The Problem of the “Ducktail”*, p.79, **1961**

· So I threw off my barrel of fat, dicky dirt, rammy rousers and daisy roots[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· **Clothes terms**: rammies = trousers. – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.13, **1974**

· These bleedin’ rounders [i.e. *round-the-houses* = trousers] is a lot too tight in the rabbit hutch. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, s.v. *rabbit-hutch*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· **round me houses**. Slovened var. of **round the houses**, arising ex shortening to *round me’s*. [...] **round the houses**. Trousers [...]. Still current, late C.20, in variants *rounds*, *round me’s*, *rounders*. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· [B]rother George and his gang of mates had a slang word for everything and abbreviated that as well, for instance, “trousers” were “around the houses” but they were known as “roundies”[.] – B. Twamley, *Cardiff and Me*, p.75, **1984**

· **Rounds** Trousers. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· **round the houses – trousers**. – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· I wonder if the trouble has washed my roundies. – *bumpssystem.hubpages.com*, blog, 26th April **2011**

Roundshaw slag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. Roundshaw is a housing estate in Walsington, near Croydon, to the south of London. *Slag* is used here in its derogatory slang sense of ‘a woman with low moral or sexual standards’.

· I’ll start with a couple of new ones I heard the other day: Baboon = spoon. Roundshaw slag = fag. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**

roure Isle of Skye

noun

a pork pie [UK]

Formed on *roure*, a shortening of MICKEY ROURKE, and ISLE OF SKYE.

· [C]or... jus’ gimme a good ol’ mug o’ char, a roure Isle of Skye an’ some slap ‘n’ tickles[.] – *NewBuddhist* forum, 6th June **2014**

rowing boat

noun

a coat [UK]

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March **2005**

· – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd February **2013**

rowlocking

noun

▶ see ROLLOCKING

rowlocks

noun

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rowlocks

exclamation

▶ see ROLLOCKS

rowlocksed; rowloxed

adjective

▶ see ROLLOCKSED

rowlocks up*verb*

▶ see ROLLOCKS

Rowton Houses; rowten houses; rowtons*noun*

trousers [UK]

< Rowton Houses, a chain of hostels built in London between 1892 and 1905 by English politician and philanthropist Montagu Corry (1838–1903), 1st Baron Rowton. A variation of ROUND THE HOUSES. First recorded by Barnes (1976) in the form *rowten houses*. *Rowton Houses* and *rowtons* are given by Puxley (2003).

- – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, **1976**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Royal Albert Halls; royal alberts; royals*noun*

▶ see ALBERT HALLS

royal d'amour*noun*

the floor [US]

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.527, **1984**

royal doulton*noun*

a friend [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Royal Doulton plate*, rhyming on *mate*. < Royal Doulton, a major English manufacturer of porcelain and china products. Suggested by CHINA PLATE.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Royal Liver*noun*

a five-pound note; the sum of five pounds [IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme on *fiver*. < Royal Liver (known in full as the Royal Liver Building), a major Liverpool landmark.

- – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.9, **1966**

Royal Mail*noun*

bail [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**
- – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

Royal Mile*noun*

a while [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Royal Mile, a landmark area of Edinburgh.

- Hae some patience will ye? It's no' a rush joab, it's gon-nae take a Royal mile, right. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Royal Navy*noun*

gravity [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR* **1992**

· [P]ass the royal navy, if you would. – www.youtube.com, 5th December **2012**

Royal Soup and Gravy*noun*

the British navy [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *Royal Navy*. Formed on SOUP AND GRAVY.

- [I]n the *Royal Soup and gravy*, afloat on the high *housemaid's knees*[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, **1979**
- – J. Fane, *Time Diaries*, p.176, **2005**
- He did confess to a few ports.....I assume he meant of the alcoholic variety, unless he's joined the Royal Soup and Gravy? – *Citroen Picasso Owners Club* forum, 26th December **2007**

Roy Bull*noun*

1 an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *pull*. < Australian rugby league player Roy Bull (1929–2004).

- – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
- – M. Gwynn, *When People Become Words*, p.2, **2005**
- I won't let the press know about the time I caught you and Zorba having a Roy Bull in the change rooms. – *Australian Surf Rowers League* forum, 2nd October **2011**
- There's the ol' faithfuls Roy Bull and Ronnie Coote whose names pop up when referring to sexual exploits. – *standsprayanddeliver.wordpress.com*, blog, 20th March **2012**

2 ■ **out on the Roy Bull** in rugby league, said of a ball that is kicked out of play without having bounced in the field [AUSTRALIA]

An equivalent of *out on the full*.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Roy Bull*adjective*

drunk [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *full*. < Australian rugby league player Roy Bull (1929–2004).

- I got a bit Roy Bull last night. – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Roy Castle*noun*

the anus [UK]

Pronounced to rhyme with *arsehole* in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where the *h* in *arsehole* is not aspirated and the final *l* in *castle* and *arsehole* is vocalised. < English entertainer Roy Castle (1932–94).

- [T]he 'reeking Roy Castle' of a persistent wind breaker. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.203, **2009**

- [I]ncidentally my nana died of ear cancer from listening to trumpet music in a fag factory, so up your roy castle! – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd August **2009**
- – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

Royce Hart; royce*noun*

- a fart [AUSTRALIA]
- < Australian Rules footballer Royce Hart (b.1948).
- [L]etting one rip does mean to open your lunch. That is, to do a Royce Hart (er...rhyming slang – he was a famous footballer). – *Flight Sim Central* forum, 13th November **2003**
- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**
- [T]he only royce hart I know is the rhyming slang for an unpleasent bodily function... – *EFL Forum*, 4th July **2010**
- Caller to Bulltish says that a fellow passenger in a cab she was travelling in let rip with a “Royce Hart” and the cab driver promptly pulled over and informed them that by law he could (and did) throw them out. – *www.facebook.com*, 1st March **2012**
- – I always considered myself lucky to pull a Michael Tuck on a Satdee night at The Cathouse, but I never considered that one could drop a Royce Hart. You learn something everyday! – [...] Maybe Hunt had just let a Royce rip. – *www.footyalmanac.com.au*, 2nd September **2014**
- – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Royce Hart; royce*verb*

- to fart [AUSTRALIA]
- Functionally shifted from the noun form.
- By the look on Big Jim’s face I think Padders just royce harted... – *kew.cricketvictoria.com.au*, April **2005**
- Who royced (royce harted)? – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 1st November **2010**
- Think we missed the point, Royce harting is against the law but driving holding phone to ear apparently is ok. – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd March **2012**

Roy Hudd*noun*

- 1** blood [UK]
- < English comedian and writer Roy Hudd (b.1936).
- ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I’m doing my best. What do you want Roy Hudd?’ ‘Yes,’ replied a wag and launched a light ale bottle in the direction of the funny man’s head. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th October **2003**
- Lord luv a duck eh? No pen of Lilian Gish, an’ me Roy Hudd is boilin’. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- One ay the barrow girls is daein her Mrs Mop routine on a trail ay thick droaps ay spilled Roy Hudd. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.335, **2012**

2 a potato [UK]Rhymes on *spud*.

- Roy Hudd’s is Cockney slang for Spuds. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- You say potatoes, I say Roy Hudds. – *www.caterersearch.com*, 14th January **2002**

3 pornography, especially pornographic films [UK: SCOTLAND]Rhymes on the Scots slang *scud*.

- Ah’m game tae git back intae the Roy Hudd. That movie. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.479, **2015**
- The scud-flick cabbie’s gaze has shifted to a girl with brown-blond hair, who wears a black zip-up top and smokes an electronic cigarette. – Tried tae git that yin intae the Roy Hudd, he grins. – I. Welsh, *The Blade Artist*, p.107, **2016**

Roy Keane; Roy*adjective*

keen [IRELAND/UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *keen* and *Keane*. < Irish footballer and manager Roy Keane (b.1971).
- You don’t want to look too Roy, do you? [...] The old dear’s sitting at the kitchen table, roysh, reading The National Gallery’s response to her suggestion that their staff be armed to deal with, as she put, ‘the riff-raff element,’ and I take it from her expression, roysh, that they’re not exactly Roy on the idea. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, pp.119/229, **2004**
- Jade was not too Roy on him, I’m afraid. – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, ca 35, January **2006**
- I’m not too Roy (keen) on the first one, and the second one is just bizarre. – *mnolan13.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th March **2009**
- Really not Roy Keane on 7:30 starts for the rest of my life[.] – *twitter.com*, 24th September **2015**

Roy Kinnear; roy*noun*

the buttocks [UK]

- Rhymes on *rear*. < English actor Roy Kinnear (1934–88).
- Roy – arse. (Roy kinnear – rear) as in, Christ have you seen the Roy on that sort by the bar? – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012**

Roy Race*noun*

the face [UK]

- < comic strip footballer Roy Race, best known as Roy of the Rovers, created by English comic writer Frank S. Pepper in 1954. Noted by Puxley (2008) to date back to the 1960s.
- Never take an honest ‘roy race’ on trust – it may house a dishonest mouth. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

roy roger; roy rodder*noun*

a bad building tradesman [UK]

Rhymes on *bodger*. < Roy Rogers, the stage name of American western actor Leonard Slye (1911–98). Suggested or reinforced by a pun on *cowboy*, a colloquialism for a dishonest, unreliable or unqualified tradesman. First recorded as a plural (*Roy Rogers*).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Don't give no buildin' work to that Fred, he's just a Roy Rodger. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Roy Rogers and Trigger

noun

a herbivorous fish with dark, vertical bands (*Girella tricuspidata*), also known as *luderick*, *blackfish* or *nigger* [AUSTRALIA]

< Roy Rogers and Trigger, a tandem reference to American western actor Roy Rogers (real name Leonard Slye; 1911–98) and his palomino horse, Trigger.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Roy Sluice; Roy Sleuce

noun

1 in pre-decimalisation currency, a florin, a two-shilling coin [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *deuce*. < *Roy Sluice*, a combination of *Roy Rene* and *Harry Sluice*, the stage and proper names of an Australian comedian (1851–1954; his full name is alternatively recorded as *Harry van der Sluys*). Evidenced in the form *Roy Sluice*.

· – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.104, 1953

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966

2 the two in cards [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *deuce*. Recorded in the form *Roy Sleuce*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.359, 1966

Rozy Lee

numeral

three [UK: LEEDS]

· The “slanguage” of the predatory classes at present in Leeds often has some local colour, but always it serves the purpose of bewildering the uninitiated. [...] Numerals are expressed in this fashion:– One–I'll be done. Three–Rozy Lee. Five–herrings alive. – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 20th November 1936

R.S. McColl

noun

an extension pole attached to a paint roller [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the regional pronunciation of *McColl* to rhyme with *pole*. < R.S. McColl, a Scottish newsagent chain. Painter-decorators' slang.

· – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 8th November 2013

R.S. McColls; R.S. McCalls

noun

the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the regional pronunciation of *McColls* to rhyme with *balls*. < R.S. McColl, a Scottish newsagent chain.

· I'll kick your R. S. McCalls. – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, 1994

· The basturt will be gettin' ma studs in his RS McColls! – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 29th January 2005

· A swift boot to his porridge canon wheels (ie his RS McColls) and he was down. – *adventuresoframblingbob.blog.co.uk*, blog, 4th October 2006

· Ah'll bet thur's a fyoo oot-takes ye'll no get tae see, wher he gets rumbled an', hopefully, kicked in the R.S. McColls. – *Pat's Guide to Glasgow West End* forum, 22nd November 2006

· If you do you'll be gettin' a boot in the RS McCalls, ya auld fanny. – *GreenockMorton.org* forum, 13th April 2008

· [A] kick in the RS McCalls. – *DoTheBouncy* forum, 15th April 2011

· I would drag my RS McColls over a mile of broken glass and pleasure a tramp in a McDonalds car park just to hear you fart through a walkie-talkie. – *Hibs.net* forum, 14th September 2013

rub-a-dub; rubber-dub; rubba-dub; rubbety-dub; rubberdy-dub; rubber-dee-dub; rubberty-dub; rubbety-dub; rubbidy-dub; rubbity-dub; rubbery rub; rubbery-dub; rubbery dub; rub-a-di-dub; rubblededub; rub-a-dub-dub; rubber-dub-dub; rubba-dub-dub; rubbety-dub-dub; rubberdy-dub-dub; rubbity-dub-dub; rub-a; rubba; rubber; rubbety; rubberdy; rubber-dee; rubbity; rubiddy; rubberty; rubbery; rubber; rubbie; rub

noun

1 a pub or inn [AUSTRALIA/UK/US/NEW ZEALAND]

< *rub-a-dub* or *rub-a-dub-dub*, a conventional representation of the sound of a drum; probably taken directly from 'Rub-a-dub-dub, / three men in a tub', the opening lines of an English nursery rhyme first published in the late 18th century.

The full forms *rub-a-dub*, *rubber-dub*, *rubba-dub*, *rub-a-dub-dub*, *rubber-dub-dub* and *rubba-dub-dub* have been recorded in Australian, British and New Zealand English. *Rub-a-di-dub* has been found in Britain, *rubber-dee-dub* and *rubby dub* in Australia and *rubblededub* in New Zealand. In Australian and New Zealand usage the most common forms (both full and abbreviated) are those with *-edy*, *-ety*, *-erdy*, *-er-dee*, *-erty*, *-idy*, *-ity* and *-y/-ie*; the variants with *-a* or *-er* are more common in British English. Hence the clipped forms *rubby* (also spelt *rubbie*), only used in Australian and New Zealand English, and *rub-a* (more commonly spelt *rubba* or *rubber*), only used in British English. The monosyllabic shortening *rub* is found in British English too, but is rare.

The only forms recorded in America are *rubbity rub*, *rubbity* and *rubby*. *Rubbity rub* is not found anywhere else.

· His home is 'the rubby dub', his occupation 'the joint'. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 29th October 1898

- Going on to the old rub-a-dub to have a flutter? – H. Evans, *A Girl Alone*, p.68 [1918], **1917**
- Grab a tit-for-tat, down the apple-and-pears, over to the rubbery-dub. – *The Speculum (The Journal of the Melbourne Medical Students' Society)*, November **1922**
- ‘Bill, you’re sure you’re not goin’ to the rubber-dee’ (rubber-dee-dub pub). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**
- A couple had just retired for the night when wifey said she felt ill and asked her spouse to go to the rubbadub for a deaner’s worth of brandy. – *The Western Argus*, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, 6th July **1937**
- RUBBITY RUB. [...] A ‘pub,’ usually clipped to *rubbity* or *rubby*. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- But a more sophisticated slangster will put his tifter on his loaf and go round to the rubbery: that is, he puts his tit-for-tat (his hat) on his loaf-of-bread (his head), and goes to the rubbery-dub (the pub), just round the Johnny Horner. – G. Highet, *A Clerk of Oxenford*, p.73, **1954**
- Ah, there we are, the old rub-a-dub. – *Floggit’s*, UK radio: BBC Light Programme, 24th August **1956**
- ‘Where’s Jimmy an’ Pat?’ ‘Down the rubbery.’ – N. Cullotta, *Weird Mob*, p.104, **1957**
- How about a gargle? Down to the rubberdy, come on. – D’A. Niland, *Call Me*, p.101, **1957**
- Among the words and phrases derived from rhyming slang are: jam-jar (car), Jack and Jill (till), rub-a-dub (pub or club). – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], **1959**
- **rub-a-dub-dub** [...] *pub* [...]. An alternative form is RUB-A-DI-DUB. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- So this bloke in the rubbery said, “Get off me back, y’ prawn-headed mullet.” How wonderfully evocative is the Australian idiom. – C. Pearl, *Pantaloons and Antics*, p.30, **1964**
- So I ambled over to the rubbery dub and had a pint of Oh my dear. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- Steady on, Tanglefoot, or they’ll think you’ve been up to the rubbery in the lunch hour. – R. Parkin, *The Sword and the Blossom*, p.265, **1968**
- [W]hen I gets ’ome I find the *plates* is out ’aving a *butcher’s* round the *rub-as* for me and the *cherry*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, **1969**
- It is of interest that imposed on many rhyming groups was have the Australian love of the truncated term, so that *Jack McNab*, ‘scab’, becomes *Jacky*; *rubbey dub*, ‘pub’, *the rubbery*; a *fiddley did*, ‘quid’, a *fid* or *fiddley*; the *onkaparinga*, ‘finger’, an *onka*; and so on. – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, **1970**
- *Rubbey*; *Rubberdy*; *Rubbity*; *Rubby*: a pub or other hostelry. – B. Wannan, *Folklore of the Australian Pub*, p.127, **1972**
- At ‘Joynson Hicks’ the ‘rubbers’ were open again and we trooped into one called “The Lousey Brown”[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, **1973**
- Once I was in a *rub-a-dub-dub* (“pub,” English saloon) in London enjoying a *pig’s*[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.31–32, **1973**
- Buller made it to the rubber in moments. – *Rawlinson End*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**
- Ere, ’ows the rub for a pig’s? – *Connoisseur* magazine, New York, ‘Anglospeak’, January **1984**
- It’s a far cry to the early days of my career when the word ‘lunch’ meant a ‘counter lunch’ to most Australians – usually a T-bone steak with chips or a scoop, served with a few nice tinned peas, eaten standing up in your favourite rubiddy. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller’s Tool*, p.89, **1985**
- But like I’ve just remembered I’ve got to shoot through to the local rubiddy for a few ice cold beers. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.17, **1988**
- Who is going to match me pot for pot at The Royal, the ground and then back to the rubiddy dub dub? – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 21st July **2001**
- **rubbity** The pub, as in ‘rubbity-dub’ rhyming slang. [...] Other spellings include **rubby/rubberdy/rubbidy/rubbidy dub/rub-a-dub/rubbededub**. – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**
- We had a wee libation in the rubber-dub[.] – *www.iron-maiden.com*, 6th December **2003**
- He’d been to the rubiddy. He often went to the rubiddy-dub, which was his name for the Regatta Hotel, on a Saturday afternoon. – R. Macklin, *War Babies*, p.29, **2004**
- Harry the Hairy Toothed Tiger down at the rubiddy dub said, over something that looked disgustingly like a square gin, that there was going to be a human farting tax to assist problem gamblers. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 4th September **2004**
- Nah Greeny... you’re too crotchety to run the rubbery dub dub, plus you’ll drink all the profits from the Elephant apple juice. – *Abc of Cricket* forum, 23rd February **2005**
- I just fancy a trip to the rubba for a pigs! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 24th March **2006**
- id definately have a pint of pigs with ’im in the rubba dub! – *Plenty of Fish* forum, 5th May **2008**
- Anyway fuckers i’m putting on some clean boxers and heading down the rubbery dub dub for some cheap talk and schooners of gold. – *FasterLouder.com.au* forum, 21st June **2008**
- I’m off down the rub. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**
- [T]hen straight to the rubbery dub dub (the pub) when your side has a win. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 15th June **2009**
- [P]rolly deleted it when he went to the “rubbity dub”. – *GrownUps.co.nz* forum, 24th January **2010**
- The Abercrombie Arms is a Rub in Poplar where we used to Firm Up before a good old Knees Up with the Mancs down the Barking Frog. – *LedZeppelin.com* forum, 18th June **2011**
- Nice day to have a beer, / Have a beer, have a beer, / Down to the rubbery dub, / Rubbery dub, rubbery dub.

– *Nice Day to Go to the Pub*, lyric, Cosmic Psychos, **2011**

· i'm off to the rubbery dub for a couple of icy cold xxx's. – *Trainz* forum, 11th February **2012**

· I could match enny northern monkee and in the rubba dub dub swilling pigs ears. – *Criminal Solicitor Dot Net* forum, 27th March **2013**

· I cannot always obtain my favorite brands of beer and wine from the local rubberdy dub in whoopsville! – *ExplorerOz* forum, 31st March **2013**

· [T]hen off to the rubberdy dub when she gets home... – *OZBMZ–Old School BMX Australia* forum, 18th October **2013**

· We made it to the rubberdy dub dub (pub) & had a delicious lunch[.] – *Dirtrider Z* forum, 8th December **2013**

· Driving to essex to pick up my nan then back to Croydon & off to the rubber dub dub for a few pints with the chaps. – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2013**

· Saw 'im on the way back from the rub-a-dub. – *The Sun*, London, 6th October **2016**

2 a nightclub, a drinking club or a working men's club [UK]

Recorded in the forms *rub-a-dub*, *rub-a-dub-dub* and *rub-a*.

· Pub (or club) ... Rub-a-dub. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· The criminal classes of today are still faithful to the famous “rhyming slang” used by their ancestors. Tea-leaf for thief is an example, and others include rub-a-dub for club and bull and a cow for row. – *Auckland Star*, 21st May **1932**

· After Jim Brooks and I left the Club last night, we were on our way home along Orchard Road when Jim saw a girl on the other side of the road. [...] When Jim Brooks and I left the rub-a last darky we were going to our letty along Orchard Road when Jim vardered a polone on the other side of the frog. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.12/13, **ca 1937**

· RUBADUB: Club. – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.332, **1938**

· *Rubadub*; club. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.207, **1950**

· **rub-a-dub-dub** [...] A night-club or drinking club. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· **Rub-a-Dub-Dub** [...] **Club**. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 in the dice game of Crown and Anchor, the club [UK]
Recorded in the form *rub-a-dub-dub*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

4 a loan, an advance on wages [UK]

Rhymes on *sub*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *John o' London's Weekly*, 9th June **1934**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm absolutely boracic lint. I was out with a lemon last night in the pub, so I thought you might gi' us a rub-a-

dub-dub. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

5 a bathtub; hence a wash in a bath [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]
Recorded in the forms *rubbity rub*, *rub-a-dub-dub*, *rubber-dub-dub* and *rubba-dub-dub*. *Rubbity rub* is exclusively American. The other three forms are found in Australian and British usage.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· Get in the rubber dub dub. – B. Park-Dixon, *Wild Child*, p.218, **2011**

· Grab out the old Epsom salts (1/2 cup), put 1-5 drops of your favourite oils on them and chuck them in the rubba dub dub (bathtub)! – *www.facebook.com*, 15th November **2013**

6 in a pack of playing cards, a club; hence, as a plural, clubs (the suit of cards) [UK]

Recorded in the forms *rub-a-dub-dub* (singular) and *rubba-dubs* (plural). The plural is given by Puxley (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, **2011**

7 a yacht [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *tub*. Based directly on the first two lines of the nursery rhyme ‘Rub-a-dub-dub’. Only recorded in the form *rub-a-dub*.

· ‘If that’s the man’s rub-a-dub, then you weren’t exaggerating, Tony’, I thought to myself. – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.109, **2005**

rub-a-dub

verb

to lend money, to give an advance on wages [UK]

Rhymes on *sub*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· Last week I asked the boss to rub-a-dub me some of my Rock of Ages[.] – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

rub-a-dub-dubs

nickname

HMP Wormwood Scrubs, known familiarly as ‘the Scrubs’, a prison in Hammersmith, west London

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

rubber and hose; rubberan; rubber hose

noun

the nose [AUSTRALIA]

The forms *rubber and hose* and *rubberan* are recorded by Factor (2000) as children’s slang. *Rubber hose* seems to have been suggested by the popular rhyming put-down *up your nose with a rubber hose*.

· Look at that for a small rubberan. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· rubber hose = nose. – *Inthemix* forum, 17th April **2002**

· [M]y rubber hose (nose) is blocked. – *www.phrasebase.com*, forum, ‘Linguistics and Language Tools – Australian English’, 12th May **2007**

rubber and plastic; rubber

noun

a person with cerebral palsy [UK]

Rhymes on *spastic*. Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’. The short form is only recorded on Hartwell’s website.

· – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

· – *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**

· I am going to share with you an extraordinary Usenet posting about Cockney Rhyming Slang used among disabled Cockneys in East London: [...] Rubber and plastic = spastic. – *www.rogerebert.com*, 16th April **2005**

· – *TeakDoor* forum, 5th March **2009**

· – E.H. Thripshaw, *Tasteless Jokes*, p.141, **2010**

· – *twitter.com*, 27th July **2012**

Rubber Ball; Rubber

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Paul* [UK]

· – I think it is Paul Harrison who is nicknamed Rubber, why? – His good mate Peter Falding gave him the nickname ‘rubber ball’ simply because it rhymes with Paul. Just shortened to rubber. – *Allstox Fans Forum*, 28th February **2010**

rubber daps

noun

the Japanese [UK: WALES]

Rhymes on *Japs*. < *rubber dap*, a dialect word for a rubber-soled plimsoll or gym shoe.

· Superb effort by the rubber daps. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 19th September **2015**

rubber dicks

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-six [UK]

An innuendo-driven play on rubber ducks.

· – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

rubber duck

noun

1 something of no value [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a rubber duck*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· j, arthurs... j. arthur rankers. W@~#ers you see, :-) or could you not give a rubber duck / urtha kitt? – *GS500E* forum, 5th November **2005**

· If price is the only consideration and you do not give a rubber duck about what people think then there is no problem, swap it over. – *Ford Australia* forum, 21st October **2011**

2 a cook [UK]

A perfect rhyme in the accents of northern England.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Pray tell me who is the **rubber duck** for the night? – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

3 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th June **2007**

rubber glove

noun

love [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – N. Bondy, *Lovebites*, p.46, **2004**

rubber gregory

noun

a cheque returned unpaid because of insufficient funds [UK]

Formed on *gregory*, the short form of GREGORY PECK. An equivalent of *rubber cheque*.

· – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 13th November **2003**

· Anyone sending a rubber gregory will be named and shamed on here. – *LandyZone* forum, 20th February **2007**

· Sounds like G & L have given you a rubber gregory. – *PePiPoo* forum, 14th October **2011**

rubber hose

noun

► see RUBBER AND HOSE

rubber kite; rubber

noun

in snooker, the white ball [UK]

< *rubber kite* ‘a cheque that a bank returns unpaid’.

· Now fifteen of ‘em are newly-weds, / Then you got the old rubber kite. / [...] Hit that rubber straight down the cain. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

rubber sole

noun

unemployment benefit [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· Noo that Ah’m oan the rubber sole (the Dole) Ah get the oadd joab sellin gezump roon the hooses[.] – A. Mackie, *Talking Glasgow*, p.26, **1978**

rubber tyre

noun

a domestic fire [UK]

· They’re out getting wood for the rubber tyre. – L. Harry, *PS I Love You*, p.156, **2002**

Ruben Wiki; ruben

noun

a feigned illness as a pretext for missing work [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on the slang *sickie*. < New Zealand rugby league footballer Ruben Wiki (b.1973).
- I don't wanna go into to work tomorrow, so I'm gunna chuck a Ruben Wiki! – *League Unlimited* forum, 29th September **2004**
- Bringing up Deloris from Melbourne for the first time in 2000 and me chucking a Ruben Wiki off work the following day to go records shopping. – *www.informantspies.blogspot.com*, blog, 10th August **2005**
- I'm going to take a Ruben Wiki today. – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 13th December **2011**
- I not working today, I'm having a Ruben Wiki. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 30th January **2012**
- Got a big weekend planned, might have to chuck a Ruben Wiki on Monday. – *twitter.com*, 18th July **2013**
- Like “chucking a sickie” at work is called a Ruben Wiki (old NRL player). – *The Living End* forum, 24th July **2013**
- That time when I was meant to be working but decided to have a ruben. – *www.instagram.com*, 17th September **2015**

Rubik's cube; Rubic's cube; Rubric's cube; Rubic cube; rubik's; rubiks; rubric's

noun

- 1 a pubic hair [UK]
 - Rhymes on *pube*. < *Rubik's cube* ‘a popular mechanical puzzle invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and professor of architecture Ernő Rubik (b.1944)’. The shortened forms are recorded only in the plural.
 - – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
 - When your having a shower make sure you wash your rubic's. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
 - Hairy? You could have knitted a scarf out of her Rubik's. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
 - How about you tattoo a “landing strip” on? You can keep it shaved, and it still looks like you got rubiks! – *HPV Support* forum 24th July **2004**
 - There ain't a single Rubic cube in sight. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
 - Pube (pubic hair). Rubric's Cube. When your having a shower make sure you wash your rubric's. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**
 - [T]rimmed/shaved pubic hair (no hair-based rubics cubes please). – *Subeta* forum, 5th December **2009**
 - No stretch marks, just a few rubic cubes she wanted leaving out[.] – *The Tattoo Shop* forum, **2011**
 - **chuffinch** *n.* The tiny, superfluous island of *Rubiks* often left at the top end of a bird's shaven *snapper*. – *Viz* comic, November **2016**
- 2 the London underground railway system [UK]
 - Rhymes on *the Tube*.
 - Shall we go on the Rubic's? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th March **2001**
 - Get on the *rubic's cube* and head east. – *Gaia Online* forum, 18th February **2008**

- How is the RUBIK'S CUBE strike going? – *www.facebook.com*, 5th February **2014**
- Or, you can join in on the “rubik's cube” (tube) with the humbled, but travelling faster, masses. – *www.smittenbybritain.com*, 19th March **2014**

Ruby

nickname

- 1 Scottish singer, pianist and bassist Justin Currie (b.1964)
 - A shortening of RUBY MURRAY punning on the homophones *curry* and *Currie*. < Northern Irish singer Ruby Murray (1935–96). ▶ see JUSTIN CURRIE
 - “Everybody's mad here,” confides bewhiskered Del Amitri singer Justin Currie, less familiarly known as Ruby. – *Q* magazine, London, July **1992**
 - [W]asn't it written somewhere that Justin's nickname was Ruby? – *The Official Del Amitri Forum*, 14th April **2005**

2 English footballer Darren Currie (b.1974)

- Summer signing Currie had his mop brightly coloured as a bit of fun as Second Division Wycombe embarked on another giant-killing campaign. His eye-catching look goes with the tag ‘Ruby’ – as in Ruby Murray, the rhyming slang for a curry. – *The Sun*, London, 5th January **2002**
- Fans' favourite Darren ‘ruby’ Currie scored a wonder goal and a penalty to keep Blues' hopes of survival alive on Saturday. – *www.stalbansreview.co.uk*, 5th April **2004**
- The cockney rhyming slang for curry “Ruby Murray” forms part of Curries nickname, he is now as Ruby and is also reputed to have the most tattoos in the football league. – *www.derbycounty-mad.co.uk*, 13th May **2007**
- Darren Currie, who may play for Derby in tonight's play-off match, has his nickname, Ruby, which comes from the rhyming slang for curry, as a tattoo. – *The Guardian*, London, 15th May **2007**

Ruby

proper name

- a percussion concerto composed by Joe Duddell between 2002 and 2003 for the Scottish percussionist Colin Currie and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
 - A shortening of RUBY MURRAY, punning on the homophones *curry* and *Currie*. < Northern Irish singer Ruby Murray (1935–96).
 - His percussion concerto *Ruby* is premiered at the BBC Proms on July 25. – *The Birmingham Post*, 4th July **2003**
 - Joe Duddell, the youngest composer, has caused a quiet stir. So should *Ruby*, his percussion concerto for Colin Currie and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. – *The Independent*, London, 30th July **2003**

ruby moon

noun

a spoon [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Ruby Murray; Ruby Murry; ruby*noun*

a curry [UK/IRELAND]

< Northern Irish singer Ruby Murray (1935–96). Thus GOLDEN RUBY.

· Well, I thought I might go down and have a couple of light ales down the Nag's Head, and then go on to the Star of Bengal for a Ruby Murray. – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 17th November **1983**

· Actually the genuine rhyming slang that does survive is strangely dated: “ruby” is a curry (from Ruby Murray) and “tom” is jewellery (from tom-foolery). – *New Society* magazine, London, 28th February **1985**

· The Natraj was cheap and cheerful, but they did a mean Ruby Murray. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.122, **1986**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *London*, spoken, male, 42, September **1994**

· A mate of mine went for a ruby with Celine in the Bombay Brasserie, West London, and was amazed when the star suddenly got up and started belly-dancing round the restaurant. – *The Sun*, London, 7th May **1995**

· Esher is, as the old saw has it, a long way to go for a ruby. – *The Times*, London, 11th October **1997**

· A good wank to some big-titted hoor, then try to dispatch the remains of last night's Ruby Murray intae the next life. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.97 [1999], **1998**

· After picking up my new Gregory Pecks from the chemist, I forked out a Marilu Henner for a crate of Mick Jagger and then bought a takeaway Ruby Murray, even though it's not the best thing for my Nobby Stiles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November **2000**

· The research, carried out by Virgin Media, showed 46 per cent voted a ‘Ruby Murray’ as their favourite takeaway meal.] – *Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph* 19th July **2008**

· I would FUCKING murder a Ruby Murray now, Prawn Balti, with Kima naan and a 6 pack of ice cold ones... – *Metalireland.com* forum, 5th May **2009**

· [I]t starts to smell like an Indian ‘Ruby Murry’. – K. Taylor, *Eating Out*, p.154 [2011], **2010**

· I had a ruby last night, and it's been an interesting morning. Thank god for baby wipes. – *Munsterfans* forum, 16th July **2010**

· Treasurer Mr Cruddas said he served PM's wife Samantha a “Ruby Murray” – Cockney slang for curry – at a Chequers dinner he sponsored. – *The Sun*, London, 1st April **2012**

· Now, da place jus' reeks of bloomin' ruby murry (curry)[.] – *Sikhawareness* forum, 18th October **2013**

· On our 40th wedding anniversary (Letters, May 9), my husband took me out for a “ruby murray”. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 10th May **2014**

Ruby Murray house*noun*

a South Asian restaurant [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *curry house*. Formed on RUBY MURRAY.

· There's also a couple of quite good Ruby Murray houses near there as well[.] – *comp.sys.sinclair, Google Groups*, 7th January **1999**

· If your ever in Brum and fancy a curry, you will probably find most ruby murray houses have ‘Balti’ in the name. – *Football Forums.net*, 21st January **2004**

· Do you know the best Ruby Murray house in town shahid? – *High Alpha* forum, 7th July **2010**

ruby red*noun*

the head [UK]

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

ruby rose; ruby*noun*

the nose [US/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· He laid a finger beside his nose. “This is my ruby rose.” – S. Climo, *T.J.'s Ghost*, p.59 [1991], **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· She had beautiful *minces* and a little, turned-up *ruby*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, **2011**

Ruby Wax; ruby*noun*

1 the community charge, a local tax levied on each adult (over the age of 18) irrespective of income; it was introduced in Scotland in 1989 and in England and Wales in 1990, but was widely discredited and hugely unpopular (even before its introduction) and was abolished in 1993 [UK]

Rhymes on *poll tax*, the popular name for this charge.

< American-born comedian and television personality Ruby Wax (b.1953).

· They hold strong views on most things, and very strong views indeed on immigration. Not only must they pay ‘the Ruby’ (Ruby Wax: Poll Tax) but put up with chop-suey too. – J. Ayto, *LRNW2*, 1990: *The Observer*, London, 14th January **1990**

2 road tax [UK]

Second-hand car dealers' slang.

· The motor trade communicates in a rich patois which has its roots in Cockney rhyming slang. Here are a few of the colourful expressions from its wafy world of high finance. [...] You don't speak of road tax, but Ruby Wax or Duke of Kent (rent), and if you can't manage to pay someone in Nelsons or readies (cash) you give him a Gregory Peck (cheque). – *Sunday Mirror*, London, 13th July **2003**

· In my humble opinion it's worth no more than a nifty and most of that is Ruby Wax. – *House Price Crash* forum, 28th September **2004**

· The Ruby Wax expires on my car on Saturday. – *www.noddleit.com*, 29th October **2009**

· Ruby – Car tax (rhyming slang: Ruby Wax). – *Gaia Online forum*, 27th April **2013**

3 a fax [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March **2009**

ruck and row; ruck

noun

an unpleasant or contemptible woman [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhyming slang on *cow* or a slang rhyme on *fuckin' cow*.

Formed from a combination of the near-synonymous Briticisms *ruck* 'a brawl' and *row* 'an acrimonious quarrel or stormy dispute'.

· One evening he broke a meeting right up by depicting the woes of a worried shop-assistant handling a 'ruck' (tough female customer) at 9.50 on a Saturday night. – J. Green, *GDoS 2010: The Bulletin*, Sydney, 29th September **1910**

· [T]he old ruck next door. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

ruddy

adjective/adverb

used to express annoyance, exasperation or shock, or for emphasis [UK/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

A slang rhyme on *bloody*. Perhaps informed by a visual metaphor on the colour red. Also used in the expressions *ruddy hell* and *ruddy well*, the euphemistic equivalents of *bloody hell* and *bloody well*.

· It's bin goin' on fur over four bloomin' months, an' we ain't see'd a ruddy thing yet! – Taffrail, *Pincher Martin*, *O.D.*, p.182, **1916**

· Think yourself ruddy clever, don't you? [...] You'd do the ruddy same as I've done. Yes, you ruddy well would. – A. Noyes, *Return*, p.22, **1929**

· What the ruddy hell's the ruddy idea? – E. Dudley, *Jimmy Strange*, p.101 [2003], **1945**

· That cow's got a ruddy cheek. – *Aladdin*, pantomime, London Palladium, 22nd December **1970**

· Where's the ruddy switch? – J. London, 'Travelling', in *Westerly* magazine, University of Western Australia, December **1984**

· It rained in Cradock, it rained in Prieska, it rained in Ai Ais, and now it's ruddy well peeing down in Keetmanshoop! – www.misafi.co.za/MinFamily, 8th August **1998**

· I would get them to pay for the whole ruddy wedding to try and make up for all the mental trauma! – *WeddingsOnline.ie* forum, 3rd October **2005**

· [S]ome ruddy idiot has decided to mount a TV by fixing it in the headspace where seat 13 is. – www.stuff.co.nz, 27th August **2008**

· Ruddy freezing this morning. – *Rollercoaster.ie* forum, 30th August **2010**

· Crikey, it's ruddy hot here in West Auck. – *GrownUps – New Zealand*, 1st January **2013**

· Gratifying that 'ruddy' and 'dander' are words still in everyday use on the Soothside... – Theres some ruddy

tough spots on the southside, so don't get my dander up. – thedailyedge.thejournal.ie, 19th November **2013**

Rudolf Hess; Rudolph Hess; rudolph

noun

1 a mess (a dirty or untidy state or condition; a chaotic situation) [UK/US]

< German Nazi leader Rudolf Hess (1894–1987). First recorded in British and American military use during the Gulf War of 1990–91. Later use of the word is confined to British usage.

· British troops serving in the bleak northern stretches of the Saudi desert frequently bewilder outsiders by speaking in a slang which encapsulates regimental tradition, Britain's earlier wars in Asia and Africa, as well as a quickly growing list of words and expressions from the latest conflict. [...] Sometimes old-fashioned Cockney rhyming slang is behind the new meanings, such as a "Rudolf Hess" which is a mess. – *The Times*, London, 26th January **1991**

· – P. Dickson, *War Slang*, p.324, **1994**

· He's made a right Rudolph of that! – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· You made a right Rudolph Hess of that trip to Britain. – *h2g2* forum, 21st June **1999**

· This room is a right rudolph, get it tidied up. – *UD (.com)*, 13th August **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [Y]ou cahnt! you've made a right fackin' rudolf out this drop dead. – *Cook'd and Bomb'd* forum, 20th January **2015**

2 a mess (where servicemen and women eat their meals) [UK]

Military slang.

· Going to the Rudolph (Hess) for a Ruby (Murray) 'cos I'm Hank (Marvin). – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 9th September **2005**

rugby team

noun

in bingo, the number fifteen [UK/IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang that plays on the number of players in a rugby union team.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**

· – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**

· – www.philbrodieband.com, **2006**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**

ruin and spoil; ruin

noun

oil [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

rule fox

noun

the penalty area [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the box*. < English footballer (of Montserratian heritage) Ruel Adrian Fox (b.1968).

· [T]hat foul was inside the rule fox. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

rum and butters

noun

diarrhoea [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the scutters*, a common slang expression in Ireland. < *rum and butters*, a shortening of *rum and butter sweets*, or *battered rum* ‘a drink of rum, butter, cider, hot water and spices’. Reinforced by visual metaphor.

· Ha! Never drink the stuff. Just know its got a rep for giving the rum and butters! – *TheBohs.com* forum, 22nd November **2009**

· Topic: Rum n Butters. Posted: 14 Dec 2009 at 2:50am. – Havnt stopped all morning cant do fuk all without havin 2 make a drop off. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 14th December **2009**

· Me arse is killing me – i’ve got the rum and butters. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 7th October **2012**

rum and coke

noun

1 a joke [UK]

< *rum and coke* ‘a mixed drink of rum and cola (sometimes specifically Coke, a well-known brand of cola)’.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [S]he doesn’t have to be pease in pot or magic wand but must have a nice chevy chase and like a bubble bath and rum and coke. – *Physics Forums*, 13th September **2005**

· Go on then, tell us another rum and coke. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I’m having a good rum and coke with you right now.

[...] Is this one of your stupid rum and cokes, Toby? – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, **2012**

2 a stroke (as an illness) [UK]

· I think I’ve had a rum and coke. – *www.henrythethirst.com*, blog, 15th July **2005**

rumble and jar

noun

a car [US]

A variation of RATTLE AND JAR.

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

rumble and shock

noun

a knock (on the door) [US]

In the first quotation it is said that the word has been used in Australia; this claim, however, cannot be substantiated.

· Other illustrations not so well known in America but used in Australia at the present time are: bees and honey (money), gay and frisky (whisky), lump of lead (head) and rumble and shock (knock). – *The Kansas City Star*, 29th May **1933**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

rumpty dollar

noun

a loud shout [US]

Rhymes on *holler*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

run in the ruck

verb

to have sex [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < *run in the ruck*, an expression from the language of Australian Rules football. It may also be employed as a noun, but the evidence is uncertain.

· Run in the ruck – Something a man and a lady do in private. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November **2009**

runner and rider; runner

noun

cider [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· Anyway, up comes this geezer, completely *brahms* on *runner*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, **2011**

runner bean

noun

in snooker, the green ball [UK]

· A runner bean, well, that’s the green, / And the ivor, that’s the yella. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

Runner Bean

nickname

Queen Elizabeth II

Affectionate. A more common nickname for Elizabeth II is the (Old) BAKED BEAN.

· The Runner Bean Was On Telly. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd October **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

runner beans; runners

noun

jeans [UK]

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

· How do you like me new runners. – *A(.com)*, accessed 1st June **2008**

Rupert Bears; ruperts

noun

1 stock exchange shares [UK]

< Rupert Bear, a children’s comic strip character created by English artist Mary Tourtel in 1920 for the *Daily Express*. Used in the London Stock Exchange.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.87, **2011**
- 2 flared trousers [UK]
Rhymes on *flares*.
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Rupert Murdoch; rupert*noun*

the penis [AUSTRALIA]

A forced rhyme on *cock*. < Australian-born media magnate Rupert Murdoch (b.1931). The short form is recorded in 2001.

- – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, **2001**

Russel Flint*adjective*

▶ see WILLIAM RUSSEL FLINT

Russell Brand; Russel Brand*noun*

1 the hand [UK]

< English comedian and comic actor Russell Brand (b.1975).

- I can't feel my Russel Brands. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**
- Gimme a Russell brand[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March **2012**

2 one thousand pounds sterling [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *grand*. Recorded with the spelling *Russell Brand*.

- – *RangersMedia* forum, 30th October **2010**

Russell Crowe; russell*noun*

1 an attack [UK]

Rhymes on *go*. < New Zealand-born actor Russell Crowe (b.1964).

- [T]o have a Russell Crowe at someone. – S. Dent, *The Language Report*, p.98, **2003**

2 money [UK]

Rhymes on *dough*.

- [H]e will never be short of 'russell'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- So how much Russell Crowe are you getting paid for this film? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Russell Harty; Russel Harty; russell*noun*

a party [UK/IRELAND]

< English television presenter Russell Harty (1934–88). First recorded with the spelling *Russel Harty*.

- – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.126, **1984**
- Vogue names will creep into the vocabulary, e.g. Russell Harty = party (usurping the more traditional Moriarty. I still use that myself). – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.119, **1985**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· When I got to the Russell Harty I realised I'd lost that Pavarotti you lent me[,] – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· Come on over to my place ... Hey you, we're having a Russell. – *b3ta* forum, 9th February **2003**

· [S]he'd organized a surprise Russell for my birthday. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.214, **2005**

· [Y]ou'll stay open and work late for us tonight whilst we have a little Russell Harty. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.216, **2007**

· Right, we're having a 'Russell Harty'. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.127 [2014], **2009**

· I might have a Russell tonight. Make sure you bring some booze. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.297, **2015**

· Flamin' 'ell, that was one 'elluva Russell yooz lot threw last night, my nut don't 'arf 'urt, I tell ya. – *The Sun*, London, 14th June **2015**

Russell Harty*verb*

to party [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- It's time to Russell Harty! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Russell Latapy*noun*

a laptop computer [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *lappy*. < Trinidadian footballer Russell Nigel Latapy (b.1968), who played for a number of Scottish teams between 1998 and 2011.

- We catch up for a bit then ah goes doon the Southern Bar wi Russell Latapy, the lappy, for the free Wi-Fi. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.141, **2015**

Russian duck; russian*noun*

1 dirt [UK]

Rhymes on *muck*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – J. Manchon, *Le slang*, **1923**

2 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

- – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, s.v. *cattle*, **1998**

- – M. Leigh and M. Lepine, *Advanced Swearing Handbook*, p.59, **2005**

3 something worthless [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Russian duck* 'to not care at all'. Only recorded in the full form.

- I don't really give a Russian duck about the "rating"[.] – *Red Hot Pawn* forum, 21st July **2007**

Russian spy*noun*

a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Russian-Turk*noun*

work [UK]

· I can't stand this Duke of York to my Russian-Turk[.] – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

rusty bike*noun*

a lesbian, especially a masculine one [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*.

· – A man in his late 60's slowly pumped his legs as he peddled past the recently modernised swimming baths that sat directly across the road. The rusty bike looked to be at least thirty years old. – With reference to this bit I couldn't tell if the rusty bike actually referred to a cycle or was rhyming slang for a butch lesbian. – *Book & Reader* forum, 2nd August **2005**

· Dyke (Lesbian). Three Wheel Trike. [...] [Thanks to Barry Smith. Ray Wells has heard the expression rusy bike as well]. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th July **2006**

· Those 2 lasses eat minge cos they are Rusty Bikes. – *UD(.com)*, 31st March **2008**

rusty bucket*exclamation*

expressing annoyance, disgust, rejection or dismissal [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck it*.

· – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 22nd September **2006**

rusty draper*noun*

a rapist [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *raper*. Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Rusty Lee*noun*

tea [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Jamaican-born British celebrity chef Rustie Lee (b.1953).

· An' me not 'ad a proppah cap o' Rusty Lee for a bleedin' fortnight, neiver. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

rusty nail*noun*

a jail [UK]

· – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

rusty spike; rusty*noun*

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*.

· Rusty Spike is Cockney slang for Dyke. "She's an ol' rusty!" – *CRS(.co.uk)*, 31st January **2002**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· [Y]our sister looks like a right rusty spike! – *UD(.com)*, 24th September **2003**

· My ex partner was on the balcony of client's flat in the E End and two men on other balconies were talking. 'What you looking at John?' 'Them rusties over on that balcony.' 'Rusties?' 'Rusty spikes, dykes.' – *Gingerbeer.co.uk* forum, 29th June **2011**

rusty spoon*noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*.

· Too many 'rusty spoons' around here as it's sometimes put in rhyming slang. – P. Wright, *Old Country*, p.234, **1985**

· [F]or people tha dont know, rusty spoon is cockny rhyming slang for coon. – *The Scooter Resource* forum, 28th September **2009**

Rutger Hauer; rutger*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [UK]

< Dutch actor Rutger Hauer (b.1944).

· im pure abe lincoln, i need a sven vath, och ive no got time, itll need to be a quick rutger hauer. – *Eruufon* forum, 10th May **2005**

· I stink, I'm going for a Rutger Hauer (shower). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

· I'm off for a Rutger[.] – *The Childfree Life* forum, 6th February **2013**

· I'm just jumping in the 'Rutger'. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

Ruud Gullit; ruud*noun*

dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *the bullet*. < Dutch football player and manager Ruud Gullit (b.1962). Coined after Gullit was dismissed as manager of Chelsea FC in February 1998. Usually used in sporting contexts.

· I was out on the Tom when my Sharon went off and the boss said I'd got the Ruud[.] – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· We all know that Jeff has shown a lot of character and come through some difficult times so for the club to give him the Ruud Gullit at this stage would be churlish. – *ShrimperZone* forum, 18th September **2005**

· [D]oes anyone know what happened with mccann at fail-kirk, did eddie may give him the ruud gullit for trying to pinch his job? – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th November **2009**

· Had he not been given the Ruud Gullit, surely we would all have the inside track on what is going on at Den's instead of having to rely on the idle gossip of the media. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 20th October **2010**

· I saw, with a tinge of amusement, that Ian McGeechan and Martin Haag were given the Ruud Gullit by Bath CEO Nick Blofeld. – *www.independent.ie*, 15th April **2012**

· What they playing at? Boy should get the ruud gullit! – *twitter.com*, 13th February **2013**

2 a bullet [ʊk]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Holmes was caught on tape discussing the hit and “Ruud Gullits” – bullets. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th March **2000**

Ryan Giggs; ryans

noun

1 lodgings [ʊk]

Rhymes on *digs*. < Welsh footballer Ryan Giggs (born Ryan Joseph Wilson, 1973). The short form is recorded by Puxley (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

2 cigarettes [ʊk]

Rhymes on *cigs*. No evidence of use in the full form.

· Got a smoke, anyone? I'm right out of Ryans. – *The Independent*, London, 21st July **1999**

Ryan's daughter; ryans

noun

water [ʊk]

< *Ryan's Daughter*, a 1970 British film directed by David Lean.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [P]eople were having a splash of 'ryans' in their whisky and filling their kettles with it. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

S

Sacha Distel; sacha

noun

a smell [UK]

< French singer Sacha Distel (1933–2004).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

sack

noun

crack cocaine [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

sack race

noun

the face [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

sacks of rice

noun

mice [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

sacred Rubys

noun

a woman's breasts [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *boobies*.

· Sacred Rubys – Boobies – Tits (my dad says this all the time haha). – *RangersMedia* forum, 30th October **2010**

sad and sorry

noun

a lorry [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, **2008**

Saddam Hussein

noun

a troublesome or annoying person [UK]

Rhymes on *pain*. < Saddam Hussein (1937–2006), who was president of Iraq from 1979 to 2003, when he was overthrown by a US-led military coalition. Coined with sardonic humour in the period after the Gulf War of 1990–91.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 17th November **2000**

· He said don't be a Saddam Hussein, you're Tom Cruised and you've got a Hobson's Choice like me china plate's Mutt and Jeff finger and thumb. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· He's a right Saddam Hussein. – *h2g2* forum, 12th June **2004**

Saddam Hussein

adjective

insane [UK]

< Saddam Hussein (1937–2006), who was president of Iraq from 1979 to 2003, when he was overthrown by a US-led military coalition. First recorded within days of Hussein's capture in the wake of the Second Gulf War.

· You must be Saddam Hussein. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th December **2003**

· You're bloody well Saddam Hussein. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· By all means, have fun confusing your friends but don't complain to me if they think your Saddam Hussein[,] – *jensspaghettiblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th April **2011**

· What are you talking about geezer, are you Saddam Hussein or what?!!! – *Darts Forum*, 4th July **2013**

safe and sound; safe

noun

the ground [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Noah took the top covering off the nanny and 'e 'ad a good butcher's around, and 'e could see that the safe was getting dry. On the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the safe was nice and dry. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.20, **2001**

· [T]hat's when I think my *gordon* must have fallen off my wrist on to the *safe*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.143, **2011**

sage and onion

noun

a bunion [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2013**

sailors on the sea; sailors

noun

tea [UK]

· [H]eard during 1958 while in hospital at Barnet. [...] "I'll be glad when the sailors comes round"[] – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: K.S. Brice, letter, 11th November **1960**

saint and sinner

noun

1 in horse racing, a winner [AUSTRALIA]

· One would think by the quarter mile on his chivy-chase that he'd just backed a saint and sinner for a monkey. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

2 a dinner [UK]

· Not long ago I heard a shabby gent recounting his experiences to a pal. Moaned he: "An', s'elp me, I'd 'ardly got a touch-me in my sky, much less an amesjay to pay for me saint an' sinner!" – J.B. Booth, *Sporting Times*, p.89, **1938**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

St Bevan*numeral*

seven [AUSTRALIA]

Either a variation of SERGEANT BEVAN or a misprint for the abbreviation *Sgt Bevan*. Recorded in a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3 George Moore = 4 Bee Hive = 5 Tom Mix or Dorothy Dix = 6 St Bevan = 7[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

St Clement*noun*

a lemon; lemon [UK]

A near enough perfect rhyme. < ‘Oranges and lemons, / Say the bells of St Clements’, the opening lines of the traditional London nursery rhyme ‘Oranges and Lemons’, first recorded in the 1740s. Alternatively, the word may derive from *St Clements* ‘a non-alcoholic cocktail of orange juice and bitter lemon’ or English actress Pam St Clement (b.1942), best known as the character Pat Butcher (1986–2012) in the BBC TV soap *EastEnders*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [P]araffin and supersonic with miami and st clement. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, s.v. *Paraffin*, **2008**

St Georges in the East*noun*

a priest [UK]

< *St George’s in the East*, a variant of *St George-in-the-East*, the name of a church in Stepney, east London.

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] priest – St. Georges in the East[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

St Leger*noun*

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swedger*. < St Leger (in full, St Leger Stakes), the world’s oldest classic horse race, run at Doncaster, England, since 1776.

· [P]opping a few St Leger’s[.] – *twitter.com*, 19th August **2015**

St Louis Blues; Saint Louis Blues; st louis; st looeys*noun*

[1] shoes [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< ‘St Louis Blues’, a 1914 song by American blues pioneer W. C. Handy, now considered a jazz standard. The shortening *st louis* doubles as singular and plural, although *st louisies* is also used as an alternative plural.

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.45, **1972**

· [S]hoes are St Louis – St Louis Blues. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· By 6 pm you’re climbing into the freshened-up bag o’ fruit and St Looeys. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1975**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I knew my hand-made St Louis were a good investment. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.69, **1986**

· Check out me new St. Louis. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th September **2003**

· Correct usage of the McFarlane demands that only the first word is used, as in to: “lose one’s Berwick and stick one’s St Louis up someone’s Burlington chorus because they gave some Dorothys to your lemon”. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 18th August **2004**

· [G]rab your st louis blues[.] – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May **2005**

· Did you pack my St. Louises? – *The News-Gazette*, Champaign, Illinois, 24th April **2006**

· ‘e’s got himself a new pair of St. Louis. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Put on your Saint Louis Blues and almond rocks. – *alldownunder.com*, 26th November **2010**

· He was worried, too, about his St Louis Blues. He hadn’t polished them that morning. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11th February **2011**

[2] news; the news [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· Bung the telly on till we get the St Louis blues. – M. Munro, *CPI*, **1996**

St Martins-le-Grand; Martin’s-le-Grand; Martin-le-Grand; St Martin’s the Grand; St Martins; martins; martin*noun*

the hand [UK]

< St Martin’s le Grand, a London street. The variant *Martin-le-Grand* is recorded by Franklyn (1960) and Puxley (1992). The short forms *St Martins* and *martins* double as singular and plural. ▶ see *MART*

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· One day he walked straight into this kitchen clobbered in a black pair of rounds, tight to his legs, a black frock isleim, buttoned up to the chin, [...] and a pair of turtles on his martins finished him. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lip-ipo*, p.55, **1893**

· Rhyming slang has a large vocabulary of its own, and so a necktie is a “4th of July,” gloves are “turtles,” short for “turtle doves,” hand is “St. Martin’s,” otherwise “St. Martin’s-le-Grand,” boots are “daisies,” short for

“Daisy roots,” and so on indefinitely. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 3rd January **1914**

· On the Johnny Horner I must stand / In this land of the yet-to-be, / ‘Olding out my Martin’s-le-Grand / For the price of a Rosie Lee. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Either as part of the body, or on a clock, *Germans* are *German bands/hands*, but when a Cockney refers to only one hand, he is likely to say, “I shook ’is *Martin* (or *Martins*),” meaning, “I shook his *Martins-Le-Grand/hand*.” [...] Watch out for the rorty Cockney who offers not his *Martin* but his *Oliver!* – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.54, **1973**

· British slang includes St Geoffrey’s Day (that is never), St Luke’s bird (an ox, the symbol of that evangelist), St. Taur (for H. M. S. *Centaur*), and the Cockneys’ St. Maritan (the good Samaritan) and St. Martin’s the Grand (rhyming slang for “hand,” from St. Martin le Grand’s church in London). – L.R.N. Ashley, *Uncommon Names*, p.116, **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I had it in my St. Martins a minute ago. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

St Mary

noun

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fairy*. Perhaps influenced by *St Marys*, a common place name in Australia, or *St Mary’s*, a name given to several cathedrals and churches across the country.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.45, **1983**

Saint Moritz; San Moritz; sans

noun

1 a woman’s breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. < Saint Moritz, a mountain resort town in southeastern Switzerland.

· DUDLEY: But bristols don’t have the impact of tits. PETER: You could use other rhyming slang, like sans or fainting. DUDLEY: Sans or fainting? What are you talking about? PETER: San Moritz. Fainting fits. – W. Cook, *Goodbye Again*, pp.132–133 [2005], 2004; Peter Cook and Dudley Moore’s sketch *The Scriptwriter*, BBC2, 4th March **1970**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· But you should see her Saint-Moritz! – *ScoobyNet* forum, 4th March **2005**

· [H]er san moritz! are not big enough to be wonder woman! – *For Elvis CD Collectors* forum, 20th February **2011**

2 diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

St Rollox

noun

1 a mess [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. < St Rollox, a huge railway works in Springburn, in the northeast of Glasgow. Used in

the phrase *make a St Rollox of (something)* ‘to spoil or make a mess of (something)’.

· Yi’re great at lookin’ efter number wan. Yi’re no’ hauf fly. Except that, when yi drew up the law about closures, yi made a right St Rollox o’ it. Whit dae yi employ fur lawyers – ravin’ numpties? – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 31st January **1995**

2 nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bollocks*.

· [A]ll this so-called nationalism – being british/irish is a load of st. rollox and it’s killing these posts. – *BBC 606* forum, 9th November **2007**

· Honestly thats a load of St Rollox[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 18th February **2011**

St Vitus’ dance; Saint Vitus’ dance

noun

trousers [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pants*. < *St Vitus’ dance*, an old-fashioned name for Sydenham’s chorea, a complication of rheumatic fever and streptococcal infection characterised by sudden jerky movements of the face, limbs and trunk.

· I don’t blame them, as there’s nothin’ worse than a pair of wet St. Vitus dance or a damp dickey dirt. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· *St Vitus’ dance*, pants. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· **Saint Vitus dance:** the pants. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Sajid Mahmood

noun

food [UK]

< English cricketer Sajid Mahmood (b.1981).

· Most Ringo Starr’s (*Bars*) will serve Sajid Mahmood (*Food*) if your out for the Leo Sayer (*All Dayer*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

salada crackers; saladas

noun

the testicles [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *knackers*. < *Salada crackers*, a brand of crackers manufactured by Arnott’s.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· So I did what I should have done in the beginning and kneed him in the salada crackers. He went down like a pricked balloon and actually had to go to hospital[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 10th November **2010**

· Call her a horny slapper and if she kicks you in the salada crackers then the answer would be that she doesn’t like it. – *XNXX Adult Forum*, 4th June **2012**

Salford Dock; salford

noun

rock [UK]

< Salford Docks, now known as Salford Quays, on the Manchester Ship Canal in North-West England, and

since 2013 recognised nationally as the location of MediaCityUK.

· Joseph bought a linen sheet, and 'e took the body dahn, wrapped it in the sheet, and 'e put it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid Salford. [...] Salford Dock – rock. – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.120/127, **2001**

Salford Docks; salfords

noun

1 rocks (in the sea or a river), especially regarded as a hazard to ships [UK]

< Salford Docks, now known as Salford Quays, on the Manchester Ship Canal in North-West England, and since 2013 recognised nationally as the location of MediaCityUK. Nautical slang. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS*(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**

· Bleedin' Frog (2) nearly hit the Salford Docks (3). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

2 socks [UK: MANCHESTER]

Also used in the phrase *pull one's salfords up* 'to make a determined effort to do better', the direct equivalent of *pull one's socks up*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.96, **1981**

· **salfords** – socks (from salford docks). – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 6th November **2002**

· The Cockneys have rhyming slang but here in Manchester we have it too eg Salford Docks= Socks. – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 15th August **2003**

· – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.161, **2004**

· Re: Mancunian words [...] we also have our own rhyming slang, newtons = newton heath = teeth mather = mather and platt = twat salfords = salford docks = socks, i know theres loads more but i cant remember any. – *Bluemoon* forum, 21st November **2008**

· Where are my Salfords? – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

· Pull your Salfords up. – *www.mirror.co.uk*, 16th January **2014**

Salisbury Crag; salisbury

noun

heroin [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *scag*. < Salisbury Crags, a series of cliffs next to Arthur's Seat in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh. Edinburgh itself, at the time of this term's coinage, was widely considered to be the 'heroin capital of Europe'. Synonymous with ARTHUR'S SEAT.

· Four weeks n two days since ma last bit ay Salisbury Crag, ken? Countin every second man, countin every second. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.121 [1994], **1993**

· 'Salisbury Crag' has become rhyming slang in the city. It means skag, heroin. 'Morningside Speed' is cocaine. – I. Rankin, *Dead Souls*, p.4, **1999**

· The way this airm's nippin, ah widnae mind a wee shot ay the Salisbury right now, ken? [...] The methadone's far fae perfect, but bein without it, n wi nae access tae the Salisbury Crag, wis a fuckin grim prospect. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, pp.205/401, **2012**

Sally and Mabel

noun

a table [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, **1968**

sally army

adjective

▶ see SALVATION ARMY

Sally Gunnell; Sally

nickname

1 the Blackwall Tunnel, a road tunnel which connects the north and south banks of the Thames in east London

< English Olympic athlete Sally Gunnell (b.1966). Also as BLACKWALL SALLY GUNNELL

· [T]he traffic was backed up from the Sally to the Bow underpass. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Sally Gunnell Blackwall Tunnel. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

· **Sally Gunnell** tunnel [...] referencing either the Blackwall or Dartford Tunnel. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Olympic officials and other VIPs need to be on their toes to Steve Cram [scram] down the Sally [Gunnell – Blackwall Tunnel] in the event of a suspected Roger [Black – terrorist attack]. – *www.newsbisccuit.com*, 28th February **2011**

2 a road tunnel that forms a tolled section of the M25 London orbital motorway and which crosses under the Thames estuary to connect Dartford in Kent with Thurrock in Essex

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· When driving on a route through the Dartford Tunnel, 'Have we got change ready for Sally?' – *twitter.com*, 14th June **2011**

3 the Tunnel nightclub in Glasgow, Scotland, which traded from 1990 to 2014

Only recorded in the full form.

· It was the Sally Gunnell (tunnel) and the Arches for me every week in the mid 90's... – *TalkCeltic* forum, 8th November **2008**

· Was in the old 'Sally Gunnell' (The Tunnel) last night for the first time in 10 years.[.] – *twitter.com*, 27th September **2013**

· So it's on this note that I'd like to say a final thank you and goodnight to the 'Sally Gunnell', the club that showed me the ropes in Glasgow's clubland, and gave me a countless number of great nights. – *glasgow.stv.tv*, 26th September **2014**

· – Used to frequent The Tunnel, Archaos, The Shack, Trash, The Arches and the Subby in my younger days. Only one i go to now is the Subby. – I forgot about "the

Sally Gunnell”, I think it only closed reasonably recently.
– *Tartan Army* forum, 9th December **2015**

Sally McNair; sally

noun

the hair [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Scottish television presenter Sally McNair (b.1956).
- Yer Sally needs cropped. It looks like a mulberry bush.
– R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**
- Also your barnet fair is your Sally McNair. – *Digital Spy* forum, 8th July **2013**

Sallynoggin; sally

noun

the head [IRELAND]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *noggin* and *-noggin*, the last two syllables of *Sallynoggin*. < Sallynoggin, a suburban area of Dublin.
- Sally (n): head[.] – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, **1997–2005**
- **head** or **brains** loaf; napper; noggin; sally; scone. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.34, **2007**
- napper (tandy) or sallynoggin = head[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 5th December **2007**
- i fell and hit me sallynoggin, eugh. – *Boards.ie* forum, 29th December **2010**
- [W]hen playing football and looking for a header, “on the sally”. – *CycleChat* forum, 5th September **2015**
- You were lashing into the pints last night. How’s the Sallynoggin today? – *www.irishcentral.com*, 23rd June **2016**

Sally Rod

noun

a Protestant [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *Prod*, a shortening of *Protestant*, the final *d* reflecting the common pronunciation of intervocalic /t/ as a voiced flap (i.e. *Prodestant*). < *sally rod* ‘a long, thin willow stick, formerly used to enforce discipline’. *Sally* is the Hiberno-English version of the Irish *saileach* ‘willow’.
- It occurs to me that ‘sally-rod’ is Ulster rhyming slang to ‘Prod’, i.e. Protestant. – C. Carson, *The Star Factory*, p.101, **1997**
- Re: Taigs and Prods [...]. In our area Pope Heads, Sally Rods and Iron Haigs. – *Belfast Forum*, 19th November **2008**
- Arthur Guinness was a sally rod. – *Shine* forum, 18th November **2009**
- Up til 8am to out-drink the Sally Rods on the 11. – *twitter.com*, 12th July **2011**

salmon and prawn; salmon on prawn; salmon on;

salmon

noun

an erection [UK]

- Rhymes on the *horn*. Also used in the expression on *the salmon and prawn* (or *on the salmon*), the direct equivalent of *on the horn*.

- Do you seriously believe that Eastenders say to their girlfriends, “Oo come here luv, I’ve got a salmon on (prawn)”? – *The Sunday Times*, London, 1st May **1994**

- Humour of a more robust and earthy variety informs the series of nine images *Got a Salmon On (Prawn)* (1994) [253] by Sarah Lucas (b.1962, UK). [...] Sarah Lucas’s set of nine photographs of a naked boyfriend opening a can of lager held in front of his crotch ends in freeze frames of a dramatic ejaculation rapidly followed by a damp fizzle. [...] Crudely, the title refers to men who boast that they have a salmon on (an erection) though its size and appearance have more in common with a prawn. – E. Cooper, *Fully Exposed*, p.267, **1995**

- *Got a Salmon On #3* – A photographic self-portrait of English artist Sarah Lucas in which she stands outside a public toilet with a huge salmon resting from her shoulder to her waist in the manner of a shouldered rifle, thereby presenting a punning association between an erect penis and a gun, **1997**

- **Salmon (on prawn)** [...] *The horn*. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1998**

- Associated terms at random are: ‘salmon’ from ‘salmon and trout’, as rhyming slang for snout (cigarette) – not to be confused with ‘on the salmon and prawn’ (on the horn)[.] – *h2g2* forum, 26th September **2001**

- I saw Pam Anderson’s video on the internet last night. It didn’t half give me the salmon, I can tell you. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **2002**

salmon and shrimp

noun

a pimp [UK]

A variation of FISH AND SHRIMP.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

salmon and trout; salmon trout; salmon

noun

1 the mouth [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang, or perhaps a perfect rhyme on *pout*. Recorded in the forms *salmon trout* (1859) and *salmon and trout* (1874).

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

- – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

2 the nose [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *snout*. Only recorded in the form *salmon and trout*.

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 a bookmaker’s tout [UK]

- Tout ... Salmon trout (bookmaker). [...] Call me “Salmon,” I want some “Jenny Lea.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

- **salmon and trout** [...] *tout* [...] is current in the racing world and refers to a bookmaker’s tout. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

4 gout [UK]

- Gout ... Salmon Trout. – P.P., *RS*, **1932**

- For instance, “down the apples” is part of the full phrase, “down the apples and pears” – pears, of course,

meaning stairs. Others are “All afloat” (Throat), “Bushel and peck” (Neck), “Salmon and trout” (Gout)[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 13th August **1940**
 · Salmon Trout (Salmon) also In and Out ... Gout. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· “There was worse to follow,” said Jim with relish. “D.T.s?” asked the barrow-boy hopefully. “No,” said Jim. “Gout!” “Wot, the old salmon and trout? Cor, ‘e must ‘ave gone it!” – S. Dewes, *Soho*, p.78, **1952**

· I’ve bin in the ol’ *Uncle* for a couple o’ weeks with a touch o’ *salmon*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.10, **1969**

· If I seem a bit off beam, it is because I have a nasty go of salmon trout and am as stuffed with drugs as a sucking pig is of sage and onions[.] – R. Mortimer and C. Mortimer, *Dear Lupin*, p.24, 2011: letter dated 10th October **1970**

· Members of this trade claim a high incidence of gout and have formed the “Salmon and Trout Club,” based on their professional interests and their gout. – G.V. Ball, *Two Epidemics of Gout*, p.404, **1971**

· **Salmon Trout, or In and Out** Gout. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.37, **1979**

· Gouties have nothing, though the man at the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council giggled that something called the Salmon and Trout Club (Cockney rhyming slang, geddit?) had once been mooted. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 13th February **1994**

5 stout (beer) [UK]

Recorded in the forms *salmon and trout* and *salmon*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.98, **1968**

· – J. Jones, *CRS*, **1971**

· I couldn’t half do with a salmon. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, **2009**

6 tobacco; a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *snout*. Recorded in the forms *salmon and trout* and *salmon*.

· Thus “got any salmon ‘n’ trout” is a request for a cigarette. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· Salmon (and trout) Tobacco (snout) and less commonly, gout (the disease). – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.199, **1977**

· Got any salmon? Sorted. – *Ebenezer Goode*, lyric, *The Shamen*, **1992**

· Kids of ten and twelve, smoking salmon and spitting non-stop[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.119 [2001], **2000**

· I’m just popping out for a quick salmon[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd August **2005**

· A thing of beauty, that coat. Three quarter leather, original 1960’s, and I had just got George to re-line it. Plus, it’s got me return train ticket in it, the key to the B&B, and all my salmons. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.117, **2007**

· Gi’s a salmon, mate, I’ve left mine in my cell. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.371, **2015**

7 marijuana [UK]

Extended from the previous sense. Only recorded in the form *salmon and trout*.

· Marijuana, hash, grass, weed, pot, dope, gear and, in the East End of London, salmon and trout (cockney rhyming slang for snout) are all names for the same substance: cannabis. – *The Independent*, London, 15th February **1993**

8 a pout [UK]

Possibly informed by the expression *trout pout*.

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.103, **2011**

salmon trout; salmon

adverb

in cricket, said of a batsman who is ‘out’ or dismissed [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

· [J]udged salmon trout (definitely out) by umpire Rudi Koertze. – *PlanetCricket* forum, 24th February **2006**

· Not sure why Watson hung around - he was stone dead plumb! As @warne888 said, “salmon trout”! – *twitter.com*, 21st July **2010**

· The referral system in cricket sucks. If the ball is hitting the stumps he should be on his way. He should be salmon trout. Out. – *twitter.com*, 20th November **2011**

· [W]hen a batsman doesn’t offer a shot and is hit in front of the pegs, he’s out. Salmon trout. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **2013**

· Looking back it was pretty salmon. – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 31st May **2015**

· Stokes was lbw to Shakib al Hasan and he became one of the few players in this match not to demand a review upon seeing the umpire’s raised finger. “To be honest I felt I was pretty salmon,” he said. – *www.theguardian.com*, 22nd October **2016**

salmon on prawn; salmon on

noun

► see SALMON AND PRAWN

Salomon Kalou; Solomon Kalou; Salomon; Solomon

noun

a clue [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *clue* and *Kalou*. < Ivorian footballer Salomon Kalou (b.1985).

· I haven’t got a Salomon. – *UD(.com)*, 23rd September **2009**

· I ain’t got a Salomon Kalou either... – *twitter.com*, 19th May **2011**

· Haven’t got a solomon about some of my work i gota do. – *twitter.com*, 30th March **2012**

· I remember this hairstyle coming out in March 2011 (don’t really have a solomon kalou when meireles did this)[.] – *footballtdons.co.uk*, blog, 9th August **2013**

· [D]on’t have a salomon kalou what I’m doing. – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2014**

· Don’t have a Salomon Kalou about the EU referendum. – *twitter.com*, 22nd June **2016**

salt beef

noun

a thief [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

salt fish*noun*

a very attractive woman [UK]

Rhymes on *dish*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *sort*. A self a homophone of *salt* in Cockney and popular London speech. The term was given headword status by Puxley (2008), but it had already appeared in an earlier work by this author (Puxley 2003: s.v. *salt/sort*), where he gave it as a tentative etymology of *sort*: ‘An informant tells me it’s RS, ‘Salt Fish’ – a dish. But I dunno.’

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

salt junk*adjective*
drunk [UK]

< *salt junk*, nautical slang for salted meat.

• – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909: 1897

Salt Lake Cities; salt lakes*noun*

a woman’s breasts [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *titties*. < Salt Lake City, the capital of the American state of Utah. Both forms are first recorded in 2001.

• – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, 2001

• She has huge Salt Lake Cities. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November 2004

• Nature has served me with a fairly generous pair of Salt Lake Cities, which never used to arouse much comment. – *reasonsyouwillhate.com*, blog, 12th May 2006

• She had great “chockie ripples” on the end of her “salt lake cities”. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 19th July 2006

• [S]he always pushes her salt lake cities up too far! – *The Limbo Club* forum, 14th September 2011

• Great Salt Lake Cities! – *www.sunburntcountry.au.com*, accessed 10th May 2013

• She’s got some massive salt lake cities. – *www.facebook.com*, 17th January 2015

salt-sea wave*noun*

a shave [AUSTRALIA]

• Rhyming slang my father used included squatter’s daughter for water and salt-sea wave for shave. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 18th March 1996

salty bananas*noun*

sultanas [AUSTRALIA]

• – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

Salvador*noun*

among film industry workers, a camera dolly [US]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *dolly* and *Dali*. < Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí (in full, Salvador Felipe Jacinto Dalí i Domenech; 1904–89).

• Bring in *Salvador* for this shot. – J. Dunn, *Idiom Savant*, p.76, 1997

Salvador Dali; salvador*noun*

1 cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *charlie*. < Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí (in full, Salvador Felipe Jacinto Dalí i Domenech; 1904–89). Hence SPANISH SURREALIST.

• We can’t bring Salvador Dali through airport security. – J. Hawes, *Dead Long Enough*, p.72, 2000

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th August 2004

2 a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*.

• And then we will invite him to join us for a few celebratory Salvadors. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 30th January 2000

• Sit Down on yer Chorus and Have a Wee Salvador. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 28th April 2002

• See you in the club for a salvador after the game, okay? – *Ayr*, spoken, male, 25, November 2002

• These notwithstanding, however, I must say that I have always regarded a “Salvador Dali” followed by a “Ruby Murray” as something of a Glasgow tradition! – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 12th December 2003

• It is beer o’clock. Time for a salvador Dali[.] – *twitter.com*, 18th November 2011

• – I. Crofton, *DSPF*, 2012

3 a Somali [UK]

• Already, a large group of Salvadors are shuffling out of the Port Medical Inspector’s office. *Salvador. Salvador Dali. Somali*. [...] A first wave of young Salvadors hits the control, all without passports, all PA. – T. Saint, *Refusal Shoes*, pp.21/53, 2003

• Everybody knows how crazy Salvadors’ are. – G. Anyetei, *What Do You Call It?*, p.31, 2010

• After the coons went ape, a lot whites moved out, and thanks to the invasion of asylum seekers, namely Salvador Dalis (Somalis), it is now 90% ethnic. – *Englisc Gateway* forum, 7th August 2011

salvation*noun*

a station [UK]

• – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.271, 1891

Salvation Army; sally army*adjective*

mad, crazy; foolish [UK]

Rhymes on *barmy*. < Salvation Army, a Christian organisation founded by William Booth in 1865. The form *sally army* is given by Puxley (1992).

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• Gawd you gotta be Salvation Army. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd November 2009

• [T]he trouble and strife will be going Salvation Army because I promised the tin lids I’d be at the Pope (in Rome)

to read them a Jackanory before they went up the apples and pears. – *www.examiner.co.uk*, 3rd April 2012

Sam Allardyce

noun

ice (for drinks) [IRELAND]

< English football player and manager Sam Allardyce (b.1954).

· – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006

Sam and Dave

noun

a grave [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word. < Sam and Dave, an American soul duo (Samuel Moore, b.1935, and Dave Prater, 1937–88) who rose to fame in the mid-1960s.

· Bound for an early Sam and Dave. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May 2004

Samantha Eggar; samantha

noun

a female beggar, especially one who begs on the London underground [UK]

The female counterpart of an ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER.

· ‘Samanthas’ are typically woeful-looking foreign women with babe in arm and an outstretched hand. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Samantha Janus; samantha

noun

the anus [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

< Samantha Janus, the maiden name (and professional name at the time of this term’s coinage) of English actress Samantha Womack (b.1972). Also used in the phrase *a pain in the Samantha Janus* ‘an annoying person or thing’. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July 2001

· He stared at the silencer, as if contemplating where it should be planted. “This is going up your Samantha, sunshine!” Tony told him. He grabbed Aksoy and pulled him inside, forcing him to bend over the bench. – T.J. Jackson, *Gang Lords of London*, p.29, 2009

· [H]e walks like hes just been done up the Samantha Janus[.] – *www.youtube.com*, 2011

· I was, however, already late and it was a pain in the Samantha Janus. – *twitter.com*, 3rd July 2012

· Must be the usual NZ way.... a wee complain then bend over and take it up the Samantha Janus. Thank you Sir, may I have another? – *Property Talk* forum, 7th August 2012

Samantha Mumba; samantha

noun

a number; often specifically a phone number [UK]

< Irish singer and actress Samantha Mumba (b.1983).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st May 2002

· So if you fancy a bit of “Bendy” or a quick “Melvin” send me your “Samantha Mumba”. – *Contractor UK* forum, 7th July 2006

· Hey, gorgeous, can I have your Samantha? – G. Tibbals, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Sam Broon

verb

to calm down [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *calm doon*. *Broon* and *doon* reflect the Scottish pronunciation of standard English *Brown* or *Browne* and *down*. Possibly < English singer Samantha ‘Sam’ Brown (b.1964) or *Sam Browne*, a military belt named after its inventor, General Sir Samuel James Browne (1824–1901). Used in the imperative.

· OK, OK, Sam Broon. I’ll do it. – *Edinburgh*, spoken, female, 26, February 2001

· Me and my wee sis take great pleasure in sinking into our old school patois when we’re together, and our other favourite expression is ‘Sam Broon!’ which is Scottish rhyming slang for ‘calm down!’ – *www.ciao.co.uk*, 21st February 2003

Sam Cooke

noun

a book [UK]

< American soul singer Sam Cooke (1931–64).

· Read any good ‘sam cookes’ lately? – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Sam Cory

noun

a story [UK]

< Sam Cory, noted by Franklyn (1961) to have been a worker at Scruttons Ltd, a London stevedoring company.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Sam Halls

noun

▶ see SAMMY HALLS

sammo

noun

a bribe [UK]

A shortening of *Sammo Hung*, rhyming on the slang *bung*. < Hong Kong-born actor and director Sammo Hung (b.1952).

· A bung is now a Sammo (from TV’s Sammo Hung Kambo). – *The People*, London, 5th August 2001

Sammy Hall

adjective

(of a horse) monorchid [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *ball*. < ‘My name is Samuel Hall [or Sam Hall] / And I’ve only got one ball[.]’, from the first verse of one of the versions of a 19th-century folk ballad. Only used in the phrase *ricked and Sammy Hall*.

· That horse was ricked and Sammy Hall. – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, s.v. *rick*, 1961; E. Morrisby, letter, 30th August 1958

Sammy Halls; Sam Halls

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < ‘My name is Samuel Hall [or Sam Hall] / And I’ve only got one ball[.]’, from the first verse of one of the versions of a 19th-century folk ballad. The variant *Sam Halls* is given by Puxley (2008).

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Sammy Lee

noun

an act of urinating; urine [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < English football player and manager Sammy Lee (b.1959).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.203, 2008

· Busting for a sammy lee. – *FMTTM* forum, 4th April 2013

Sammy Lee

numeral

three [AUSTRALIA]

< Canadian-born, Sydney-based nightclub and restaurant owner Sammy Lee (ca 1912–75).

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Sammy Mackie

noun

a Pakistani; loosely, a native of the Indian subcontinent [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Paki*. < Northern Irish entertainer Sammy Mackie, who sang Northern Ireland’s 1982 World Cup song ‘I’m Yer Man’.

· Sammy Mackies or Hamilton Accies – Asian gentlemen. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August 2010

Sammy Wrist

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, 1981

Sampson Low; sampson

verb

to go [UK]

< Sampson Low, a defunct publishing company established in London in 1848; originally known in full as Sampson Low, Son & Co. (later renamed variously).

· Well, me old also, shall we Sampson to the nearest evening and have a skating? I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn’t be home till gypsies. [...] Sampson Low (the famous publisher) Go. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), ‘The Secret Language’, 15th August 1918

Sam Snead

noun

a spirit level [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bead*, a slang synonym for *spirit level*. < American golfer Sam Snead (1912–2002).

· Check the level wi yer Sam Snead. – *DAFC.net* forum, 12th March 2014

Sam Snead

adjective

dead [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *deid*, the Scots form of *dead*. < American golfer Sam Snead (1912–2002).

· This prompts a recital of local slang for being dead, or, as the Scots say it, “deed.” “Snuffed it,” quips Mr. McKay. “Lights out,” his friend fires back. “Up the road.” “He’s pan-bread,” Mr. McKay says. Pan-breed. “Or Sam Snead.” – *The Wall Street Journal*, New York, 22nd September 1992

Samuel Pepys; samuels

noun

a feeling of nervousness or dread [UK]

Rhymes on *creeps*. < English diarist Samuel Pepys (1633–1703).

· A place or a person may give you the ‘Samuels’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· This place gives me the Samuels. – G. Tibballs, *UCG-GRS*, 2008

· – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, 2013

Samuel Smiles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Scottish writer and social reformer Samuel Smiles (1812–1904).

· [H]aving a horse and cart every two minutes plays havoc with my Samuel Smiles. – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.39, 2007

· ‘Farmer Giles’ was the perennial one, although I did like Steve Bell’s alternative back in one of the If... cartoons in the 80s – ‘Samuel Smiles’. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 13th February 2013

Sandie Shaws; Sandy Shaws

noun

the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. < Sandie Shaw, the stage name of English singer Sandra Go-drich (b.1947). Also used idiomatically in the phrases *a pain in the Sandie Shaws* ‘a nuisance’ and *have someone by the Sandie Shaws* ‘to have complete control over someone’.

· *Sandie Shaw-s* = baws, balls (i.e. testicles, two third year schoolboys). – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, 1994

· The guy at Renault who decided keyless technology was a good idea deserves a boot in the sandy shaws! – *twitter.com*, 15th March 2012

· [T]hey have the consumer by the Sandy Shaws! – *twitter.com*, 4th November **2013**

· And one day big Mick will deliver them a massive kick in the Sandie Shaws. – *twitter.com*, 17th July **2015**

· [I]ts a pain in the “sandy shaws” to set up. – *twitter.com*, 9th December **2015**

· Right in the Sandy Shaws! – *twitter.com*, 28th December **2016**

2 courage; nerve [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*.

· [W]ouldn't have the sandie shaws to say it to your face. – *twitter.com*, 31st January **2015**

· [T]hey've no got the sandie shaws to do it themselves, to be polite, they are twats. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 23rd July **2015**

Sandi Thom

noun

a lot of money [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *a bomb*. < Scottish singer Sandi Thom (b.1981).

· Like my new leather jacket? It cost me a pure Sandi Thom. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Sandra Bullocks; Sandras

noun

1 the testicles [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *bollocks* and *Bullocks*. < American actress Sandra Bullock (b.1964). Also used as a pun on *sweaty bollocks*, as in the euphemised version of the song ‘Don't Marry Her’ (1996) by the English pop band The Beautiful South. The short form is given by Puxley (2003). ▶ see DOG'S SANDRA BULLOCKS

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.32, **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [H]e was an irritating moron and deserved a hard kick in the Sandra Bullocks. – *SFX* forum, 17th March **2007**

· I thought he got hit in the Sandras. – *twitter.com*, 12th November **2009**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.109, **2011**

· To be caught by the Sandra Bullocks = to get ones testicles trapped. – *GOR-SL* forum, 16th September **2012**

· Being kicked in the Sandra Bullocks for nothing is wrong. – *twitter.com*, 3rd March **2013**

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *bollocks*.

· This kind of approach is necessary to reap the benefits of the MVC pattern etc but from a manual coding/maintenance point of view, looks like a load of Sandra Bullocks to me. – *www.spuggy.co.uk*, 14th January **2004**

· Sorry, but that's a load of Sandra Bullocks! – *Through the Looking Glass* forum, 9th May **2006**

· Come on Dan, am I talking Sandra Bullocks?! – M. Obiora, *Black Shoes*, p.172, **2009**

· Rom-com specialist Sandra Bullock is favourite for Best Actress at 5–6, but that's a load of Sandras. Sidibe has

to be backed at 14–1. – *www.mirror.co.uk*, 3rd February **2010**

· I preferred my assertion of “jackie baillie caught talking complete and utter Sandra bullocks”. – *twitter.com*, 22nd March **2012**

Sandy Bay

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < Sandy Bay, a bay on the Devon coast, in the south-west of England, or a generic description of a coastal feature.

· There are some geezers who reckon that if your Mickey Mouse isn't close to the sea, you can't be a proper surfer, and if you live in the Big Smoke, you must be a kook and you're probably Sandy Bay. – *Pit Pilot* magazine, Newquay, England, March/April **2009**

· We were talking about a couple of mates the other day and OH said no the Sandy Bay one (Gay one) lol – I'd never heard that before then. – *MadeForMums* forum, 12th March **2009**

sandy blight

adjective

absolutely correct in one's opinion or judgement [US]

Rhymes on (*dead*) *right*. < *sandy blight*, an Australian term for a severe form of conjunctivitis common in some parts of Australia.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

Sandy Heath Transmitter; sandy

noun

the anus [UK: BEDFORD]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < Sandy Heath Transmitter, a television broadcast transmitter in Bedfordshire, in the east of England.

· Sandy Heath Transmitter – Shitter. Does she take it up the sandy? – *Betfair Community* forum, 12th August **2010**

Sandy Lyle; sandy

noun

1 style [UK]

< Scottish golfer Sandy Lyle (b.1958). Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th November **2003**

· Archie [Knox] had another catchphrase: “I like your Sandy Lyle”. – *Liverpool Echo*, 21st January **2008**

2 a smile [UK]

· Put a Sandy on your Boat. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th April **2007**

Sandy McNab; Sandy MacNab

noun

1 a worker who refuses to join a strike or who replaces a union worker during a strike [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *scab*. Perhaps < Sandy McNab, the title character of the song ‘The Wedding of Sandy McNab’ (1907), popularised by the Scottish entertainer Harry Lauder. Only evidenced in the form *Sandy McNab*.

· – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.255, **1953**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCRS*, **1972**

2 a taxicab [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- The variant *Sandy MacNab* is given by Franklyn (1960).
 · – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
 · – *This Week* magazine (*The Salt Lake Tribune*), Salt Lake City, UT, 14th May 1961
 · He's been driving Sandy McNabs for thirty-five years, so he ought to know. – F. Hardy, *The Yarns of Billy Borker*, p.95 [1992], 1965
 · – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972
 · – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
 · – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July 1988
 · – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
 · Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhyming slang which would have been better off forgotten. Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. [...] Sandy McNab -- cab[.] – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March 2004

Sandy McNabs; sandies

noun

pubic lice [AUSTRALIA/UK]

- Rhymes on *crabs*. < Sandy McNab, the title character of the song 'The Wedding of Sandy McNab' (1907), popularised by the Scottish entertainer Harry Lauder. The short form has been recorded in British usage.
 · Da foist week I wuz here, I cracked it fer a load of da Sandy McNabs; dey nearly drove me yarra. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.126, 1968
 · But of course, the Russians were advancing on all fronts, the Yanks were coming, and we had our first case of Crabs. I had no idea what the crabs (or, as Smudge Smith said, 'Sandy McNabs') were. – S. Milligan, *Adolf Hitler*, p.70, 1971
 · A dose of the sandies. Animated dandruff. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, 1980
 · – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.119, 1984
 · – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
 · I've got the old Sandy McNabs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th January 2002
 · I got a mega shock when they said I was all right on the VD but had a dose of the Sandy McNabs (crabs). – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.97, 2004

Sandy Powell

noun

1 a towel [UK]

- < English comedian Sandy Powell (1900–82).
 · – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November 1974
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 · – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
2 in the building trade, a trowel [UK]
 · – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Sandy Row

nickname

- used as a substitute for the pet name *Joe* [UK: NORTH-EARN IRELAND]
 < Sandy Row, an area of Belfast.
 · – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August 2010

Sandy Shaws

noun

▶ see SANDIE SHAWS

San Francisco Comical; Comical

nickname

- the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper (San Francisco, California)
 An imperfect slang rhyme. Usually reduced.
 · The Chronicle is sometimes known as the “comical,” in newspaper circles, and that is because of what Newhall did to us[.] – *ASNE: 1987. Proceedings of the 1987 Convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors*, Columbia, Missouri, 1987
 · The so-called Voice of the West, aka the San Francisco Comical, has been strangely silent for the most part[.] – C. Jensen and Project Censored, *Censored*, p.107, 1994
 · Houston (or San Francisco) Chronicle → the Crocknicle (or the Comical). – E.S. Raymond, *NHD*, p.10, 1996
 · [T]he truth is that producing a better paper than the San Francisco Comical was about as challenging as beating Nerine Shatner in the 200-meter freestyle. – *www.suck.com*, 12th August 1999
 · The mutually contemptuous newsrooms, known to each other as Brand X and the Comical, put out very separate and very different papers, despite the joint operating agreement they had shared since 1965. – *American Journalism Review*, College Park, Maryland, January/February 2001
 · San Francisco has two major dailies, the *San Francisco Chronicle* (owned by the Hearst Corp) and the *Examiner*. Neither is particularly good. The *Chronicle* (nicknamed ‘the Comical’) runs topical, mainstream stories and comes out in the morning[.] – J.A. Vlahides and T. Spitz, *Coastal California*, p.93, 2004
 · The SF Chronicle has been well known to Bay Area locals as the “Comical” for some time. The quality of the reporting was rarely very good, and the level of bias in the reporting slowly drove readers away. – *wizbangblog.com*, 25th February 2009

Santa Claus; santas

noun

1 the hands [UK]

- Rhyming slang on *paws* or pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *claws* and *Claus*.
 · [K]eep your Santas off. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

2 the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *baws*, the Scots form of *balls*. No evidence of use in the full form.
 · Argh, ye've only wellied the ball right into ma Santas ya bas. – *UD(.com)*, 24th August 2007
 · Well, that's another kick in the Santas[.] – *Fly Fishing Forum*, 12th March 2009

Santa's grotto; santas

adjective

- extremely drunk [UK]
 Rhymes on *blotto*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- When you go in too heavy on the ‘Christmas Cheer’ (qv), you’ll end up ‘Santas’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003
- – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005
- Phew, I’m Santa’s (24). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

San Toy

noun

a boy [UK]

< *San Toy*, or *The Emperor’s Own*, an 1899 musical comedy noted for its run of 768 theatrical performances; or San Toy, a now defunct brand of cheroots produced by Richard Lloyd & Sons. The slanginess of the term makes it seem more likely to be based on the brand name of a cigar than the title of a theatrical production. Interestingly, however, the likelihood of the latter is enhanced by a possible semantic motivation: San Toy, the heroine of the story, is a girl who has been brought up as a boy. A certain degree of etymological overlapping or mutual influence of the sources is also possible.

- San Toy (also Rob Roy) ... Boy. – Anon., *DRSl*, 1941
- BOY [...] San Toy Tommy Toy Saveloy. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.15, 1973
- **San Toy, or Rob Roy Boy.** – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.37, 1979
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- What do you want; a girl or a San Toy? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

San Toys

noun

1 gangsters [UK]

Rhymes on *the boys*. A narrowing of *San Toys*, the plural version of *SAN TOY*. Hence the ‘San Toys’ (or the ‘San Toy’), a now defunct gang that operated in the Calton area of east Glasgow in the first half of the 20th century.

· According to a certain breezy young racing man, more noted for the up-to-dateness of his rhyming slang than for his sobriety, he lost his Epsom winnings through getting ‘picked up by the San Toy’s’. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Sporting Times*, London, 28th April 1900

· Boys ... San Toys – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

· In this period [1906], the San Toy from the Calton was a ‘mixed’ gang, with both Catholic and Protestant members – a rarity in the East End. Taking their name from rhyming slang (‘san toys’ stood for boys), they specialised in blackmailing English bookmakers at race meetings at Ayr, Paisley and Hamilton Park. They also fought a long-running feud with the Tim Malloys from the South Side, and their fearsome reputation prompted some of their adversaries within Glasgow to carry revolvers. – A. Davies, *City of Gangs*, p.21, 2013

2 a group of male friends [UK]

Rhymes on *the boys*.

· **San Toy(s) Boy(s)** [...] this is pertinent to gang members or ‘the boys’. Which may or may not be sinister. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Sara Cox; sara’s

noun

1 chickenpox [UK]

< English television and radio presenter Sara Cox (b.1974). Only recorded in the full form.

· [I]f there’s one radio presenter you really don’t want a case of, which one is it? A: Sara Cox (chicken pox) B: Chris Moyles (boils) C: Emma Freuds (haemorrhoids).] – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 8th October 2002

· BUY IF: You’re in bed with Sara Cox (chicken pox), Chris Moyles (boils) or Emma Freuds (haemorrhoids) or just fancy ‘aving a laugh. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th February 2003

2 socks [UK]

· Sara Cox is Cockney slang for Socks. “Ere fella, you seen me Sara’s?” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st November 2006

· Garry, is that stench coming from your Sara’s? – T. Randall, *EastEnders*, p.120, 2008

Sarah Gamp

noun

a lamp [UK]

< Sarah Gamp, a character in Charles Dickens’s novel *Martin Chuzzlewit*, published in book form in 1844.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, 1969

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Sarah Miles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English actress Sarah Miles (b.1941).

· I ain’t got no money, but my old man’s got piles... so says Glasgow taxi driver Charlie McDonald on the subject of the old Farmer Giles/Nobby Stiles/Sarah Miles. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 18th August 2010

Sarah Soo

noun

a Jew [UK]

· – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.23 [1960], 1959

Sarah Speirs

noun

beers [AUSTRALIA]

< Sarah Spiers, an 18-year-old woman who disappeared in January 1996 in the suburb of Claremont, Perth, and whose body has never been found; she is believed to have been the first victim of the so-called ‘Claremont serial killer’.

· Or if you sick in the head you can run with “grab us a couple Sarah speirs out the jayden leske”. – *www.facebook.com*, 8th February 2012

Sarah Vaughan; sarah

noun

an erect penis [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *the horn*. < American jazz singer Sarah Vaughan (1924–90).
 · – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Sargents pie; Sargent's pie

noun

- 1 the eye [AUSTRALIA]
 < *Sargents pie*, a reference to Sargents, an Australian brand of meat pie. The spelling variant *Sargent's pie* is recorded in a 1950 prison glossary.
 · – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.154, 1966: 1950
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 2 a lie [AUSTRALIA]
 Recorded in the form *Sargents pie*.
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

satellite tellies

noun

- Temazepam, a branded tranquillizer also used as a recreational drug [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Rhymes on the slang *jellies*. ▶ see JOHN GREIG
 · – Aye, ah said, still too out off it to feel too apologetic, – Nukes n me hit the satellite tellies and went for it. Ended up in some brawl. – I. Welsh, *Ecstasy*, p.174 [1997], 1996

satin and lace

noun

- the face [UK]
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
 · – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

satin and silk; satin

noun

- milk [US/UK]
 First recorded in American English. The first British record of the word is from Blumberg (1968), who gives an example from the speech of a man who 'grew up half-way between London and South-End-on-Sea in Leyton'; Blumberg notes that her informant's family 'used this (in Leyton, England) at least as far back as 1908–1914'. The short form is exclusively British.
 · – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
 · – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
 · – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
 · Pass the satin. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, 1968
 · Take the recent case of the Milk Marketing Board, Her Majesty's official purveyor of all things satin (satin and silk = milk). – *Connoisseur* magazine, New York, 'Anglo-speak', January 1984
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 · – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.118, 2007
 · Go and get a pint of satin, would you. – S. Klein, *CRSL*, 2009

saucepan handle

noun

a candle [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
 · Also we will need a **saucepan handle** on each **Cain and Able**. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005
 · – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

saucepan lid; saucepan; sorcepan

noun

- 1 one pound sterling [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND]
 Rhymes on *quid*. Hence probably *heap of saucepan lids* 'money', although Ware (1909) notes this expression is rhyming slang for *dibs*, an old slang synonym for *money*.
 · That -- lost us 8,000 'saucepan lids.' – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May 1896
 · What! pay you five shillins for standin' 'ere wastin' my time and voice like this? Not me! Why, I ain't took two blessed sorcepan since I bin 'ere! – F. Anstey, *Puppets at Large*, p.234, 1897
 · The professors of rhyming slang, which is now tolerably well known, have added a new terror to its study. Nowadays the adept subtly deletes the last and rhyming word of the phrase, to the confusion and despair of the novice. [...] Saucepans (saucepan-lids), quids–i.e., pounds. – *Hampshire Telegraph Supplement*, Portsmouth, 28th July 1900
 · Five shillings once we spoke of as a dollar, / And twenty off we designated quid; / The former has become "An Oxford Scholar," / the latter "Saucepan lid." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909
 · Quid *Saucepanlid*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, ca 1937
 · He pulled the pound from his pocket and held it out. 'Cow's each way, Lanternjaw.' The bookmaker took the money happily and said, 'Saucepan, sideways, Lanternjaw.' 'Ten shillings to win and ten shillings to place on number two,' translated the clerk as he made a note of the wager. – M. McShane, *The Straight and Crooked*, p.42, 1960
 · Shove this *saucepan* in yer sky. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.10, 1969
 · Here is a saucepan lid. Go and buy food. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- 2 a child [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
 Rhymes on *kid*.
 · This is a typical example of rhyming slang. It is used daily in the east end of London by the Cockney. [...] Their children, if any, are known as "saucepan lids"–kids. – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 28th April 1950
 · Can't, Charlie, I promised the cheese and kisses I'd take the saucepan lids to the fleas and itches. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June 1952
 · To return to the field of popular Australianisms, here are some more items worthy of record: [...] *saucepan*, a boy, especially a young boy[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.106, 1953

· And there was like that saucepan-lid, Lazarus his all-the-same. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, **1968**

· My old mum worked herself potty to bring up us five saucepan lids. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.9, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· ‘Will you look arftah the saucepan lid for as, eh?’ [...] ‘Orwight, Wankah ... ‘Oos the saucepan?’ – *Viz* comic, August/September **1994**

· It’s too early to say if the infection has spread to the saucepan lid. – *The Sun*, London, 27th March **1996**

· What would the *chaps* say if they found out that your son had a working-class saucepan? – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.26, **2005**

· How do you find a saucepan lid in Paris? – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.128, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· A few days later I got myself a job as a van driver with a saucepan lid in the shmuter trade down in Poland Street [...] the saucepan worked me very hard. – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.9, **1962**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

4 an act of leg-pulling [UK]

Only recorded in the full form. Also used as a verb.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

saucepan lid; saucepan

verb

1 to tease or playfully deceive (someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [A]nd there he was, saucepan lidding me that he’d bought a new T.V.! – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· Now you’re saucepan-lidding me. – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

2 to deceive, to con [UK]

Extended from the previous sense.

· [T]he mock innocent plea of a con man may include: ‘Would I try to saucepan you?’ – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Would I saucepan you? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

saus

noun

▶ see SAUSAGE ROLL

saus

verb

in Australian Rules football, to score a goal [AUSTRALIA]

Functionally shifted from the noun *saus*, a shortening of SAUSAGE ROLL.

· Blightly’s saused it! He’s saused eight already! – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker’s Bible*, **1983**

sausage

adjective

vulgarily ostentatious, showy [UK]

A shortening of *sausage and mash*, rhyming on *flash*.

· [N]o, sausage is flash, as in “flash geezer”. – *The Guardian*, London, 7th June **1996**

sausage

verb

(of a man) to have sexual intercourse with a woman

[UK]

A shortening of *sausage roll*, rhyming on the slang *pole*. Informed by *sausage* ‘the penis’.

· To perform the sex act (to pole) is ‘to sausage’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

sausage and mash

noun

1 a violent collision, especially one which damages a vehicle [UK]

Rhymes on *crash* and *smash*. Thus SAUSAGED.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: **1959**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

2 cash; money [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Runnin’ a bit short, aren’t I, of sausage and mash. – K. Lette, *Girls’ Night Out*, p.179 [1993], **1987**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Over the next three months, users of Bank Machine ATMs can opt to enter their Huckleberry Finn, rather than Pin, and how much sausage and mash they want. – *Evening Standard*, London, 24th August **2009**

3 hashish [UK]

Rhymes on *hash*.

· – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August **2003**

4 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st October **2003**

· I’m off for a sausage and mash. – *Lowter* forum, 25th January **2005**

sausage and mash; sausage

verb

to cash [UK]

Used in the phrase *sausage and mash a goose’s neck* (or, more commonly, *sausage a goose’s/sausage a goose*) ‘to cash a cheque’.

· “I need some dough,” he said. “Yeah? You got plenty last night.” “If I hole up for a bit I won’t stand a chance of earning meself no more. You’ll have to sausage me a goose’s.” – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.272 [1938], **1937**

· Will yer *sausage and mash a goose’s neck* for me? – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.11, **1969**

· To sausage a goose. – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRs*, s.v. *goose's neck*, **1972**

saused

adjective

(of a car) crashed [UK]

Second-hand car dealers' slang. An adjectival adaptation of *sausage*, an unrecorded shortening of the noun SAUSAGE AND MASH.

· Some car trade argot is based on Cockney rhyming slang, some is just a bit of fun. Nelsons comes from 1930s crooner Nelson Eddy, whose surname rhymes in its plural form with "readies". A Billy Bunter is a punter. Sausaged (crashed) comes from "sausage and mash". A bidet is a rear wash/wipe, while a camel is a car with an undesirable specification and antisocial habits. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 8th December **2001**

· – K. Lane, *Automotive A–Z*, **2002**

sausage dog

noun

fog [UK]

< *sausage dog*, a British colloquialism for a dachshund.

· Well well. Yesterday the sausage dog* today nonstop John Wayne*. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 22nd January **2014**

sausage roll; sausage; saus

noun

1 a pole [UK]

Sometimes shortened to *sausage*. Also used in the phrase *up the sausage roll* (or *up the sausage*) 'crazy; foolish'.

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago: – [...] up the pole (silly, up the sausage roll); fire (the old Jeremiah); row (bull and cow)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a Pole [UK]

Sometimes shortened to *sausage*.

· A "sausage" is a Pole (sausage roll)[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· [C]onversation is thickly studded with reference to 'them blee'n Sausage Rolls ...' – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· More than 150,000 Polish men, women and children had resettled in Britain after the war, but few were prepared for the abuse from people whose lives they had fought to defend, says Raymond, who recalls how local rhyming slang in the 50s dubbed the Poles "sausage rolls". – *Edinburgh Evening News*, 9th August **2002**

· One a the sausage rolls asked for tile adhesive. – *twitter.com*, 24th August **2013**

· Call the poles "sausage rolls" to myself all the time but actually just said it to ones face there. – *twitter.com*, 20th April **2016**

3 unemployment benefit [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the dole*. Sometimes shortened to *sausage*.

· – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· We could mosey down and collect our sausage. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.9, **1976**

· 'The grub has got to improve, Festering. Otherwise you'll be on the sausage, get it?' Festering's eye teeth glinted and I thought that Sid must be round the twist to threaten him with the dole. – T. Lea, *Haunted House*, p.86, **1979**

· He ain't worked in years – he's on the sausage. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· When the popular DJ's of the time interviewed us, we all lied and said we were all "on the sausage roll"[.] – *www.theguardian.com*, blog, 22nd April **2008**

· They are both over six foot, and today are in a rush, for they have to 'scratch on the sausage' (the Dole). – R. Rooney, *A Year on the Streets*, p.404, **2012**

· If you want a "colourful" alternative, you'd be better off saying on the sausage (roll=Dole). That's claimed to be "Cockney" rhyming slang, but I've certainly heard it in Newcastle, and I don't think it's particularly Southern English. – *english.stackexchange.com*, 21st November **2012**

· All we knew was that our Bron was on the sausage roll – which is what we call the dole. – *www.smh.com.au*, 22nd November **2013**

· Hahaha they have a shop for jobs here and what a surprise its closed!! So many people on the sausage roll. – *twitter.com*, 1st June **2013**

4 in football, a goal [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australia, used with reference to a goal in Australian Rules football. In Britain, used in the context of soccer. The short forms *sausage* and *saus* have been recorded in Australian usage. Hence the verb SAUS.

· **sausage roll** [...] Often reduced to a breadless 'sausage', or even a 'saus'. 'It's another sausage to Huddo!' – J. Hibberd and G. Hutchinson, *The Barracker's Bible*, **1983**

· Kicked a sausage. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· The umpire signalled the winning sausage roll. – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.64, **1995**

· A basket in Australia is a goal, but instead of complimenting a teammate's shot by saying, "Nice goal," you say "Nice sausage roll." – *The Seattle Times*, 8th September **1996**

· Paul Salmon kicked a good sausage roll on Saturday. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, **2000**

· I'll leave rhyming slang by way of *sausage roll* ('goal'), *Hampden Roar* ('score') and *Georgie Bests* ('breasts')[.] – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.113, **2004**

· It's been a long time since we kicked a sausage roll. – *blogs.smh.com.au*, blog, 28th March **2007**

· He's kicked a sausage roll. – *twitter.com*, 13th August **2010**

5 the head [UK]

Rhymes on *poll*. Sometimes shortened to *sausage*. Hence SAUSAGE TAX.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· We may also comb our sausages. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

6 a person who posts on social media or in other online forums messages of a provocative or purposefully offensive nature with malicious or mischievous intent [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *troll*. Only recorded in the full form. Synonymous with BREAD ROLL.

· – *The Motley Fool* forum, 28th November **2000**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th July **2012**

7 in a football team, the strategic gap between midfielders and attackers [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *hole*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Assistant manager Ray Wilkins revealed Cole's pet name for the playmaker position. "Joe calls it the sausage roll, in the hole," said Wilkins. "That's Joe, he even asked if he could play in the sausage roll when we said he'd be starting and it's nice to see he's bubbling and firing about it. – *www.mirrorfootball.co.uk*, 22nd September **2009**

· Carlo Ancelotti's grasp of English may be improving by the day, but there was still no way he was going to fathom what Joe Cole has been banging on about, asking to be put in the "sausage roll". – *The Independent*, London, 23rd September **2009**

· I wish Sam would give Joe a chance in the 'sausage roll'; he can indeed play there and do it very well! – *West Ham Till I Die* forum, 4th November **2013**

sausage roll

verb

in cricket, to bowl [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

sausage roll keeper

noun

in football, a goalkeeper [UK]

Formed on SAUSAGE ROLL.

· Pen to the guineas... Vermalen booked, fuck me the Gooners sausage roll keeper has saved it! – *Toontastic* forum, 24th August **2011**

· I liked that but shame the narrator of the tale had to be that sausage roll keeper of yours. – *Thai Visa* forum, 17th July **2013**

sausage tax

noun

the community charge, a local tax levied on each adult (over the age of 18) irrespective of income; it was introduced in Scotland in 1989 and in England and Wales in 1990, but was widely discredited and hugely unpopular (even before its introduction) and was abolished in 1993 [UK]

An equivalent of *poll tax*, the popular name for this charge. Formed on *sausage*, the elliptical form of SAUSAGE ROLL.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Savalas

noun

television; a television set [IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *telly* and *Telly*. < American actor Telly Savalas (1922–94).

· Everything's, like, moving, like when your Savalas is focked and the picture keeps moving up and up. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, pp.8–9, **2005**

· I was in the Margaret, watching a totally tangoed bird on the Savalas[.] – *www.independent.ie*, 8th February **2006**

saveloy

noun

a boy [UK]

< *saveloy* 'a type of seasoned sausage'. The term may have inspired or influenced the coinage of *oi oi, saveloy!*, an expression of greeting or announcement of arrival (often also used as a relatively meaningless exclamation).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· What colour were those eels, Henry my boy? / What colour where those eels, my saveloy? – *Henry My Son*, lyric, in *Sing (Britain's Folk Song Magazine)*, January/February **1963**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Saveloy

nickname

used as a substitute for *Savoy*, a name associated with several theatres and hotels in Britain and Australia, including the Savoy theatre in London, the Savoy theatre and cinema in Monmouth (Wales), the Savoy cinema in Liverpool (England) and the Savoy hotels in London and Perth (Western Australia)

· Mr D'OYLEY CARTE, of the New Saveloy Theatre[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, 22nd October **1881**

· Mr. James Larvin, addressing a meeting of the Confederates at the Saveloy Hotel, informed his hearers that when Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL read the article in *The Daily Mail* on his future he stood on his head in the corner for three minutes[.] – *Punch* magazine, London, 21st January **1914**

· AT THE SAVELOY 'OTEL. The visiting members of the official Labor Party are staying at the expensive Savoy Hotel, Perth: [...] We mustn't stint our stummicks at the Saveloy 'Otel. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, Western Australia, 23rd June **1918**

· Boys knew secret entrances to all the children's cinemas, including the Lytton in Everton (The Clutching Hand), the Savoy – or 'Saveloy' – in West Derby Road, the Electric in London Road. – F. Shaw, *My Liverpool*, p.231, **1971**

· Into the pub came two Americans, who from their conversation were obviously staying at the 'Saveloy'[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.27, **1973**

· "I'm both famous and infamous. I think that makes me a well-rounded personality," he says, while sitting in a

suite at The Savoy hotel in London, which he refers to as 'The Saveloy'. – *Hello!* magazine, UK, 12th January **2006**

- **Saveloy**, the Savoy Hotel. – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**
- [J]ust wondering if @JeremyHardy might make use of #monmouthpedia tonight? come along to the Saveloy Theatre tonight to find out. – *twitter.com*, 27th April **2012**
- I pissed myself when the welsh girl called the savoy the saveloy hotel!! – *twitter.com*, 5th July **2013**
- It was in the evening and we may have attended a picture show in the "Saveloy". – F. Hewison, *Crossed My Mind*, p.20, **2014**

saving grace

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-eight [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

- Imperfect rhyming slang.
- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Savlon

noun

- a person with anti-American views [UK]
- A covert pun on ANTISEPTIC. < Savlon, a brand of anti-septic products. Synonymous with DETTOL, DOMESTOS and LISTERINE.
- "All yanks are fat fucking works shy cunts" "You can't say that, you're a fucking Savlon". – *UD(.com)*, 8th January **2008**
 - And Savlon is for those who don't like septics. – *Amateur Photographer* forum, 10th May **2010**

savoury rissole

noun

- 1 a toilet [UK]
- Rhymes on *pisshole*. A rissole is a small ball of minced food, especially meat or fish, coated in egg and breadcrumbs and fried.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 2 a dump, an unpleasant or dirty place [UK]
- Rhymes on *pisshole*.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Sav Rocca

noun

- a person or thing that is shockingly bad or offensive; hence, a very bad day, a terrible mistake, a shockingly poor performance or event [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *shocker*. < AFL footballer-turned-NFL punter Saverio 'Sav' Rocca (b.1973).
- Watching the final term of Sunday's debarcle, I was left astounded by many things the Magpies did and did not do (ie: it was a real Sav Rocca (shocker). – *www.magpies.net*, forum, 12th July **2006**

- He/she's a real Sav Rocca ie shocker. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 7th August **2009**
- Also Özil had a bit of a Sav Rocca last night and was heckled by the German crowd. – *This Is AFL* forum, 7th March **2014**

sawn-off shooter

noun

- a looter [UK]
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.207, **2008**

scabby eye

noun

- a meat pie [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 - – *www.bbc.co.uk/kent/voices2005*, **2005**
 - A meat pie is known under (presumably) geordie rhyme and slang – a Scabby Eye! – *Free PC Help* forum, 8th June **2008**

scaffold plank

noun

- an American [UK]
- Rhymes on *Yank*. A variation of WOODEN PLANK.
- [A]n American is known as a "Scaffold Plank" which means Yank!! – *Pinguy OS* forum, 17th May **2011**

scaffold plank

verb

- to masturbate [UK]
- Rhymes on *wank*.
- I had my mince pies on the bottle and glass of this richard the third the other night. She turned round and she had some decent Bristol Citys. [...] Ended up scaffold planking! – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

Scapa Flow; scapa

noun

- **give it a Scapa Flow; give it a scapa** to make an attempt at something [UK]
- Rhymes on *go*, used in the phrase *give it a go*. Functionally shifted from the verb.
- I cant wait to get myself gates of rome to give it a scapa. – *MoDaCo* forum, 20th September **2005**
 - [C]ould end up in a Harvey Nichol but I'll give it a Scapa Flow. – *twitter.com*, 29th October **2013**

Scapa Flow

nickname

- used as a substitute for the pet name *Joe* [UK: SCOTLAND]
- < Scapa Flow, a natural harbour in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, which served as a British naval base during World Wars I and II.
- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Scapa Flow; Scapa Flo; scapa

verb

- to go; to run away; to leave quickly [UK]
- A folk-etymological elaboration of the Lingua Franca and Polari verb *scarper* 'to escape' (ultimately from

the Italian *scappare*), whose first recorded use dates back to the 1840s. < Scapa Flow, a natural harbour in the Orkney Islands, off the northern coast of Scotland, which served as a British naval base during World Wars I and II. The form *scapa* may have arisen as an alternative spelling of *scarper* or a shortening of *Scapa Flow*.

- MACBRIDE (*enlightened*): Oh-h-h! So that's the nigger in the woodpile. You've bought the house, eh? Paid for it? GOODACRE (*scandalised*): Really, Mr. MacBride! (CRUTCHLEY *rolls up last bit of paper*.) PETER: Naturally I have paid for it. MACBRIDE: Scapa'd! (CRUTCHLEY *turns sharply to him*.) MISS TWITTERTON: Scapa'd? MACBRIDE: Skipped! Vamoosed! Skipped with the cash. – D.L. Sayers and M. St Clare Byrne, *Busman's Honeymoon*, act 1, p.324, **1937**
- Go. Scapa Flow. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: L. Payne, private collection, **ante 1945**
- The Quare Fellow Scapa-flowed. – *New York Herald Tribune*, review of Brendan Behan's *The Scarperer*, 21st June **1964**
- He fixed me with an icy stare, bared his Hampstead Heaths hostilely, and replied 'Ay don't quaithe follow yew', whereupon I scapa'ed back to my Cain and Abel as fast as my fried eggs could carry me. – *Penthouse* magazine, London, **1965**
- SCAPA FLO [...] Go. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- But there are Guy Ritchie (bitchy) looks from the mother of pearl (girl) behind the bar. Time to Scapa Flow (go). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**
- Let's Scapa Flow! – T. Mack and M. Citrin, *Amazing Zalandas*, p.107, **2006**
- Got a few shots into 'im before he scapa'd. – *Nexus Clash* forum, 22nd November **2010**
- When suddenly, he grabbed my hand, and said: 'Let's Scapa Flow'[,] – *Daily Mail*, London, 15th August **2014**

Scarborough Fair; scarborough

noun

the hair [UK]

< 'Scarborough Fair', a traditional English ballad popularised in the late 1960s by American folk-rock duo Simon and Garfunkel.

- *First Man*: I like her Scarborough, don't you? *Second Man*: Yeah, but I wouldn't want it in my dinner. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

scarf

noun

half an ounce of marijuana or other drug [UK]

A slang rhyme.

- i'll give y'all a little lesson in cockney rhyming slang, as related to cannabis. [...] 1/2oz = "scarf/laugh etc." – *Marijuana* forum, 9th January **2006**
- So in some parts of the UK we use a sort of rhyming slang/code for different amounts of weed. [...] A quarter is a daughter. A half is a scarf. – *www.reddit.com/r/Drugs*, 17th December **2014**

scarlet pip

noun

the lip [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

Schindler's List; schindler's; schindlers

noun

the wrist [UK]

< *Schindler's List*, a 1993 American film directed by Steven Spielberg, based on Thomas Keneally's novel *Schindler's Ark* (1982, retitled *Schindler's List* in 1986).

- Schindlers List is Cockney slang for wrist. "I've twisted me Schindlers." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th January **2002**
- I blinks an' the brunette is down there too in shot like, 'avin' an' orange peel around the blondes' bacon baps. Next thing ya know an' she's up to 'er Schindler's in the blonde, givin' 'er an' Oliver Twistin'. I'm bandy. You should see what I'm J.R. Ewing. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

Schindler's List; schindler's; schindlers

adjective

drunk [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < *Schindler's List*, a 1993 film directed by Steven Spielberg, based on Thomas Keneally's novel *Schindler's Ark* (1982, retitled *Schindler's List* in 1986).

- The rhyming slang phrase in question describes one who has had too much to drink; it replaces the familiar Brahm's and Liszt; it comes from the lips of Australia's high-profile novelist Tom Keneally; and it is, of course, schindlers, from his novel/movie *Schindler's List*. – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 28th February **1994**
- He said words such as Nobby (Nobby Stiles, piles); Vera (Vera Lynn, gin) and Stuart (Stuart Granger, danger) were being overtaken by newcomers borrowed from the world of cinema, such as Schindler's (Schindler's List, er ... drunk). – *The Sunday Telegraph*, London, 22nd December **1996**
- To be drunk in rhyming slang today can be to be Schindler's, after Schindler's List. – *South China Morning Post*, Hong Kong, 28th December **1996**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
- It was one of those nights I got totally schindlers. – *Milton Keynes*, spoken, male, 36, 4th January **1998**
- Teenage boys still go out on the cotton wool when they're feeling Mahatma Gandhi, hoping for a Kermit the Frog and endeavouring not to get too Schindler's List in case they blow their chances of a Melvyn Bragg. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**
- 'Schindler's' as in Schindler's list = pissed. – *Boards.ie* forum, 30th September **2007**
- [H]e's off to the pub to get Schindlers and forget these drooling morons ever existed. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th February **2010**
- I went out last night and got totally Schindlers. – *The Escapist* forum, 16th February **2012**

· Most people are too busy at the nuclear sub, tom cruising, completely Schindler's List[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

Schumachers; Shumachers

noun

1 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

A punning variation of SHOEMAKERS and a rhyme on *knackers*. < *Schumacher*, the German equivalent of *shoemaker*, most familiar in English as the surname of German racing driver Michael Schumacher (b.1969), but also popularly associated with Schumacher Racing Products, a Northampton manufacturer founded in 1980 by Cecil Schumacher.

· Or threaten to openly talk about how shit it is having a rambling moron talking Schumachers all the time[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 20th October **2003**

· I'll have to check it out on mine to make sure I haven't been talking a complete load of schumachers! – *Astronomy Shed* forum, 24th October **2011**

· I mean this in a nice way, but that's total and utter schumachers. – *twitter.com*, 8th November **2016**

2 the testicles [UK]

A punning variation of SHOEMAKERS and a rhyme on *knackers*. ▶ see MICHAEL SCHUMACHERS

· Lucca gives father Christmas a kick in the shumachers (shoe menders). – *www.youtube.com*, 13th November **2011**

S Club 7

noun

heaven [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < S Club 7, an English pop group that achieved notable success in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

· After a couple of Britneys (beers) a Jay Kay (takeaway) might be S Club 7 (heaven). – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· [P]eople's idea of S Club 7 (heaven) varies from a lazy morning in the Simply Red (bed) or a fat-busting session at the Fat Boy Slim (gym). – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

scone

noun

▶ see HOT SCONE

Scooby-Doo; Scoobie-Doo; Scooby-Do; Scoobie-Do; scooby doobie doo; scooby dooby doo; scooby; scoobie; scoob

noun

1 a clue [UK/IRELAND]

< Scooby-Doo, a TV cartoon dog created by Hanna-Barbera in 1969.

· Ah haveny got a scooby. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, **1985**

· But if you haven't got a Scoobie Doo when your student offspring spring their slang on you, fear naught – a translation is at hand. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 8th December **2000**

· He didn't exactly rape me because I was practically away with the fairies at the time, and didn't have a scooby doo what I was doing. – N. Jackson, *Standing Down*, p.23, **2002**

· Me and Glen didn't have a scooby what to do or what to say. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.45, **2007**

· "It's weird, I go on stage and I don't have a scooby who these people are but they all know me," she says. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 3rd March **2009**

· [Y]ou aint got a Scoobie Do. – *Hot UK Deals* forum, 13th December **2011**

· I'm going Peterborough according to my mum? But she aint got a scoobie where anything is, so could be wrong. – *twitter.com*, 26th March **2014**

· I haven't got a scooby doobie doo[.] – *twitter.com*, 8th June **2014**

· I ain't got a Scooby Dooby Doo what's going on. – *twitter.com*, 27th February **2015**

· Saying stuff like that makes me think you haven't got a scooby do about Newcastle or its fans. – *www.themag.co.uk*, 13th March **2016**

2 a Subaru car, especially the Subaru Impreza model [AUSTRALIA/US/UK/SOUTH AFRICA/IRELAND/CANADA]

Recorded in the forms *Scooby-Doo*, *Scooby-Do*, *scooby doobie doo*, *scooby* and *scoob*.

· Scooby-do: Subaru. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 17th April **1994**

· I was inside looking for someone who looked like they drove a scooby and saw you leave! – *NASIOC* forum, 27th March **2001**

· Any Scooby owners here? – *PPRuNe* forum, 25th December **2002**

· HOT NEW SCOOBY ON ITS WAY: Subaru's new BRZ should make its SA debut later in 2012 but expect an early launch review from Wheels24 well before the compact coupe heads to showrooms. – *www.wheels24.co.za*, 3rd May **2003**

· If you're gonna get a Scooby, get an STI model, bags more BHP than a WRX. – *The Irish Mitsubishi FTW Owners Club* forum, 5th June **2003**

· The only bad thing about driving a scoob is that you can't fully appreciate the sound from the exhaust when you're inside it. – *Type-R Scotland* forum, 11th April **2006**

· If you are driving a Scooby-doo then that's a 'fast car'[.] – *AROnline* blog, 10th September **2008**

· Show us a few pics of your Scooby!! – *Irish Subaru Drivers Club* forum, 14th December **2011**

· scooby doobie doo. 2012 Subaru WRX. [...] Location: Toronto. – *www.fuelly.com*, November **2013**

3 a prison officer [UK]

Rhymes on *screw*. Recorded in the forms *Scooby Doo*, *Scoobie-Doo*, *scooby* and *scoobie*.

· **Scoobie, Scoobie-doo prison officer**[.] – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

· **Kangas (or 'Scoobys')**: screws. – *Do or Die* magazine, Brighton, **2003**

· Other names for staff are currently also used by inmates: ‘kanga’ (from rhyming slang: kangaroo = screw); ‘penguins’ (from the black and white uniforms of officers) or ‘scoobies’ (rhyming slang: Scooby Doo = screw). – *prisonuk.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th July **2014**

· Oi, Knuckles, call that scooby and get him to un-Chubb my peter, will you? – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.134, **2015**

4 in cricket, a shot that enables two runs to be scored [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Scooby Doo* and *scooby*.

· The boundaries were on the long side, too, so there were lots of ‘Dereks’ and ‘Scoobies’ and not so many ‘Demis’. [...] Scooby Doo – Two [...] Segal, favouring the drive, had more trouble with the slow pitch, and had obviously not devised a method during the winter of successfully keeping his trousers up long enough to run a Scooby. – *www.angelfire.com/sd/fzycricket*, 28th April **1996**

5 excrement; an act of defecating [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*. Only recorded in the form *Scooby Doo*.

· What about alternative names for what people do when they are in the Dunny (Australia!). There is “Barry White”, “Scooby Doo” and “Jamie Redknapp” plus “Jimmy Riddle”, “Riddle and Kiss”, “Single Fish” (Glasgow) and “watering the horse”. – *h2g2* forum, 3rd August **1999**

· – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th June **2007**

· She could just about handle me reading the paper on the toilet but she wont use my laptop do to the fact i use it when having a scooby doo! – *THCtalk* forum, 22nd June **2010**

6 a look [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *view*. Only recorded in the form *scooby*.

· So can I look forward to having a scooby at the script next week? – *London*, spoken, male, ca 30, 17th September **2001**

7 a Jew [UK]

Only as *Scooby Doo*.

· Here, Scooby-Doo, write to your parents. – H. Jacobson, *Kalooki Nights*, p.326 [2007], **2006**

· Because the scooby doos want it (scooby doos = Jews)[.] – *twitter.com*, 28th October **2013**

· I reckon that the scooby doos (jews) have put this latest beard trend out there in order for them to hide amongst the non-jews. – *diggerfortruth.wordpress.com*, blog, 14th September **2015**

8 a snooker cue [IRELAND]

Only as *Scooby Doo*.

· [D]ont forget your scooby doo for a game of gas cooker. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

9 a Ford Fiesta XR2 car [UK]

Only as *Scooby Doo*.

· Must admit I did wonder what all the fuss was about scooby doo’s a few years back as we used to use that term for XR2’s, that was until I realised that the name had been nicked for Subaru’s[.] – *ScoobyNet* forum, 1st January **2007**

· Take it you are not from around the Manchester area, XR2’s have always been known as Scooby doo’s from the day they came out. – *ScoobyNet* forum, 3rd January **2007**

· Scooby doo was originally rhyming slang for XR2!!!! – *ScoobyNet* forum, 27th March **2009**

10 flu [UK]

Only as *Scooby Doo*.

· Still got the scooby doo (flu). – *twitter.com*, 7th September **2011**

11 a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on *loo*. Only recorded in the form *scooby*.

· [J]ust popping to the scooby for a donald. – *twitter.com*, 4th November **2016**

Scooby-Doos; scoobies; scoobs

noun

1 tablets of diazepam [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *blues*. < Scooby-Doo, a TV cartoon dog created by Hanna-Barbera in 1969. Always in the full form *Scooby-Doos* or, in Scottish usage, shortened to *scoobs*.

· Like me he had a few issues and his main drug of choice was ‘Blues’ (Diazepam) or ‘Scooby doo’s’, as they were known. – J. Kinch, *Johnny Be Good*, p.21, **2008**

· I live in Scotland and we get some weird stampings on our vals or scoobs as we call them. – *Pharmer.org* forum, 10th February **2008**

· I had a bottle of wine and took about 10 scoobs and that was it. – *www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat*, 10th June **2010**

2 shoes [UK: SCOTLAND/IRELAND/US]

Recorded in the form *Scooby-Doos* and *scoobies*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

· Gotta throw on ya Scooby Doos[.] – *Excuse Me Miss*, lyric, Jay-Z, **2002**

· Don’t forget to have on your fresh linen and Scooby Doos (those are shoes by the way) when watching Jigga’s video. – *GreekChat.com* forum, 13th March **2003**

· scoobies (scooby doos) – shoes. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2007**

· – *Back To The Oldskool* forum, 22nd November **2008**

· – *AARP Bulletin*, Washington, D.C., September **2008**

3 the reserve team of a sports club [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *twos*, another term for the seconds. Only recorded in the full form. A synonym of *MAGOOS*.

· If, after Thursday night training during the ‘60s, you were advised to bring your Thermos on Saturday, you were in the reserves (the Thermos being used to provide sustenance during the main game). Now, variously, they’re known as the Scoobie-does, or the Magoos (rhymes with twos) or the Brumbies (unbroken horses). – *The Age*, Melbourne, 29th May **1994**

· – P. Hunt and G. Manton, *Mongrel Punts*, **2006**

scoobyless

adjective

ignorant, uninformed [UK]

From *scooby*, the clipped form of *SCOOPY-DOO*, on the model of *clueless*.

· Is it dying out because it's unnecessarily time-consuming and inefficient? It's doing fine among the over 45s. But the younger folk are increasingly Scoobyless. – *www.theguardian.com*, 17th August **2015**

scotch

verb

to rape [AUSTRALIA]

From the noun *scotch*, itself a shortening of SCOTCH TAPE. Criminal use.

· “He said, ‘We’re taking BC back to my house and we’re f---ing scotching her,’ Mr Abberton told the trial, breaking down. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 6th May **2005**

· Get back in the car, we’re going back to my place and we’re scotching her[.] – A. Kamper and C. Miranda, *My Brother’s Keeper*, p.191, **2006**

Scotch blister

noun

a sister [AUSTRALIA]

· “Oh, that’s the heap of coke I met down the frog and toad. Ever seen his Scotch blister?” “No.” “Lovely fal-de-ral.” – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.131, **1898**

Scotch egg; scotch

noun

the leg [UK]

< *Scotch egg* ‘a hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat, rolled in breadcrumbs and deep-fried’. A variation of SCOTCH PEG.

· Suppose you are passing the time of day with an acquaintance, and a lady passes, and he should draw attention to her Scotch eggs or even indicate appreciation of her Bristols[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· Hollis drives home his dick and holds her scotch eggs apart like he is frightened they might slam shut and carve off his nut. – T. Lea, *Milkman*, p.49, **1976**

· Graham had the most horrendous crash, duffing up both his Scotches. [...] Scotch eggs = legs. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.75, **1986**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [O]ne of them would say something like, “Look at those Scotch eggs,” as a girl walked by. – C. Jericho, *A Lion’s Tale*, p.160 [2008], **2007**

· ‘Put one in his scotch egg’: Cockney accused of conspiring to murder accountant uses rhyming slang to admit he suggested shooting victim in the leg. [...] He said: [‘Mah-roof’] wasn’t too specific about how he wanted this done. I said “All this faffing about. Why don’t you just put one in his scotch?” – *Daily Mail*, London, 1st August **2014**

scotches

noun

trousers [IRELAND]

Perhaps from *scotches*, a British shortening of *Scotch pegs* ‘the legs’ (▶ see SCOTCH PEG). Fairground travellers’ slang.

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

scotchman

noun

a rapist [AUSTRALIA]

Derived from *scotch*, a shortening of SCOTCH TAPE. Prison use.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Scotch mist

adjective

drunk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pissed*. Triggered by a metaphorical interpretation of *Scotch mist* ‘a thick drizzly mist’ and a pun on *Scotch (whisky)*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

· Are you Scotch mist, mate? – *The Steve Penk Show*, UK radio: 95.8 Capital FM, **1997**

· From the report of the publican, to say he (the patron) was a bit scotch mist is an understatement. – *Whitten Oval Online Forum*, 25th November **2008**

Scotch peg; scotch

noun

the leg [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

▶ see SCOTCHES

· SCOTCH PEG, *n. Leg.* – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· SCOTCHES, the legs. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· SCOTCH PEG, a leg. – J.C. Hotten, *SD3*, **1864**

· I am afraid that another triviality which has hitherto been to the taste only of the south of England is fated to “catch on,” by means of the same missionaries, from Land’s End to John o’Groat’s, and even in the colonies. [...] My friend of the king-like toe spoke of his feet as “plates of meat”—and this though he was an Australian, not a cockney. If he had had occasion to allude to his leg he would probably have called it “Scotch peg.” – W. Muir, *Observations of an Orderly*, p.225, **1917**

· Crimes, I says t’ meself, she ain’t arf got a pair of Scotch pegs! – E. George, *Belle*, p.24, **1929**

· I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] ‘Scotch pegs,’ Legs. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

· His legs, which he referred to indiscriminately as his “Scotch pegs” or his “pins,” were missing[.] – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.165, **1934**

· [W]hat a fine pair of scotches and a Jim Mace like an angel. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, **ca 1937**

· At least the old bristols were still more or less okay, but the rot had set in something horrible with her hampsteads and scotches[.] – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.34, **1962**

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Scotch-Peg* – Leg. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· Her *scotches*, long and slender / Reached to her kingdom come[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.21, **1979**

- We used a lot of rhyming slang in the ring. If a man muttered 'Me daily,' for example, I knew he meant his back, as 'Daily Mail' equalled 'tail', or back. In the same way there was 'chalk' (Chalk Farm = arm); 'scotch' (scotch peg = leg)[.] – J. Pallo, *You Grunt*, p.76 [1987], **1985**
- His Scotch pegs were huge and were protected by bronze armour as well. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.39, **2001**
- – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**
- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 an egg [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

3 the foot [IRELAND]

From sense 1. Only recorded in the short form. Fair-ground travellers' slang.

- – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

Scotch tape; scotch

noun

rape [AUSTRALIA]

< Scotch tape, a popular brand of transparent adhesive tape, now used generically. The short form is noted by Seal (2009), who does not make clear whether the term is used as a noun, verb or both. Criminal use.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- A little bit of stand over, a little bit of armed rob, and a little bit of scotch tape[.] – A. Kamper and C. Miranda, *My Brother's Keeper*, p.55, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Scotland the brave; scotland

noun

a wave (of the hand) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< 'Scotland the Brave', a Scottish patriotic song.

- There's wee Mick over the road giein us a Scotland. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Scotland the brave; scotland

verb

to shave [UK]

< 'Scotland the Brave', a Scottish patriotic song.

- *Barmaid*: (to a male customer who has just had a haircut) Not much 'air about'. *Customer*: No, you should Scotland more often. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Scotland Yard

verb

excluded (from a place) [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *barred*, the past participle of *bar*. < Scotland Yard (formally New Scotland Yard), the headquarters of London's Metropolitan Police.

- Ah don't fancy going back inside to hear Mama and *mie sorelle* snivelling mindlessly over the departed bastard, and Coke seems *Scotland Yard* from his place. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.25, **2012**

Scott Broon; Scotty Broon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; often specifically Glasgow or Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. < Scottish footballer Scott Brown (b.1985). Also used in the phrase *hit the Scott Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

- [I]ntae the Scott Broon then tae the wim jansen oan the Heath ledgers then start the Barry mcguigan. – *twitter.com*, 2nd February **2012**
- Chinese tonight with the enemy then hittin the Scott broon. – *twitter.com*, 9th March **2013**
- Is everywhere in the Scott broon open tonight or am I gonnay end up in some shady gaff. – *twitter.com*, 1st January **2014**
- [B]ring that tidy teacher up the Scotty Broon? I'll treat her to a venom. – *twitter.com*, 5th June **2014**
- [I]t's willie bauld up the scott broon the day like. – *twitter.com*, 11th December **2014**

Scott Gibbs; scotts

noun

fib[s] [UK]

< Welsh rugby player Ian Scott Gibbs (b.1971).

- He's been telling scotts again[.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- Footballer Geoff (Hurst = burst or urination) may not be too pleased. Nor perhaps Scott Gibbs (meaning fibs) or even Robbie (Fowler = howler). – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February **2002**
- Rabbit and Pork about them agents, they all tell Scott Gibbs to make a quick Teapot Lid[.] – *Contractor UK* forum, 29th June **2006**

scouse

adjective

inferior, trivial or worthless [UK]

Formed as a reversal of *MICKEY MOUSE*, a common rhyming slang term for someone from Liverpool (a *Scouse*), with an interpretation of *Mickey Mouse* in the colloquial sense of 'inferior or cheap'.

- [A] 'Mickey Mouse' organisation is now a 'scouse' firm. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

scraggy Lou

noun

flu [UK]

- I've got the scraggy Lou[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

scrambled eggs

noun

1 the legs [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – S. Simpson, *Smack*, p.87, **2005**
- – S. Klein, *CRSl*, s.v. *Scotch eggs*, **2009**
- And if you should get Brahms and Lizst /And unsteady on your Scrambled Eggs / Try to keep your Plates 'o'

Meat / Or you might fall down and crack / Your Loaf 'o' Bread[.] – *members.virtualtourist.com*, 14th July **2013**

2 ■ **have scrambled eggs** to be extremely drunk [UK]

From sense 1. Based on the idea that one's legs are 'scrambled' or out of control due to drunkenness.

· To have 'scrambled eggs' is to be blotto. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

scrap metal; scrap

noun

a kettle [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

scratch and itch

noun

the rich [UK]

Always with the definite article. Like its antonym ON THE FLOOR, this word is probably a nonce coinage.

· She talks Brad Pitt and only cares for the scratch and itch. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

scratch and itch; scratch

adjective

rich [UK]

· 'e's got scratch. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I've done bird in the bucket – the price to get scratch / 'cos me income and lifestyle were never a match. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

· [T]hey use their powerful scratch and itch china plates to spread monsters near[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

scratch and sniff

noun

a marijuana cigarette; marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *spliff*.

· Scratch 'N' Sniff is Cockney slang for Spliff. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th October **2004**

· [S]ee you later bruv im going to smoke a scratch and sniff. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 27th August **2006**

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

Scratcher; Mark Scratcher

nickname

Mark Thatcher (b.1953), the son of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

A slang rhyme. ► see MARGARET SCRATCHER

· They [the lawyers] get no reply from Smelly and Scratcher [who] asked them to ring back after the Grand Prix race was over! – *The Independent*, London, 19th July **2004**

· Mr Mann had smuggled a letter out of his Harare prison cell asking for help from "Scratcher", understood to be rhyming slang for Thatcher. – *The Sunday Telegraph*, London, 25th July **2004**

· Nor did anyone think Scratcher could be anyone but Mark Thatcher. He tried at first to reject the nickname, but his biography notes he was called 'Mork Scratcher' at school. – A. Roberts, *The Wonga Coup*, p.209, **2006**

· The businessman, known as "Scratcher" to old public school chums, is still in disgrace after his role in an attempted coup to overthrow the government of the oil-rich African state of Equatorial Guinea in 2004. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 3rd December **2006**

· That is until Margaret Thatcher's son, Mark 'Scratcher', as his now imprisoned cohort Simon Mann nicknamed him, tried to allegedly pull Obiang down in a coup attempt in 2004. – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 2nd July **2008**

· Bet old Mark Scratcher wishes he could of stayed on rent free!! – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 7th February **2016**

scratch me hole; scratch; scratcher

noun

unemployment benefit [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *the dole*. Perhaps inspired by the phrase *scratch one's hole* 'to spend time doing nothing'. The sheer rarity of *scratch me hole* and the great currency of *scratch* (and its derivative *scratcher*) suggest that the former is likely to have arisen as a folk-etymological elaboration of the latter.

· A Real Dub always takes a rolled up copy of the *Daily Mirror* with him when he's on his way to collect the scratch. – D. Kenny, *Little Buke*, p.35, **2000**

· I was chatting to someone the other day about the dole, otherwise known in more colloquial and rhyming-slang language as the "scratch me ****". – *The Kildare Nationalist*, Newbridge, 25th February **2000**

· I'm not going back on the scratcher, Jimmy, I don't care. No fuckin' way am I going back to that. Let me help, Jimmy. I must be able to do something. – S.J. Martin, *Rock*, p.353, **2006**

· **the scratcher** Dublin slang for a social welfare payment or the **dole**. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.76, **2007**

· **Scratcher** [...] often used to refer to someone being on the dole, e.g. on the **scratcher**, collecting the **scratcher**. – The English Project, *Kitchen Table Lingo*, **2008**

· Got out of the scratcher to sign on the scratcher. – *www.independent.ie*, 8th April **2012**

scream and holler

noun

a dollar [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

scream and shriek

noun

a Greek [US]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Screaming Alice

nickname

■ the Crystal Palace, a former landmark of London

The Crystal Palace was originally built for the Great Exhibition of 1851 in Hyde Park; three years later it was dismantled and moved to Penge Place (now called Crystal Palace Park), where it was destroyed in a fire in 1936.

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

• The Cockneys put out the word that ‘Screaming Alice’ was dying and Churchill is reported as saying that the destruction of the Crystal Palace marked the final passing of a golden age. – J. Yaxley, *Screamin’ Alice*, p.20, **1979**

• Anyway it was the palace, the *screaming Alice*; nothing could happen to something so vast and solid. – T. Lott, *Dried Roses*, p.62 [2009], **1996**

2 Crystal Palace, an area of south London between Dulwich, Croydon and Brixton

• From the Nun’s Head to Screaming Alice (Map 6). – C. Saunders, *London*, p.110, **2002**

3 Crystal Palace FC, a football team based in South Norwood, south-east London

Also known derogatorily as CRIPPLED ALICE and CRIPPLED PHALLUS.

• [H]e gave me some of the best years watching the Screaming Alice... – *CPFC BBS* forum, 10th December **2003**

• Cor blimey, did you see the *screaming Alice* play the *strings o’ beads* last night? – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.111, **2004**

• – *BBC 606* forum, 11th October **2010**

screaming child; screaming

noun

mild ale [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

• Screaming child = mild. Gis a pint of screamin guv! – *www.facebook.com*, 7th June **2013**

Screaming Lord Sutch; Lord Sutch

noun

1 in a car, the clutch [UK]

< Screaming Lord Sutch, also known simply as Lord Sutch, English rock musician and maverick politician David Sutch (1940–99). Only recorded in the form *Lord Sutch*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 the crotch (of a person or animal) [UK]

Rhymes on *crutch*.

• Ill fitting trousers may be said to be a bit tight round the ‘Screamin’ Lord Sutch’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, s.v. *Lord Sutch*, **1992**

• **Lord Sutch** crotch (groin). – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
• ‘e kicked ‘im right in the Screaming Lord Sutch. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th June **2010**

screwdriver

noun

a person who evades work or duty [UK]

Rhymes on *skiver*.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

scruffy and dirty

noun

in horse-race betting, odds of one hundred to thirty [UK]

• – J. McCririck, *World of Betting*, p.59, **1991**

• – B. Wilson, *Googlies*, p.34, **2006**

• – J. White, *Miscellany*, p.117, **2009**

• – B.J. Blake, *Secret Language*, p.239, **2010**

scuba-dive; scuba

numeral

five [UK]

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January **2010**

• – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November **2010**

• – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, **2012**

scuba diver; scuba

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *five*. The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – *A(.com)*, accessed 23rd August **2006**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• What do you expect when you get paid a scuba diver an hour. – *www.japantoday.com*, 25th August **2009**

• Lost a fucking scuba diver. – *twitter.com*, 28th June **2013**

Seaburn camp

noun

a tramp, a homeless person [UK: SUNDERLAND]

< Seaburn Camp, an area of the seaside resort of Seaburn, a suburb of Sunderland, in the north-east of England.

• – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

sea-gull queer

noun

a ship’s officer [UK]

Relies on a distorted pronunciation of *officer* as *officer*. Naval slang.

• The Albatross / Is the captain and boss, / the sea-gull queers / Are the offi-ceers; / And the Carey chickens, as I guess, / Is every one an A.B.S. – [From a MS of *Sea Ballads*], A. Barrère and C.G. Leland, *DSJC*: s.v. *A.B.S.*, **1889**

sealing wax

noun

tax; a tax [AUSTRALIA]

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Seamus Heaney

noun

a bikini [UK/IRELAND]

< Irish poet Seamus Heaney (1939–2013).

• [T]his Justin, in fact, derives from the Cockney rhyming slang for bikini – that being Seamus Heaney – the nobel laureate whose middle name is Justin. – *The Observer*, London, 20th July **2003**

• – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.121, **2009**

· [D]on't forget to pack your Seamus Heaney. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 18th April **2009**

Sean Bean

adjective

not generous, miserly [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *mean*. < English actor Shaun 'Sean' Bean (b.1959).

· Stop being so Sean Bean and get a round in! – *CRS (co.uk)*, 22nd January **2014**

· – *Mid-Morning Show*: 'The Cockney Rhyming Slang Phone-In with Arthur and Marko', UK radio: Vectis Radio, podcast posted 20th May **2014**

Sean Connery; Sean

noun

a heart attack [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *coronary* and *Connery*. < Scottish actor Sean Connery (b.1930). The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· Calm down or you'll have a Sean Connery. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· That's what we call 'em down here. A Sean Connery (Coronary). – *Eurogamer.net* forum, 3rd June **2004**

· Charley, you need to calm down mate, or you'll have a Sean. – *Cable Forum*, 9th June **2005**

· – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.246, **2007**

· i prefer to get lost in my own head, rather than go out and have a julius (ceaser/seizure) or a sean (connery/coronary). – *Shroomery* forum, 13th April **2011**

· I almost had a Sean* when I saw the price of one likely pair of boots at £129.99 (reduced)[.] – *justwhatisthisblogt hinganyway.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th November **2013**

· [D]on't say that mate you'll give me a Sean Connery!! – *twitter.com*, 17th November **2014**

Sean Ryder

noun

► see SHAUN RYDER

Sean Sinnot

noun

a minute [IRELAND]

· [W]e scored in the last sean sinnot. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

Sebastian Coe; sebastian; seb

noun

the toe [UK]

< English athlete-turned-politician Sebastian 'Seb' Newbold Coe (b.1956). Generally in the phrase *have it on one's sebastians* (or *have it on one's sebs*) 'to escape, to run away', the direct equivalent of *have it away on one's toes*.

· To 'have it on your Sebastians (or Sebs)' is to do a runner 'a bit lively'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Have it on your Sebs. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th January **2002**

· [F]ew people could 'have it on their Sebs'[,] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Stay light on your plates in case you need to have it away on your Sebs. – *twitter.com*, 30th April **2014**

Sebastian Vettel; Sebastian Vettle; seb

noun

a kettle [UK]

< German racing driver Sebastian Vettel (b.1987).

· I like to use F1 rhyming slang now and say 'put the Seb on' (Sebastian Vettel = kettle). – *Joinee Forum*, 10th May **2012**

· Stick on the aul Sebastian Vettle and we'll have a cuppa Rosie. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

· When I want a cup of tea I tell the wife to put the Sebastian Vettel (kettle) on. – *www.reddit.com/r/formula1*, 9th December **2013**

· I asked my Mum whether she wanted me to put water in the Sebastian Vettel. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2015**

second-hand Ford; second hander

noun

a lord [UK]

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.202, **1983**

second-hand Merc; second-hand

noun

a Turk [UK]

Merc is a familiar shortening of *Mercedes*, itself a common short form of the brand name *Mercedes-Benz*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th June **2003**

· A Turkish person has, for a few years, been known as a 'second-hand'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· [T]he second-hand mercs act like bunch of yobs at football matches. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· The second hand mercs know how to cook a bit of lamb! – *twitter.com*, 9th September **2013**

second look

noun

a rogue or swindler; a criminal [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *crook*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Secretary of State for Rhyming Slang; Secretary of State for Culture and Rhyming Slang; Secretary of State for Health and Rhyming Slang

nickname

English Conservative politician Jeremy Hunt (b.1966)

Based on the rhyme *Hunt – cunt*, itself the source of such sobriquets as RHYMING SLANG and *Jeremy Rhyming Slang*. The expressions *Secretary of State for Rhyming Slang* and *Secretary of State for Culture and Rhyming Slang* were created during Hunt's time as Culture Secretary under David Cameron (2010–12), no doubt reinforced by the same gaffe that helped popularise JEREMY HUNT as rhyming slang for *cunt*. *Secretary of State for Health and Rhyming Slang* is a later variation, coined shortly after Hunt was appointed Health Secretary in September 2012.

· Avid readers of this humble blog will be aware of my obsession with the Secretary of State for Rhym-

ing Slang[.] – *www.nitro.co.uk*, blog, 13th December **2010**

· After Michael Gove attributed the laws of thermodynamics to Isaac Newton last week, the secretary of state for rhyming slang has been caught out multiplying government investment by a factor of ten. – *politicalscrapbook.net*, 27th June **2011**

· At the time of writing this The Secretary of State for Culture and Rhyming Slang is clinging on by his worms[.] – *www.nitro.co.uk*, blog, 27th April **2012**

· It has been announced that Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Rhyming Slang, will introduce measures requiring trainee nurses who wish to be funded by the NHS, first to work for a year as a healthcare assistant or support worker. – *roblufc.org*, blog, 26th March **2013**

see Barry White

verb

to defecate [IRELAND]

Formed on BARRY WHITE.

· I'm going in to see barry white. – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

see brad

verb

to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Formed on *brad*, a shortening of BRAD PITT.

· I've been telling my workmates I'm off too see brad or I'm off for a Brad Pitt for months. They only just worked it out. – *www.teknoscape.com.au*, forum, 19th January **2012**

see Mrs Chant

verb

to go to the toilet, usually for the purpose of urination [UK]

Based on MRS CHANT. A rhyming equivalent of the euphemism *see one's aunt*. Franklyn (1960) notes that the phrase is more frequently employed by women.

· I'm going to see Mrs Chant. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.65, **1973**

seeds and spices

noun

in horse racing, starting prices [US]

· When at the race track he says he is going to get the seeds and spices on the charing crosses, he means he intend informing himself on the prices on the horses. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, D. Runyon, 'The Brighter Side', 23rd March **1942**

seek and look

noun

a book [US]

A variation of the earlier STOP AND LOOK.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, **1968**

seek and search

noun

a church [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Sefton Brancker; Sefton Branker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. < English Air Vice-Marshel Sir Sefton Brancker (1877–1930). According to the *Dictionary of Playground Slang (Online)*, the word *sefton*, used in a similar sense, derives from Sefton Bedford, 'a local halfwit of the Gypsy Hill area of London. [...] circa 1975+'; this may have triggered the later coinage of the rhyming slang term.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**
- He's a right Sefton Branker. – *A(.com)*, accessed 7th December **2006**

seig heils

noun

► see SIEG HEILS

seldom see

noun

a type of loose-fitting underpants [US]

Rhymes on *BVD*, the brand name of the manufacturer, commonly used in the plural (*BVDs*) to mean the undergarment. With a playful nod to the nature of underwear.

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

seldom seen

noun

1 a car [US]

Rhymes on *machine*. In the 1929 quotation below the word is given as an equivalent of *machine*; however, given the lack of context, it is unclear if this word is to be interpreted in its standard sense or as a slang synonym for *car*; three of the informants interviewed by Blumberg (1968) give it as *seldom seen* = machine (automobile).

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Machine, Seldom Seen. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, **1968**

2 a limousine [US]

Perhaps originally a narrowing of sense 1.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- ▶ a queen [UK]
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.8, 2002

selfie queen*noun*

in bingo, the number seventeen [UK]

- < *selfie queen* ‘a person with a penchant for posting photographic self-portraits on social media’. One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.
- – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December 2016
- – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 29th December 2016
- 17 is a Selfie Queen – not a dancing one. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 30th December 2016

self-starter*noun*

a tomato [UK]

- Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *tomato* as *tomarter*. Recorded in use among market traders.
- – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.203, 2011

Selhurst Park*adjective*

dark [UK]

- < Selhurst Park, a football stadium in south London; it is the home of Crystal Palace FC.
- – *CPFC BBS* forum, 13th April 2007

Selina Scott; selina*noun*

a spot, a pimple [UK]

- < English broadcaster and newspaper columnist Selina Scott (b.1951).
- [S]poot covered juveniles are actually ‘Selina’ covered juveniles. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- She rocketed through the ranks, and envious others referred to her anagrammatically as ‘Elastic Snot’, while the girls used her name as rhyming slang when they had a spot. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 9th September 2005
- [My] face is looking ‘shiny and bright’ although I’ve got quite a ‘porky’ ‘selina’ on my ‘Gregory’. – *Acne.org* forum, 16th March 2006

selwyn*noun*

▶ see JOHN SELWYN GUMMER

semolina*noun*

a professional cleaner [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008
- Are you still working as a semolina down the Rose and Crown? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Senator Spooner; senator*noun*

a schooner (a tall beer glass) [AUSTRALIA]

- < Australian Liberal politician William Spooner (1897–1966), who served as senator for New South Wales between 1950 and 1965.
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September 2012

sentimental bloke; sentimental*noun*

1 a cigar, cigarette or pipe [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smoke*. < Sentimental Bloke, a fictional character created by Australian writer C. J. Dennis in his verse narrative *The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke* (1915). This book, now considered a classic, was adapted as a stage play, a silent film, a sound film and a musical.

- A man in an Australian pub will offer a *sentimental*, meaning a smoke or cigarette[.] – *Times Literary Supplement*, London, 16th October 1970
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 cocaine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *coke*. No evidence of use in the short form. ‘What did he do with all the money?’ ‘Shoved most of it up his nose.’ ‘Into the sentimental bloke, eh. That figures. Was he dealing?’ – R.G. Barrett, *Leaving Bondi*, p.59, 2000

sentimental song; sentimental*noun*

an unpleasant smell [UK]

- Rhymes on *pong*.
- Terrible Sentimental (4) below, and Uncle Willy (5) on deck. [...] Sentimental Song = pong. – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

September morn*noun*

an erect penis [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*. < *September Morn (Matinée de Septembre)*, a discrete nude painting by French artist Paul Chabas (1869–1937); its popularity was boosted in 1913, when American vice-hunter Anthony Comstock tried unsuccessfully to have the canvas removed from a Manhattan art gallery on the grounds of its supposed immorality.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Septicland; Seppoland*nickname*

the United States of America

Formed on *Septic* and *Seppo*, the shortened forms of SEPTIC TANK. *Septicland* is common in Australia, Britain, New Zealand and Ireland. *Seppoland* is mainly Australian.

- Anyway here are some Strine words for 'drunk'. Some of them may even be used in Seppo-Land. – *alt.usage.english*, Google Groups, 20th November **2001**
- As it was, he eventually got back to Germany after jumping a train in Canada, swimming across the border and seeking asylum in Septicland. – *PPRuNe* forum, 7th June **2003**
- Just falling back on other ideas as wrestling is starting to lose it's appeal in Seppoland. – *League Unlimited* forum, 12th January **2004**
- It's a band name for a group of wanna be's playing 80's hard/glam rock over in Septicland. – *www2b.abc.net.au*, forum, 23rd October **2006**
- We sent a work colleague back to Septic land having taught him irony, cynicism and the time honoured "sickie". – *CCM Fans* forum, 7th February **2010**
- Damn it is going to be funny in septicland[.] – *www.kiwiblog.co.nz*, blog, 19th December **2010**
- The Septics will say American for every single song as they are thick and think every Irish, British and European band are from Septicland. – *LSL* forum, 19th April **2012**
- Do you want me to link you to the shop in septic land that sold us the bass? – *ukeland.co.uk*, 9th March **2012**
- [I]t is a place I've always wanted to visit if I ever get back to seppoland again. – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 13th March **2012**

septic tank; septic; seppo; sepp

noun

- 1 an American [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND] Rhymes on *Yank*. Often capitalised. *Septic tank* and *septic* are common in all four locations of use. Hence ANTISEPTIC. *Seppo* is chiefly used in Australia and New Zealand. *Sepp* has been recorded in Australia and Britain.
- *Septic tank*, *yank* or *bank*. – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXIX, **1967**
- **Septic Tank** *Yank*[.] – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**
- A few drunks turned nasty and shrieked "Septic tanks!" but the amazing delicacy of Oz rhyming slang seemed lost on them. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2nd February **1987**
- **seppo/septic/septic tank** (rhyming slang) *Yank*; an American person. – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- *Septic Tank* – *Yank*. – *soc.culture.british*, Google Groups, 11th June **1991**
- They all talk a good game, the Yanks, the old septic tanks, and I took great pleasure in thrashing a few of them round the tennis courts. – *The Independent*, London, 18th August **1994**
- Australia was flavour of the month – one Seppo even started a business called "Surfboards Australia"[.] – N. Young, *Nat's Nat*, p.200, **1998**
- [A]ny Sepps coming over here for the 'Lympics – there's no need to fear; Kangaroos are usually quite docile and patient with people. – *alt.folklore.urban*, Google Groups, 14th September **2000**

- [I]t's only then I realise they're Septics. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Miseducation*, p.68, **2004**
- You dumb Sepp. = You dumb American. – *UD(.com)*, 6th April **2004**
- No, it's up to us good, ridged-didge Ockers to tell those Seppos to rack off. – *The Guardian*, London, 14th July **2005**
- Attack of the seppos. – *The Australian*, Sydney, 26th August **2006**
- Hey we can just all pretend to be cockneys and use rhyming slang. ounce of baccy? septic tank? sweaty sock? – *james-herbert.co.uk*, forum, 9th November **2006**
- Could be wrong, but I think she's actually a Septic tank. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.315, **2007**
- We have to be careful how many Seppos we let in... – *Surf.co.nz* forum, 12th April **2007**
- For anyone not fluent in Jock, "glaikit seppfleecin" literally translated means "the ripping-off of stupid Americans." Glaikit = Stupid. Sepp = contraction of "Septic Tank" [rhyming slang for "yank"] Fleecin – fleecing or swindling. – *PsyMusic UK*, 2nd July **2007**
- – T. Deverson, *ODNZ*, **2010**
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- A sepp is the lowest species on earth. – *587Board* forum, 16th November **2015**
- 2 a bank [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]
 - Only recorded in the full form.
 - – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XXXIX, **1967**
 - – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
 - – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.253, **1982**
 - – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**
 - – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
 - – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**
- 3 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *shank*. Used euphemistically, the word *shank* having taboo status among golfers. Only recorded in the full form.
 - Now I understood why the British professionals of the day used cockney rhyming slang to describe the shank as a cab rank, a J Arthur (on Rank) – after the filmmaking tycoon – or even a septic tank, in short anything to avoid the public mention of the dreaded word. – *Financial Times*, London, 28th May **1988**
 - – *I Seek Golf* forum, 'Golfing "Slang" for Various Shots', 16th December **2005**
 - – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th April **2012**
- 4 an act of masturbation, especially male masturbation [IRELAND/UK]
 - Rhymes on *wank*. Recorded in the forms *septic tank* and *septic*.
 - A septic tank a day keeps the doc away. – *viewaskew.com*, 12th December **2002**
 - Tell him I'll call him back in 10, cos I'm having a septic. – *b3ta* forum, 26th January **2005**

septic tank; septic; seppo*adjective*

1 silly or unwise; self-deluded; incompetent [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Only recorded in the short form *septic*.

· – D. McGill, *DKS*, 1988

2 American [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Yank*. Often capitalised. *Septic tank* and *septic* are common in all four locations of use. *Seppo* is chiefly used in Australia and New Zealand. ▶ *see* ANTISEPTIC

· It is dedicated to Australian politics and media, and I've tried to make it 'accessible' to our septic cousins. – *aus. politics*, *Google Groups*, 9th February 1997

· But enough snide remarks about our septic friends. – *cheeseburgergothic.com*, blog, 15th September 2001

· So it's a Federal offence to desecrate the Septic Tank flag? – *aus.politics*, *Google Groups*, 8th April 2002

· I suppose its good for the economy and exposure for NZ but all these seppo actors spouting on how great NZ is... – *Surf.co.nz* forum, 2nd December 2003

· [F]ake septic accents, absolute shoite. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 15th December 2003

· Iran, Iraq, Afganistan are all a mess. However the current bunch of Septic 'politicians' & their cronies, Blair, Berlusconi etc have just exacerbated the situation. – *Foot.ie* forum, 14th March 2006

· [S]orry to be an arse but.. scottish whisky is spelt whisky and is lovely, septic tank whisky is spelt whiskey and is ghastly. – *Hempire* forum, 15th May 2007

· I saw a left hand drive Toyota Camray today. Must have been a seppo import or something, unless they sell them in continental Europe. – *Vorb.org.nz* forum, 27th August 2008

· There's that flag again, the one to the right of the seppo flag. – *Irish Fish Forum*, 24th August 2009

· [T]his just goes to show how fucked up the Seppo landscape is, when you get cretins like this baboon making statements like this. – *politic.osm.net*, 3rd November 2010

· They caught me "molly the monk" with that horny "septic tank" chick. – *Ford Truck Enthusiasts* forum, 2nd October 2011

· [T]he Seppo spelling often makes more sense to me. – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 10th January 2013

· Sorry PJI, but you're displaying your own cultural ignorance there. "Fanny" in Septic English means "bum" [...] – *The Register* forum, 9th July 2013

· If you want a pro production, and can handle the septic tank accent, Meat Eater with Steve Rinella is a good show. – *NZ Hunting and Shooting* forum, 12th September 2014

· This Seppo cunt asks me the other day, where do you Aussie blokes stand on Donald Trump? – *www.reddit.com/r/straya*, 14th March 2016

septic tank*verb*

in golf, to mishit the ball on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shank*, a taboo word among golfers. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· We were mid way through our round when we were on a par 3 when my mate who septic tanked (shanked) his tee shot looked up to see 2 course staff sat in a near by bunker laughing at him. – *I Seek Golf* forum, 13th May 2011

septic tanker*noun*

a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of SEPTIC TANK.

· Even if it's not, he's still a septic tanker (rhyming slang). – *archive.atheistfrontier.com*, 10th October 2009

· But they're Septic Tankers and we know what that rhymes with, don't we? – *rodflaming.com*, blog, 30th September 2016

Sergeant Bash*noun*

hashish [UK]

Rhymes on *hash*. < Sergeant Bash, one of the robots in the British TV game show *Robot Wars*, broadcast from 1998 to 2004.

· The dealer's bizarre private language referred to cannabis as Sergeant Bash – rhyming slang for hash. – *North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, England, 29th November 2012

Sergeant Bevan; Sgt Bevan*noun*

in bingo, the number seven [AUSTRALIA]

< Sergeant George Retford Bevan (ca 1916–43), who served in the Australian Army during World War II. ▶ *see* ST BEVAN

· His pal, the Master of the Hunt, repeats the numbers after him—in this fashion: (Bagman) Eighty-eight! (M. of H.) All the eights. (Bagman) Number seven! (M. of H.) Sergeant Bevan. – F. Clune, *Tobruk to Turkey*, p.282, 1943

Sergeant Slaughter; sergeant*noun*

water [UK]

< Sergeant Slaughter, one of the ring names of American wrestler Robert Remus (b.1948).

· – *The Sun*, London, 25th February 1999

seringapatam*noun*

ham [UK]

< *Seringapatam*, an anglicisation of *Srirangapatna*, a small town in southern India; it was the capital of Mysore from 1610 until 1799 when, following the Siege and Battle of Seringapatam, it was taken by the Brit-

ish. Recorded by Ware (1909) in the phrase *plasterer's trowel and seringapatam*. ► see PLASTERER'S TROWEL
 • J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

set and sail

verb

to hail (from somewhere) [AUSTRALIA]

• I Set n' Sail from the Steak and Kidney. – *bondi2bayou.wordpress.com*, blog, 23rd February 2013

seven and six

noun

an awkward or difficult situation [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. < *seven and six*, a colloquial shortening of *seven shillings and sixpence*. Synonymous with TWO AND SIX.

• To be in difficulty is to be in a 'right old seven and six'.
 – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

seven and six

verb

to repair or restore [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. < *seven and six*, a colloquial shortening of *seven shillings and sixpence*.

• Leave it to your old man, he'll seven and six it. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Seven Dials

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Seven Dials, a once notorious area of central London.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, 1980
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

seventies funk; 70s funk

noun

semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < *seventies funk*, a reference to a dance music genre that had its heyday in the 1970s.

- 'There's no telling what Gary could do to my linen cloth with his seventies funk.' 'Seventies funk?' 'Rhyming slang, Gary.' – *Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps*, UK TV: BBC Choice, 15th April 2002
- seventies funk = spunk. – *Newgrounds* forum, 1st July 2005
- Part yer legs love, no telling what my seventies funk could do to your miniskirt. – *UD(.com)*, 20th May 2008
- 70s funk = spunk. – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 31st August 2008

Severus Snape

noun

an act of rape [IRELAND]

< Severus Snape, a complex character created by J.K. Rowling for the *Harry Potter* heptology of books and octology of films. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

• Could get done for statutory Severus Snape. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December 2013

Sexton Blake; sexton

noun

1 a cake [UK]

< Sexton Blake, a character created in 1893 by Hal Meredith, the pen name of Scottish journalist Harry Blyth (1852–98).

• I heard a coffee stall customer ask the proprietor for a 'Once or twice of Sexton Blake, please,' and the proprietor said, 'Will you have it in your German or the linen draper?' – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November 1927

• – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

• You don't say *cake*, you don't say *cake*, / You always call it *Sexton Blake*. – *The Cockney Rhyming Song*, lyric, recorded by Billy Cotton and His Band, 1945, written by M. Watson, J. Denby and H. Nicholls, 1944

• – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.284, 1948

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• Pass the Sexton. – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

• Instead, Vince put his hand in the sack, pulled out a Sexton and threw it against the wall. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.6–7, 1986

• 'Can I get you a cup of Rosie Lea?' 'No, I'm fine, thanks.' 'Some sexton?' – *The Secret World*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 2nd October 2012

2 a steak [UK]

• Over lunch last week, after a morning practising "Mowhaws," he ordered a "Sexton Blake" – cockney rhyming slang for steak[.] – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 14th November 1954

• Sexton Blake *Steak* Sexton. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, 1973

• Gotta agree with MtK here – Steak & Chips that's it! Or, where I come from (London), Sexton & Jockey's. – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 31st January 2007

• Not music-related, but 'Sexton and Staffords' meant steak and chips[.] – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 12th September 2007

• "That's a fine bit of Sexton," Ray Winstone says as he pulls a chair to the table and surveys the steak that is sitting on a plate in front of him. – *The Sunday Independent*, Dublin, 17th January 2010

• Well if you can get a sexton blake, jockeys whips and a pigs ear for £10.00 its a bargain. – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, 8th September 2011

3 a fake; often specifically a forged work of art, especially a painting [UK]

This usage became particularly popular after 1976, when English painter and restorer Tom Keating (1917–84) was discovered to have forged a painting by the romantic landscape artist Samuel Palmer. Besides admitting to faking that picture, Keating claimed that there were over 2,000 of his 'Sexton Blakes' (includ-

ing works attributed to Goya, Rembrandt, Constable, Degas and Renoir) in galleries and private collections around the world. Hence SEXTON BLAKE (used as a verb), SEXTON BLAKER and SEXTON BLAKING.

· When they're home and dry they can't stop talking about it, and letting you know what a lot of Sexton Blakes they all are. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.136, **1970**

· Although I did a number of my own potboilers on these canvases I also made any number of Sextons. – T. Keating et al., *The Fake's Progress*, p.79 [1978], **1977**

· [T]here's hundreds of Sexton Blakes all over the place. – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.126, **1984**

· That fellow who became a celebrity on the strength of his forgeries. He called them his Sextons. – P. Lovesey, *The Vault*, p.192 [2000], **1999**

· [Y]ou'll find yourself branded a 'Sexton Blake' (fake). – *The Independent*, London, 27th February **1999**

· It means that 97% of "genuine antiques" are forgeries, fakes, duff, dud, Sexton Blakes, sham, lookalikes, replicates, all meaning worthless. – J. Gash, *The Ten Word Game*, p.50 [2004], **2003**

· When she loses the Kuala Lumpur an' I 'ave a gander at 'er raspberry ripples I think me Mars an' Venus is gonna explode. These ain't no Sexton Blakes. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· He wears a Cartier but it's a sexton blake. – *Cannabis.com* forum, 21st November **2005**

4 in the television and film industries, a take [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Anyway, this is the milieu in which a Sexton Blake is a take[.] – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December **1971**

· – P.J.E. Hyams, *Rhyming Slang and the Dictionary*, p.134, **1981**

5 a snake [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Sexton Blake

verb

to forge (a painting) [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form. Used in connection with the work of English art forger Tom Keating (1917–84).

· Tom Keating of England "sextion blaked" (his term for forging) literally thousands of English and other masterworks, enough to rate a catalogue of his own. – J. Huer, *Art Hoax*, p.5, **1990**

· – R.B. Browne, *Many Tongues*, p.78, **1992**

sextion blaker

noun

a forger of paintings [UK]

Rhymes on *faker*. A derivative of SEXTON BLAKE coined by English art forger Tom Keating (1917–84).

· Years later when Fred had gone up in the world and moved to posher premises I dropped in on him one day and boasted about how well I was doing, now that I was

a known restorer and Sexton Blaker. – T. Keating et al., *The Fake's Progress*, p.76 [1978], **1977**

· – Having seen his work, Sir James of Blastfordshire should be doing the tour artwork. – Nah Dr. Jeff! I is just a guid 'Sexton Blaker'. – *The Sisters of Mercy Forum*, 24th July **2007**

Sexton Blakes

noun

delirium tremens [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. < Sexton Blake, a character created in 1893 by Hal Meredith, the pen name of Scottish journalist Harry Blyth (1852–98).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· * [E]veryone* knows that to have the 'Sexton Blakes' means having the shakes. – *twitter.com*, 28th August **2009**

sextion blaking

noun

art forgery [UK]

Rhymes on *faking*. Coined by English art forger Tom Keating (1917–84) as an offshoot of SEXTON BLAKE.

· I was determined to do what I could to avenge my brothers and it was to this end that I decided to turn my hand to Sexton Blaking. – T. Keating et al., *The Fake's Progress*, p.79 [1978], **1977**

· Elitism was what prevented art from being enjoyed by everybody—and the sensationalist media coverage of his outing was proving more damaging to the embarrassed elite than his actual Sexton Blaking. – J. Keats, *Forged*, p.152, **2013**

sexy Kate

noun

in bingo, the number eight [UK/IRELAND]

< *sexy Kate*, possibly a reference to Kate Middleton (b.1982), since 2011 the wife of Britain's Prince William. However, Kate is a popular forename and other possible 'sexy Kates' in the public eye during the period when this term is first recorded include the models Kate Moss (b.1974) and Kate Upton (b.1992), actress Kate Beckinsale (b.1973) and singer Kate Bush (b.1958).

· – *www.bingoatitsbest.com*, **2010**

· – *www.jackpotfinder.com*, 4th January **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *bingo.vernons.com*, accessed 27th September **2013**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

shabba rank; shabba

noun

1 an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Shabba Ranks, the stage name of Jamaican regga singer Rexton Gordon (b.1966).

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.102, **2002**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· “Where’s Saul?” ... “Oh he’s upstairs having a Shabba Rank”. – *twitter.com*, 19th March **2012**

· **My First Shabba** The first time I discovered wanking was entirely by accident. – *bedmantalking.wordpress.com*, blog, 25th October **2014**

2 rubbish, nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· So it’s not all a load of old Shabba, innit. – *www.theguardian.com*, 17th December **2003**

· Am I not entitled to my own opinion no? That religion is a load of shabba? – *The Student Room* forum, 16th September **2011**

3 something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Also as SHABBA RANKS.

· And anything worthless or useless ‘ain’t worth a shabba’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· i will outwardly pretend i dont give a shabba[.] – *hairygrowler.blogspot.com*, blog, 3rd July **2009**

Shabba Ranks; shabba

noun

1 thanks [UK]

< Shabba Ranks, the stage name of Jamaican regga singer Rexton Gordon (b.1966).

· – *Old Skool Anthemz* forum, 17th August **2004**

· shabba ranks for your help claire! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st June **2007**

· – My home-delivered shopping came in so many carrier bags that I ran out of different ways to say “thank you” as they were handed to me one by one. – “Thanks, cheers, ta, much obliged, Shabba Ranks, nice one, ta....fuck”. – *www.reddit.com/r/britishproblems*, 17th February **2013**

· Boy at work just used Shabba as rhyming slang for thanks! – *twitter.com*, 18th November **2016**

2 something of no value [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang for *wank*. Recorded in the full form. Also as SHABBA RANK.

· [S]creeders these days aren’t worth a shabba ranks. – *Tilers Forum*, 6th September **2015**

shaggy goat

noun

a coat [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

shake and rattle

noun

a battle [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Battle, Shake and Rattle. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

shake and shiver

noun

a river [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· “Yes,” we agreed, “we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, ‘Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I’ll get a false alarm of ricketty-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.’[”] – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.82, **1973**

· The frog and toad is like a shake and shiver (frog and toad: road; shake and shiver: river. Ed.)[.] – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.78, **1975**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] river – shake and shiver[.] – *h2g2*, 15th August **2002**

· – B. Park-Dixon, *Wild Child*, p.218, **2011**

shaken not stirred

noun

a young woman or girlfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *bird*. < *shaken, not stirred*, a catchphrase associated with Ian Fleming’s secret agent James Bond and how he liked his martinis made. The original wording of the phrase, used by Bond in *Dr No* (1958), was ‘shaken and not stirred’.

· Have a butchers at that shaken not stirred. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 6th March **2001**

· Nah! She’s definitely a Shaken not Stirred, I’ve seen her Tord Grips and her Sigourney Weaver. – *Southport Forum*, 2nd August **2008**

Shakin’ Stevens

noun

in betting odds, evens [UK]

< Shakin’ Stevens, the stage name of Welsh rock and roll singer Michael Barratt (b.1948).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th March **2005**

· I once went to airs and graces and put a bag of sand on a tomato sauce at Shakin’ Stevens[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCG-GRS*, **2008**

Shallow Grave

noun

a commercial event or party involving dancing and perhaps drinking and drug-taking [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *rave*. < *Shallow Grave* (1994), a crime film set in Scotland and directed by Danny Boyle.

· Ah’ve no’ had a wink o’ sleep, that shallow grave went oan aw nicht. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

shammy leather; shammy

noun

▶ see CHAMOIS LEATHER

shampsteads

noun

false teeth [UK]

A blend of *sham* and *hampsteads*, the short version of HAMPSTEAD HEATH.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

sham spadah

noun

▶ see SHAUN SPADAH

shandy

noun

▶ see CHANDELIER

Shandy McDabbs

noun

crabs (crustaceans) [UK]

Perhaps originally an altered form of SANDY MCNABS.

· Two years later young Nigel is crabbing, turning rocks and looking for little crustaceous Shandy McDabbs. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.5, 1986

Shane Dyes

noun

the eyes [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born jockey Shane Dye (b.1966).

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

Shane Lynch; shane

noun

a killjoy or spoilsport [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *grinch*. < Irish pop singer Shane Lynch (b.1976).

· Not in the holiday spirit this year? Don't be such a Shane (Shane Lynch = grinch)! – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February 2011

Shane Warne

noun

1 corn [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Shane Warne (b.1969).

· Shane Warne – Corn or Porn (feel like some shane warne). – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004

2 pornography [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *porn*.

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June 2006

· People Immortalised by Rhyming Slang [...] Shane Warne – Pornography. – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July 2010

Shania Twain; shania

noun

a pain; hence an annoying person or thing [UK]

< Shania Twain, the stage name of Canadian country and pop singer Eillean Twain (b.1965).

· It can be a Shania Twain (pain) if your Ronan Keating (central heating) breaks down. – *The Sun*, London, 10th January 2001

· A real Shania. – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, 11th January 2001

· What a right Shania Twain in the backside. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 14th January 2001

· That could be a right Shania, believe me. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May 2004

· [N]ow you've a Shania in your back[.] – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February 2011

Shannon

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

A covert pun on *Peter Riddle*, rhyming on *piddle* and *widdle*. < Shannon, a champion racehorse of the 1940s, owned and trained in Australia by Peter Riddle.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Shareen Nanjiani; shareen

noun

▶ see SHEREEN NANJIANI

shark fin

noun

the chin [AUSTRALIA]

· – Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gatwart, *Other Side*, p.50, 1996

Sharleen Spiteri; spiteri

adjective

hairy [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Scottish singer Sharleen Spiteri (b.1967), best known as the lead vocalist of the rock band Texas.

· I need to get down the hairdressers. I'm a bit Spiteri. – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January 2001

· – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March 2001

· – *Evening Standard*, London, 22nd March 2001

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Sharon Stone; sharon

noun

a telephone, usually a mobile phone [UK/IRELAND]

< American actress Sharon Stone (b.1958).

· Lost your Sharon? Well, leave me the number and if I find it I'll give you a ring. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· [N]ow you hear people say 'I was talking on the Sharon ...' [.] – *www.darkecho.com*, October 1999

· Giv us an Alex on da ole Sharon when ur ready mate! – *www.bebo.com*, 5th July 2006

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008

· – Someone half inched my sharon stone! [...] – Someone halved my sharon! – *The Escapist* forum, 24th September 2009

· She mouths the word *sorry* – she didn't realize I was on the old Sharon Stone. And I go, 'Yeah, no, Sorcha, I'll see you back in the ranch,' and I hang up on her. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Downturn Abbey*, p.117, 2013

Sharon Tait

noun

lunch, especially in the form of a packed lunch [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on the regional slang word *bait*. < American actress Sharon Tate (1943–69), now best remembered

for her murder by the Manson family. In use among scaffolders.

- First job is vertical shore to the Allie McCoists (Joists), from then the Frankie Lane (Crane) is coming after Sharon Tait (Bait) to put on the Horses hoof (Roof). – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

sharp and blunt; sharp

noun

- 1 sexual intercourse with a woman [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *have/get/do a bit of sharp and blunt* ‘to have sexual intercourse’.

- To copulate; ‘to do a bit of sharp and blunt’. – J.S. Farmer, *VA*, s.v. *enfiler*, **1896**
- *have a bit of sharp-and-blunt* (late C.19; rhyming slang)[.] – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy*, p.315 [1965], **1963**

- 2 the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1903**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.45, **1972**
- Cockney Rhyming Slang applied in direct reference to the female, however, for the same part of the body, is *grumble* (*grumble and grunt*), *giggle* (*giggle and grunt*) and *sharp and blunt*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.86, **1973**
- – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, **1984**
- – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.146, **1999**
- – Knock’in Boots Poll: Having Sex - so what do you call it? – [...] get a bit of sharp and blunt. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 28th December **2003**

- 3 a woman or women seen as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- [T]here was this devotchka sort of cowering, a young pretty bit of sharp with real horrorshow groodies on her[.] – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.27 [1965], **1962**

sharper’s tool

noun

a fool [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.48, **2011**

sharries

noun

the anus [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his dystopian 1962 novel *A Clockwork Orange*. A blend of the rhyming slang *aris*, a shortening of ARISTOTLE, and the Russian *sharry* ‘ball, globe’, used in the phrase *kiss my sharries* ‘kiss my arse’. It belongs to Nadsat, the slang Burgess invented for the novel’s first-person narrator and his friends.

- ‘Cured?’ I said. ‘Me tied down to this bed like this and you say cured? Kiss my sharries is what I say.’ – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.172 [1965], **1962**

Shaun Goater; shaun

noun

- 1 a piece of excrement that floats [UK]

Rhymes on *floater*. < Bermudian footballer Shaun Goater (b.1970), who played for several English clubs in the 1990s and 2000s.

- ‘Who’s left that Shaun?’ – Shaun Goater = Who’s left that floater? – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**
- Shaun Goater – floater. – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November **2010**
- Just been accused of leaving a Shaun Goater in someones karsi. – *first-thoughts.org*, 3rd September **2013**

- 2 a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*.

- The Shaun (Shaun Goater) is a motor car. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**
- Shall we go in your Shaun?? – *twitter.com*, 2nd January **2013**
- For years we’ve used “he’s got a new Shaun (Goater)” for “motor” [...] “Ot mi back; bont it when fixing mi Shaun” etc. – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 24th July **2015**

Shaun Maloney

noun

a phoney [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish footballer Shaun Maloney (b.1983).

- Remember the so-called gas inspector that turned up at my granny’s Robert the Bruce? Turns out he was a Shaun Maloney. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 6th June **2007**

Shaun Ryder; Shaun Rider; Sean Ryder; shaun

noun

cider [UK/IRELAND]

< English singer Shaun Ryder (b.1962).

- Will try and see you saturday post match for a few Sean Ryders. – *Everton Message Board*, 28th January **2005**
- nics runs off to buy shit loads of sean ryder[.] – *Old Skool Anthemz*, 1st June **2007**
- Pint of Shaun. – *The Caffeine Machine* forum, 18th October **2009**
- – What’s everyones plans for Thursday then? – leaving work at 3 train into nottingham and then a few shaun ryder’s[.] – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 11th May **2011**
- I think a couple of pints of shaun ryder are going to get nailed. – *twitter.com*, 24th May **2012**
- He liked a drink. A pint of “Irish” Guinness or in the summer, a pint of “Shaun Rider”[.] – *www.hotpress.com*, 6th April **2015**

Shaun Spadah; sham spadah

noun

a car [UK]

< Shaun Spadah, a famous horse, winner of the 1921 Grand National. Franklyn (1961) gives the forms *shaun spadah* and *sham spadah* (both spelt with lower-case initials). Partridge (1961) enters it as *Shaun Spadah*.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, **1961**

· Blimey, I nearly got run over by that bleedin' Shaun Spadah. – *www.vivaart.co.uk*, 12th October **2006**

· When Shaun Spadah died in 1940 he was buried up at the racecourse. His fame was such that for a time his name was adopted in Cockney rhyming slang for 'motor car'. – *www.sussexexpress.co.uk*, 30th June **2013**

Shawshank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994), a film written and directed by Frank Darabont and based on Stephen King's novella *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption* (1982). Possibly with a side glance to the 'redemptive' nature of the act.

· Bloke can't even have a shawshank in peace. – *Empire* forum, 28th July **2007**

· He was caught having a Shawshank. – *Norwich*, spoken, male, 40, May **2008**

· I'm needin' a Shawshank. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 12th March **2010**

· I just heard you gave Fintan a shawshank in the Wesley TK Maxx! – R. Moore, *Pull a Gun*, p.54, **2011**

shawshanker

noun

an objectionable or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of SHAWSHANK.

· Yeah, what a shawshanker. – *Planet Mondas* forum, 25th November **2013**

· [W]hat a bunch of shawshankers. – *twitter.com*, 10th February **2015**

Shawshank Redemption; shawshank

noun

a pension [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994), a film written and directed by Frank Darabont and based on Stephen King's novella *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption* (1982).

· [H]is granny is fine, she can look after herself. After all she is on the Shawshank Redemption[.] – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· If your company's MD comes up from London and suggests a Ronan, he's probably inviting you to a "Ronan Keating" or "meeting" – or if he suggests that you need to discuss the corporate Shawshank policy, that'll mean bad news for your "Shawshank Redemption" or "pension". – *www.norhansttelegaph.co.uk*, 12th July **2012**

shawshank redemptioner

noun

a pensioner [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. A derivative of SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION.

· The dead going up against a load of Shawshank Redemptioners? – *www.i-flicks.net*, 23rd August **2012**

Sheen

noun

▶ see CHARLIE SHEEN

Sheffield handicap

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < Sheffield Handicap, a major English sprint race for professional athletes in the latter half of the 19th century.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

Sheffield United; sheffield

adjective

excited [UK]

< Sheffield United, a football club based in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England. Synonymous with LEEDS UNITED.

· I see Scratchy the Middlesex Muppet is geting Sheffield United (excited). – *MINI Cooper Forum*, 11th August **2003**

· Calm down, don't get too Sheffield! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th November **2004**

· [B]efore you get all "Sheffield United" no they do not sell fromt hat site or direct. – *Muscle Talk* forum, 1st November **2006**

· When he heard the news he got Sheffield United. – H.R. Wallace, *Slang O' The Day*, p.39, **2008**

· Getting very Sheffield United about tomorrow... – *twitter.com*, 8th March **2014**

Shell Mex

noun

1 sex [UK]

< Shell-Mex, a joint marketing and management identity established in 1919 for the petroleum and oil companies Shell and Mexican Eagle.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 trousers or underpants [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *kecks*.

· Shell Mex was another slang word for kecks. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 24th March **2013**

Shellsuit Bob

noun

1 the penis [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *knob*. < Shellsuit Bob, a character in the BBC Scotland soap *River City*.

· The jeering Gers fans, if you'll forgive a bit of Glasgow rhyming slang, thought Ketsbaia was a "Shellsuit Bob" and, to be fair, the turtle-neck-style jersey and bald, bulbous head certainly made him look like one ... – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th August **2005**

2 a fool, especially an obnoxious fool [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *knob*.

· – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 27th August **2005**

Shepherd's Bush; shepherd's

noun

1 dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the push*. < Shepherd's Bush, an area of west London (popularly known as 'the Bush').

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

2 the face [UK]

Rhymes on *mush*. Only recorded in the full form.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

shepherd's crook

verb

in sports, to substitute one player with another during a game or match [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on the slang *hook*. Suggested, or at least reinforced, by metaphor.

• – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

shepherd's pie; shepherd's

noun

1 in cricket, a run awarded against a bowled ball that is within the rules of the game but passes the batsman without contact [UK]

Rhymes on *bye*. Only recorded in the full form.

• Much cricket vernacular is based on rhyming slang, eg – 'Harry Porker' equals yorker, 'shepherd's pies' equals byes – but the origin of some jargon is unknown. – *The Independent*, London, 1st June 1990

2 the sky [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• The fissures on Ramsgate cliffs didn't look too clever despite the sailors trousers up in the shepherd's*. – *justindequeack.com*, blog, 9th January 2014

shepherd's plaid; shepherd's; shepherds

adjective

bad [UK]

• "Not so shepherd's" is a shortening of "not so shepherd's plaid," which is rhyming slang for "not so bad." – *The Daily Mirror*, London, 1st September 1915

• Bad ... Shepherd's plaid. [...] Have a "butcher's" at her "ham and eggs" – not so "shepherds"! – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931

• Among taxicab drivers I have heard rhyming slang used to such an extent that their speech would be quite incomprehensible to the stranger. "Not so shepherds," is one reply to a health inquiry, and means "Not so bad," the missing word being "plaid." – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, 29th September 1933

• Ask one of the boys how life is treating him and he will reply: "Not so shepherds" [...] – *The Sporting Globe*, Melbourne, 18th November 1939

• – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.49, 1973

• – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.37, 1979

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

• The godawful Rosy Lee tea shop with its shepherd's plaid, er, bad tea? – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

sherbet dab; sherbert dab; sherbet; sherbert; sherb

noun

a taxicab [UK]

< *sherbet dab*, a popular name for Sherbet Dip Dab, a branded sweet manufactured by Barratt. The short form *sherb* has been recorded in use among London taxi drivers.

• [N]o way would they arrive in a sherbert dab straight from the Bailey on commencement of sentence. – *Punch* magazine, London, 1985

• Once licensed, and if still sane, they pay around \$32,000 to buy their "sherbert" (Cockney rhyming slang for sherbert dab – cab); or rent one for about \$380. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 22nd May 1989

• When I got to the Russell Harty I realised I'd lost that Pavarotti you lent me and couldn't afford a sherbet. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February 1998

• Then she's on the dog and bone (phone) in the sherbet dab (cab) going to the Noah's Ark (park) with the bin lids (kids) and the pot and pan (old man). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August 2001

• Well, don't try scratching your nose in Cheapside at 7pm on a Friday when all the sherberts are reserved for Goldman Sachs bankers on Fleet Street. – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 7th November 2005

• Sherbert/Sherb – A Taxi Cab. – www.stormcab.com, 2011

• Hop in a sherbet and get down a proper gaff mate[.] – *twitter.com*, 26th March 2013

• Sherbert! Ere, can I gerrup London for a pony? – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.295, 2015

Sherbet Dab; Sherbert Dab; Sherbet

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Rab*, a Scottish short form of *Robert* [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *sherbet dab*, a popular name for Sherbet Dip Dab, a branded sweet manufactured by Barratt. In the first quotation the nickname refers to Scottish goalkeeper Robert 'Rab' Douglas; he is more fully known as BIG SHERBET DAB.

• Sherbet Dab Henchoz Balde Varga Laursen [...] This line up wid give us stability and EXPERIENCE from the KO. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 17th February 2005

• This year sees the elevation through the ranks of a couple of new captains to the fold, Joe and big 'Sherbet Dab' Rab and I'm sure their leadership qualities will shine through. – www.peninsulastrickers.com, 2007

• Sherbet Dab [...] my nickname is rhyming slang for Rab (a scottish nickname for Robert) just in case you wondered. – *h2g2* forum, 11th October 2008

• I was sad to hear about auld 'Sherbet Dab' passing away. [...] God bless you Rab. – *The RHF Veterans Forum*, 18th December 2009

• I remember when Sherbet Dab (Rab Ford) and I took over at Meadowbank. – wwmanager.blogspot.com, blog, 31st January 2013

- I know – it's hard to believe but I'm six months older than Sherbet Dab [...] Eh! Sherbet and I were old men. – *www.manager.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th May **2014**
- [W]ee sherbet dab how are you mate you signed for Talbot? – *twitter.com*, 22nd June **2015**

sherbet dip; sherbet*noun*

- 1 a gratuity, a tip [UK]
 - < *sherbet dip*, a popular name for two branded sweets: Sherbet Dip Dab, manufactured by Barratt, and Double Dip, manufactured by Swizzels Matlow. Only recorded in the full form.
- R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- 2 a sleep [UK]
 - Rhymes on *kip*. Only recorded in the full form.
- [O]nce I've finished my Jellied Eels I'm off up the Apple and Pears to Fakey Ned...for a well earned Sherbert Dip after a quick Jodrell. – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 the hip [IRELAND]

- Only recorded in the short form.
- [H]aving worn pretty much nothing but designer heels themselves since they were seventeen years old, they wouldn't be human if they weren't worried about their own sherbets. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.41, **2010**

sherbet fizz*noun*

- amphetamine [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on the slang *wizz*.
- – *Inthemix* forum, 16th April **2002**

Shereen Nanjiani; Shereen Nanjiani; shereen; shareen
noun

- 1 the vagina [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - Rhymes on *fanny*. < Scottish television and radio presenter Shereen Nanjiani (b.1961). ► *see* FANNY
- Yes folks, you can't beat a little bit of rhyming slang every now and again. Although it can upset the more sensitive people like Jim White, Shereen Nanjiani and Jim Delahunt. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 21st November **2000**
- [M]iss what a nice shereen nanjani you have! – *Erutufon* forum, 29th October **2003**
- I think she would probably kick my RS McColls if I asked to see her Shereen Nanjiani. – *Digital Spy* forum, 12th October **2005**
- Ma Shereen's mingin' by the way, 'am gonnae hae tae go tae the clinic the morra an' get it sortit oot. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**
- I was really honoured when my name made it into Glasgow rhyming slang, as in, 'Show us your Shereen Nanjiani'. – *The Sun*, London, 29th September **2006**
- [H]er show consists of her being naked and pulling various unanimate objects out of her shareen Nanjiani – hence the name stickyVicky. – *Chinese Scooter Club* forum, 1st August **2007**

- One of the funniest ones i heard was a little girl calling hers her Shereen. – *WeightWatchers.co.uk* forum, 24th October **2012**

- With tears in her eyes she can look over at your face of disbelief as she gets on top and slides it up her Shereen Nanjiani. – *Topix* forum, 3rd November **2015**

2 a woman or women considered solely as sex objects
[UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *fanny*.
- [N]ot sure if it's like this in embra but in glesga the slang name for nice burds is Shereen Nanjiani (fanny). – *Football Forums.net*, 22nd December **2002**
- Cracking place, good for a night out, two decent football clubs/grounds with a good atmosphere and, being a student town its hoaching with Shereen Nanjiani. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 1st December **2014**
- I was at a party last night, it was brilliant, pure hoaching with Shereen. – *www.reddit.com/r/Scotland*, 2nd February **2016**

3 an idiot [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *fanny*.
- What a bunch of Shareens ... – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 20th January **2007**
- Motherwell's only Brazilian link last year is that we played like a bunch of Shereen Nanjians. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 29th September **2007**
- [T]hat Aiden McGeady is a right Shereen... – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**
- Rab Douglas was a Shereen Nanjiani. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May **2011**

Sheridan Morley*adjective*

unwell [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- Rhymes on *poorly*. < English biographer, theatre critic and broadcaster Sheridan Morley (1941–2007).
- Has the gov'nor gone radio rental? Is he feeling Sheridan Morley? – H. Lyttelton, *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 26th November **2001**

Sherlock*noun*

a friend [US]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *homes*, an American slang term for a friend, and *Holmes*. < Sherlock Holmes, a character created by Scottish writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930).
- – C. Eble, *Slang & Sociability*, p.102, **1996**

sherman*adjective*

American [UK]

- Functionally shifted from the noun *sherman*, a shortening of SHERMAN TANK.
- FUCK OFF, YOU SHERMAN CUNTS! – J. Niven, *Kill Your Friends*, p.182 [2009], **2008**

Sherman tank; sherman*noun***1** an American [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Yank*. < Sherman tank (formally M-4 General Sherman), an American main battle tank first deployed in North Africa in 1942.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.37, **1979**

· We fill in some fuckin Sherman Tank. Whaes he tae you? The smart cunt deserved ivraything he goat! – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.154 [1994], **1993**

· Funny, they looked a bit too fat and stupid in those starchy clothes tae be anything other than middle-aged Shermans. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.164, **2002**

· Something just struck me, Johnny; something I'd forgotten until now. The name you called me back then: Sherman. – T. Walker, *Snides*, p.175, **2004**

· [T]he worldwide publicity from the controversy/historic nature of the visit would amount to the biggest international Failte Ireland campaign ever and it would all be for free. Sherman tanks, Ozzies, Argies, Canadians, golfers, surfers, trekkers, would be coming here for years afterwards to explore their roots[.] – *LSL* forum, 24th June **2010**

· Why the Shermans need that “O” in “Flavur” is beyond me. – *If Music Could Talk* forum, 17th December **2012**
 2 a bank [UK/IRELAND]

· – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 11th June **1991**

· I must also remember to go to the **Sherman tank** to get some **Crosby, Stills and Nash**. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February **2005**

· He's off to the Sherman. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

· – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.246, **2007**

· i've gotta go to the sherman tank an' pay in a gregory peck... – *answers.yahoo.com*, 7th July **2008**

· – *If Music Could Talk* forum, 17th December **2012**

· We should stuff it in the Sherman tank. – *Diamond Geezers*, UK film, script by Mark Jackson, **2015**

3 an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· I've also heard Sherman (and Chieftain) used to mean “wank”. – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 17th June **1991**

· [Y]ou cannot be a live-in married man and wank, that would be just too saaad. But today it was my marital duty, no less, to have a quick Sherman, a crafty J. Arthur, at some stage. – J. Hawes, *Rancid Aluminium*, pp.23–24, **1997**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· The fan heater under my desk is blowing out hot air against my leg as I recover from that Sherman Tank with a strong cup of coffee and a Kit Kat and a doughnut from Crawford's. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.109 [1999], **1998**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.246, **2007**

· I'm going to unwind with a crafty sherman. – *Alfa Romeo Forum*, 28th December **2013**

4 in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shank*, a taboo word among golfers. No evidence of use in the short form.

· “Shank” is to golfers what Macbeth is to actors: It is considered bad form to utter the word. Hence the variety of euphemisms, including: [...] “El Hosél,” “the shot that dare not speak its name,” and the Cockney rhyming slang, “merchant bank,” “Sherman tank,” and “J. Arthur” (short for “J. Arthur Rank”). – J. Winokur, *How to Win at Golf*, pp.46–47, **2001**

· – *Chiff & Fipple* forum, 8th February **2005**

· The dreaded Sherman Tank is the nearest Bad shot to a Good shot. – *Golfshake.com* forum, 20th April **2009**

· First did anybody hear the term Faherty uses to avoid saying the dreaded shhhhhhhh word. Clark hit one and Faherty immediately says, he hit a “sherman tank” instead of saying a s**nk. – *The Hackers Paradise* forum, 15th March **2011**

· Was that a shank? I believe that was a sherman tank. – Northern Irish-born golfer and broadcaster David Feherty, *Top Ten*, US TV: Golf Channel, 28th June **2010**

· Had an almost on 2, a near miss on 4 and then a dead set sherman tank on 5 today. – *OZgolf.net* forum, 25th August **2012**

Sherman tank

verb

1 to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· Friday night waz good, esp when we went hunting for Wood and caught a man (sherman tanking) in his car in the woods[.] – *Performance Nova Group* forum, 26th August **2001**

· [Y]ou Sherman Tanked in it, disgusting wanking with a Rolex on is I believe a crime[.] – *RWG* forum, 1st September **2012**

· He might be addicted to... ahem... Sherman Tanking? – *UK Business Forums*, 13th March **2013**

· Dear oh dear, are you sure you are eating the carrots and not putting them somewhere else while you are er... Sherman tanking. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 30th March **2013**

· Ok fine i leaned in and she leaned in closer we kissed and there was abit of um well she sherman tanked me[.] – *www.wattpad.com*, 12th May **2014**

2 in golf, to mishit the ball on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on *shank*, a taboo word among golfers.

· Played in the doubles on Sat. for 3 holes my ptrn carried me as I sherman tanked everything, came off the 18th a wreck as I'm certain my play or lack of cost us a good chance of winning!!! – *Golf Monthly* forum, 13th April **2009**

· It was a tough decision whether to blow dc68's odds out due to sherman tanking, but the handicap manipulation

was the overriding factor. – *OZgolf.net* forum, 27th August **2012**

Sherman tanker; sherman

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of SHERMAN TANK.

· Sherman Tank = “wank”, ergo, Sherman Tankers = “wankers”. – *Black and White Army* forum, 8th May **2003**

· An ex-neighbour of mine thought he owned the road. He went ballistic if anyone ever overlapped ‘his’ space while calling at my house. One day his wife bawled me out, telling me there wasn’t enough room for his car. I told her there was room enough for a sherman. She didn’t get it.... Sherman tanker? W****r! – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th December **2006**

· **Post Subject:** Re: Who are these guys? New Tuners? Experienced or newbies? – Obviously a bunch of Sherman Tankers. – *UKSaabs* forum, 5th June **2008**

· [W]ot a bunch of Sherman Tankers.... – *Trailersailer-place.com.au* forum, 4th April **2010**

· A snog, what a sherman tanker, I bet you’ve never put yer tongue inside Barbera Dickson... – *UKSaabs* forum, 24th February **2013**

· Is this your best effort? What a sherman tanker you are. – *HotCopper – Australian Stock Market Forum*, 9th March **2014**

Sherman Tankies

nickname

Clydebank FC, a football team based in Clydebank, near Glasgow

Rhymes on *Bankies*, the traditional nickname for this football club. < Sherman tank (formally M-4 General Sherman), an American main battle tank first deployed in North Africa in 1942. ► see HAM SHANKIES, JIMMY KRANKIES, KILLIECRANKIES and PAPER HANKIES

· Could also add Sherman Tankies and Ham Shankies which have been heard around Holm Park on occasion!!! – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 20th April **2011**

sherry flip

noun

the lip [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

sherry hog

noun

a dog [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, **1968**

Sheryl Crow; sheryl

noun

1 a garden hoe [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < American singer Sheryl Crow (b.1962).

· These days he spends most of his time in the garden, Sheryl in hand. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

2 SNOW [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang.

· Wear your rubbers, we’ve got an inch of Sheryl Crow! – *www.thebullsheet.com*, 31st March **2004**

she’s always late

noun

in bingo, the number eight [UK]

Thus IS SHE IN YET?.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

Shetland

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Tony* [UK: NEWCASTLE]

A shortening of *Shetland pony*. < *Shetland pony* ‘a very small breed of pony native to Scotland’s Shetland Islands’.

· [H]is name is Shetland (Tony) also Horses knob (Bob) and Half a pint of shandy (Andy) will be there. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

Shetland Isles

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Shetland Isles, a group of islands off the northern coast of Scotland.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd June **2012**

· Feel sorry for that Geezer bloke, must have a bad case of the Shetland Isles, or is it the Rockford Files. – *Harrogate Town FC Forum*, 14th February **2013**

Shetland pony

noun

an insincere, hypocritical or deceitful person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *phoney*. < *Shetland pony* ‘a very small breed of pony native to Scotland’s Shetland Islands’.

· Hey you ya Shetland Pony, that mobile ye selt me is a dud. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Shettleston Harrier; shettleston

noun

a Roman Catholic; hence a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on TARRIER. < Shettleston Harriers, an athletics club based in the east end of Glasgow. Like several other sectarian, anti-Catholic words, this term is mainly used by Protestants and fans of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic’s traditional rivals.

· [I]n glasgow, we use the term tarrier more often – probable roots to do with road mending?? i use the cockney (rhyming slang) version – and more commonly its bastardization: “shettleston harrier”[.] – *newsarch.roots-web.com*, ‘Scotch-Irish-L Archives’, 30th November **1998**

· But Pepys himself suffered a language problem when he asked a young Rangers fan, who had travelled up from Benidorm, how things had been going for those who had chosen to have a week's holiday in the resort to coincide with the match. The young man replied, somewhat curtly, that Benidorm was full of "Shettleston Harriers". – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 16th September **1999**

· I was at a dance many years ago when a man leaned over to his missus and said "*Big Tam's wife's a Shettleston Harrier*" Oh said his missus "*she disnae look like a runner*" (Shettleston Harriers being the local running club) "*Naw! Naw!*" he said... "*Shettleston Harrier...a tarrier!*" – *www.glesga.ukpals.com*, 15th August **2002**

· Some of you Shettlestons don't seem that optimistic. – *BBC 606* forum, 21st December **2007**

· The Shettlestons only like him because he spouts anti-Rangers drivel because (as he admits himself) he fell out with David Murray. – *BBC 606* forum, 14th January **2008**

· I have been called a pape – a wine grape, a jungle jim – a tim, a feenyin, a taig, a shettleston harrier – a tarrier, a beadrattler[.] – *www.scotsman.com*, 26th April **2008**

· Then you started denying you had ever denied it. A 'Shettleston' living in denial ... – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 17th November **2009**

· Just two weeks ago, I was engaged in banter with a Shettleston Harrier, except his idea of banter was not mine. – *RangersMedia* forum, 10th June **2014**

Shettleston Harriers; shettlestons

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

Rhymes on TARRIERS. < Shettleston Harriers, an athletics club based in the east end of Glasgow. Chiefly used by fans of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic's traditional rivals.

· Apparently Strachan has agreed to leave the Shettlestons by mutual consent and this will be announced at 10am this morning (26/3/08). – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 26th March **2008**

· [T]he shettlestons are claiming that they have improved their team in this window based upon nothing more than hope rather than facts. – *BBC 606* forum, 27th January **2010**

· I still dont recognise his goals and as far as I'm concerned the Gers are mid table. If I was really sad I would wip out my calculator and see how many points we are behind the Shettleston Harriers but I really cant be arsed FTP & BJK DB fae the Haulf Wey. – *www.youtube.com*, **2011**

· We've had seasons where we have played a team 3 times either at home or away. It would be amusing if the fixture computer gave us a third home game against the shettlestons. – *RangersMedia* forum, 27th March **2012**

· While I was on, my curiosity got the better of me and I thought I would do a wee check on the Shettleston Harriers just to see for myself what all this Pacific Shelf stuff is about. – *RangersMedia* forum, 4th August **2012**

shillings and pence; shillings

noun

intelligence or common sense [UK]

· He aint got the shillings he was born with. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· He has a way with *dickys*, his head is always in a *rookery* and he got a *geoff* at university. But he's blind as a bat and has lost his *mountains*. They're perched on the top of his head. *Now and never* but no *shillings!* – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.123, **2011**

shingle and grit

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· [G]otta jam, need a shingle and grit. – *SirSteve's Guide* forum, 1st January **2002**

shingle short

noun

a man [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *sport*. < *shingle short*, taken from the phrase *be (or have) a shingle short* 'to be mentally disturbed, stupid or lacking intelligence'.

· Should a "shingle short" (sport) wish to know if his "daylight robber" (cobber) intends to witness the glorious battle between Tommy Jones and Billy Wenand he would put the following question[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 17th March **1912**

ship in full sail; ship in sail; ship

noun

ale [UK/US]

Ship in full sail is both British and American, while *ship in sail* is exclusively American. The elliptical form is only recorded in British usage.

· SHIP IN FULL SAIL, *n*. Ale. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· SHIP IN FULL SAIL, a pot of ale. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, **1859**

· One might also, at first sight, be rather puzzled to know why these poets of the people should call a pot of ale "a ship in full sail"[.] – *The Round Table* magazine, New York, 7th March **1868**

· An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: "Sugar candy," brandy; "ship in full sail," a pot of ale[.] – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, 4th August **1928**

· **Ship in full sail**, a glass of ale. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· SHIP IN SAIL. Ale. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· [A] pint is called a ship. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· **ship** in full sail 'pint of ale'. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· So we scooted into Jim Brown, for a ship in full sail and to stuff our Jem Mace with some in the nude. – *www.sussexcanoe.co.uk*, October **1998**

· Get that ship in full sail down you! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

ship's anchor; ship at anchor; ship and anchor; ship
noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wanker*. The forms *ship's anchor* and *ship at anchor* are British. *Ship and anchor* and *ship* have been recorded in Australian usage.

· Ship's Anchor is Cockney slang for Wanker. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 11th February **2001**

· Bigger off ship[.] – *Ozfortress* forum, 16th May **2005**

· Its a lot safer living in old Blighty and not having to worry about all them Ships Anchors[.] – *IXXRA* forum, 21st March **2006**

· Thanks for the support but Catch22's comment makes me think he's a right ship's anchor. – *The Nation Weblog*, 16th July **2007**

· Even to the bitter end GH were a bunch of ships anchors[.] – *Nissan Juke Owners Club* forum, 25th December **2010**

· [L]et's face it they are all ships at anchors. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 16th February **2013**

ship's hatch; ship's
noun

a sports match [UK: LIVERPOOL]

The short form is recorded in 1971.

· – F. Shaw, *Dialect of a Seaport*, p.33, **1959**

· We use rhyming slang too (e.g. SHIP'S HATCH is a match, usually "footee" – not *footer*, certainly not *soccer*, old boy)[.] – *Spin* magazine, Liverpool, **1962**

· Much rhyming slang is just mad poetry worthy of Lear – sister, skin and blister; match, ship's hatch (then just 'ship's', further to confuse the intruder). – F. Shaw, *My Liverpool*, p.144, **1971**

ship's hatches
noun

matches (vestas) [IRELAND]

Misprinted as *ships hatchet* in the first (1974) edition of Éamonn Mac Thomáís's *Me Jewel and Darlin' Dublin*.

The error was corrected in later editions of the book.

· – É. Mac Thomáís, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

ship's tank
noun

an American [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Yank*. According to Baker (1966), the term is based on the Royal Australian Navy's use of *tank* to mean 'a hammock'.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

ship under sail; ship
noun

1 a tale, especially one intended to deceive or con [UK]

· So I let Heather know, quite early in our talk, that I was "wide to the ship," as the runners put it. [...] 'Ship under sail,' 'Binnie Hale,' 'hill and dale,' 'Daily Mail'—these

are all rhyming-slang for 'The Tale,' and are shortened, for greater concealment, to the first word. When I mentioned the ship Heather *knew* that I knew he was telling lies. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, p.161, **1953**

2 ale [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I'll come down the old **apples & pears**, put on me **whistle and flute**, me **bottles of booze** and me **peck-am rye**, strap the old **Gordon and gotch** on me wrist and go down the old **rubadubdub** for a quick **ship under sail**. – *Rolex Forums*, 1st December **2011**

shipwreck survivor
noun

a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fiver*.

· Big Bite On Pitt, Sydney CBD - Bacon & egg sandwich \$5. No word of a lie, this bacon and egg sandwich was a McGyver, a bus driver, a Stuart Diver, a shipwreck survivor. Yep, it only cost a fucking fiver! For all you squares out there, that means \$5. – *www.facebook.com*, 30th July **2015**

Shirley Bassey; shirley
noun

1 a chassis [UK]

< Welsh singer Shirley Bassey (b.1937). Influenced by the spoonerism *burly chassis*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th April **2002**

· [A] car may be written off if it's got a bent 'Shirley'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· The ole jamjar's off the frog and toad because [...] the Shirley Bassey needs repairing, the Tony Slattery's flat and the Charlie Drakes have gone Pete Tong. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.57, **2008**

2 the female body [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *chassis*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· She got a Shirley Bassey to die for. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – Boy she has a great chassis! – :confused: – You know. A great Shirley Bassey! – *BigSoccer* forum, 17th March **2006**

Shirley Basseys
noun

a pair of glasses [UK: MANCHESTER]

A perfect rhyme in the dialect of Manchester. < Welsh singer Shirley Bassey (b.1937).

· – *Bluemoon* forum, 21st November **2008**

Shirley Bliss; shirley
noun

an act of urination; urine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. < Miss Australia 1954 Shirley Bliss (b.1934).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· [T]here are more than a few younger people who comprehend what I mean when I talk about “going for a Shirley” or “going for an Edgar”. – *Green and Gold Rugby* forum, 21st February **2011**

shirt and collar; shirt collar

noun

five shillings [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *dollar*. First recorded by Partridge (1937) in the form *shirt collar*. *Shirt and collar* is given by Franklyn (1960).

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, 1937: *Everyman* magazine, 26th March **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

shirt front

noun

a contemptible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· – IMHO The best driver that has ever graced F1!!! – yeah but he is a right shirt front!! – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 23rd October **2006**

· Dealers might be a bunch of shirt fronts but there not stupid. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 7th January **2008**

· [B]lackwells attempts at being witty and funny were pathetic, he made himself look a right “shirt front”[.] – *Sheffield Forum*, 4th August **2009**

· You really need the right shaped head to have a skin head, otherwise you can look a right shirt front!! – *Phuket* forum, male 43, Lock Palm, 12th June **2011**

· [H]e was fooled into going on a spoof TV programme which showed him up as a right shirt front! – *malates-ta32.wordpress.com*, blog, 10th September **2012**

Shiva Rose

noun

the nose [IRELAND]

< Shiva Rose, the professional name of American actress and lifestyle blogger Shiva Rose Gharib-Afshar (b.1969). Only recorded in the phrase *stick one's Shiva Rose into (something)* ‘to interfere in something that is not one's concern’.

· Sorcha has to go and stick her Shiva fucking Rose into it then. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Kalashnikovs*, p.173, **2014**

· Sorcha has to stick her Shiva Rose into it then. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Seedless*, p.33, **2015**

shiver and shake; shiver

noun

a cake; a slice of cake [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Can I have a shiver to go wiv me Rosie, Gladys? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

shoe boot

noun

a prostitute [UK]

< *shoe boot* ‘a type of footwear that is midway between a shoe and an ankle boot’.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

shoemakers; shoemenders; shoe repairers; shoe

noun

1 something worthless or inferior; nonsense; rubbish [UK]

A covert pun on *cobblers*, the short form of COBBLER'S AWLS. Often in the phrases *a load of (old/elderly) shoemakers/shoemenders/shoe repairers* and *a load of (old) shoe*. The clipping *shoe* may have been influenced by *shit*, itself a synonym of *cobblers*. ▶ see SCHUMACHERS
· Oh, it's a load of shoemakers, all that horos... – *The Frankie Howerd Variety Show*, UK radio: BBC Radio 2, 24th October **1978**

· Sales talk? A load of elderly shoe-menders? No, this is exactly what I've managed to perfect, and for very good reasons. – *www.anglersnet.co.uk*, 1st May **1999**

· From a Christian perspective it is all a load of shoe repairers. – *The Independent*, London, 29th December **1999**

· “[T]hat film I saw yesterday was a load of shoemenders” Wife: “Do you Like My New Dress?” Husband: “No it's a load of shoe”. – *UD.com*, 3rd April **2003**

· I'm afraid the boys are talking shoemakers. – *The Lotus Forums*, 8th January **2005**

· So he was talking a load of old shoe-menders... – *Burnham-On-Sea* forum, 21st March **2007**

· What a load of Old Shoe Repairers! We are getting a daily dose of this tosh from the DT of late. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 11th December **2007**

· He means your talking shoemakers mate!! – *The Anglers Forum*, 23rd January **2011**

· So, is he having a larf for not doing the job properly in the first place and telling me a load of old shoe-menders? – *C4owners* forum, 28th January **2013**

· She's saying that girls and young women are so utterly weak-minded that a lack of female characters in some children's stories will convince them that they are incapable of doing a certain job? [...] What a large quantity of elderly shoe repairers! – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 28th December **2013**

· What a load of old shoe repairers, will I be paid every time I mow the lawn, dig the garden and perform repairs around the house? – *www.mercatornet.com*, 17th September **2014**

· “Pre-loading” biggest change in drinking habits in a decade? What a load of elderly shoemakers. – *twitter.com*, 2nd October **2014**

2 the testicles [UK]

A covert pun on *cobblers*, the short form of COBBLER'S AWLS. Only recorded as *shoemenders*.

· Talking Santa gets kicked in the shoe menders. – *www.youtube.com*, 13th November **2011**

shoes and socks; shoes and sox; shoes

noun

syphilis; thus any sexually transmitted infection [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. The forms *shoes and socks* and *shoes* have been recorded in British usage. In Austral-

ian English, only recorded in the spelling *shoes and sox*.

- Some wags returning to Australia after an overseas voyage have been known to state to a young green customs officer, 'All I'm bringing in is a case of shoes and sox'[,] – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.117, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

shoogly peg

noun

the leg [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *shoogly peg*, taken from the Scots phrase *yer jaicket's (hingin) oan a shoogly peg* 'you are in a precarious position'.

- The silly bugger slipped and nearly broke his shoogly peg. – *Kirkcaldy*, spoken, male, 51, 23rd June **2004**

shop front

noun

1 a fool; a despicable person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**
- I do remember making a right "shop front" of myself at the School End at Tynie[.] – *www.scotsman.com*, 16th August **2007**
- Absolute and complete bunch of shop fronts that they are. – *New 606 Sports Forum*, 17th January **2012**
- 2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a shop front of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin or spoil'.
- Now, I am not arguing that Dida made a 'shop-front' of the whole episode. – *Gersnet* forum, 10th April **2007**
- Who then made a right shop front of it by heading it against the defender? – *Hibs.net* forum, 30th January **2012**
- The keeper's made a shop front of it[.] – *twitter.com*, 24th March **2017**

shopping cart

nickname

the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit), a regular suburban railway service which runs along the coast of Dublin, from Malahide and Howth in north Dublin to Greystones in the south

- On the shopping Cart home (dart), It's like the New Dlehi express... Roasting and people hanging out of it... – *twitter.com*, 31st May **2010**

short and stout

noun

a German [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st January **2003**
- – *Historum* forum, 29th November **2009**

short of a sheet

adjective

homeless, without the means to obtain shelter [US]

< *short of a sheet* 'mentally deficient; stupid', possibly with a nod to the literal (non-idiomatic) sense of the expression: 'with no bed to sleep'.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

shout and holler

noun

a collar [UK]

- – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.9, **ca 1937**

shovel and broom; shovels and broom; shovel

noun

a room [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

Shovel and broom and *shovel* are common in all three locations of use. The variant *shovels and broom*, first recorded in 1936, is exclusively American. ► see OVELSHAY

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**
- My rent is away overdue for the shovel and broom[.] – D. Runyon, *Guys and Dolls*, p.150, **1931**
- J. W. Birke, the prisoner, wrote: "I crashed this joint 4½ years ago on the heel of a beef (trouble). All I did was prowl a gee's shovel and broom (ransacked a room).["] – *Daily Review*, Hayward, CA, 10th June **1931**
- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- **Shovel**, living quarters; a room (ovelshay). **Shovel and broom**, room. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June **1936**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**
- He took her to his shovels and broom for a swing and sway. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, **1968**
- – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January **1979**
- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.530, **1984**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Shovel and Broom–Your room. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**
- [Y]ou can rent the shovel at the back. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

shovel and pail

noun

a jail [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.78, **1968**

shovel and pick; shovel

noun

1 prison [UK]

Rhymes on *the nick*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Can you get shovel for having the wrong name these days? – *The Sun*, London, 21st March **1994**
- He's spending a bit of time in the shovel. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Soon as I got out of the shovel, '82, I had a bit of trouble with a couple of faces out of Canning Town[,] – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.73, **2005**

· [Y]ou've been in the shovel and pick – rhyming slang for the nick. – *Opiophile.org* forum, 10th September **2010**

· When I first came out the shovel. – *Big Fat Gypsy Gangster*, UK film, script by Maria Grover and Ricky Grover, **2011**

2 an Irishman [UK]

Rhymes on *Mick*. An allusion to the stereotype of Irish navvies.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· [W]ildman is a shovel and pick! – *Betfair Community* forum, 29th September **2011**

shovel and pick; shovel

verb

to steal (something) [UK]

Rhymes on *nick*.

· Shovel it quick and let's go. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

shovel and spade; shovel

noun

1 a blade used as a weapon [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.80, **2011**

2 a razor blade [UK]

· Got a spare Shovel? Gotta 'ave a Dig. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th September **2009**

shovel and tank

noun

a bank [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.14, **1973**

Shovell

nickname

English percussionist Andrew Robert Lovell (b.1969)

A slang rhyme.

· Among the audience members checking out the sounds were Mike Pickering and Shovell of M People. – *Billboard* magazine, New York, 11th November **1995**

· Together they will supply a night of funk-fuelled house, Balearic vibes and Afro electric grooves, along with deck FX and live keyboards fused with percussion provided by Shovell (M-People). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 9th May **2003**

· Percussion legend Shovell was a late and welcome addition to the bill. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 19th May **2006**

shovels and broom

noun

► see SHOVEL AND BROOM

shovels and spades

noun

AIDS [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· So I learnt today that shovels and spades is cockney rhyming slang for AIDS! – *www.deviantart.com*, 4th January **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

shower bath; shower; showers

noun

ten shillings; hence fifty pence [UK]

Rhymes on *half*, originally with reference to half a sovereign (ten shillings). A genuine rhyme in Cockney.

Thus, in betting, *showers to a shilling* 'odds of ten to one'.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· "Shower," meaning "half," is most frequently used in the special sense of 10s (ie, half a £1 note). – *New Society* magazine, London, 31st March **1966**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

shower of rain

noun

1 a train [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 an aeroplane [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

shredded wheat

noun

1 the teeth [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < *shredded wheat* 'an American breakfast cereal, originally produced in the early 1890s'.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

2 a bed sheet [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

shredded wheat

adjective

excellent [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sweet*. < *shredded wheat* 'an American breakfast cereal, originally produced in the early 1890s'.

· – *Personal correspondence*, prisoner serving 6 years and 8 months in HMP Blundeston (in Lowestoft, Suffolk), January **2002**

· In criminal parlance it's 'shredded wheat' when a plan comes off, or if any kind of merchandise is of good quality. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Shumachers

noun

► see SCHUMACHERS

shut the Donald Duck up; shut the donald up

verb

to stop talking [UK/IRELAND]

Based on the noun DONALD DUCK. A rhyming equivalent of *shut the fuck up*. Often used as an imperative.

- [P]eople tell you to stfu! hahahaha it means “shut the donald duck up”. – *Flash Kit* forum, 4th June **2001**
- [S]hut the donald up and love yourselves for goods sake. – *SciForums.com*, 18th February **2002**
- Shut the Donald Duck up. – *FoxesTalk* forum, 30th March **2005**
- God does this a**hole never know when to shut the donald duck up! – *Boards.ie* 14th April **2008**

shut the door; shut that door*noun*

in bingo, the number four [UK/IRELAND]

Influenced by ‘Shut that door!’, a catchphrase associated with English camp comedian Larry Grayson (1923–95), presumably formed as a pun on the French *Je t’adore*. According to the available evidence, *shut the door* is common in both locations of use, while *shut that door* is exclusively Irish. The latter form is recorded in 2014.

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June **2013**
- – *Today with Sean O’Rourke*, Irish radio: RTÉ Radio 1, 20th May **2014**

side of beef*adjective*

deaf [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *deef*.

- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Sidney Harbour’s*noun*

a barber’s shop [US]

From SYDNEY HARBOUR.

- I’m heelin’ down to the Sidney Harbour’s for an ocean wave and a work-out on the bonny fair. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.180, **1928**

Sid Nicholas*adjective*

ridiculous [UK]

A not quite perfect rhyme.

- Looking at us all standing there, he was right, we did look Sid Nicholas, but I sensed the boys didn’t really care. – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.107, **2007**

Siegfried and Roy*noun*

a boy [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Siegfried and Roy, a Las Vegas magic double act made up of Siegfried Fischbacher (b.1939) and Roy Horn (b.1944).

- Now ar’ ope you’ve been a good Siegfried an’ Roy this year or you won’t get no toys nor naffink, will ya!? – *Viz* comic, December **2016**

sieg heils; seig heils; zeig heils*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < *Sieg Heil!* ‘Hail Victory!’, a Nazi salute.

- A nice furry bog seat, quilted arse paper, a diet high in roughage and fluffy marshmallow – it’s my recipe for a comfy cack that won’t scathe me zeig-heils. – *Viz* comic, June/July **1995**

· I’ll stand if you don’t mind – me sieg heils are acting up today. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· The British National Party skinheads call them “Seig Heils” but the funniest I ever head was “Nobbie Stiles”. – *Belfast Forum*, 16th May **2010**

· In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] four minutes, Sieg Heils. – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**

- I’ve tried every cream goin’ for my Sieg Heils! – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

sighs and tears*noun*

the ears [US/UK]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Ears, Sighs and Tears. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don’t seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Sighs and Tears–ears. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· African elephants have the biggest sighs and tears on earth. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Sigmund Freud; sigmund*noun*

a haemorrhoid [UK]

< Austrian neurologist and father of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud (1856–1939). ► see CLEMENT FREUD and EMMA FREUD

· I’m afraid his Sigmunds have completely prolapsed, Mrs. Piles. They’ve gone round the axle thirty-two times.

- – *Viz* comic, August/September **1996**

· Sigmund Freud – Haemorroid. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 8th November **2006**

· Blue Eyes must be a good source for the successful home treatment of Sigmund Freuds[,] – *electro-kevin-electro-kevin.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th July **2011**

· There are two things that make up the contents of what I call “grape spray”, one a steroid which is a potent anti-inflammatory, the other a local anaesthetic for local quick pain relief. You can see why it’s so good for “Sigmunds” as they’re called here in London! – *www.e-med.co.uk*, 30th September **2012**

· Curiously, I’ve just pushed some Sigmunds back up in the last few minutes. It wisnae fun. – *Not606* forum, 12th October **2012**

· In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Emmas, Clements, Sigmunds[,] – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, **2015**

signed and sealed

noun

a field [UK]

· “Frog and toad” for “road” I have never heard, nor yet “live eels” for “fields.” “Signed and sealed,” I have heard for the latter, but not frequently[.] – *The London Figaro*, 26th November **1898**

sign of the cross

noun

a boss [UK: LIVERPOOL]

· Ister sign o’ dthe cross! *Beware! It’s the boss.* – B. Marnard, *LYS3*, p.29, **1972**

Sigourney Weaver; sigourney

noun

1 the female genitals [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *beaver*. < Sigourney Weaver, the stage name of American actress Susan Weaver (b.1949).

· – Roger’s *Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th October **2000**

· I can see the hand of a mischievous fan of rhyming slang in casting Sigourney Weaver as lead in the new US teen flick *Holes*. – *The Sun*, London, 8th May **2003**

· *Tampon-makers can’t mention the V-word. Period.* Here is where cockney rhyming slang would come in useful. They could have referred to the Elizabeth (Elizabeth Regina) or the Arthur (Arthur Fowler) or the Sigourney (Sigourney Weaver) and no-one in the USA would have a clue what it refers too and thus their moral sensitivity would not have been provoked. – *www.theguardian.com*, 18th March **2010**

· [M]et this bird the other night... seriously hairy Sigourney... – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

· I’ve got to shave my Sigourney Weaver. – B. Hulley, *Nativity?*, p.278, **2011**

· [C]heck the sigourney on her[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 16th June **2011**

2 a woman or women seen as sex objects [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *beaver*.

· But with all the lesbian bit, we lose track of the fact she does have a look of Sigourney Weaver, which is, of

course, rhyming slang for what Rhona has been missing in the jungle. – *The Sun*, London, 7th September **2002**

Silas Hocking; silas

noun

a stocking (a woman’s garment) [UK]

< English novelist Silas Hocking (1850–1935).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· Do you know the rollicking wit of the Cockneys who can make a *Solomon David* out of *solemn affidavit*, and say *silas* for “stocking” (because Silas Hocking’s novels were popular for a generation a century ago) and *Duke of York* for either “talk” or “walk”? – L.R.N. Ashley, *You Pays Yer Money*, p.13, **1973**

silent night

noun

light ale [UK]

< ‘Silent Night’, the English title of the Austrian Christmas carol ‘Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht’, with words by Joseph Mohr (1816) and music by Franz Gruber (1818).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

silk and lace

noun

the face [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

silk and top

noun

a police officer [US]

Rhymes on *cop*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

silk and twine; silken twine

noun

wine [US]

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· Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: [...] silk and twine-wine[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January **1931**

· **Silk and twine**, wine (champagne). – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· WINE. Bacchus, coal tar, silken twine (*rhyming sl.*)[.] – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· SILK AND TWINE. Wine. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· I will buy her a bottle of “silk and twine” and a “Jim Skinner”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March 1968

silken wrapper

noun

a toilet [us]

Rhymes on *crapper*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

silk scarf

noun

half an ounce of marijuana or other drug [UK]

- [M]y Fave is A silk Scarf, (rhyming slang for a Half OZ!). – *Autoflower Network* forum, 8th April 2015

silly galoot

noun

sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *root*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

silly galoots

noun

boots [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.363, 1966
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

silver and gold

adjective

old [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Silver Link

noun

1 a drink [AUSTRALIA]

< Silver Link, a New Zealand champion racehorse of the early 20th century.

- – *Sailing Anarchy* forum, 20th July 2004
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a commotion or fuss [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *stink*.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

silver spoon; silver

noun

1 a pimp [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*. Only recorded in the full form.

- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950
- – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.124, 1953

2 the moon [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form is exclusively British.

· The hot cross bun was down and the silver spoon was rising when I spread the Wagga and turned in. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [T]he silver will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and all the powers in space will be messed up. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.109, 2001

· There’s a full silver tonight. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

3 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. Also as SILVERY SPOON.

· – C. Ryan, *Tenth Man Down*, p.23 [2008], 1999

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· I grew up in a racist part of London in the 80’s (Bermondsey) one of the first bit of CRS i was taught was “wooden/silver spoon = Coon. – plus.google.com, 22nd June 2013

4 a lout or hooligan [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*.

· [I]t’s full of silver spoons down there. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, 2006

silvery moon; silvery

noun

1 a spoon [UK/US]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, ‘Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney’s Rhyming Slang’, 28th November 1955

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, 1968

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998

· – publicintelligence.net, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

2 a black person [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *coon*. The short form *silvery* has been recorded in British usage; it doubles as an elliptical version of SILVERY SPOON.

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.23, 1979

· “Shine” and “Midnight” are things they call you. Or “Silvery moon”, which is slang for coon, but you look a bit strong for ‘em so maybe they’ll leave you alone. – C. Phillips, *Higher Ground*, p.195 [2006], 1989

· – soc.culture.british, *Google Groups*, 11th June 1991

· These cunts are looking tae make one ay us an example just because the papers and they mealy-moothed cunts are kickin up shite about this deid silvery moon. [...] These silverys are about naught-point-one per cent of the population. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, pp.59/77 [1999], 1998

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· pc gone mad. you cant even call a fergal sharkey a silvery moon these days! – *PistonHeads* forum, 4th August 2011

3 a pimp [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*. No evidence of use in the short form.

- “Inflation, luv, the overheads are bloody enormous. Everyone wants to be in the carve up.” She was thinking of her lazy silvery moon, the ducks and geese, and the cost for the use of the drum in the cracker joint she operated from. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

silvery moon

verb

to kiss and cuddle amorously [us]

Rhymes on *spoon*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

silvery spoon; silvery

noun

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. The elliptical form *silvery* doubles as a shortening of SILVER MOON. A common variation is SILVER SPOON.

- I’m the blackmail man, / A silvery spoon, a bubble and squeak. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**
- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**
- ‘At least it means some of the silvery spoons can shoot,’ said Whinger. [...] From his laconic answer, I felt certain the silveries were going to arrive back at base one man deficient. – C. Ryan, *Tenth Man Down*, pp.67/78 [2008], **1999**

Simon and Garfunkel

noun

an uncle [AUSTRALIA]

< American folk-rock duo Simon and Garfunkel, made up of Paul Simon (b.1941) and Art Garfunkel (b.1941).

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Simon Cowell; simon

noun

1 a towel [UK]

< English music producer and TV personality Simon Cowell (b.1959). Also in the phrase *throw in the Simon Cowell* ‘to admit defeat’, the direct equivalent of *throw in the towel*.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
- [S]o I fink I got to frow in the Simon Cowell and go on the Adrian Mole. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 7th October **2011**
- I’ve put so much effort in that I think I need a holiday – so I’m going to lay my Simon Cowell down by the pool[.] – *www.northantstelegraph.co.uk*, 12th July **2012**
- Can you pass my Simon Cowell[?] – *first-thoughts.org*, 18th February **2014**
- I dry myself with a Simon (Cowell) before putting on my Baracks (Obamas). – *www.theguardian.com*, 10th June **2014**
- 2 a sanitary pad [UK]

Rhymes on *sanitary towel*. Only recorded in the full form.

 - – *GaGaJoyJoy* forum, 2nd December **2009**

- Re: It’s not a particularly helpful phrase to refer to sanitary towels as “jam rags” [...] And in rhyming slang... simon cowell = sanitary towel. – *Talk Sheffield* forum, 28th July **2010**

· – *twitter.com*, 9th February **2011**

· – *twitter.com*, 7th November **2012**

Simon Cowell

adjective

foul, noxious [UK/IRELAND]

A perfect rhyme for many British and Irish speakers. < English music producer and TV personality Simon Cowell (b.1959).

- Smells a bit Simon Cowell[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 20th March **2012**
- Who farted? That’s absolutely Simon Cowell. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

Simon Cowells; simons

noun

1 the bowels [UK]

< English music producer and TV personality Simon Cowell (b.1959). Suggested or reinforced, in reference to Cowell’s public persona, by the notion that both ‘can be irritable and full of shit’. Hence NARKY SIMONS.

- It ain’t all so fabulous, though, as more and more Britons are using the term “Simon Cowells” as rhyming slang for bowels (as in, “Cor blimey! I’ve an obstruction in me Simon Cowells!”). – *www.theglobeandmail.com*, 26th June **2004**

· Clear the way! I feel the need to move my Simons immediately. – *www.theguardian.com*, 8th November **2006**

· “How’s your irritable bowel syndrome?” “Don’t ask. Me Simons aren’t irritable, pal, they’re positively psychotic.” – *The Independent*, London, 8th December **2010**

· [M]y simon cowells are playing up n all, but it wasnt curry, in my case it was sage and onion stuffing[.] – *FM-TTM* forum, 27th October **2011**

· I could have crafted one out better than that whilst sat on the khazi emptying my ‘Simon Cowells’. – *Glory Glory* forum, 25th October **2014**

· Do you fink he’s emptied his Simons? – *twitter.com*, 5th February **2016**

2 the hidden depths or innermost parts of something [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bowels*.

- I’m surprised it all hasn’t merged with all the other usual conspiracy theories like the Illuminati, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion [...] Or maybe it has and I don’t venture into the Simon Cowells (bowels) of the web enough to find out. – *blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au*, blog, 8th March **2015**

Simon Pegg; simon

noun

a cigarette [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *feg*, the Ulster dialect form of *fag*. < English actor Simon Pegg (b.1970).

· Give us a simon. – *Belfast*, spoken, male, 30, 10th February **2010**

Simon Schamas; simons

noun

pyjamas [UK]

< English historian and broadcaster Simon Schama (b.1945).

· Me grandad's only gone down the quack's in his Simons. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th November **2003**

· Bizarrely, British Archaeology magazine reports that Cockney rhyming slang now officially refers to pyjamas as “simons” – short for Simon Schamas. – *The Express*, London, 25th February **2005**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· As for Comic Relief, I'd tell our readers this: You all know your duty – wear your Simon Schamas to work tomorrow and raise as much money as you darn well can! – *Evening Standard*, London, 14th March **2013**

Simple Simon

noun

1 a diamond [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

▶ see LARRY SIMON

· It's the rhyming slang [...] Simple Simon's, those are diamonds[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. 'Tad' Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· [I]n gangster pictures, *The Lady From Bristol* is a pistol, and **Simple Simon** is a diamond. – *This Week* magazine (*The Salt Lake Tribune*), Salt Lake City, UT, 14th May **1961**

· Upper class Australians deny it, but the taxi drivers still lay off some of the rhyming slang on you. [...] And if you buy a Simple Simon for the storm-and-strife, you've bought a diamond for your wife. – *Chicago Tribune*, 10th November **1968**

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 in a deck of playing cards, a diamond [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.69, **2011**

3 Double Diamond ale [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Simply Red

noun

a bed [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Simply Red, an English pop band that reached their peak popularity in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

· [P]eople's idea of S Club 7 (heaven) varies from a lazy morning in the Simply Red (bed) or a fat-busting session at the Fat Boy Slim (gym). – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

Simply Red

adjective

dead [UK]

< Simply Red, an English pop band that reached their peak popularity in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

· 'I already took care of the ones that did Kaylo.' 'But... all of them?' 'All of them.' 'D-E-A-D, brown bread.' 'Right Said Fred?' 'Simply Red.' – *Crank 2: High Voltage*, US film, script by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor, **2009**

simply shocking

noun

a stocking (a woman's garment) [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Sinbad the Sailor; sinbad

noun

a tailor [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Sinbad the Sailor, the hero of one of the tales in the *Arabian Nights*. The short form is exclusively British.

· – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.288, **1948**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· So back to my old trade as tea-leaf. The most likely crib was the local Sinbad the Sailor's. His drum and fife was loaded with tomfoolery and he had bags of bees and honey[.] – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, **1969**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.29, **1989**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *Western Mail*, Cardiff, 29th July **2005**

· I'm off to the Sinbad to get me suit. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Sinead O'Connor; sinead

noun

a doner kebab [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor (b.1966).

· Fancy a Britney Spears? And then maybe a Sinead O'Connor afterwards on the way home from the tube station? – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 10th January **2001**

· Ever been out for a few Britneys and tucked into a Sinead on your way home from the Fatboy? – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March **2001**

single fish; single

noun

1 an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pish*, the Scots form of *piss*.

- Ah'm away fur a single fish. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, 1994
- I'm off for a single fish. – *Edinburgh*, spoken, male, ca 30, September 1995
- Sure, right after I've been for a single fish. – *The Sun*, London, 21st May 2010
- I'm off for a single. – *twitter.com*, 5th August 2013

2 rubbish, nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pish*. Only recorded in the full form.

- Some Hibs fans like that whole Irish thing but the vast majority think it's a load of single fish. – *BBC – Fans' Forum*, 12th March 2006
- I hate people who will just talk single fish for the sake of it or just criticise your opinion without reason[.] – *BBC 606 forum*, 6th November 2007
- I'm also thinking that the administrator can sell players out with the transfer window. Or I could be talking single fish. – *Jambos Kickback forum*, 14th February 2012

single fished

noun

drunk [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *pished*, the Scots form of *pissed*.
- I'll be thinking of you all enjoying yourselves, getting single fished, boogying the night away with the 'tidy birds'[.] – *Scottish Elises forum*, 16th December 2005
- Sorry about that – I was single fished – ignore it. – *British Blades forum*, 19th July 2009
- Life is so easy when ur single fished[.] – *Kerrydale Street forum*, 6th February 2011

sinking sands; sinkings

noun

the hands [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

- A nonce word occurring in English comedians Peter Cook and Dudley Moore's sketch *The Scriptwriter*, first broadcast in 1970.
- DUDLEY: That'll get 'em going when this big bird goes by and the fella says, 'I wouldn't mind getting my sinkings round them faintings.' PETER: Sinkings? DUDLEY: Sinking sands – hands. – W. Cook, *Goodbye Again*, p.133 [2005], 2004: *The Scriptwriter*, BBC2, 4th March 1970

sir and miss

noun

syphilis [UK]

- Imperfect rhyming slang.
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

Sir Anthony Blunt; Anthony Blunt; sir anthony

noun

1 a despicable fool [UK]

- < English art historian Sir Anthony Blunt (1907–83), who was exposed in 1979 as a former Russian spy and stripped of his knighthood.

- [L]ooking like a right sir anthony. – *Friday Night, Saturday Morning*, UK TV: BBC2, 16th November 1979
- – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, 1989
- 'Oo's this sir anthony? – *Viz comic*, February/March 1995

· But, tragically, Reggie must have been hallucinating, because he completely ignored my queries, and kept referring to me as "you Sir Anthony Blunt". – *Evening Standard*, London, 16th November 2000

- A client told me shamefacedly 'I feel a right Sir Anthony'. – *Antiquarian Book Review*, February 2002
- So I called him a Sir Anthony Blunt. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 18th November 2005
- Every time I'm with him he makes me drink...come on... have another...no, no, I'll say, I've had enough...then he'd call me an Anthony Blunt... – *launch.groups.yahoo.com*, *Yahoo! Groups*, 23rd March 2011
- What a right bunch of Sir Anthonys. – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 31st January 2012

· 20.11.79. The long-faced responses of Anthony Blunt (making a 'Sir Anthony' of oneself is already part of the rhyming slang current in the BBC) are enough to convince most people that he has been hounded by prejudice. – F. Raphael, *There and Then*, p.14, 2013

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

- Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Sir Anthony Blunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin, spoil'.
- Safe to say that they are making a right Sir Anthony Blunt of it this year. – *Kerrydale Street forum*, 11th September 2008

sir arthur; sir arfur

noun

▶ see CONAN DOYLE

Sir Arthur Bliss; sir arthur

noun

▶ see ARTHUR BLISS

Sir Basil Spence

noun

a men's public toilet [UK]

- Rhymes on *the Gents*. < Scottish architect Sir Basil Spence (1907–76).
- [W]ho would have anticipated that loveable Mr Whicker would lend his name to that comical item or underclothing? Or that a Cockney soldier should pay tribute to the architect of his barracks in the Hyde Park sky by talking about going to the Sir Basil Spence? – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 17th December 1971

Sir Berkeley Hunt; sir berkeley

noun

the vagina; hence sex with a woman [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A personified variation of BERKELEY HUNT.

- She gives me plenty of the old Sir Berkeley, but she knows how to look after herself I guess. – J. Curtis, *No Justice*, p.187, 1937

· That poor bastard Allen wasn't never going to see a tart in bed again. The quicklime was burning him up now. No more of the old Sir Berkeley for him. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, pp.20–21 [2008], **1938**

· **Sir Berkeley Hunt**, see **BERKELEY**. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· Diminutives of *cunt* are *cunnicle*, *cunnikin*, *cuntkin*, and *cuntlet*. *Tenuc* (c. 1860) is back slang; *sharp and blunt* (late C. 19), *grumble and grunt* (C. 20), *Lady Berkeley Hunt*, and *(Sir) Berkeley Hunt* [...] are rhyming slang. – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy* [1965], p.297, **1963**

Sir Christopher Wren's

noun

a camera lens [UK]

< English architect Sir Christopher Wren (1632–1723), who was responsible for designing and rebuilding St Paul's Cathedral and over fifty London churches after the Great Fire of 1666.

· [W]hen I looked through my Sir Christopher Wren's and focussed on a little Darth Vader posing on the small island in front of the turning tide, Nada! Fricking Nada! – *justindequack.com*, blog, 18th April **2014**

Sir David Gower

noun

▶ see **DAVID GOWER**

sir geoff

noun

▶ see **GEOFF HURST**

Sir Michael Caine

noun

▶ see **MICHAEL CAINE**

Sir Paul

noun

a condom [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding words *condom* and *Condon*. < former London Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon (b.1947).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Sir Reg Empey

adjective

▶ see **REG EMPEY**

sirrup

noun

▶ see **SYRUP OF FIGS**

Sirs

nickname

Canadian actress Beverly Adams (b.1940)

A shortening of *Sirs and Madams*. Recorded in use among Adams's English friends in the 1960s.

· Beverly Adams needed no introduction to Vidal Sassoon's friends. She was already well known as an actress. [...] His friends call her *Sirs* (*Sirs and Madams*,

Beverly Adams). – *The Australian Women's Weekly*, 1st February **1967**

Sir Walter Scott

noun

a pot of beer; a chamber pot [UK/US]

< Scottish novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832). In American English, only recorded in the full form.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Sister Hicks; Sister Hix

noun

in craps, a roll of six [US]

A variation of **JIMMY HICKS**.

· **sister hix** [...] In craps, a roll of the number 6. – T.L. Clark, *DGG*, 1987: recorded in **1983**

· I always hang around to see if anybody will invoke the name of Sister Hicks, when trying to roll a six. – N. Denard, *Denard Heritage*, p.465, **1985**

· His strawberry-blond hair fell across his pug face, a cigarette dangled insolently from his lips, and he brought the dice, cupped into his left hand, to his mouth. "Oh, baby," he said. "Jimmy Hicks, Captain Hicks, Captain Jimmy Hicks, Jimmy Hicks, Sister Hicks [...] oh, baby, baby, baby, you do what Daddy says, you sweet, sweet baby six!" – S. Hunter, *Hot Springs*, p.42 [2001], **2000**

· **Sum of Both Dice. Total: 6 Nicknames:** Jimmy Hicks, Sister Hicks, Tom Mix. – *www.bigempire.com*, 'Encyclopedia Vegasana: All Terms Las Vegas', **2012**

sisters and aunts

noun

trousers [US]

Rhymes on *pants*. A variation of **UNCLES AND AUNTS**.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

Sistine Chapel; sistine

noun

an apple [UK]

< Sistine Chapel, the papal chapel in the Vatican, built in the late 15th century under Pope Sixtus IV (hence its name).

· That Sistine looks Obie Trice. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th July **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

sit beside her; sit down beside her

noun

1 cider [UK]

Only evidenced in the form *sit beside 'er*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, **1969**

2 a spider [UK]

< 'Along came a spider, / Who sat down beside her', two lines from the traditional English nursery rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet', first recorded in 1805.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Watch the sit-down-beside-her! – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

six and eight

noun

1 a friend [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *mate*.

· Is "me six-an'-eight" right? Or is he "off his nut"? – *The West Australian*, Perth, 10th April **1948**

2 an agitated, confused, chaotic or generally bad condition [UK]

Rhymes on *state*. A variation of TWO AND EIGHT.

· Wasn't home till sparrow-fart and my old tiger (wife) was in a right six and eight. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

six and eight

adjective

1 honest [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *straight*.

· Mind you, I never thought to retire so young and find myself going six-and-eight for the few miserable quid a week I make out of this bar. – R. Croft-Cooke, *Smiling Damned Villain*, p.66, **1959**

· "six and eight" means "straight" or honest[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· But now he's—well, not six-and-eight exactly, but settled down very cosy with a hand in a dance-hall which brings in steady wages, though he's still not above a bit of screwing here and there[.] – R. Cook, *Crust*, pp.41–42, **1962**

· – J. Morton, *Gang Slang*, **2002**

· 'I told Bill that John Burke would never go for it, that he was six-and-eight, straight,' said Bobby McKew. – D. Thompson, *The Hustlers*, pp.7–8 [2008], **2007**

2 genuine, not counterfeit [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *straight*.

· In fact, I wasn't quite certain whether the whole thing wasn't a giant con trick—and that Mike was fooling me into thinking the beehive was slush when in fact it was six-and-eight. – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.51, **1962**

six and five

noun

a cheap disreputable bar or restaurant [US]

Rhymes on *dive*.

· That place you sent me to's nuthin' but a six 'n' five. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**

six and four

noun

a whore [UK]

· Sooner not see her, sooner have nothing to do with her; not if she was a dirty grass, nothing lower than a grass,

not even a six and four or a ponce or a ginger beer; not Rosamund, she couldn't be like that. – J. Curtis, *Look Long Upon a Monkey*, p.175, **1956**

six an' ites

noun

■ **gannin' six an' ites** (said of a couple) courting seriously (as opposed to merely flirting) [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *straights* (regionally pronounced *strites*), used in the dialect phrase *gannin' straights*. < *six an' ites*, a phonetic spelling of the Geordie pronunciation of *six and eights*.

· Yer gannin' six an' ites but? – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**

six inch nail

noun

bail [UK]

· Come on, son, there'll be no 'six inch nail' for me today. – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.8 [2014], **2009**

six months hard; six months' hard

noun

a bingo card [UK]

The form with apostrophe is listed by Franklyn (1960).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

sixteen ton

noun

a son [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

six to four

noun

a whore [UK/US?]

< *six to four*, an expression from horse-race betting.

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· Don't you dare use words to me like that. You're just a six to four and if you ain't now you're going to be presently. – J. Curtis, *What Immortal Hand*, p.131, **1939**

· – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**

· [S]treet women are six to fours, and greyhounds are cherry hogs. – M. Savill, *Tide of London*, p.140, **1951**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

sizzle and strife*noun*

a wife [UK]

Possibly a misremembered version of any of the binomials linking *strife* and *wife*, such as STORM AND STRIFE and TROUBLE AND STRIFE.

· And disappearing just as rapidly is the caddie's Cockney argot, which featured a rhyming code. [...] And St. Louis Blues was shoes, Holy Ghost was toast, and sizzle and strife meant the missus. – *Sports Illustrated*, New York, 14th July 1986

Skara Brae*noun*

the toe [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *tae*. < Skara Brae, a Neolithic settlement in Scotland's Orkney Islands.

· Ah've gon' an hit ma Skara Brae again. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

skate and donate*noun*

in craps, a roll of eight [US]

· – J. Grochowski, *Winning Tips*, p.89, 1995

· – www.bigempire.com, 'Encyclopedia Vegasana: All Terms Las Vegas', 2012

· – J. Lohnes, *Casino Craps*, 2013

skating rink; skating*noun*

a drink [UK]

· Well, me old also, shall we Sampson to the nearest evening and have a skating? I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn't be home till gypsies. [...] Skating rink. Drink. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), 'The Secret Language', 15th August 1918

· Well, old pot, let's go and have a skating. – T. Burke, *The Outer Circle*, p.210, 1921

· Whenever Joe wished to dispense further hospitality he invited his friends to partake of another skating rink. – E. Smith, *Red Wagon*, p.202, 1930

skein of thread; skein*noun*

a bed [UK]

· – P.P., *RS*, 1932

· – Anon., *DRSl*, 1941

· [I]t will give you something to *rabbit* to the *trouble* about in the *skein*, instead of having to fall back on the old *Oedipus* all the time. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.5, 1979

· He had hickies all over his Gregory Peck, bite marks on his Hammer and Tack and a funny smell on his Strange And Weird, he didn't think he could have so much fun on a Skein-Of-Thread... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October 2008

a loaf of bread [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

skin and blister; skin; skinny*noun*

a sister [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

The short forms have been recorded in British usage.

▶ see BLISTER

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931

· [W]here's yuh skin and blister? – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 'Australian Slang', 21st June 1935

· An American merely "holds an umbrella over his sister," but the Briton "holds a gamp over his skin and blister." – *Joplin Globe*, Joplin, MO, 19th February 1946

· She's gone to the fleas and itches with her skin and blister. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· – F. Shaw, *Dialect of a Seaport*, p.33, 1959

· I'm kippin' in with the skin and blister's family until trouble and strife comes back—if she does. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, 1966

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.253, 1982

· 'Ows my little skin an' blistah then, eh? – *Viz* comic, August/September 1994

· He heard his little *skin and blister* calling him[.] – S.C. Boyce, *Frankie's Skin and Blister*, 1997

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· So then, brothers and skins, you're gonna have to choose seven geezers from among you[.] – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.33, 2002

· Crimbo's coming so I fort I'd get some for me trouble and me skin. – cally2.hubpages.com, 31st October 2009

· I know she's me bleedin' skinny an' all, but I ain't coverin' up for her one more day. – P. Wharam, *Greed*, p.368, 2014

skin diver*noun*

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a ten-euro note or the sum of ten euros [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *five*.

· Emdy got change of a skin diver? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, 1988

· Fiver: £5 (aka: Skin Diver). – *Wannabebig* forum, 2nd September 2002

· [T]ickets for web site members will be priced at only a skin diver (fiver for you thickos) for a limited time in November. – www.applythebreaks.com, 3rd October 2005

· [W]ill cos well under a skin diver (fiver, £5). – *Performance Nova Group* forum, 19th December 2007

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.121, 2009

· Skint Scots punters may have to go for just a skin diver (fiver) but the minted ones could probably ask for a

Hampden roar (score). – *The Scottish Sun*, Glasgow, 30th August **2009**

· I've heard £5 and €5 referred to as a 'skin diver'[,] – *Aircraft of World War II* forum, 17th October **2009**

skinny as a broom; skinny

noun

a bridegroom [UK]

< 'Here comes the bride, / big [or, all] fat and wide. / Here comes the groom, / skinny as a broom', a playground variation on the lyrics of 'Here Comes the Bride'. ► see FAT AND WIDE

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The lovely fat and wide and skinny as a broom. – Wedding greetings card, **2008**

skinny blister; skinny

noun

a sister [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A variation of SKIN AND BLISTER. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· The plot thickens, I would eventually locate siblings that had musical backgrounds, natural brother spent some time at the NSW Con and 'skinny blister' was a dancer. – *Australian Pipe Bands* forum, 8th October **2003**

· My skinny blister is after coming along, anyone interested in chaperoning her from Welwyn Garden? – *S2KI Honda S2000* forum, 9th July **2007**

· I can only remember Percy Sledge; didn't know he had a skinny blister. – *www.atangledweb.org*, blog, 23rd June **2008**

· One thing that had me smiling is that he said when asking what he got for Christmas, "Another pair of Jacks for my plates from the skinny". – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

· My Mother always said that she preferred presents we (my skinny blister and I) had made, rather than ones we had bought. – *Grow Your Own* forum, 26th September **2012**

skinny jeans

noun

the teenage years [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *teens*. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· Guess how old she was [...]. She was in her bleeding skinny jeans. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

skip and jump

noun

1 a pump [UK]

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, **1969**

2 the heart [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *pump*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

skittle and bowl

noun

a stroll, a leisurely walk [UK]

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 29th September **2006**

sky

verb

in snooker, to drive (a ball) into a pocket [UK]

A shortening of *sky rocket*, rhyming on *pocket*. ► see SKY ROCKET

· You might sky a newly-wed. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, **1987**

sky diver; skydiver

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds; a ten-euro note or the sum of ten euros [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *five*.

· – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [F]ive euros (five) – sky diver. [...] I found a sky diver and put it in my sky rocket. – *Boards.ie* forum, 15th January **2003**

· I took out a skydiver, handed it over. – T. Black, *Gutted*, p.254 [2010], **2009**

· – *www.blencowesaccountants.co.uk*, **2013**

Skye boat song; skye boat

noun

a thong (underwear) [UK: SCOTLAND]

< 'The Skye Boat Song', a Scottish folk song written in 1884.

· Aye, ye could see the tap o'er Skye boat every time she bent o'er. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

skylark

noun

a park (for recreation) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

skylark

verb

to park [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Effie'll be about half an hour, she's trying to skylark her kipper. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

sky rocket; skyrocket; sky

noun

a pocket [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/IRELAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage. ► see SKY

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960: *Macmillan's Magazine*, October **1879**

· Come, cows and kisses, put the battle of the Nile on your Barnet Fair, and a rogue and villain in your sky-rocket[.] – *The North Devon Journal*, Barnstaple, J.W.H. [J.W. Horsley], 'Thieves' Slang', 8th February **1883**

· [I]f he "stands up without a rap in his sky" it means he lays the odds without a penny in his pocket and you will

be welshed. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

· A tear-drop fell from the girl’s mince-pie, / And her raspberry-tart was torn / With anguish; for she’d an empty sky, / And nothing to bullock’s horn. – D. Childerdoss, ‘Meg’s Diversion’, *Sporting Times*, London, 4th September **1897**

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

· [O]n putting his ‘German’ into his ‘sky,’ he finds he has left his ‘I’m so funny’ at home. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, Scotland, 3rd August **1910**

· – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· There were plenty more janes in the world, easy pickings for any bloke who had dough in his sky. – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.190 [1938], **1937**

· Never said a word: on’y picked up the bitser paper, an’ stuck ‘em in ‘is sky-rocket. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.61, **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· Often, the light-fingered gentry, drop all except the first word in the phrase, as in “Sky” which is short for “Sky-rocket” (pocket); or “China” for “China-plate” (mate). – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**

· It’s da same result—I’m clean; not a coin in me sky rocket. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.83, **1968**

· Of course, in his *steam packet* and *rounds* there are several *skies*, *skyrockets*/pockets. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.60, **1973**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· It was also frequented by members of the racing fraternity, their hangers-on and lots of other blokes who didn’t appear to have steady jobs but always managed to have plenty of folding stuff in their ‘sky rockets’[.] – R.G. Barrett, *Dead for Quids*, p.15 [1986], **1985**

· Smackeroos. In readies. In your back sky-rocket as we say south of Watford. – K. Waterhouse, *Soho*, p.87, **2001**

· Here put this in your skyrocket[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.261 [2012], **2004**

· [A] sort of public transport Paddy Wagon that brings drunks home in the early hours of the morning for whatever shrapnel they’ve left in their sky rockets after a night on the sauce. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.69, **2007**

· Walking home wiv a bag o sand in me skyrocket. – *twitter.com*, 30th January **2016**

skyscraper

noun

1 a paper [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 a newspaper [UK]

· ENJOYED MY TANSY LEE. THEN RIGHT SAID FRED THE SKYSCRAPER. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.117, **2011**

Sky Sports Three

noun

an act of urinating; urine [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wee* and *pee*. < Sky Sports 3, a British and Irish pay-TV channel.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Sky Sports Two

noun

excrement; an act of defecating [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *poo*. < Sky Sports 2, a British and Irish pay-TV channel. Influenced by the colloquialism *number two*.

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 6th July **2006**

sky the wipe

noun

a hypodermic syringe [US]

Rhymes on the slang *hype*. < *sky the wipe*, an Australian boxing phrase meaning ‘to throw in the towel’.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – H.J. Slingsinger and W.F. Tompkins, *Traffic*, p.315, **1953**

· What a pity that the vivid Australian “sky the wipe,” or throw in the towel, should be Americanised to do duty as rhyming slang for a hype, or hypodermic syringe. – *The Tablet* magazine, London, 12th March **1960**

slabs of meat; slabs-a-meat; slabs ‘a meat

noun

the feet [UK]

The earliest form is *slabs ‘a meat*, given by Blowdryer (1985). *Slabs of meat* is recorded in 2003 and *slabs-a-meat* in 2013.

· – J. Blowdryer, *Modern English*, p.8, **1985**

· – *TheSite.org* forum, 2nd May **2003**

· – *Cunts Corner* forum, 14th June **2013**

slam bang

noun

rhyming slang [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word.

· **Fun With Slam Bang.** I can contribute a new one to John Lardner’s treasure trove of the old laughed-and-sang (rhyming slang) in *NEWSWEEK*, Oct. 31. The other day I heard a character in a pub say: “Can’t eat this sausage roll; I left me ‘amps at ‘ome.” – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 21st November **1949**

Slander and Libel

noun

the Bible [UK]

· Slander and Libel, I don’t Adam and Eve it! – *CRS (co.uk)*, 14th October **2009**

· Have you ever read the slander and libel? – *BlackButler.net* forum, 8th September **2011**
 · And the King James I ‘Slander and Libel’ is the authoritative version that we all know of these days [...]. You stick King Jim’s slander and libel in front of the average dustbin lid (kid) and within 10 mins it’s lights out and good-night Vienna. – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**

slap and tickle; slap
noun

pickle; a pickle [UK]
 < *slap and tickle* ‘playful sexual interaction’.
 · – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 · – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
 · [A] cheese-and-slap sandwich. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**
 · Nice bit of slap and tickle. – *Len and Ainsley’s Big Food Adventure*, UK TV: BBC1, 25th November **2015**

slap-bang
noun

rhyiming slang [UK]
 · There are three systems of slang used by the lower orders. These are known as the slap-bang, the angsla and the kacab genals. The slap-bang is partially used by all other classes. It consists in the substitution of words or sentences which rhyme with those intended to be expressed. It is, therefore, known as the rhyming slang also. It came into extensive use about 1845, and invaded all the other systems of jargon. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

slap in the pus
noun

a bus [UK: SCOTLAND]
 < *slap in the pus* ‘a slap in the face’, a Scottish colloquialism. *Pus* derives from the Irish *pus* ‘lip, mouth’.
 · – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 26th January **2001**

Slapsie Maxie; Slapsy Maxie; slapsie
noun

a taxi [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK]
 < *Slapsie Maxie*, the ring name of American boxer Max Rosenbloom (1904–76). The short form has been recorded in Australian usage.
 · I was caster for Gene Tunney, so I took a slapsie maxie to the course. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZE*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**
 · *Slapsie Maxie* = taxi. Current Australian usage. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.79, **1968**
 · SLAPSIE: abb. rhym. [...] SLAPSIE MAXIE: rhym Taxi. – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
 · He had grown up knowing that his stomach was his comics, or comic cuts, that his socks were almonds (almond rocks) and that a taxi was a slapsie (*Slapsie Maxie*). – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· He threw out his Warwick Farm to hail a slapsie. Slapsies were not his usual go. Many years before a slapsie driver had him lumbered for chundering down the back of the driver’s Gregory Peck. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, **1983**
 · **Slapsie Maxie**: a taxi. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 · **Slapsie Maxie Taxi**. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 · Gotta get on the Eau de Cologne (phone) for a Slapsy Maxie (taxi) to the Mickey Mouse (house). – *www.theherald.com.au*, 7th June **2013**

slat and lath
noun

a bath [US]
 · – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.302, **1978**
 · – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.532, **1984**

slatch
noun

the striking side of a matchbox [SOUTH AFRICA]
 This term appears to be a simple rhyme on *scratch* but is a shortening of JACK SLATCH accompanied by a metonymic transfer of meaning.
 · – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.11, **1974**

slate aff the roof; slate off the roof; slate aff roof
noun

a male homosexual, especially if effeminate [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Rhymes on *poof*. Perhaps with a side glance at the slang phrase *have a slate off* (or, in Scots, *have a slate aff*) ‘to be half-witted’.
 · [H]omosexuals were ‘Slates aff roofs’ (poofs), etc. – J. Patrick, ‘A Glasgow Gang Observed’, in *Scottish Educational Studies*, vol. 1, no. 3, June **1969**
 · i wis left wi a wee skirt pierced my-rectum bloody near killed um! if a wis a slate aff the roof a mite hiv enjoyed it[.] – *The Gorbals* forum, 1st November **2007**
 · Pst! I hear Jason the rugby captain has a boyfriend. I’d never have guessed he was a slate off the roof! – *UD(.com)*, 29th May **2009**
 · – Is he a tin roof? – A slate aff the roof? An el hadj duif. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 24th February **2013**

slate on the roof
noun

a male homosexual, especially if effeminate [UK: SCOTLAND]
 Rhymes on *poof*.
 · Iron Hoof = same as slate on the roof in Glasgow slang. – *Martial Arts Planet* forum, 14th December **2006**
 · – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 11th February **2008**
 · It’s that Rhyming slang, innit? *Iron Hoof*, or *Slate On The Roof*. – *Burning Up Time* forum, 29th June **2011**

slave and Turk
noun

work [UK]
 · – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

slay and slew; slay*noun*

a Jew [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘Texas Prisons Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004· Supremacists in Los Angeles employ *charles* ‘chaplain’ (*Charlie Chaplin*), *ocean* ‘shave’ (< *ocean wave*), *Ophelia* “snitch” (< *rat* < *Ophelia Pratt*), and *slay* ‘Jew’ (< *slay and slew*). – R.W. Bailey, *Speaking American*, p.178, 2012**slay ’em in the aisles; slay ’ems***noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*.· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000· Me slay ’ems are playing me up. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001· Piles (hemorrhoids) I would always say ‘Farmers’ (Farmer Giles), but I’ve heard [...] Sieg Heils and Slay ’em in the aisles. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November 2005· – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006**sleet***noun*

a street [US]

A slang rhyme used in the phrase *in the sleet* ‘in the street’.· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.193, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962**slice of ham***noun*

an act of oral sex [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gam*. A variation of PLATE OF HAM.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**slice of heaven***noun*

in bingo, the number seven [UK/IRELAND]

Always with the indefinite article: *a slice of heaven*.· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**slice of toast; slice***noun*

a ghost [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (2008).

· What’s the matter? You look like you’ve seen a slice of toast. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008**slice o’ Turk***noun*

a military action; specifically, an aerial bombardment [UK]

Rhymes on (*a piece of/a bit of*) *work*. Recorded in use among soldiers during World War II.· He was now an air-gunner. They had been sent to do a “slice o’ Turk” in Norway. By that he meant a bit of work, a spot of bombing. (He is a Cockney, so every minute or two his language becomes dark and oracular – *The Yorkshire Evening Post*, Leeds, 30th May 1940**slice pan; slice***noun*

a van [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th May 2001· The drummer in Dunc’s band, Shit The Bed, is nicknamed Chaos because he’s a no-talent shit sack who can’t keep time. Dunc only keeps him around because he owns a working slice. – *reglarwiglar.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th October 2008**slick and sleeth; slick and sleath***noun*

the teeth [US]

The variant *slick and sleath* is recorded by Maurer (1944).· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962**slide and sluther***noun*

a brother [UK]

· The family includes the *bahf bun* ‘son’; [...] *slide an’ sluther* (*slip*) ‘brother’; *good an’ bad* or *sorry an’ sad* ‘dad’; *one anover* ‘mother’; and the *Gawd forbids* or *saucepan lids* for kids, children. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, 1981· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998**slim dilly***noun*

a girl or young woman [US]

Rhymes on *filly*.· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944**Slim Shady***noun*

an old lady [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Slim Shady, a character created and sometimes performed by American rapper Eminem (born Marshall Mathers, 1972).

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, 2001· – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March 2001· – *Daily Star*, London, 21st March 2001

sling-your-hook*noun*

a book [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.· What's all them there sling-your-hooks there, brad? – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.195, **1968****slip and slick***noun*

the penis [US]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. Influenced by a functional allusion.· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004****slip and sliding***noun*

a thrashing or beating [UK]

Rhymes on *hiding*.· If I ever catch her Pat Sloane (alone), I'll give her a good slip and sliding (hiding), and then some... – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010****slip in the gutter***noun*

butter; bread and butter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**· – [W]ho knows what the following mean in Aussie slang? [...] – Yep i know them all, was brought up in a household that would use these sayings a lot. Here's a few more... you might know 1. Frog and toad = The road 2. Brown bread = Dead 3. Merchant navy = Gravy 4. Dead horse = Tomato sauce 5. Slip in the gutter = Butter 6. Ducks and geese = The Police[...] – *www.akaqa.com*, **2012**
· – *www.answerbag.com*, 15th March **2013****slippery dip***noun*

1 the hip [AUSTRALIA]

< *slippery dip* 'a playground slide'.· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 impudent talk [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lip*. Baker (1966) gives 'lip' without elucidation; both Meredith (1984) and Seal (2009) define it only in this figurative sense.· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 LSD (acid) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *trip*. Prison use.· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990****slippery Sid; slippery***noun*

a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*.

· You don't have to be a slippery to be a schmuck. –

R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****slippery slope***noun*

marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on *dope*.· I'm gonna get on the Slippery Slope... – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th May **2003**· I haven't bought any Jack Flash or Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, Mickey Duff or slippery slope since me boy was born[...] – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005****slither and dodge; slither***noun*

a masonic lodge [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *New Statesman*, London, 29th November **1941**· Fred rolled up his trouser and went down the slither. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004****sloop of war***noun*

a whore [UK/US]

· – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**· Here the sloops of war and the dollmops flash it to spie a dowry of parny[...] – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.16 [1995], **1966****sloppy chopper***noun*

a police officer [NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *copper*. Prison use.· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001****slosh and mud; slosh***noun*

a collar or ear stud [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998****Slowboat to China; slowboat***noun*

the vagina [UK]

< 'On a Slow Boat to China', a song written by Frank Loesser, first published in 1948 and covered by many artists since then.

· And Mellors gently opened the lips of the noblewoman's slowboat[...] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008****slug and snail; slug***noun*

a finger or toe nail [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

sly*noun*

a telephone [UK]

A covert pun on SYLVESTER STALLONE. < Sly, one of Stallone's nicknames.

- Will someone answer the bleedin' Sly. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May 2001

smack in the eye*noun*

a pie [US/UK]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· Used to be a lot of fun in the old days. Before the war, when the blokes would come in and order a pig's, two torn thumbs, a lincolns, a smack in the eye[.] – *The Windsor Star*, Windsor, Ontario, 29th August 1978

- I had a smack in the eye (a pie) in that coffee-shop. – R. Barltrop and J. Wolveridge, *The Muvver Tongue*, p.11, 1980

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

smack me arse; smack me*noun*

a drinking glass [UK]

- A glass is smack me as in smack me arse. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November 2013

small geezers*noun*

Maltesers, a brand of confectionery presented as small chocolate-covered balls [UK]

- [W]here I live we have always referred to our Maltesers as 'SmallGeezers', go into any sweetshop in Essex and they will know what you mean. – *www.ciao.co.uk*, 11th April 2002
- We ended up having small geezers and biscuits for dinner. – *Harlow*, spoken, male, 24, 8th March 2003
- I just ate another packet of small geezers. – *No Smoking Day* forum, 31st March 2009
- Pop down the Cheggers and get me a bag of small geezers, would you? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

small vitas*noun*

big breasts [AUSTRALIA]

A reversal of the conventional meaning of the term, *vitas* being a shortening of VITA BRITS. Children's slang.

- – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

smart and simple*noun*

a dimple [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

smart dog and bone*noun*

a smartphone [UK]

Formed on DOG AND BONE. ► see IDOG AND BONE and MOBILE DOG AND BONE

- If ye buy a iPhone or any smart dog and bone from a unauthorized dealer 1 of 2 things will happen. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 31st March 2014

smash and grab; smash*noun*

a taxicab [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- According to Lynch the cockney on the south side of London has a rhyming type slang which baffles many of the English. A glass of water becomes a "jug of mother and daughter" and a beer is a "pig's ear," a train is the "wind and rain" and a taxicab is a "smash and grab." – *New York Age*, 10th October 1959

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

- I'm off down the pub, I'll get a smash home. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th November 2003

- CABBIE: Smash and grab? SCROOGE: Smash and grab? CABBIE: You ordered a smash and grab. Cab! Cab for Scrooge. – G. Whitlock and W. Roberts, *A Christmas Carol*, musical play, The Cockpit Theatre, London, 16th December 2010

- I'm off to steak and kidney in a smash and grab with the cheese and kisses! – *Honda Fury Forums*, 9th September 2011

- I staggered out to the Frog and Toad (road) and caught a Smash and Grab (cab) to my Georgie Moore (front door). – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 23rd March 2012

smash and grabs*noun*

pubic lice [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

smear and smudge*noun*

a judge [US/UK]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

- – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

- – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**
- All too soon we were in court. As the smear and smudge (judge) sat glaring at me in his oil rig (wig), I'd never felt more terrified in my fork and knife (life). – *survivelaw.com*, 3rd October **2011**

smelly breath

noun

a chef [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Smelly Farts

nickname

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

Rhymes on *Hearts*, a popular nickname for this club.

A derogatory nickname mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC. They also refer to them derogatorily as *the Scum*, *the Scumbos*, the FARTS, the JAM FARTS, the WATERY FARTS and the WET FARTS.

► see JAM TARTS

- [S]melly farts down to 10 men Aguiar offski. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 9th August **2006**
- How fortunate it is for the Smelly Farts that Lithuania is now part of the EU[.] – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 2nd August **2007**
- – Most loathed spl [Scottish Premier League] team (excluding the obvious) – The smelly farts[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 9th June **2011**

smelly sock

noun

a Scot [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Jock*. A variation of SWEATY SOCK.

- – *www.mail-archive.com*, 30th December **1999**
- [O]ne night we was out, ma big mate george sim (24stone 22yearold) was playing the pinball machine in some boozier near kings cross, we was all watching him as he was shit hot on it, next thing a few of the locals were round us and this big geezer shouted f*ck me look at the size of this big smelly sock[.] – *The Ferris Conspiracy Forum*, 29th October **2006**
- The English would be all in favour of independence if it meant that all the smelly socks (jocks) in England would clear off back north of the border... – *Boards.ie* forum, 31st August **2008**
- There'd better not be any Smelly Socks in 'ere! – *www.thespoof.com*, 21st February **2010**

smile and smirk; smile

noun

work [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- All smile and no Evelyn makes Jack a dull boy. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

smile and smirk; smile

verb

to work [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I've always *smiled*. Had loads of *couples*, not of them *bright*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.90, **2011**

smile and titter

noun

- 1 mild and bitter (a mix of mild and bitter beer) [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme.

- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.54, **1969**

- 2 bitter (beer) [UK]

Rhyming slang.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Smiley Virus

nickname

American singer and actress Miley Cyrus (born Destiny Hope Cyrus, 1992), daughter of Billy Ray Cyrus

A slang rhyme. < *Smiley virus* 'a kind of computer virus that displays multiple smiley emoticons on the screen'. ► see BILLY RAY VIRUS

- Smiley Virus originally "Miley Cyrus". – *AmiRight* forum, 18th April **2007**
- The other citations included a reference to Smiley Virus, of course, quoting her as telling a concert crowd, "I hope you had an awesome time tonight." – *York Daily Record*, York, PA, 28th July **2008**
- Too much Disney for you, young 'un ... having to point out that Billy Ray was Smiley Virus' dad. – *GameFAQs* forum, 22nd May **2010**
- Despite being nicknamed "Smiley Virus" by middle-aged farts who are, like, so way out of her target demographic, snaggle-toothed popster/actress Miley Cyrus is in fact infinitely preferable to some of her Disney princess competition[.] – *The Observer*, London, 31st March **2013**
- So all-pervasively squeaky-clean was Miley Cyrus in her Hannah Montana days for Disney that she was nicknamed Smiley Virus[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 5th April **2013**
- She's been known for years as Smiley Virus in our house[.] – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 31st August **2013**
- [S]everal protesters milled outside the Honda Center, one holding a sign that threatened "The teachings of Smiley Virus will wreck your life". – *Los Angeles Times*, 22nd February **2014**

smithfields

noun

the testicles [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Possibly a shortening of *Smithfield stalls*, rhyming on *balls*. < Smithfield stalls, the stalls in Belfast's Smithfield Market, destroyed by fire in 1974, at the height of the Troubles.

· I'll hit you a good kick in the Smithfields. – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

smoked haddock

noun

in horse-racing circles, a paddock [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· The horses left the 'smoked haddock' and went on their way to the 'Niagaras' and all seemed well. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, **1973**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

smooth and coarse

noun

a horse [US/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

smooth and rough

adverb

on credit [US]

Rhymes with *on the cuff*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

smoulder and smother; smoulder

noun

a brother [UK]

· What about your skin (and blister) sister and your smoulder (and smover) brother. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

snake

noun

a steak; steak [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· A baguette to my father is a 'french dog'. When he wants steak, he'll order 'snake'. – *Electrical Audio* forum, 11th May **2006**

snake and pygmy; snake and pigmy; snake and kiddy

noun

steak and kidney (pie or pudding) [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

An imperfect slang rhyme. Synonymous with KATE AND SIDNEY.

· Snake and pigmy pud like me uncle Dan uset a make, slips darn a treet it do!! *rec.crafts.textiles.quilting*, *Google Groups*, 23rd September **1999**

· Oh, also Fray Bentos snake and pigmy pie. – *Forkncork.com* forum, 30th June **2006**

· Fray Bentos snake and pygmy pies with lotsa ketchup for brekkie every day while in the Antarctic. – *Australian Meat Pies* forum, 2nd May **2007**

· Kate and Sid pie or Snake and Kiddy pie or even Snake and Pygmy pie! – *kayjayaitch.wordpress.com*, blog, 16th June **2013**

· Steak & Kidney pie – Kate and Sidney pie, snake and pigmy pie, blimey, whatever you call this savo(u)ry meat pie[.] – *cuisineenlocale.com*, 1st August **2013**

snake in the grass; snake

noun

1 a looking glass [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· Some use rhyming slang. Examples of this are—"Lump of lead," meaning the head; "I'm afloat," which is rhyming cant for a boat, and a "snake in the grass," standing for a looking glass. – *Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic*, Cheltenham, 22nd February **1947**

· A looking glass was a snake in the grass[.] – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

2 a drinking glass [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

snakes alive

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number fifty-five and two snakes.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

snake's hiss; snake's; snakes

noun

1 an act of urinating; urine [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *piss*. An auditory metaphor. The form *snake's* is given by Meredith (1984).

· After the pubs shut, you have to walk a mile for a snake's hiss, yet the coppers knock you off if you go up a lane. – F. Hardy, *The Hard Way*, p.82, **1961**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· I mean when someone follows you out the back when you're wanting a snake's hiss, and then just stands there beside you[.] – P. Mathers, *Trap*, p.181, **1966**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, **1968**

· Barry's long taxi ride from Waterloo via the North Circular to Earls Court has left him desirous of a snakes! – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.15, 1988; from a strip first published in **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· The hallway of the timothy where they lobbed smelt of chunder and snakes hiss. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· There are dozens of phrases for this particular activity, and they range from drain the dragon to syphon the python to simply “go a snakes.” – T. Cahill, *Pecked to Death*, p.232 [2003], 1993

· David also recalls that in his misspent teenage years in London people would leave the bar for a snakes, or sometimes even for a pony. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March 2002

· Wait there – I ‘ave to go for ‘a snake’s hiss’ first! – D. Wyn, *The M4 Cats*, p.117, 2008

· I went to the rub-a-dub for a snake’s hiss and chuckled all over my bag of fruit. – *tech.dir.groups.yahoo.com, Yahoo! Groups*, 30th July 2009

· [H]ard to take a snake’s hiss when cracking a fat. – *Big Mango* forum, 1st June 2015

2 ■ **on the snake’s hiss** on a drinking binge [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the slang phrase *on the piss*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Good for a night on the snake’s hiss, Wongo. – *The Blokey Shed* forum, 11th February 2009

· On the snakes hiss at the missuses work Xmas party at the moment. Pig on the spit, prawns and cold piss _ Perfect. – *SOHC/4 Owners Club* forum, 19th December 2013

snake’s hissed; snakes hissed

noun

drunk [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pissed*.

· Crocker said the three of them then went and got “snakes hissed”. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 17th July 1975

· – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999

· As for the beer he gets snakes hissed on cordial... – *Dirt-bikeworld.net* forum, 31st August 2004

· The older you get, the less wine you need to get snakes hissed. – *highriser.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th June 2012

· We used to get snake’s hissed at motorsport events sometimes, but NEVER caused anyone problems. – *V8 Daily Dump* forum, 7th March 2016

snakes house; snakes

noun

a male toilet [AUSTRALIA]

An equivalent of *piss house*. Formed on *snakes*, a clipping of SNAKE’S HISS.

· Like... err... I’m sorry to come bustin’ in on you like this sir... but to tell you the truth I was just looking for the snakes house sir... – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.17, 1988; from a strip first published in 1968

· As the only septic at the Sexchange, I had to ask directions to the snakes (rhymes with snake’s hiss) so I could unbutton the mutton and wring the rattlesnake. – T. Cahill, *Pecked to Death*, p.232 [2003], 1993

sniffer and snorter; sniffer

noun

a newspaper reporter [UK]

Suggested by the image of sniffing out news. ► *see* SNORTER

· [T]he Duke gathered a group of ocularly suitable girls around him at a cultural performance in Kunming, demanded that the Fleet Street photographers record the event and barked to the sniffers (as Fleet Street reporters are known, from the rhyming slang ‘sniffer and snorter’) that ‘I’ve got to do something right, haven’t I?’. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 19th October 1986

· I told him I was a writer. He laughed. I could see that this hadn’t impressed him. ‘Sniffer, eh?’ – C. Nicholl, *Borderlines*, p.26, 1988

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008

sniffer dugs

noun

drugs [UK; SCOTLAND]

< *sniffer dugs*, the Scots form of *sniffer dogs*.

· – S. Simpson, *SYP*, 2004

sniffle and cough; sniffle

adverb

cancelled [UK]

Rhymes on *off*.

· It’s all sniffle, butchers the gaffer and Pope. (“It’s all *sniffle and cough/off*, *butcher’s hook/look* at the gaffer (foreman, boss – in this case an approaching German officer), and go to *Pope of Rome/home* (abandon the exercise).”) – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p123, 1973

Snog and Fuck

nickname

Dog and Duck, a common pub name [UK]

A slang rhyme.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· [O]ur local is called “Dog and Duck” and is frequently referred to as “Snog and Fuck” (for a number of reasons :) – *rec.arts.books.tolkien, Google Groups*, 15th November 2001

snoop and pry

noun

an act of weeping [UK]

Rhymes on *cry*. Functionally shifted from the verb form.

· Mark tells us two very important bits of information about Jesus. Firstly, he really was a human being. He gets tired; he has the odd snoop-and-pry. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.63, 2001

snoop and pry; snoop

verb

to cry [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Send a load of yobbos to smash up their homes and nick everything of value. Let them all snoop-and-pry in terror. [...] You are all gonna be like parents snooping for their only saucepan. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, pp.17/28, 2002

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· Well don’t snoop over it! – *www.adamandeveit.net*, accessed 7th November 2014

snoozing and snoring; snooze and snoring; snoozing*adjective*

boring [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004**snorter***noun*

a newspaper reporter [UK]

A slang rhyme. ▶ see SNIFFER AND SNORTER

· Then a reporter from the daily paper would, to the Cockney, be a “snorter from the linen draper”[.] – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 13th June 1947**snow and ice***noun*

1 a price [UK]

· But look at the snow and ice of it. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

2 in gambling, a starting price [UK]

A narrowing of the previous sense.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**snow and rain***noun*

a train [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968**snow and slush***verb*

(of a person's face, skin, etc.) to flush [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000**snow and slushed***adjective*

(of a person's face, skin, etc.) flushed [UK]

Formed on SNOW AND SLUSH.

· When I look up it's a surprise to see her cheeks are snow and slushed. I wouldn't have reckoned I was doing anything yet to put her into a how's-your-father. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012**Snow Whites***noun*

tights [UK]

< *Snow White*, an originally German fairy tale first published in 1812 by the Brothers Grimm.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**Snow White's number***noun*

in bingo, the number fifty [UK/IRELAND]

A covert pun on *heigh-ho*, pronounced *hi-ho*, rhyming imperfectly on *five-oh*, an interpretation of *fifty* as twoindependent digits. < *heigh-ho*, the opening words of 'Heigh-Ho (It's Off to Work We Go)', a marching ditty sung and whistled by the seven dwarfs as they go to and come home from work in the Disney film *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937). The song was written by Frank Churchill (music) and Larry Morey (lyric).· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 2005· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], 2010· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012· Why is G50 Snow White's number in Bingo? – *twitter.com*, 29th May 2012· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013· – *bingo.vernons.com*, accessed 27th September 2013**soap and flannel; soap***noun*

the panel (a list of doctors registered as accepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act of 1911) [UK]

Also used in the expression *on the soap and flannel* (or *on the soap*) 'off work because of sickness', the direct equivalent of *on the panel*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003). Synonymous with ENGLISH CHANNEL.The panel system was abandoned in 1946, when it was replaced by the National Health Service, but the term *panel* remained in the language for some decades after that; hence the first recorded use of *soap and flannel* in the early 1990s.· Being out of work through ill health is still known as being on the 'soap and flannel'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003**soap and lather***noun*

a father [UK]

Thus HOLY SOAP.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005**soap and twine***noun*

wine [AUSTRALIA]

· What do you say to some soap and twine? – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898**soap and water***noun*

a daughter [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· – M. Pegler, *SSSGW*, 2014

soap and wrapper*noun*

a toilet [US]

Rhymes on *crapper*.· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968**soap wrapper***noun*

a boxer [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scrapper*.

· “A soap wrapper” (*i.e.*, a scrapper or boxer) “is a wash aht if ‘e don’ use ‘is loaf,” as a bit of proverbial philosophy was worn thin by overwork in the days when it was incumbent on every frequenter of canteens and hot drink shops to explain exactly why Carpentier would insist on beating Beckett. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.371, 1922

soapy*noun*

among bookmakers, the day’s cash balance [AUSTRALIA]

A shortening of *Soapy Vallence*. < Australian Rules footballer Harry ‘Soapy’ Vallence (1905–91).· How’s the soapy? – N. Wallish, *TDRC*, 1989**soapy bubble; soapy***noun*

trouble [UK]

The short form has been recorded in Scottish usage.

· I got a boy, got boy trouble, / I got a man I just don’t want. / Got myself in soapy bubble, / He wants love but I don’t. – *Don’t Call Us* (later retitled *Boy Trouble*), lyric, Bananarama, 1982

· You’re gauny end up in soapy bubble, pal. – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985

· [S]oapy bubble means trouble[.] – *Evening Tribune*, San Diego, CA, 7th April 1988

· *soapy bubble* = [in] trouble[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, 1994

· You’re in deep soapy if you try that again, pal. – *CGSD* [2000], 1995

· **Soapy Bubble Trouble**. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Leisure officials in an East Renfrewshire suburb found themselves in a spot of soapy bubble yesterday, after more than a gallon of liquid cleanser was spilled into the local swimming pool. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, Jun 22, 1999

· Street’s in soapy bubble. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 16th January 2001

· Had a bit of soapy bubble, big man? – T. Black, *Paying for It*, p.227 [2009], 2008

· If ever a mass evacuation was needed, hundreds if not thousands of folk would be in soapy. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 14th July 2008

soapy sapple*noun*

a chapel [AUSTRALIA]

< *soapy sapple*, Scots for *lather*.

· Time to go to the soapy sapple. – *darkangelbattalion* 79309.yuku.com, forum, 17th November 2000

soapy water*noun*

a daughter [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**sod***noun*

a mod [UK: SCOTLAND]

A slang rhyme. The mods, whose name is a clipping of *modernists*, were a British youth movement of the 1960s which favoured sharply-cut Italian suits, fishtail parkas, short haircuts and scooters.

· Their own idiomatic expressions, however, have a fascination of their own. Scars were ‘Mars Bars’ and Mods were ‘Sods’. – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.117, 1973

soda and lime*noun*

time; the time [AUSTRALIA]

· [I’ll be back in soda and lime (time) for Deacon Skinner’ (dinner). – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

· A Dad and Dave, a fairy bower, and there’s hardly soda and lime for breakfast. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July 1952

· What’s the soda and lime? – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968

Sodom and Gomorrah; sodom*noun*

the act of borrowing [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *borrow* as *borrer*. < Sodom and Gomorrah, the biblical cities that were destroyed by God for their sinfulness in the time of Abraham. Used in the phrase *on the sodom* ‘on the scrounge’, the direct equivalent of the slang *on the borrow*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Sodom and Gomorrah; sodom*verb*

to borrow [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *borrow* as *borrer*. < Sodom and Gomorrah, the biblical cities that were destroyed by God for their sinfulness in the time of Abraham.

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· Fred only Sodomed your barrer – it’ll be back termorrer.

– I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

sody waater*noun*

talk, speechifying [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *patter*. < *sody waater*, the Scots form of *soda water*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, 1994

soft as silk*noun*

milk [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Sol Campbell; sol*noun*

1 a ramble [UK]

< English footballer Sulzeer Jeremiah ‘Sol’ Campbell (b.1974). Only recorded in the full form.

- Just going for a bit of a Sol Campbell. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**
- [H]ave a tumble down the sink and just go for a bit of a sol campbell. – *The Football Forum*, 26th May **2003**
- – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**

2 a gamble [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th January **2007**
- Coming down the bookies for a Sol? – *The Reading Evening Post*, 19th February **2009**
- I had a little Sol Campbell on the footie the night. – *twitter.com*, 17th February **2014**
- A little Sol Campbell at Sandown followed by England World Cup opener...Saturday is looking promising. – *twitter.com*, 10th June **2014**
- I think leaving the EU would be an unnecessary Sol Campbell. – *twitter.com*, 21st June **2016**

soldier ants; soldiers*noun*

men’s or women’s underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *pants*. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *get one’s soldiers in a twist* ‘to become agitated or angry’, the direct equivalent of *get one’s pants in a twist*, itself a variation of the more common *get one’s knickers in a twist*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Don’t get your soldiers in a twist, squire. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

soldier bold; soldier*noun*

a cold [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- One of these was ‘A soldier’ in the ‘I suppose’ which is rather unpleasant and sounds it too! – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.19, **1973**

soldiers bold*noun*

cold weather [AUSTRALIA]

- If you hear a china plate in the rubbity dub order a gay and frisky with Ossie Porter to keep out the soldiers bold, don’t call a grasshopper. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

soldiers bold; soldier’s bold; soldiers*adjective*

cold [AUSTRALIA]

- If the squatter’s daughter’s cast iron pot, I’ll have a fairy bower, but if it’s soldiers bold I’ll have a lemon squash. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**

- Now I’m out in the **soldiers** feeling very **butchers** after a couple of **up and unders**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**

- Meanwhile im up the frog n’ toad for a few pig’s ears even though it’s been a bit soldier’s bold lately! – *SMN-news forum*, 22nd April **2006**

- Colder and colder? By jingos mate it was soldiers’ bold! – *Royal Enfield Club of Australia Inc. Newsletter*, June **2008**

- I have absolutely no warm clothes and I bet it will be soldiers bold there. – *TeakDoor forum*, 11th May **2011**

Solomon*noun*

a job [UK]

Perhaps, as suggested by Julian Franklyn (cited in Partridge 1961, *DSUE5*: s.v. *solomon*), pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *job* and *Job*. < Solomon and Job, the two biblical figures.

- I shall go and get my sugar and honey and be off to another Solomon. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, **1880**

Solomon Grundies; solomons*noun*

underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *undies*. Perhaps an elaboration of GRUNDIES, itself probably a shortening of BILL GRUNDIES or EDDIE GRUNDIES. < ‘Solomon Grundy’, a traditional English nursery rhyme first published in 1842 and its eponymous character.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

- I think I actually wore some solomon grundies about 30 years ago and that was just for a doctor’s appointment. – *LunaticOutPost.com forum*, 9th November **2011**

- You’re the one who buys Solomons from Oxfam. – *United Forum*, 4th September **2012**

- The lads fully clothed, the girls in their solomon grundies. – *twitter.com*, 8th March **2014**

- [H]e is too boracic to buy any Solomons! – *Digital Spy forum*, 11th April **2014**

Solomon Kalou; Solomon*noun*

▶ see SALOMON KALOU

solo whist; solo*adjective*

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *pissed*. < *solo whist* (also shortened to *solo*) ‘a card game’.

- Considering by this ‘bird’ we were in a bit of a ‘two and eight’ and nearly all ‘solo’ we should have packed it in. [...] Pissed (drunk) *Solo Whist Solo*. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, pp.71/81, **1973**

some cunt from Preston*noun*

country and western music [UK]

< ‘Some Cunt from Preston’, the original title of ‘Country Song’ on the album *Bummed* (1988) by Happy Mondays. Happy Mondays’ vocalist and frontman Shaun Ryder was quoted in an interview in support of the album’s release: ‘That’s what we call country and western – some cunt from Preston. It’s rhyming slang, you dickhead.’ A non-rhyming slang variation is *some cunt from Weston*.

· Q: What kind of music do you hear? A: Pretty much most things – except ‘some cunt from Preston!’ (Country and Western)[.] – *www.and-the-dance-goes-on.de*, ‘Q & A with Steve Spring’, July **2004**

· “Can you believe that? £12 for two pints just because there’s a band on”. The friend asks “what kind of music is it?” He replies: “Some cunt from Preston.” – *Rate Your Music* forum, 8th September **2010**

· He either has Lincs on or Magic or just plays his CDs – Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, oh aye. The classics. Can’t beat a bit of Some Cunt from Preston. – R. Litten, *Scream*, p.254, **2011**

· Some cunt from Preston is how c and w is referred to round here. In certain circles. – *acrossthekitchentable.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th June **2014**

Somerset Maugham; somerset*adjective*

warm [UK]

< British writer Somerset Maugham (1874–1965).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Balmie evenings are said to be ‘Somerset’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

son and daughtered; son and daughter’d*adjective*

extremely drunk [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *slaughtered*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th April **2000**

· Can’t manage it... totally son and daughtered but still go back for another supersonic. – *F150online* forum, 7th February **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

song and dance*noun*

1 trousers [US]

Rhymes on *pants*.

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.533, **1984**

2 an effeminate or homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nance*. A perfect rhyme in some regional accents.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

3 a chance [UK]

· You’ve got no song and dance. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Any song an’ dance of a loan, Sid? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

song and dancer*noun*

an unscrupulous opportunist [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *chancer*.

· Ah hear the new boyfriend’s a bit of a song an dancer. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

song and sigh*noun*

the thigh [us]

Usually in the plural. The singular *song and thigh* is recorded in the early 1960s.

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.533, **1984**

song of the thrush*noun*

1 a brush [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: *The Star*, London, 30th September **1958**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.40, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.44, **1973**

2 the brush-off (a rejection or dismissal) [UK]

First recorded in 1992, but likely to have been in use much earlier, as suggested by Franklyn (1960): ‘Probably meaning the utensil, but later may have been extended to the sense “give him the brush (off)”, that is indicate that he is unwelcome’.

· [T]o give somebody the ‘song of the thrush’ is to give him or her the brush off. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Sonny and Cher*noun*

a pair [UK]

< Sonny and Cher, an American singing act of the 1960s and 1970s, formed by Sonny Bono (1935–98) and his then wife Cher (b.1940).

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Sonny Bill*noun*

a tablet of an illicit or recreational drug, often specifically MDMA [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pill*. < New Zealand rugby player and boxer Sonny William ‘Sonny Bill’ Williams (b.1985).

· Hey girls, we’re having a big one tonight. Let’s get on the Sonny Bill’s. – *UD(.com)*, 21st October **2004**

· – [W]e call ours “sonny bill’s... [...] – A few slang names for ecstasy a few of the boys use are: *on the Gary Ablett’s

(Gary's)- tablets *on the Stuart MacGills (Stuey's)- pills *on the Sonny Bills- pills. – *Bluelight* forum, 29th March 2005

· [F]uck man, lets get on the sonny bills tonight. – *UD (.com)*, 26th December 2006

Sonny 'n' Chers

noun

pears [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Sonny and Cher, an American singing act of the 1960s and 1970s, formed by Sonny Bono (1935–98) and his then wife Cher (b.1940).
· Sonny 'n' Chers £1.10/lb. – *Viz* comic, August 2016

son of a

noun

a type of natural-bristle paintbrush, used especially for fine detailed work [UK]

A shortening of *son of a bitch*, rhyming on *fitch*, the name for this kind of brush. Painter-decorators' slang.
· – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 7th November 2013

son of a gun

noun

in bingo, the number one [IRELAND]

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

sons of guns

noun

the gums [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, 1966

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Sooty and Sweep; soot

noun

sleep; a sleep [UK]

< Sooty and Sweep, two glove puppets originally created by Harry Corbett (1918–89); first seen on BBC TV in 1952, and subsequently on the British children's TV programme *The Sooty Show*, first broadcast in 1955.

· Sooty And Sweep is Cockney slang for Sleep. "I could do with some Soot." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th January 2003

· I need a few hours of sooty and sweep, get me head together for the day ahead. – M. Cole, *Faces*, p.142 [2008], 2007

Sooty and Sweep

verb

to sleep [UK]

< Sooty and Sweep, two glove puppets originally created by Harry Corbett (1918–89); first seen on BBC TV in 1952, and subsequently on the British children's TV programme *The Sooty Show*, first broadcast in 1955.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· Every time I go to Sooty and Sweep I have a Lionel Blair. – *tubalips-trumpetsoul.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th June 2008

sorcepan

noun

▶ see SAUCEPAN LID

sorrowful tale

noun

1 three months in jail [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· Some of the invented terms had an allegorical intention, such as "I'm afloat," to represent the word "boat," and "sorrowful tale," to mean "three months in jail." – *The New York Times*, 'Strange Slang Used by Tommy Atkins', 4th April 1915

2 a jail [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

sorry and sad

noun

a father [UK]

Rhymes on *dad*.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, 1981

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· It's a wise dustbin who knows his own sorry & sad. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

sorry and sad; sorry

adjective

bad [UK]

· – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· [I]f in trying the foregoing poem you manage without any reference you won't have done so 'sorry and sad'. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.21, 1973

· That dinner was a bit sorry. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· That's so sorry and sad! – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

· The milk's gone sorry. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

so-say

noun

a bus [IRELAND/UK]

A shortening of *so say all of us*. < *so say all of us*, taken from a line in the British version of the ditty 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow'.

· Many of the guests had to take a special So-Say from the city centre to bring them out to the Daniel Day. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 1st July 2004

· [H]ere's the sosay. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

· There was no smash-and-grab or a sosay in sight[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November 2013

So Solid Crew

noun

in bingo, the number seventy-two [UK]

< English urban music group So Solid Crew.

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October 2013

soup and gravy; soup*noun*

the navy [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Both forms are first recorded in 1941. The elliptical form is exclusively British. Hence ROYAL SOUP AND GRAVY. ► *see* GRAVY

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.44, 1973
- In their ranks will be some people of other backgrounds – e.g. a *board an' plank* or 'am shank 'Yank', someone out of the *soup an' gravy* 'Navy', or a *four-by-two* 'Jew'[,] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.102, 1981
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- He spent twenty years in the soup and gravy. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

soup spoon*noun*

a tune [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

· I have written a beautiful soup spoon to play on the harpsichord. – *The Fair Intellectual Club*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 17th November 2016

Souravs*noun*

the testicles [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *goolies* and *-guly*s, itself taken from the name *Ganguly*s. < Indian cricketer Sourav Ganguly (b.1972).
- Monty takes one in the Souravs!! – *twitter.com*, 27th December 2013
 - Cook's been hit in the Souravs. – *twitter.com*, 9th July 2015

sour grape; sours*noun*

rape [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/UK: LIVERPOOL]

- The short form has been recorded in New Zealand English.
- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.254, 1982
 - – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, 1983
 - – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990
 - – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.35, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September 1997
 - He got done for sours. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001
 - [W]a do ye wrekin on ched evans getin 5 years 4 sour grape (rape). – *twitter.com*, 20th April 2012

sour grape*verb*

to rape [NEW ZEALAND]

Criminal use.

- – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.254, 1982
- – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.35, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September 1997

sour grapist; sour graper*noun*

a rapist [NEW ZEALAND]

Derived from SOUR GRAPE. The variant *sour graper* rhymes on *raiper*. Criminal use.

- As the young woman on-screen opens her legs for an older man a multiple sour-grapist called Gilliam jumps to his feet. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001: B. Payne, *Poor Behaviour*, p.57, 1994

South African veldt*noun*

a belt [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Southend beach*noun*

a speech [UK]

< Southend beach, the closest seaside resort to east London.

- I'm dreading making a Southend beach at my bricks and mortar's Otis. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.274, 2008

Southend Pier*noun*

the ear [UK]

< Southend Pier, a major landmark in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, in the south-east of England.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- On the sides are your Southend Piers[,] – *members.virtualtourist.com*, 14th July 2013

Southend Pier; southend*adjective*

(especially of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Southend Pier, a major landmark in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, in the south-east of England.

- – He's a bit Stoke-on-Trent??? Did I miss that memo? – If I understand Jumbler correctly, it's Cockney (or probably 'mockney') rhyming slang for "bent". Also you can have "Southend" (queer, Southend Pier) and "Colwyn" (gay, Colwyn Bay). – *Famousmales Forums*, 15th and 16th October 2010

Southend-on-Sea*noun*

urine; an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < Southend-on-Sea, a seaside resort in Essex, in the south-east of England.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

south equator*noun*► *see* SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR**southern cross***noun*

a boss [AUSTRALIA]

< Southern Cross, formally known as *Crux Australis*, a constellation of stars visible only in the southern hemisphere; it is represented on the flags of several countries, including Australia.

• Then, bugger me, I came up from under a woolly jumper and there was the bloody southern cross, right in me Peyton. – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February **2010**

South of France

noun

a dance (as a physical act or a social event) [UK/IRELAND]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

south of the border

noun

order [UK: SCOTLAND]

< ‘South of the Border’, a 1939 song about a journey to Mexico written by Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Carr (originally recorded by Gene Autry for the film of the same date and title), or simply a reference to England.

• A wee bit a south fur the singer. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

• Let’s have a wee bit of south of the border, please. – A. Lillo, *A Wee Keek*, p.112, 2004: **2003**

south of the border

adjective

1 wrong, unacceptable [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *out of order*. < ‘South of the Border’, a 1939 song about a journey to Mexico written by Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Carr, or simply a reference to England.

• Here, is that no a wee bit south of the border, whit he’s sayin? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

2 not in working condition [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *out of order*.

• I think the toilet at the garage is South Of The Border. – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October **2014**

south of the equator; south equator

noun

a lift (in a building) [US]

Rhymes on *elevator*. The form *south equator* is given by Pollock (1935) and Blumberg (1968). *South of the equator* is recorded by Maurer (1944) and Prewitt and Schaeffer (1961–1962).

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, **1968**

South Pole

noun

the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *hole*. Synonymous with NORTH POLE.

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

South Sydney

noun

the kidney [AUSTRALIA]

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

space hopper

noun

a police officer [UK]

Rhymes on *copper*. < *space hopper* ‘a type of rubber toy for bouncing around on, first marketed in Britain in the late 1960s’.

• There goes a Space Hopper. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th August **2004**

• [A] space hopper thought he was pat n mick cos of persian rugs[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 9th December **2006**

Spam for tea

noun

in bingo, the number forty-three [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce coinage. < *Spam for tea*, a reference to *Spam* (presumably a portmanteau of *spiced* and *ham*), the trade name of a tinned meat product.

• Some pikey bingo calls, coming to a hall near you: [...] Spam for tea = 43. – C.-A. Brackstone and L. Bushell, *Oi, Pikey!*, p.65, **2005**

spam fritter

noun

1 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. < *spam fritter* ‘a dish of battered, deep-fried Spam (the trade name of a tinned meat product)’. The word *spam* is sometimes used as a generic term for similar products.

• [F]uck off and die. your mum takes it up the spam fritter. – *alt.graffiti*, *Google Groups*, 16th August **1997**

• Don’t speak out of your spam fritter. – *uk.sport.football.clubs.liverpool*, *Google Groups*, 15th June **1999**

• [T]ell people he takes it up the spam fritter[.] – *Saxperience* forum, 9th May **2007**

• You could turn this into an expression of female domination and insist that he pays you for the privilege of jamming his nose up your spam fritter. – K. Copstick and J. MacLean, *Sex and the Recession*, p.111, **2009**

• Wonder if the Mrs takes it up the Spam Fritter? – *www.liveleak.com*, 10th February **2013**

2 an unpleasant, annoying or useless person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

• The LGB soc here is being a bit of a spam fritter at the moment. Two people turned up to it with no chairman in sight. – *uk.lesbian-gay-bi*, *Google Groups*, 1st December **1997**

spam fritters

noun

diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the shitters* and *the squitters*, as well as on the Scottish slang *the skitters*. < *spam fritters*, the plu-

ral form of *spam fritter* ‘a dish of battered, deep-fried Spam’.

- If someone is at home with ‘spam fritters’, it probably does not mean they are enjoying a hearty feast of deep fried spam in a light coating of batter. No, spam fritters is rhyming slang for someone who is suffering from the runs. – *www.leftinscotland.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk*, accessed 21st February 2013

Spandau Ballet; spandau

noun

a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < Spandau Ballet, an English New Romantic band of the 1980s.

- One of my ex-colleagues used to baffle everyone in the office by suggesting drinks after work with the words ‘Embdy fancy a quick Spandau?’ [...] Spandau Ballet = Swally. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 17th and 18th June 2009

spangled banana

noun

a piano [US]

Relies on the pronunciation of *piano* as *piannah*. < *spangled banana*, a humorous alteration of the last two elements of ‘The Star-Spangled Banner’, an 1814 poem by Francis Scott Key (originally titled ‘Defence of Fort M’Henry’) that became the national anthem of the United States in 1931.

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Piano, Spangled Banana. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October 1929

Spanish dance

noun

trousers [US]

Rhymes on *pants*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968

Spanish dancer

noun

cancer [AUSTRALIA]

The rhyme works perfectly in some Australian dialects.

- I’m very ill. I’ve got what Franklyn called the Spanish Dancer. – F. Hardy, *George Kirkland*, p.106, 1981
- – A. Delbridge, *AT*, 1984
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997
- – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009
- I am organising and agonising a “One last gig” for an old mate who is being treated for the spanish dancer and is facing a slipperydip finish. – *thesession.org*, 23rd July 2009

Spanish guitar; spanish

noun

a cigar [UK/US]

The short form is only recorded in British usage.

- Most of us—thanks to the motion pictures and Mr. Sinclair Lewis—have at least a nodding acquaintance with American “slanguage,” and now that the “talkies” have come to town, our acquaintance is likely to be considerably extended. As though to help us over initial difficulties, the “Manchester Guardian” published on Thursday an up-to-date list of current words and phrases, taken from the pages of “Transition,” an American magazine published in Paris. [...] “Weeping willow” is given for “pillow,” for instance, “Spanish guitar” for “cigar,” “Jackie Horner” for “corner,” and “rats and mice” for “dice.” These have been current in English theatrical circles certainly since I was a youth. – *The Burnley News*, Burnley, England, 21st September 1929

- A glossary of current American slang would no doubt include “Spanish guitar” as the popular name for a cigar. – *The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, 7th June 1930
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

- Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that don’t seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Spanish guitar–cigar. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April 1941

- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS1*, 1942

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

- – W. Granville, *TD*, 1952

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, 1968

- ‘E offered me one of his *Harrys*, but I sees ‘e’ as a *Spanish* on isself. [...] ‘E offers me one of ‘is *Harry Wraggs*, but I sees ‘e’ as a *Spanish Guitar* on isself. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.19/20, 1969

- – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.533, 1984

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008

Spanish Main; Spanish

noun

a drain [UK]

< Spanish Main, a historic coastal region of northern South America.

- Money lost or wasted may be referred to as ‘money down the Spanish’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Spanish onion

noun

a bunion [UK]

< ‘For I’ll raise a bunion on his Spanish onion’, a line from the song ‘The Spaniard That Blighted My Life’, written in 1911 by Billy Merson. Influenced by a visual metaphor.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

- Oooh – ‘e’s stepped on me Spanish onion. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.128, **2011**

Spanish surrealist

noun

cocaine [UK]

A punning variation of SALVADOR DALI.

- [O]ur Spanish surrealist mate is in town + looking very handsome. – J. Hawes, *White Powder*, p.42, **2002**

Spanish waiter

noun

a potato [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *potato* as *potater*.

- Roast, boil, sauté or mash. Some of the many things to do with a ‘Spanish waiter’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

- Go down the greengrocers and buy a dozen nice Spanish Waiters. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd May **2014**

Spanish waiter; spanish

exclamation

used as an expression of farewell [UK]

Rhymes on *see you later*.

- Lee [Ryan] ends his phone calls with “spanish”. It’s rhyming slang (Spanish waiter – see you later). – *sara_og_lilja.webs.com/blue.htm*, **2003**
- Spanish Waiter darlin! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January **2003**

spare rib

noun

a fib [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Sparkin Plug

nickname

used as a substitute for the pet name *Shug*, a familiar Scottish form of *Hugh* [UK: SCOTLAND]

- – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

spark plugs

noun

drugs [UK]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th September **2002**
- I just don’t get monged no more. Nothing against most Persians, furs, kisses an’ hugs or spark plugs, but I ain’t got the time nor money. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 18th November **2005**
- [Y]ou’ll go looking for SPARK PLUGS (drugs). – *www.examiner.com*, 26th July **2012**

sparrow

noun

1 a barrow [UK]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of COCK SPARROW.

- Mr Crumb has testified that he saw Sister Monica Joan take a couple of handkerchiefs – bread and cheese is the usual expression for handkerchiefs – off his sparrow, or barrow, and set off round the Jack Horner – corner[.] – J. Worth, *Shadows*, p.187 [2009], **2005**

2 a short prison sentence [UK]

A punning refinement of *bird*, the short form of BIRD-LIME. Criminal use. ▶ see BIG BIRD

- Barons usually earned enough from their dealings to do their bit of ‘sparrow’ in comfort and were left alone by the screws because they were seen as a necessary evil. [...] A short sentence is known as a bit of ‘sparrow’ (a small bird). – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.151/157, **2015**

speckled hen

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Probably < Old Speckled Hen, a branded ale originally brewed in Abingdon, England, a town that was once home to the MG car factory; the brand name is an alteration of *Old Speckled ’Un*, the nickname given to an old paint-spattered MG runaround used by the factory workers.

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**
- Those who want £10 must ask for a speckled hen. – *Evening Standard*, London, 24th August **2009**
- FAST SAUSAGE & MASH. PLEASE SELECT AMOUNT (MAXIMUM DISPENSE £50) LADY GODIVA (£5) SPECKLED HEN (£10)[.] – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**
- Need a speckled hen and not near a cab rank, where do you find some sausage and mash? – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 17th April **2012**

Spencer Moon

noun

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one’s neighbourhood; specifically Glasgow [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Spencer Moon, a character in the BBC1 soap opera *EastEnders*, played by English actor Christopher Parker (b.1983).

- I’ll meet ye in the spencer moon later for a couple? – *twitter.com*, 23rd March **2013**

spider and fly

noun

1 a tie (a necktie) [IRELAND/US]

- While you’re at it, you’d better take off your spider and fly (tie), your horse and float (coat), your tennis racket (jacket), and then you can go to Uncle Ned (bed)[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, **1968**

2 the sky [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, **1968**

spin and plate*noun*

a friend [UK]

Rhymes on *mate*.· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972**spinning top***noun*

a police officer [US]

Rhymes on *cop*.· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962**spire and steeple***noun*

people [AUSTRALIA]

· And I like meeting the spire and steeple. They are all nice blokes and sheilas. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante** 1965· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984**Spiro Agnew***noun*

vomit; an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *spew*. < American politician Spiro Agnew (1918–96), who served as Vice-President of the United States (1969–73) under Richard Nixon.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**spit and drag***noun*

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. Often as *a spit and a drag*. A happy combination of rhyme and reason.· Spit and Drag.–A fag, i.e., a cigarette. – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, 1931· 'Ere, use yeh loaf old choina, I'm goin' rahn' ne 'ay stack fer a spit 'n' a drag. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· For the Tommy it would be a cup of tea and a spit and drag (Fag rhyming slang = cigarette). – *Armchair General and HistoryNet* forum, 30th October 2010**spit and toss***noun*

gloss paint [UK]

Painter-decorators' slang.

· – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 12th November 2013**spiteri***adjective*

▶ see SHARLEEN SPITERI

splash throughs*noun*

shoes [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**split asunder***noun*

a costermonger (a person who sells fruit, vegetables or other goods in the street from a barrow or stall) [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1903**split link***noun*

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.· – errrr split links errrrrrrrrr. – What? – chinks[.] – *Club GTI* forum, 31st August 2004· Ling is it true that split links have hairless fannies? – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 20th March 2006· I pay the pole dancers and split links cash in hand, but now the shiddy fuckers want me to cough up for their tax aswell. – *UK KTM Forum*, 16th April 2009· Most of our crap we buy is made by the split links these days but as you say... some brands have a reputation to uphold so don't accept substandard products. – *Drbig.info* forum, 26th September 2012· Selfridges before Christmas was full of split links with handfuls of pinkies[.] – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 7th January 2013**split pea***noun*

1 tea [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859· I'll make you a nice cup of split pea, and if there's a drop over in the kettle we'll wash your face with it. – S. Kaye-Smith, *Susan Spray*, p.304, 1931· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

2 the knee [UK]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968**Spongebob***noun*

an act of fellatio [UK]

Rhymes on *blow job* and other *job* compounds such as *head job*, *gob job* and *knob job*. < *SpongeBob*, a popular shortening of *SpongeBob SquarePants*, an American animated cartoon series, first broadcast on Nickelodeon in 1999.

· Spongebob = Blow job, If her head is good enough she'll give you Squarepants! – www.facebook.com, 8th September **2012**

spoon

noun

a black person [UK]

A slang rhyme on *coon*.

· I have never in my life heard the noun 'spoon' used to refer to anything but (i) the familiar eating implement of that name and (ii) a black person. – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 9th October **2010**

· A good example is when me and a big black guy called Thomas worked serving-up the food together. Our nicknames, given by the officers, were Big Spoon and Little Spoon, rhyming slang for Big Coon and Little Coon. – J. Rollins, *The Lost Boyz*, pp.97–98, **2011**

Sport and Win

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Jim* [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**

Sporting Life

noun

a wife [UK]

< *The Sporting Life*, a British newspaper published from 1859 to 1998 and noted for its coverage of horse racing; the title survives as sportinglife.com.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – “A quick rub down with the sporting life” I’ve always used this phrase as an euphemism of sorting yourself out after a hard training session or a tough physical job. [...] – Cockney rhyming slang for wife. You figure out the rest. – *CTC* forum, 15th February **2009**

Sportsman’s Bet; Sportsman’s

noun

the Internet [UK]

· He spends a lot of time on the Sportsman’s. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 7th February **2003**

· Well, I was at Captain Kirk surfing the Sportsman’s Bet when I came across a post on the forum that was ten’n’8... – *Northampton Saints* forum, 22nd March **2006**

· Velma’s computer is the property of The Town of Tobias, and, as an elected official, you have every right to see what’s on it. Including where she goes on the Sportsman’s. – J. Nichols, *Sportsman’s Bet*, p.11 [2015], **2012**

· What did your one do when she saw what you’d been butcher’s hooking at on the Sportsman’s Bet? – www.tumblr.com, accessed 6th March **2013**

spotted dick

noun

vomit [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*. < *spotted dick* ‘a suet pudding with currants’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

spotted dick; spotted

adjective

ill, unwell; sick, nauseous [UK]

< *spotted dick* ‘a suet pudding with currants’.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Spotted Dick. Sick. We don’t have a goalie – John’s spotted. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Elliot now hung over the railing, holding his stomach and moaning. “I’m gonna be *spotted*.” – T. Mack and M. Citrin, *The Final Meeting*, p.123, **2010**

spotty dog; spotty

noun

1 a foreigner, especially one who is not white [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *wog*. The variant *spotty* is given by Barker (1979), who also gives the full form.

· You look as if you can’t make up your mind whether you’re a *spotty* or a *widow’s*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.24, **1979**

· – K. Allan and K. Burrige, *Euphemism & Dysphemism*, p.122, **1991**

· Ill bet you are either a dusbin lid, or a grocer’s shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or a spotty dog, or a widow’s wink, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July **1996**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bog*, with a punning nod to *potty* ‘a young child’s portable toilet’.

· I just need to pop into the Spotty. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th November **2002**

· The Artful Dodger was in a Bob Murray to get to the Spotty[.] – answers.yahoo.com, 22nd August **2006**

· I’m popping into the Spotty (Spotty Dog = bog (toilet)) for an Eartha... – *Songfacts* forum, 19th October **2009**

Sprazey Anna; Sprazy Anna; Sprasi Anna; Sprarsy Anna

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on *tanner*. A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *sprazzy* (variously spelt) ‘a sixpence’.

· **Sprazey Anna** Tanner (6d piece). – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.41, **1969**

· **Sprazy Anna** Tanner (sixpence). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.62, **1973**

· **Sprasi Anna** Tanner. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· He sorted through them, picked out a shiny sixpence, held it out to his son and winked. ‘There’s a sprazey anna for yer.[.]’ – G. O’Neill, *Just Around the Corner*, [2013], **1995**

· **sprarsy Anna** [...] tanner; sixpence. – M.E. Snodgrass, *Coins and Currency*, p.297, **2003**

spring link*noun*

a Chinese person [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND, SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· I cannot see the (spring links)! Buying his manufactured goods. [...] ps spring links = chinks = chinese. – *Practical Machinist* forum, 14th November **2008**

· [A]ye its alreect like still full of raj cunts and spring links! – *twitter.com*, 7th October **2012**

· A quick guide to English slang/terms of endearment for the peoples of the world: [...] Chinese.. Chinks.. Spring links[.] – *AboveTopSecret.com* forum, 10th January **2013**

· @Chinky_Ree all you spring links are the same. – *twitter.com*, 17th May **2016**

spring link*adjective*

Chinese [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· Anyone of the proliferation of ‘Spring Link’ Dropshippers should be able to satisfy your needs re this. – Spring Link??? What dat? /Tim – Youre obviously a colonial otherwise the rhyming slang for ‘Chink’ wouldnt be lost on you. – *RGW* forum, 10th March **2007**

spring linkies*noun*

1 a Chinese meal [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky’s*. From SPRING LINKY.

· [G]onna chill and get a spring linkies. – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2012**

· Get a spring linkies inside of my belly now. – *twitter.com*, 28th October **2016**

2 a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky’s*. Often as *wee spring linkies*.

· a want propaaa food prob phone a wee spring linkies. – *twitter.com*, 7th April **2015**

· Patiently waiting for the spring linkies to open[.] – *twitter.com*, 31st May **2015**

· Lynn said we can go to the Spring linkies when we go home[.] – *twitter.com*, 15th May **2016**

spring linky*noun*

1 a Chinese meal [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*. A derivative of SPRING LINK.

· If the term “chinky” meaning Chinese Take Away of-fends, I wonder how Ruby Murray feels right now?? [...] – i would have said spring linky or kitchen sinky!! – *The Maggotdrowners Forum*, 28th January **2009**

· [W]as going to go to the pub with my mum n dad but my mums no going now so just gonna get a spring linky. – *twitter.com*, 12th October **2012**

· Struggling to get up today, feel like a spring linky. – *twitter.com*, 18th October **2014**

2 a Chinese restaurant or takeaway food service [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

· Do you want anything from the spring linky? – *twitter.com*, 11th March **2012**

· Get the weans to bed and cook the wifie a valentines dinner. Well I mean phone a spring linky! – *twitter.com*, 14th February **2015**

· [S]ounds woeful phone a spring linky. – *twitter.com*, 27th March **2016**

3 a Chinese person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

· Just seen a bird walking through st james with a pair of adidas #f10 mouldies on [...] mate she was a spring linky, fucking horrendous! – *twitter.com*, 21st January **2013**

· Town was absolutely packed wi Spring linkies walking about on that Pokemon game. – *twitter.com*, 13th July **2016**

spring linky*adjective*

Chinese [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Derived from SPRING LINK.

· Dominos pizza or a spring linky takeaway for tea. – *twitter.com*, 22nd February **2014**

spry and frisky*noun*

whisky [US]

· He mentions “the gibberish of blackmailers” as coming from “Australian underworld patois.” I have never been accused of being a blackmailer but Odd might be interested in knowing that these freakish synonyms also are used: Spry and frisky–whisky [...] There are hoodlums who can carry on a complete conversation using almost entirely such words and phrases. – *The Sioux City Journal*, 30th January **1931**

spuds*adjective*

cold [UK]

A punning variation of *taters*, a shortening of TATERS IN THE MOULD.

· It’s spuds tonight! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st March **2002**

Spuds and Gravy*nickname*

used as a substitute for the pet name *Davy* [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

spuggy’s nest; spuggy’s*noun*

the chest [UK: NEWCASTLE]

< *spuggy’s nest*, a northern English form of *sparrow’s nest*.

· – G. Hogg, *Guide to Geordie*, p.126, **2007**

squabbling bleeder*noun*

▶ see SQUADRON BLEEDER

squad halt*noun*

salt [UK]

< *Squad, halt!*, a military command.

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- “I want some squad halt in my looping-the-loop,” is the modern way of asking for salt in your soup. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946: *The Manchester Guardian*, October **1940**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

squadron bleeder; sqn bleeder; squabbling bleeder; squalid bleeder*noun*

a Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force [UK]

A slang rhyme.

- **squadron bleeder** A Squadron Leader. – E. Partridge, *DRAFS*, **1945**
- **squabbling bleeder** *Squadron Leader*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- **squalid bleeder**. A Squadron Leader: RAF: 1939–45. – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**
- Squabbling bleeder Squadron leader (R.A.F.). – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.44, **1973**
- Now we need a Sqn Bleeder to make sure that the Pings make it onto Albert... give me a break. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 24th October **2001**
- [N]o doubt the Squadron bleeder at A.M. wanted it more than I did. – *www.justinmuseum.com*, **2006**
- A friend of mine is a Squabbling Bleeder in the RAF[.] – *UKSaabs* forum, 19th Monday **2006**
- That said, not many make it further than ‘Squabbling Bleeder’, especially if they haven’t got a degree! – *E-Goat* forum, 18th March **2009**
- Squadron Bleeder – Squadron Leader (*usually* affectionate). – M.J. Trow, *Swearing Like a Trooper*, p.73, **2013**
- We had that sqn bleeder Townsend bloke who Andy Mcstab mentions come to talk to us[.] – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 19th October **2013**

Squadron Leader Biggles*noun*

giggles [UK]

< Squadron Leader Biggles, a fictional flying ace created in 1932 by English writer W. E. Jones. Synonymous with FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BIGGLES.

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

squalid bleeder*noun*

▶ see SQUADRON BLEEDER

square rigger*noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *nigger*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

squatter’s daughter; squatters*noun*

water [AUSTRALIA]

The short form is recorded in the Sydney *Kings Cross Whisper* (1967).

- If the squatter’s daughter’s cast iron pot, I’ll have a fairy bower[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxix, **1967**
- – J. Ramsay, CS, **1977**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**
- Rhyming slang my father used included squatter’s daughter for water and salt-sea wave for shave. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 18th March **1996**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

squaw and chief*noun*

roast beef [UK]

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

squeak*noun*

▶ see BUBBLE AND SQUEAK

squid*noun*

1 one pound sterling [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A slang rhyme on *quid*. The British slang pun *sick squid* ‘six pounds’ has been formed by simply shifting the boundaries between the words *six* and *quid*.

- [A]t the finish it clearly revealed itself as ‘send six squids.’ All else was mystical. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 9th August **1902**
- Grandvati has given me twenty squids for my holidays. – L. Rennison, *Entrancers*, p.93, **2005**
- L-Boy had been playing pool ever since he was big enough to see over a table, so fucked if I was gonna waste another squid trying to even up the scores. – J. Ridgwell, ‘Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man’, in *Radgepacket*, Vol. 2, p.115, **2008**

2 one euro [IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *quid*, a word used in Ireland to mean ‘a euro’.

- – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.77, **2007**
- – I paid ninety squids for a Nigella Lawson saltpig for Sorcha one Christmas. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.59, **2010**

squiddly did*noun*

one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. An elaboration of *SQUID*, probably < Squiddly Diddly, an animated cartoon character created by Hanna-Barbera in the mid-1960s.

- But in April of that year the pound note, the oncer, the squiddly-did, was sent to the flames of his-

tory and in came the coin[.] – *www.lep.co.uk*, 16th April **2008**

· Spent 70 squiddly-did on hair extensions and now I wanna shave it all off again. – *twitter.com*, 26th April **2011**

· Could have saved myself 18 squiddly did! – *twitter.com*, 17th November **2012**

· I'll bung in a few squiddly did for a shiteheap for Dave. – *Autoshite* forum, 14th June **2013**

· – I. Hall, *RCDBS*, **2016**

squire's daughter

noun

in the building trade, mortar [UK: LEEDS]

· In a London Note a few days ago were published a few things about rhyming slang, which is usually thought to be solely a Cockney habit. That it is not so is shown by this letter from a Leeds correspondent: "I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] 'Squire's daughter,' Mortar. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July **1932**

Squirrel

nickname

used as a substitute for the name Cyril [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A slang rhyme.

· – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.39, **1972**

Sri Lanka; Sri-lanker

noun

a stupid or despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· [H]e played like a complete Sri Lanka. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 21st March **1993**

· FRED'S A RIGHT SRI LANKA – *JM96*, cricket fanzine, November **1995**

· Call me a Sri-lanker, but I don't give a Brad Pitt. – B. Hulley, *Nativity?*, p.278, **2011**

· What a Sri Lanka. – *twitter.com*, 18th March **2016**

Stafford Cripps; staffords

noun

1 in cricket, the fielding positions just behind the batsman on the off side; the fielders positioned in this area [UK]

Rhymes on the technical term *slips*. < English Labour politician Richard Stafford Cripps (1889–1952). Synonymous with FISH AND CHIPS.

· Stafford Cripps – slips: as in "I was caught in the Staffords". – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

2 chips (deep-fried chipped potatoes) [UK]

Only recorded in the short form.

· Not music-related, but 'Sexton and Staffords' meant steak and chips[.] – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 12th September **2007**

· But several years ago I picked up the usage, from a friend in London, of 'Staffords' to reference the fingers

of fried potato. – *www.christopherfowler.co.uk*, blog, 14th March **2013**

stage fright

noun

light ale [UK]

· 'What's yours?'; reply, 'Stage fright'. – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.202, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Stage Hit

noun

an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shit*. < Stage Hit, an Australian champion race filly of the late 1970s.

· – [B]ought a book on ebay with a piece of note paper tucked inside dated 18/8/79. [...] – Me and my mates had rhyming slang going back then. If you were going to the toilet Numbers 1's was a Century Miss and a Number 2's was a Stage Hit. – *Thoroughbred Village* forum, 17th February **2010**

stairs to heaven

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

Stairway to Heaven

noun

1 in bingo, the number seven [UK]

< 'Stairway to Heaven', a 1971 song by Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, recorded by Led Zeppelin.

· – *www.kgbanswers.co.uk*, 3rd February **2012**

· – *sites.google.com/site/cmcbingo*, 24th April **2012**

2 in bingo, the number twenty-seven [UK]

· – *www.kgbanswers.co.uk*, 3rd February **2012**

· [N]umber 85 'Staying alive', number 17 'Dancing Queen', and number 27 'stairway to heaven'. – *www.austrianantimes.co.uk*, 29th October **2013**

3 in bingo, the number forty-seven [UK]

· – *www.kgbanswers.co.uk*, 3rd February **2012**

· – *www.bingoreviewer.co.uk*, 31st January **2013**

4 in Bogan Bingo, the number seventy-seven [AUSTRALIA]

Bogan Bingo is a comedy entertainment that originated in Melbourne, Australia, in 2005.

· So when you hear "77, Stairway to Heaven" or "3 and 9, Sweet Child O Mine", not only are you playing to win, you'll be rocking out at the same time! – *www.womo.com.au*, accessed 4th November **2013**

Stakey

nickname

▶ see STEAK AND KIDNEY

stale bread

adjective

dead [UK]

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] dead (stale bread); bob (shilling, touch me on the nob); penny (kilkenny); sovereign (Jerry O'Goblin). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

stalk and pounce; pounce

noun

one ounce of a drug [UK]

· – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2007**

Stamford Bridge; stamford

noun

a fridge [UK]

< Stamford Bridge, the stadium of London's Chelsea FC.

· Get us a beer out the Stamford. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th June **2002**

· In a minute I'm going to the Stamford to get my lunch[.] – *www.digsmagazine.com*, forum, 17th November **2005**

· People will say it's like being in a Bacardi (Bacardi Breezer = Freezer) or in a Stamford (Stamford Bridge = fridge). – *Gibson Guitar Board*, forum, 7th December **2008**

stammer and stutter; stammer

noun

1 butter [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

In Irish English, only recorded in the full form; according to the available evidence, this usage is confined to fairground travellers.

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.9, **ca 1937**

· [A] couple of pounds of stammer and stutter with a bottle of dead horse. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, s.v. *horse*, 1988: *Puckapunyal: Official Journal of the 17th Australian Infantry Brigade*, 2nd October **1940**

· A piece of stand at ease would turn out to be cheese, nicer if it were accompanied by some Uncle Fred, well spread with stammer and stutter. – *The Age*, Melbourne, 'The Other English Language. Cockneys' Rhyming Slang', 19th April **1952**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.41, **1969**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Please pass the Uncle Fred, the stammer (and stutter), and the stand at ease. – R. Lederer, *Verbivore*, p.104, **1994**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a gutter [UK]

· As he turned the johnny, two teas set on him and knocked him into the stammer. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March **2002**

Stan and Ollie; stan

noun

an umbrella [UK]

Rhymes on *broolly*. < *Stan and Ollie*, a familiar variation of *Laurel and Hardy*, the branded tandem identity of

American film comedians Stan Laurel (1890–1965) and Oliver Hardy (1892–1957). The short form is recorded in 2014.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August **2014**

stand an ale

verb

to go bail [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

stand and shiver

noun

a river [UK/US]

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, s.v. *rhyming slang*, **1903**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

stand at ease; standat; stand

noun

cheese [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *stand at ease*, a command to soldiers to stand in a relaxed manner with their feet apart and their hands behind their back. Originally military. The short forms *standat* and *stand* are recorded in British usage. The former has been noted in use in Manchester.

· He is worthy of the best steel of Damascus, / Who, when he wants to try a piece of cheese, / Has the insolence and impudence to ask us, / To pass "The Stand at ease." – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September **1909**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· We will not wear out our vocal chords any earlier in life by saying "stand at ease" instead of "cheese"[.] – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· stand = stand at ease = cheese[.] – L.N. Constantine, *Living in Britain*, p.254, **1970**

· Go and buy food: a loaf of Uncle Fred and a pound of stand at ease. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.29, **1989**

· **standat** – cheese (from 'stand at ease' – army thing). – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 6th November **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

stand at ease; stands

noun

fleas [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· That dog's covered in stands. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, **2009**

stand at ease

verb

to freeze [UK]

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

stand attention*noun*

▶ see STAND TO ATTENTION

stand from under*noun*

thunder [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· The pleasure and pain and the stand from under were deafening. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March 1960

stand in awe; stand*numeral*

four [UK]

· – www.philbrodieband.com, 2006

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, ‘More on Cockney Numbers’, 10th January 2010

· – *SoberRecovery* forum, 18th November 2010

· – B. Jones and C. Lewis, *Book of London*, p.13, 2012

standing election*noun*

an erection [UK]

Suggested by *standing member*, a common pun for the erect penis.

· – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006

· He’s holding a standing election in his callards. – *Tribe.net* forum, 4th November 2007

stand to attention; stand attention; stand to*noun*

a pension [UK]

Stand to attention and *stand to* are British. *Stand attention* is American.

· Stand-to-attention, the full rhyme for pension, becomes stand-to. – *Newport Daily News*, Newport, RI, ‘Everyone Else is Kept Guessing by the Cockney’s Rhyming Slang’, 28th November 1955

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, 1968

· On his seventieth birthday he informed me that now he intended to draw his ‘Stand to’. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.19, 1973

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008

Stan Jurd*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *turd*. < Australian rugby league player Stan Jurd (b.1958).

· [A]nd I still go to the toilet to do a Stan Jurd. – *blogs.smh.com.au*, blog, 13th January 2006

· When he returns with the drinks, he finds, and there is no polite way of saying it, a “Stan Jurd” in his shoes. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 18th November 2008

Stanley knife*noun*

a wife [UK]

< *Stanley knife*, the proprietary name of a type of cutting tool with a replaceable blade, used generically in British English to designate any such tool.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998**stardust flecks***noun*

trousers [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *kecks*. A nonce word occurring in the song ‘Upminster Kid’, written by rock musicians Ian Dury and Russell Hardy and first recorded in 1975 by Ian Dury’s first band, Kilburn and the High Roads.

· Twelve-inch bottoms on my stardust flecks / And socks of dazzling green[.] – *Upminster Kid*, lyric, Kilburn and the High Roads, 1975

starry night*noun*

nonsense; rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Probably < ‘Starry, Starry Night’, a reference to Van Gogh’s painting *The Starry Night* (1889), used in the opening line of Don McLean’s song ‘Vincent’ (1971).

· What a load of starry night. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

starry, starry night*noun*

an act of defecation [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *shite*. < ‘Starry, Starry Night’, a reference to Van Gogh’s painting *The Starry Night* (1889), used in the opening line of Don McLean’s song ‘Vincent’ (1971).

· Going for a ‘starry, starry night’ is a particular favourite of mine. Announcing it also means I end up humming Don McLean’s ‘Vincent’ to myself while on the throne. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 29th January 2015

Stars and Garters*noun*

tomatoes [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *tomatoes* as *tomarters*. < *Stars and Garters*, an ITV variety show broadcast from 1963 to 1966.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Stars and garters = termarters. – uk.toluna.com, April 2010

Starsky and Hutch; starsky*noun*

1 the crotch (of a person or animal) [UK]

Rhymes on *crutch*. < *Starsky and Hutch*, an American TV police series of the 1970s.

· [A] deterrent is the threat of a kick up the ‘Starsky’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 in a car, the clutch [UK]

Always used in full.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th June **2004**

· The ole jamjar's off the frog and toad because the Starsky and Hutch keeps slipping[.] – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.57, **2008**

· Ken's jellied eels is off the frog and toad. It's got a dodgy Starsky and Hutch. – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August **2012**

3 a crutch [UK]

· And amid all the morning glories (stories) about Jah rule (school) there were some familiar boats (boat race: face – keep up!) and even a pic of Xuan on her Starskies (Starsky and Hutch: crutch). – M. Joy et al., *St. Mallory's Forever*, p.243, **2013**

star's nap

noun

a loan [UK]

Rhymes on *tap*.

· I'm going down the cab rank to ask for a star's nap. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

star's nap; stars nap

verb

to borrow [UK]

Rhymes on *tap*. First recorded in the form *stars nap*.

· – Anon., *DRS1*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.37, **1979**

state election

noun

an erection [AUSTRALIA]

· – L. Stewart, *ASD*, **2011**

stay afloat

noun

a coat [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of I'M AFLOAT.

· – *alldownunder.com*, 2nd February **2005**

· – *allpoetry.com*, 5th June **2012**

staying alive

noun

1 in bingo, the number eighty-five [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< 'Stayin' Alive', a 1977 song by the Bee Gees; its title was the inspiration for *Staying Alive*, a 1983 film directed by Sylvester Stallone and starring John Travolta.

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

2 in bingo, the number thirty-five [UK]

· – *www.playfreebingoonline.co.uk*, 'Bingo Calls (Part 1)', 28th January **2013**

steak and ale

noun

bail [us]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

steak and bubble; steak

noun

trouble [UK]

Bubble is a familiar shortening of *bubble and squeak* 'leftover mashed potatoes, cabbage and sometimes meat, fried together'.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – S. Jory, *Loadsamoney*, p.xii, **2005**

Steak and Kidney; Steak and Kid; Steak; Stakey

nickname

1 Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, Australia

Recorded in the forms *Steak and Kidney* and *Steak and Kid*. Sometimes with the definite article.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, **1945**

· [I]t's good to hit the old Steak-and-Kid again. – D. Cusack and F. James, *Come in Spinner*, p.307, **1951**

· No doubt you have wondered how your old thief and robber has been doing since you went back to the steak and kidney. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. xxxix, **1967**

· I give you my dickey bird I'm gonna scarper to steak and kidney after this. – B. Max, *Whispers of Love*, p.119, **1981**

· 'Besides,' he said, 'I've hit the Johnny Rapers in Steak 'n Kidney. They'll be lookin' up here soon.' – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.180 [1993], **1987**

· I'm at my rubbety-dub in Steak 'n' Kidney, knockin' back a dog's eye with dead horse and sinkin' a tinnie with me china plates[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 14th July **2005**

2 the Royal Australian Navy cruiser HMAS Sydney

Recorded in the form *Steak and Kidney*.

· The old 'Steak and kidney' once fought a battle off Singapore. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Dit*, Melbourne, April **1945**

· Known colloquially to the soldiers as the 'Steak and Kidney', travelling to Vietnam on this troopship was far from being a pleasant experience. – G. McKay, *Delta Four*, p.17, **1998**

· It was also inevitable that the Australians would devise a nickname for the ship they were travelling on, and before long HMAS *Sydney* was known far and wide as 'The Steak and Kidney.' – P. Plowman, *Across the Sea*, p.461, **2003**

3 used as a substitute for the name *Sidney* or *Sydney* [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Steak and Kidney*, *Steak* and *Stakey*. There is no evidence of its use as a nickname for women called *Sidney* or *Sydney*.

· Sidney was driving the big van on a grocery round, so Percy nicknamed him 'Steak and Kidney.' – *Blackwood's Magazine*, Edinburgh, January/June **1957**

· 'Ave a *butcher's* at *Steak*, 'es *elephant's!* [...] 'Ave a *butcher's* 'ook at *Steak and Kidney*.[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.9, **1969**

· Old 'Steak and Kidney' (Sidney) my 'China' had his bet on the 'Nanny Goat'.[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, **1973**

· Sidney, or "steak" as I called him (Cockney rhyming slang for steak and kidney), knew John very well.[.] – F. Francis and T. Dalton, *Freddie Francis*, p.85, **2013**

· Stakey was what they'd called his brother in those days, from steak and kidney. There they were, Stakey and Oatsie, hiding round the corner.[.] – A. Moore, *Jerusalem*, p.156, **2016**

4 Scottish country and western singer Sydney Devine (b.1940)

Always used in full and sometimes followed by the singer's surname. The first recorded use of this item in Macafee's glossary gives *Sydney* (*Devine*) as rhyming slang for *steak and kidney*, yet lack of further evidence substantiating such a usage suggests an error.

· *Sydney* (*Devine*) [singer] = steak and kidney.[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

· Who or what in Glasgow is 'steak and kidney'? [...] b. Sydney Devine. – I. Black, *Glaswegian?*, p.27, **2002**

· Sydney Devine, known affectionately as Steak and Kidney and famed for his unique Scottish brand of country music.[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 14th June **2003**

· I don't know what was worse, listening to steak and sydney devine on your radio cassette singing "she wears my ring", or you singing along with him. – *The Royal Highland Fusiliers Forum*, 23rd July **2007**

· Under the circumstances, old Steak 'n' Kidney resisted the temptation to perform two of his favourites.[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 18th June **2008**

· Either that or big steak and kidney devine singing like a prayer. – *twitter.com*, 10th May **2013**

steak and kidney pie

noun

1 the eye [UK]

A variation of MINCE PIE.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· If someone said he had something in his steak-and-kidney pie, you would have to look in his eye, not in the pantry. – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [O]ooh me steak and kidney pies (eyes). – *b3ta* forum, 6th September **2003**

2 a fly [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**

· – *Gearbox Software* forum, 19th April **2015**

Steak and Kidneysider

noun

a native or inhabitant of Sydney [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Sydneysider*. From STEAK AND KIDNEY.

· How can you make a hate list associated with footy and leave out the Steak and Kidneysiders. – *rec.sport.football.australian*, *Google Groups*, 26th March **1996**

· [W]hile I'm a proud and staunch "Steak and Kidney"-sider, I've travelled extensively throughout the world so I know far more about everything than anyone else. – *Boxing News 24* forum, 17th May **2013**

steak pie

noun

a black eye [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison use.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

steam packet; steam

noun

a jacket [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *steam packet* 'a regularly scheduled steamship service'. The shortened form has been recorded in British usage.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, **1859**

· Now, then, my china-plate, out with your cherry-ripe, off with your steam-packet, and set your bark and growl agoin. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.41, **1880**

· [T]he 'steam packet' is quite the latest cut, and as for the 'this and that,' why, it's 'horsey' all over. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· Yesterday I tore my steam-packet with a Baden-Powell. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· Of course, in his *steam packet* and *rounds* there are several *skies*, *skyrockets*/pockets. [...] The men's *steams*, *rounds*, and flat caps have hand-sewn pearl buttons arranged in elegant patterns and many designs. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.60/61, **1973**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

steamroller

noun

a bowler hat [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

steamship funnel; steamship

noun

a tunnel [UK]

A nonce word.

· [F]irst off is the steamship, *steamship funnel*/tunnel, then lemon *lemon squirt*/dirt. And 'ow we get rid of the dirt is by chuckin' it away, so that will be Lady to rhyme with *Lady Luck*/chuck. Anyone wot says Lady or even Lady Luck means 'e's concerned wiv getting' rid of the contents of the steamship, right? – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, pp.116–117, **1973**

steam tug; steamer

noun

1 a gullible fool; hence the dupe or victim of a criminal [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]

Rhymes on *mug*. In South African English, only recorded in the form *steamer*.

· Mug ... Steam tug. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· The mug became pleasanter... 'I'm a porter, at some service flats in Victoria. What's your friend do?' the steamer

asked genially. – *OED2*, 1989: G. Scott-Moncrieff, *Café Bar*, vii, 63, **1932**

· What the hell kind of a steamer do you think I am?’ he asked with an unassuming indignation. – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.86 [1947], **1936**

· What other language *do* you speak, you bloody steamer! – G. Kersh, *Night and the City*, p.241 [1946], **1938**

· Within a few days he is accepted as a ‘wide fellow,’ that is one knowledgeable in their ways and therefore ‘one of the gang,’ or rejected as a ‘steamer,’ a fool[.] – E. Harvey, *A Company of Masterless Men*, p.51, **1944**

· He can get rid of his cash as easily as any “punter” or “steamer” – which means a mug. – *The Ottawa Journal*, Ottawa, Ontario, ‘British Police Use “Slanguage” with Crooks’, 29th August **1963**

· The reader will already have gathered that the underworld person divides all the world’s populace into two main groups, wide men and steamers. The term steamer is only concealed rhyming slang. Steamer, steam-tug, mug. – J. Phelan, *Underworld*, p.19, **1967**

· If, when two men *make a deal* or *trade* or *make a move* or *move*, they use someone else as a go-between (preferably so that he isn’t aware of the deal), he’s a *steamer*. *Steamer* is thus also a common term for a “sucker”. – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.10, **1974**

· **STEAMER** [...] a fool or a mug. Steam tug = mug. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

2 a bug; a bedbug [UK/AUSTRALIA]

In Australian English, only recorded in the form *steam tug*.

· The industry and size of the “steam tug” has made it a substitute for “bug,” while poor Nancy Lee is ignominiously associated with the other domestic pest. – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· “Steamers, be Christ!” he had exclaimed, with extreme satisfaction. He squeezed it between his finger and thumb, unloosing a truly sickening smell. – N. Monsarrat, *Schoolroom*, p.212 [1988], **1939**

· The bugs nested comfortably in the wall as by right, having been in occupation many a year. [...] They were also known as Hearth Rugs, or Steam Tugs to the well-initiated. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.57, **1976**

· There is a fair amount of rhyming slang [in Liverpool]—*dad* (writing-pad), *China plates* (mates, companions), *five-to-two* (Jew)—but in contrast to general belief it is not all copied from Cockney. Some is definitely more Northern, like e.g. *Glasgow Range* for change (e.g. from a fiver) or *steam-tugs* for bugs. – P. Wright, *Lancashire Dialect*, p.45, **1976**

· **steam tug(s)** (2): bug(s). – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

· The bed was full of steamers. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· Nearly everyone who lived in an old house had bed-bugs, or ‘steam tugs’ as my Dad would call them. – *The East London Forum*, 5th February **2013**

3 a bookmaker’s or a prostitute’s client [UK]

Rhymes on *mug*. Only recorded in the form *steamer*.

· A steamer can, I think, be differentiated from a mug. A steamer wants something back for his money. He is a bookmaker’s or a prostitute’s client or a ‘con.’-man’s victim. – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938: J. Curtis, letter, March **1937**

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

4 a mug (for drinking); a mugful [UK]

Only recorded in the form *steam tug*.

· I ate a good Lord-direct-us, which consisted of two rashers of offered-and-taken, two nutmegs, and a steam tug of merci boko. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, ‘English as It’s Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)’, 12th April **1938**

· [S]itting all morning at the Aunt Mable on my Pipe and Drum drinking Rosie Lee from my Steam Tug[.] – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 12th October **2009**

5 a homosexual man, often specifically one who uses the services of a male prostitute or one who seeks passive partners [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *mug*. Only recorded in the form *steamer*.

· Terry..spending his time..among the young homosexuals and their ‘steamers’. – *OED2*, 1984: *The Times Literary Supplement*, London, 2nd May **1958**

· If this is the case for the clients of male prostitutes (the “steamers” or “punters,” “swells” or “swanks”), how much more true is it for the prostitute himself[.] – J. Weeks, *Inverts, Perverts, and Mary-Annes*, p.115, **1980–1981**

· He’s a steamer. = He’s a homosexual. – S. Beecher, *DoCS*, **1983**

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, **2002**

· [H]e just grabs me and hugs me there on the street and I’m sort of, like, you know, looking around to see who’s, like, watching, not wanting people to think I’m a steamer, obviously. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Dirtbag*, pp.82–83, **2003**

· Queers were “mugs,” “steamers,” or “twisters,” terms that usually denoted the hapless victim of crime, but here implied the simplicity allowing a strong man to exploit a weaker victim. – M. Houlbrook, *Queer London*, p.179, **2005**

· Yer man with the white socks looks like a pure steamer. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 17th October **2007**

· [I]s he a steamer? asking you to go to a wedding as friends... maybe he just wants to get you drunk and bum you ha ha. – *An Fear Rua* forum, 15th October **2009**

6 a boxer [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pug*. Only recorded in the form *steam tug*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

7 a rug [UK]

Only recorded in the form *steam tug*.

· Don’t drop anything on the steam tug. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.80, **1968**

steam tugs

noun

drugs [UK]

- – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.118, **1985**
- A ready-made slogan for keeping kids off drugs – Steam Tugs Are for Steamers. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- – *answers.yahoo.com*, 20th July **2007**
- Another One On The Steam Tugs! [...] How shall we stop this cheating or should we just accept it and let athletics become a chemistry competition? – *www.theanswer-bank.co.uk*, 15th July **2013**

Steel Rod

noun

a Protestant [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

- Rhymes on the slang *Prod*, a shortening of *Protestant*, the final *d* reflecting the common pronunciation of intervocalic /t/ as a voiced flap (i.e. *Prodestant*).
- Similarly many of the words used for *unionists* that follow have entries of their own, not all are currently much in use and some of them refer specifically to *loyalist* groups. These include (in alphabetical order): Billys, Blackmen, Huns, Ironrods (rhyming slang, also Steelrods), Jaffas, Orangies, Prods, Proddies and Proddy Dogs. – S. Dunn and H. Dawson, *Alphabetical Listing*, p.266, **2000**

Steele Rudds

noun

potatoes [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *spuds*. < Steele Rudd, the pseudonym of Australian writer Arthur Hoey Davis (1868–1935).
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.270, **1945**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

steel shutters

noun

diarrhoea [IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *the scutters*, a common slang expression in Ireland.
- – *myspace.com*, male from Dublin, 14th November **2006**
- If you're unlucky enough to have a dose of the **scutters**, **squitters** or **steel shutters** (diarrhoea) you can politely say **It's falling from me**. – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.79, **2007**

Steely Dan; steely

noun

1 a suntan [UK]

- < American jazz-rock band Steely Dan; ultimately based on 'Steely Dan III from Yokohama', the name given to a rubber strap-on dildo in William Burroughs's *Naked Lunch* (1959). Only recorded in the full form.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th October **2003**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 2 the bowl of a toilet [UK: SCOTLAND]
- Rhymes on *pan*.
- Och no, that's me jist flushed ma wallies doon the steely again. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

steeple on the hey

noun

in cricket, that time when all is set and ready for the players to take to the field [UK]

- A combination of punning and rhyming slang. *Steeple* is a pun on *church spires*, rhyming on *umpires*. *Hey* is a clipping of *hey diddle diddle*, itself a variant of HI DIDDLE DIDDLE, here extended to refer to the field of play.
- "Cricketers have always used rhyming slang, some of it obscure," writes Lord Selvey. "At Middlesex for example, the phrase 'steeple on the hey' meant it was time to take the field. Steeples = church spires = umpires on the hey-diddle-diddle. I used it frequently during TMS summarising stints. – *www.theguardian.com*, 12th August **2016**

Stefan Kuntz; Stefans

noun

detestable or stupid people [UK]

- Pseudo-rhyming slang. Relies on the jocular pronunciation of the German surname *Kuntz* as a homophone of the English word *cunts*. < German footballer Stefan Kuntz (b.1962).
- [W]e must beat these stefan kuntz. – *www.facebook.com*, 6th May **2012**
- Bunch of Stefan Kuntz... – *Bristol City Fans' Forum*, 19th June **2014**
- Your all acting like a bunch of stefans (Kuntz). – *LTLF Forest Forum*, 23rd July **2015**

Steffi Graf; steffi

noun

1 a laugh [UK]

- < German tennis player Steffi Graf (b.1969). Generally in the phrase *you're having a Steffi Graf* or *you're having a steffi* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- I'll leave you to work that one out for yourself, although you may just think I'm having a Steffi Graf. – *The Independent*, London, 7th November **1998**
- You're having a Steffi Graf, aren't you? – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**
- Are you having a Steffi or do you seriously believe Britons in the Nineteenth Century stood around saying, "by jove, there goes one of those dark chaps, how curious!?" – *RedCafe.net* forum, 3rd March **2011**

2 a bath [UK]

- A perfect rhyme in Cockney.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- I haven't had a Steffi Graf for about 12 months, i might jump in it now though and then have a nice lovely sleep[.] – *On the Kop* forum, 5th June **2008**

3 half an ounce of a drug [UK]

- – N. Jones, *Spliffs*, p.251, **2003**

Steffi Graf*nickname*

Bath, a city in north-east Somerset, in the south-west of England

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. < German tennis player Steffi Graf (b.1969).

· There might be a bit of pleasure and pain in Steffi Graf, so brin' your Quaker Oat[.] – *astraltravels.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th October **2006**

Steffi Graf*verb*

to laugh [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [H]ope this made you Steffi Graf... – *Tech Support Guy* forum, 23rd April **2007**

· Come on, Dionne, don't make me steffi graff. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

· And that's nothing to Steffi Graf about. – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

Stephen Byers; stephens*noun*

liars [UK]

< English Labour politician Stephen Byers (b.1953), who famously resigned in 2002 as Secretary of State for Transport amidst allegations that he had lied to Parliament.

· I heard 'Stephen Byers' as Cockney rhyming slang for 'liars'[.] – *UsingEnglish.com* forum, 27th April **2007**

· All politicians are Stephens. – *www.english-for-students.com*, accessed 10th November **2013**

· One I heard recently was that the government where a load of Stephen Byes (Liars). – *www.theguardian.com*, accessed 1st December **2013**

Stephen Dank*noun*

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Australian sports scientist Stephen Dank (b.ca 1964), whose athlete doping programmes resulted in criminal allegations and scandal in 2013.

· – I get the same symtons when i havent had sex in a while. Happens for 52 weeks a year. – Try having a "Stephen Dank" to relieve the pressure. – *Saintsational Fan Forum*, 12th February **2013**

· Dave Watts bad time to have a stephen dank. – *status cope.co/au/*, 23rd July **2016**

stephen danker*noun*

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of STEPHEN DANK.

· Thanks everyone for the feedback from last weeks match report and yes I can be a "Stephen Danker" at times. – *www.heidelbergjfc.com.au*, 30th April **2013**

· To use the new rhyming slang, he is a Stephen Danker. – *twitter.com*, 14th September **2015**

· You're a bunch of Stephen Dankers. – *twitter.com*, 9th May **2016**

Stephen Fry*noun*

a pie [UK]

< English actor, presenter and writer Stephen Fry (b.1957).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Stephen Hunt*noun*

1 a stupid or obnoxious person [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Irish footballer Stephen Hunt (b.1981).

· [H]e got through his press briefing without hurling an array of expletives or declaring anyone present to be what exponents of Cockney rhyming slang would possibly term as a Stephen Hunt. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 13th October **2008**

· [W]hat a stephen hunt you are! – *Bluemoon* forum, 19th November **2009**

· Good player, a pest like Bellamy & Robbie Savage, but he's a right Stephen Hunt isn't he?? – *The-Wanderer.co.uk* forum, 14th January **2010**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Stephen Hunt of (something)* 'to mess up, ruin or spoil'.

· [Y]our sources made a stephen hunt of it[.] – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2011**

· How did you manage that? Sounds like you made a 'Stephen Hunt' of it. – *GrandOldTeam* forum, 4th May **2012**

Stephenson's Rocket; stephensons*noun*

a pocket [UK]

< Rocket, an early steam locomotive built in 1829 by George Stephenson (1781-1848).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

stereophonic sound*noun*

the sum of one pound before decimalisation of the currency [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Steve Bould; Stevie Bould; Stevey Bold; Steve Bold*noun*

a cold [UK]

< English football player and assistant manager Steve Bould (b.1962).

· i've got a steve bold! – *twitter.com*, 1st October **2011**

· Boo. I have a Stevey bold and a Vincent van cough. – *twitter.com*, 22nd December **2012**

· ive got a steve bould i felle terri'ble. – *twitter.com*, 28th February **2013**

· So I've just got over one of the worse hungovers I've had got a Stevie bould and the old dear gives me a brandy. – *twitter.com*, 17th February **2014**

Steve Bould; Stevie Bould; Stevey Bould; Steve Bold;**Stevie Bold***adjective*

1 cold [UK]

< English football player and assistant manager Steve Bould (b.1962).

· Stevey Bould is Cockney slang for Cold. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Bloody hell, it's seriously Steve Bould out there today[.] – *North Stand Chat* forum, 30th November **2005**

· It's a bit Stevie Bould and Mork & Mindy out there. – *twitter.com*, 21st October **2011**

· It's a bit Stevey Bould on this Monday Day's Dawning. – *twitter.com*, 15th October **2012**

· Bit Steve Bold out there. – *twitter.com*, 28th November **2012**

· Bit Stevie Bold out. – *twitter.com*, 1st December **2012**

· Do not be deceived by the sunshine this morning. It's a bit Steve Bould for shorts. – *twitter.com*, 8th September **2013**

· My feet are always stevey bould. – *twitter.com*, 7th December **2013**

· Christ it's Stevie Bould outside – *twitter.com*, 22nd January **2015**

2 old [UK]

Recorded in the form *Steve Bould*.

· He's getting a bit Steve Bould now, isn't he? – *JA606* forum, 12th May **2012**

Steve Boulds; Stevie Boulds*noun*

football boots with moulded soles [UK]

Rhymes on *moulds*. < English football player and assistant manager Steve Bould (b.1962).

· Steve Bould's-moulds (as in footie boots). – *Charlton Life* forum, 12th January **2012**

· [Y]ou can't wear studs or steve boulds on there...only ghandi's flip flops would do. – *twitter.com*, 10th July **2015**

· – Studs or moulds boys? – stevie boulds... – *twitter.com*, 15th January **2016**

· – Standard studs are a no no. – stevie boulds for me lad. – *twitter.com*, 4th May **2016**

Steve Chettle; Stevie Chettle*noun*

a kettle [UK]

< English footballer Steve Chettle (b.1968).

· – *Bluemoon* forum, 23rd May **2010**

· – *www.thedaisycutter.co.uk*, 5th November **2010**

· [P]ut the Stevie Chettle on... – *twitter.com*, 23rd February **2014**

Steve Claridge; steve*noun*

a garage [UK]

< English football player and manager Steve Claridge (b.1966).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I've just gotta go down the Steve for some petrol. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.112, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· It's in the Steve Claridge (garage). – *Bluemoon* forum, 24th May **2010**

Steve Claridge*nickname*

The Garage, a popular nightclub venue in Glasgow

< English football player and manager Steve Claridge (b.1966).

· Fancy a night out in the Steve Claridge (Garage) was my old favourite. – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2013**

Steve Cram*verb*

to go away quickly [UK]

Rhymes on *scram*. < English Olympic athlete Steve Cram (b.1960).

· Olympic officials and other VIPs need to be on their toes to Steve Cram [scram] down the Sally [Gunnell – Blackwall Tunnel] in the event of a suspected Roger [Black – terrorist attack]. – *www.newsbiscuit.com*, 28th February **2011**

Steve Hart; Stevey Hart*noun*

a fart [AUSTRALIA]

Probably < Australian bushranger Steve Hart (1859–80), the youngest member of the notorious Kelly gang. The earliest form is *Steve Hart*, recorded by Baker (1966) and Aven-Bray (1983). *Stevie Hart* is given by Meredith (1984) and Seal (2009).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.43, **1983**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Steve Hart*verb*

to start [AUSTRALIA/US]

Probably < Australian bushranger Steve Hart (1859–80), the youngest member of the notorious Kelly gang.

· “Yes,” we agreed, “we heard of an Australian who said to his mate, ‘Go down to the shake and shiver and get some mother and daughter. I’ll get a false alarm of rickety-dicks and Steve Hart the Barney McQuire.’[”] – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 16th August **1924**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Steve Hillage; steve*noun*

a spillage [UK]

< English rock musician Steve Hillage (b.1951).

· Last night in the kitchen, my daughter knocked over her vanilla Nesquik and shouted out to me “Dad, there’s

been a bit of a ‘Steve’ in the kitchen”. We live on the edge of deepest Cockneyshire and she has of course picked up one of my own favourite pieces of rhyming slang ‘Steve Hillage = spillage’. – *The Motley Fool* forum, 15th January **2004**

Steve McQueens; steves

noun

1 jeans [UK]

< American actor Steve McQueen (1930–80).
 · It must have fallen out of a hole in my Steve McQueens. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**
 · There are a few more wrinkles, but he is still instantly recognisable with his swept-back ponytail and faded Steve McQueens (jeans). – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

· Me new steves are a bit tight. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· I’m convinced she would have as much fun in a crazy hat, chatting with the queen at Ascott, as she would in steve mcqueens (Cockney rhyming slang for jeans) and boots, at the local pub, with a half-empty pint at her elbow. – *The Herald-Sun*, Durham, North Carolina, 14th August **2012**

2 beans, especially baked beans [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.
 · – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th August **2010**
 · I’ve barely been so thrilled as when the bloke at a greasy spoon near Victoria Bus Station confirmed my eggs, beans and chips order as “Steve McQueens, Mystic Megs and chips”. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th March **2012**

· You had Steve McQueens on toast for breakfast. – *www.welshwriters.org.uk/slaggbrothers*, accessed 30th April **2013**

Steve Ryder; Steve Rider

noun

1 in snooker, an elevated rest that supports an extended bridge for a player’s cueing action [UK]

Rhymes on *spider*. < English TV sports presenter Steve Rider (b.1950). Only recorded in the form *Steve Ryder*. Synonymous with WINONA RYDER. ▶ see GEORGIE BEST

· – *comeonjimmy.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th March **2009**

2 cider [UK]

· [G]et a Steve Ryder down your Gregory Peck. – *twitter.com* 31st January **2012**

· Admittedly i’ve had a few Steve Riders but i can’t remember seeing any moaning about him. – *Vital Football* forum, 30th January **2016**

Steve Waugh

noun

a tedious person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bore*. < Australian cricketer Steve Waugh (b.1965), twin brother of Mark Waugh; also known by the nickname TUGGA. Synonymous with MARK WAUGH.

· [H]e’s a bit of a steve waugh that fella. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Stevy Hart

noun

▶ see STEVE HART

Stevie Nicks; stevie

noun

the cinema [UK]

Rhymes on *flicks*. < American singer Stevie Nicks (b.1948), best known as one of the lead vocalists of Fleetwood Mac.

· What’s on a the Stevie this week? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th March **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Stevie Ray Vaughan; stevie ray

noun

pornography [UK]

Rhymes on *porn*. < American blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan (1954–90).

· I should explain for the foreigners that Stevie Ray is rhyming slang for porn. Well, at least in my world it is. [...] I make a thread about self relief, and they really do want a thread about Stevie Ray Vaughan. Can one of the mods rename thread something along the lines of ‘midlife wank porn disillusionment crisis’? – *We Are The Music Makers* forum, 18th November **2009**

Stevie Wonder; stevie

noun

1 thunder [UK]

< Stevie Wonder, the stage name of American singer Stevland Morris (b.1950). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

2 vomit; an instance of vomiting [UK]

Rhymes on CHUNDER.

· Stevie Wonder is Cockney slang for Chunder (Be sick). “I can feel a Stevie coming on.” – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th August **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 a blunder [UK]

· – *www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/bryanburnett*, 3rd May **2011**

· [W]hen Joe Hart dropped that ball yesterday he had a Stevie. – *www.facebook.com*, 1st November **2015**

Stewart Granger; Stewart Grainger; stewart

noun

1 a chance [UK]

Rhymes on *danger*. < English actor Stewart Granger (1913–93). Used in negative or interrogative contexts. Synonymous with LONE RANGER.

· Any Stewart Grainger of getting pissed in here today? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

- There's nae Stewart Grainger that she's no' up the duff. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006
- Stewart Grainger is Danger (as in No Stewart Grainger – no danger). – www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/islandblogging, blog, 26th February 2007
- Any Stewart (Grainger)? – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th June 2007
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- This was to be the first involving Rangers that I'd been allowed to see and there was no Stewart (no Stewart Granger = no danger was playground rhyming slang of the time) I was going to miss such a key cultural initiation for a 14-year-old Scot. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 23rd December 2012
- 2 a stranger [UK]
 - Only recorded in the form *Stewart Granger*.
 - When in London I worked with an old cockney who used lots of film star names as slang, you're a bit of a Stewart Granger, pass me the Anna Mae Wongs[.] – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 6th January 2005

stewed plum*noun*

a drum [UK]

- 'Blimey, Charlie,' I said, 'you will have to be careful or ya might 'it 'im wiv the stewed plum (drum).' – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.260, 1983

stewed prune; stewed*noun*

a tune [UK]

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- Give us a stewed prune. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- And when the landlord of the rub-a-dub called birdlime, the man set off back towards his cat and mouse, reeling about all over the frog and toad, and drunkenly humming a stewed prune. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September 1976
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- I'm also looking forward to hearing a few **stewed prunes** from you. – *GateWorld Forum*, 25th February 2005
- They played some fantastic Stewed Prunes (tunes)[.] – scandalmunro.blogspot.com, blog, 5th September 2005
- Give us a stewed on the old Joanna. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

Stewie Dew*noun*

vomit; an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

- Rhymes on *spew*. < Australian Rules footballer Stewie Dew (b.1979).
- Having a stewie dew[.] – *Australian 4WD Action* forum, 15th October 2005
- [I]'m having a big stewie dew. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 13th March 2009
- – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October 2009

Stewie Diver*noun*

▶ see STUART DIVER

stick and crutch*noun*

- the act of asking for money as a loan or gift [IRELAND]
- Rhymes on the slang *touch*. Used in the phrase *on the stick and crutch*, the direct equivalent of *on the touch*.
- I met the bloody tap dancer last night, always on the stick and crutch, he is! – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, 1966

stick of chalk*noun*

a walk [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- If you suffer an accident whilst having a *stick of chalk* (walk), you might yell *Oh, mi mince pie!* (eye)[.] – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, 1974
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984
- – *New Straits Times*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 'Cockney Chit-Chat', 28th December 1994
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

sticks and stones; sticks*noun*

bones [UK]

- < 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me', a children's taunt first recorded in G. F. Northall's *Folk-Phrases of Four Counties* (1894); variants include 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me' and 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but hard words cannot hurt me'.
- It's my fervent wish that you all make old 'sticks'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- It's the passage about the valley of the dry sticks and stones. [...] As I was 'aving a butcher's, the sticks were covered with muscles and all the other bits, and then the skin. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.33, 2002
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- [T]hats just cos ees all thick and thin (skin) and sticks and stones (bones). – runningmasters.blogspot.com, 24th March 2015

stick slingers*noun*

the fingers [US/UK]

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.57, 1973

sticky bun*noun*

1 a son [UK]

- < *sticky bun* 'a small, iced or sugar-coated, sweet bread roll'. Originally listed by Puxley (1992) with a misprint in the first element (*stick bun*). The error was corrected by the same author in his 2003 dictionary.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 a Protestant; hence a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC, traditionally a Protestant team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *Hun*, a sectarian insult chiefly used by supporters of Rangers' traditional rivals, Celtic FC and Edinburgh's Hibernian FC, two clubs whose roots are in the Irish Catholic community. Synonymous with CREAM BUN, CURRANT BUN and PARIS BUN.

· Gers_fan1 shut your mouth you ****ing sticky bun. – *Football Forums.net*, 21st February **2008**

· The first of my posts you deleted was done away with because I said “sticky bun”. If you took time to understand what I was saying, you would have seen that it was anti-sectarian. – *Accies World* forum, 23rd August **2008**
· – What nickname do you use to call rangers fans? – The sticky buns. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 5th April **2009**

· Was Arturo a ‘Sticky Bun’ as a laddie? [...] I remember reading that the bold Arthur was actually a Hibs fan. – *Hibs.net* forum, 13th August **2009**

sticky buns; stickys

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the runs*.

· I went to India for a month and I had the stickys the whole time I was there. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

Sticky Buns; Stickies

nickname

Glasgow Rangers FC

Rhymes on *the Huns*. < *sticky bun* ‘a small, iced or sugar-coated, sweet bread roll’. A sectarian insult chiefly used by supporters of Rangers' traditional rivals, Celtic FC and Edinburgh's Hibernian FC, two clubs whose roots are in the Irish Catholic community. Other nicknames for this team are CREAM BUNS, CURRANT BUNS and PARIS BUNS.

· With Hibs only two points behind the stickies as of today, a win on Saturday at Hunville will see us go above them. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 3rd March **2006**

· The sticky buns aren't happy. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 26th October **2009**

· The sensible course for any Rangers minded individual would be to keep their investment money or season ticket money back for now and use that to help rebuild the sticky buns if they lose the tax-case and are forced into administration or liquidation. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 19th April **2011**

· There will be loads of features on this ‘tragedy’ and pictures of derelict Cathkin Park and the phrase ‘superb playing surface’ deployed continuously, until by some shenanigans, the Sticky Buns have a triumphant medi-afest homecoming. – *Hibs.net* forum, 7th March **2012**

stick your tongue up a hen

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

sticky tape

noun

a Roman Catholic; hence a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pape*. Used as a sectarian insult by Protestants and supporters of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic's traditional rivals.

· Is he a crash barrier? Aye, a total sticky tape. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 10th May **2012**

sticky tapes

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

A plural form of STICKY TAPE.

· The sticky tapes game is the only one on the telly. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 24th December **2016**

sticky toffee; sticky

noun

coffee [UK]

· A cup of sticky[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Now all I had to do was go and get me tea pot lids (kids) from the Jah Rule (school) then I can put me feet up an' 'av' a nice cuppa sticky toffee (coffee). – *my.opera.com/BIGDADGIB*, blog, 5th June **2007**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

· Do you want a cup of ‘sticky toffee’? – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.163 [2014], **2009**

· I'm off for a sticky and an oily to mull things over. – *What Hi-Fi?* forum, 5th November **2009**

stiff-burnt

noun

a plate-glass window [UK]

Formed on *burnt*, a shortening of BURNT CINDER. Criminal slang.

· Corey was a specialist, “the best man for miles on a stiff-burnt.” Every one would know a big smash-job was coming. [...] When any gang-leader wanted a man for a stiff-burnt he sent for Corey Moggs. – J. Phelan, *The Underworld*, pp.95/141, **1953**

· [A] stiff burnt, a plate-glass window[.] – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

stiff shitty

noun

a city [AUSTRALIA]

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 8th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

stinging nettle; stinger

noun

a kettle [UK]

· Put the stinger on. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th June **2003**

· Put the stinging nettle on. – *twitter.com*, 3rd December **2009**

· [P]ut the stinging nettle on and make us a rosy Lee cheeeeeeers. – *twitter.com*, 26th July **2014**

stink and stench*noun*

1 a trench [AUSTRALIA]

· We was packed in the bloomin' stink-and-stenches like a lot of bally sardines, and not half of us could get a poke over the edge with his just-a-trifle. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

2 the French [us]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Stirling Moss; stirling*noun*

something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *toss*. < English racing driver Stirling Moss (b.1929). Usually in the phrase *not give a Stirling Moss* (or *not give a stirling*) 'to not care at all'.

· He's not worth a Stirling Moss. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Though I appreciate your concerns for the “feelings” of imaginary, sensitive, third parties, I personally couldn't give a Stirling. – *South West Mafia* forum, 8th January **2007**

· As long as the old gits wait until after the election then I couldn't give a stirling moss. – *Armchair General and HistoryNet* forum, 20th March **2010**

· i don't give a stirling mate! – *twitter.com*, 5th April **2011**

stok and die*noun*

1 a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA]

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 8th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 a pie [AUSTRALIA]

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 8th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Stockport County*noun*

Bounty, a brand of coconut-filled chocolate bar [UK]

< Stockport County, a football club based in Stockport, a town near Manchester, in the north-west of England.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

stocks and shares*noun*

stairs [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· There are several alternatives for the word “stairs”, including Fred Astaires, troubles and cares, and stocks and shares, but none have gained much traction or are in common usage today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *Apples and Pears*, 24th May **2007**

· – *www.lifedaily.com*, 15th May **2013**

Stockton-on-Tees; stockton*noun*

cheese [UK]

< Stockton-on-Tees, a town in the northeast of England.

· He has a “bull” (row) with the landlady, and says the “Stockton” (cheese) is so “Wilkie” (hard) that he cannot get his “Hampsteads” (teeth) into it. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

· “Stockton” (on-Tees)=cheese[.] – E. Jones, *Psychopathology*, p.520, **1911**

Stockton Punt*noun*

an obnoxious or stupid person; a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < Stockton Punt, a now defunct vehicular ferry service in Newcastle, NSW; it ceased to operate in late 1971, when the Stockton Bridge was opened.

· – V. Darroch, *On the Coast*, p.119, **1984**

· In Newcastle, Australia ‘Stockton Punt’ is used as rhyming slang, for some easy publicity I shall say ‘Ethan Hunt’ instead! – *twitter.com*, 4th December **2011**

Stoke-on-Trent*noun*■ **be from Stoke-on-Trent** to be homosexual [UK]

A pun based on the adjective STOKE-ON-TRENT.

· Where are you from? (no answer) aha! Stoke-on Trent I see. Well you know what they say don't you... Stoke on Trent – Bent. – *The Invisibles, Yahoo! Groups*, 7th October **1999**

· Jonah Ditton, 32, was called ‘a cream puff’ and ‘a wee poof’, and was asked if he was from Stoke-on-Trent – rhyming slang for ‘bent’. – *Daily Mail*, London, 13th February **2007**

Stoke-on-Trent; stoke*adjective*

1 homosexual [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bent*. < Stoke-on-Trent, a town in Staffordshire, in the West Midlands. Thus STOKER.

· ‘He implied,’ Fitz told him, ‘You were a bit “Stoke on Trent”. I told him to put up or shut up.’ – M. Gran and L. Marks, *Holding the Fort*, p.140 [1982], **1980**

· That show business lark ... they're all Stoke-on-Trent, aren't they? You have to watch yer old deaf and dumb in that game, Rodney! – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 14th March **1985**

· He looked like he was a bit Stoke on Trent, but Mandy had assured him he was straight as a die. – M. Cole, *The Ladykiller*, p.67 [2005], **1993**

· Was he a bit ‘Stoke on Trent’? – *MIG Performance Vauxhalls* forum, 28th September **2003**

· Don't want the birds in here thinking I've gone Stoke – couldn't handle that many suicides on my conscience. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.44, **2004**

· 'e's stoke, innit. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· He's well Stoke on Trent too. – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Hal Swearly*, **2013**

· If he bangs birds as well, it just means he's stoke-on-trent and schizophrenic!! – *twitter.com*, 22nd April **2013**

· Coincidentally we are all “Stoke on Trent” in this thread. – *twitter.com*, 13th December **2016**

2 corrupt [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*.

· Stoke-on-Trent. Bent (criminal). He’s totally Stoke. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 18th February **1999**

· He is concerned that he has described his prison stint as rather too rosy, all rhyming slang and screws who weren’t Stoke (Stoke-on-Trent, bent). – *The Observer*, London, 19th June **2005**

stoker

noun

a male homosexual [UK]

A derivative of *stoke*, the short form of the adjective STROKE-ON-TRENT.

· ‘I hear you’ve been gettin’ a love letter, Jonno,’ said an affable old lag in the dining hall queue. I looked at him suspiciously. ‘Was it from you?’ I asked. ‘Not in a million years. I ain’t no ginger,’ he replied in mock umbrage. ‘It were from Mad Frankie. He’s been telling all the world and his wife.’ ‘Who’s Mad Frankie?’ I asked. ‘Big Luco. Big Stoker. The lads call him the African Queen.’ – J. Aitken, *Porridge and Passion*, p.103, **2005**

stone jug

noun

a fool [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *mug*.

· He looks out for a likely looking “stone-jug,” “pican,” “mug,” or “jay” (flat), and “tells him the tale,” which consists of spinning a long fairy-tale as to a certain horse being sure to win[.] – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, ‘London Slang’, 15th June **1893**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.81, **1973**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· As for KW he certainly was no stone jug. – *Wiganworld* forum, 23rd February **2009**

stop and go; stop

noun

the toe [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

stop and look

noun

a book [us]

· – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June **1936**

stop and run

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-one [UK/IRELAND]

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – *www.ballsupbingo.co.uk*, 13th April **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

stop and stare

noun

a chair [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

stop and start; stop

noun

the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person’s emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’ll tell you this—whoever tells this Jack to get up and throw itself in the coffee and doesn’t doubt it in their stop, but really Adams that it’s gonna happen, it will happen for them. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.102, **2001**

· My stop-and-start just won’t let me do it! – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.22, **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

stop thief

noun

beef [UK]

Used with specific reference to a stolen piece of beef.

· I have got this piece of *stop thief*. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

storm and strife; storm; strife

noun

a wife [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

According to the available evidence, the clipped forms are exclusively American. Neither can be found in British or Australian sources, although *storm* was reportedly part of the idiolect of London-born film director Alfred Hitchcock.

· Down upon my ‘bread and cheese’ / Did I drop and murmur, ‘Please / Be my “storm and strife,” dear Tottie, / O, you darlingest of girls!’ – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896; Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November **1887**

· It’s the rhyming slang [...] Storm and strife, that’s the wife[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August **1919**

· In San Francisco this slang is shortened down to one word, as “twist” meaning a girl, and “strife” meaning wife. – *The Washington Times*, 5th November **1920**

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· Many expressions have become common in this enlightened land, such as storm and strife, for wife, bees and honey, for money, and twist and twirl, for girl. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**

· For example “storm and strife” meaning the wife, and “twist and twirl” meaning girl, and generally shortened to just “storm” and “twist”. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 24th October **1929**

· Met a little broad in 'Frisco, / Ast her to be my storm and strife, / Told her that I's tired of ramblin', / Said I'd settle down for life. – G. Milburn, *The Hobo's Hornbook*, p.242, **1930**

· – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 20th November **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· That's where I met me storm and strife. – *Mr Lucky*, US film, script by Milton Holmes and Adrian Scott, **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· Upper class Australians deny it, but the taxi drivers still lay off some of the rhyming slang on you. [...] And if you buy a Simple Simon for the storm-and-strife, you've bought a diamond for your wife. – *Chicago Tribune*, 10th November **1968**

· To discourage visitors, he [Hitchcock] communicated in his arcane cockney rhyming slang, where “relax” was “actual chopper” (“real axe”) and a wife was a “storm” (from “storm and strife”). – L.J. Leff, *Hitchcock and Selznick*, p.156 [1999], **1987**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

· – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

· “What do they call a lady then?” I thought for a second and answered sweetly, “A smart Bartly Hunt, or a warm Storm and Strife, or a stacked Twist and Twirl.” – M. Blanco, *The Dream Smugglers*, p.144, **2007**

· One day he showed up at the visiting yard, clearly high, jabbering prison rhyming slang. “Weep and wail” means jail. Twist and twirl means girl. Storm and strife means wife. – *Los Angeles Times*, 30th November **2008**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

straight and narrow

noun

a wheelbarrow [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

straight on through

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-two [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

strange and weird; strangely weird; strangely

noun

a beard [UK]

The forms *strangely weird* and *strangely* are recorded by Puxley (1992). All other sources give *strange and weird*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· I love a nice strange and weird[.] – *Ex Isle* forum, 9th July **2004**

· This bantam cock sparra may not be big, but 'e ain't 'alf Marilyn Manson, an' with a dirty strange and weird. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Strange and Weird (Beard Trim) with a Hot Simon Cowell (Towel) 8.00. – Price list, 'Jack the Clipper' barber shop, 4 Toynbee Street, Whitechapel, London, **2012**

· Me strange and weird is getting outa hand. Need a shave! – *twitter.com*, 29th August **2012**

· [G]et your barnet cut and shave the strange 'n' weird. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.37, **2015**

strangle and smother; strangle

noun

a mother [AUSTRALIA]

The short form is given by Baker (1966).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

straw boater

noun

a car [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *motor*. < *straw boater* 'a flat-topped straw hat with a stiff, flat brim and a hatband'.

· – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 22nd March **2013**

strawberry dip

noun

LSD (acid) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *trip*. Prison use. Inspired or reinforced by the strawberry image reproduced on some squares of LSD blotter (themselves known as *strawberries*).

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Strawberry Hill; strawberry

noun

1 a pill [UK]

< Strawberry Hill, an area of south-west London.

· Pill. Strawberry Hill. I must remember to take my strawberry tonight. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December **2006**

2 a contraceptive pill [UK]

· on the pill – strawberry hill. – *www.experienceproject.com*, 6th February **2011**

strawberry jam

noun

a tram (streetcar) [AUSTRALIA]

· I know one, now in his late 80s, who regularly gets on the strawberry jam. That's a tram, cobber. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11th February **2011**

strawberry mivvi; strawberry mivvie; strawberry mivvy; strawberry; strawb; mivvie

noun

1 among members of the armed forces, a civilian [UK]

Rhymes on *civvy*. < Strawberry Mivvi, a popular brand of ice cream. Recorded in the forms *strawberry mivvi*,

strawberry mivvie, strawberry mivvy, strawberry and strawb.

· Oi bug*er off with Civvy questions, you hyjacking strawberry (only joking). – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 27th June **2005**

· A ‘Strawberry Mivvie’ is a rhyming slang term used in Royal Navy Jack Speak for a civilian. – *SV1000 Portal* forum, 12th June **2006**

· It’s bloody scary, but at the same time also exciting – despite the fact that I haven’t got another job as yet. As my posting name was ‘Nearly a Strawberry’ – or Nearly a Strawberry Mivvi – Service rhyming slang for (civvy – or civilian), it is only right and proper that I change my handle to something else now that I am now a proper ‘strawberry’. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 24th April **2007**

· Hmm, I’m wondering if us strawberries can incorporate your fine idea into Civvy Strasse? – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 20th May **2007**

· Did my first training with the military. Became a ‘strawb’ in ’95. – *Paragliding Forum*, 22nd August **2008**

· Strawb is short for Strawberry Mivvy, Navy rhyming slang for Civvy. As in civilian, as in a regular person. – *twitter.com*, 12th February **2011**

· [F]acebook comments leading to sackings/interviews without coffee are common. for strawberries i meant (strawberry mivvi = civvy)! – *www.thinkdefence.co.uk*, 23rd May **2011**

· If something better pops-up, you can then give the mob a custard pie in the kisser and carry-on being a strawberry mivvi, you are under no obligation to join if accepted. – *Rum Ration* forum, 9th January **2014**

2 in the police force, a civilian member of staff [UK]
Rhymes on *civvy*.

· Remember the days when the personnel department consisted of a chief inspector and a couple of strawbs? – *Police Oracle* forum, 18th August **2005**

· I’m a strawberry with the local police force. [...] Toria – a ‘strawberry’ is a strawberry mivvi (sp?), a civvy[.] – *MoneySavingExpert.com* forum, 11th February **2008**

· **Strawberry Mivvie** Civvie, civilian police staff. Can be shortened to Strawbs or Mivvie. – C. Harris, *Police Slang*, **2010**

· *Neighbourhood Watch* crap. Information for the strawberry mivvies, the civvies who think they run this job, about ways to increase their earning potential. – M. Thomas, *Pocket Notebook*, p.46 [2011], **2010**

· **strawberries**: civilian police (strawberry Mivvies – civvies). – S. Dent, *Dent’s Modern Tribes*, p.165, **2016**

strawberry ripple; strawberry; strawb; ripple

noun

1 the nipple of a woman’s breast [UK]

< *strawberry ripple* ‘a type of vanilla and strawberry ice cream’. A variation of RASPBERRY RIPPLE. Recorded in the forms *strawberry ripple* and *strawberry*.

· Never at a loss for a romantic gesture, I remove my cakehole from the lilo and apply it to one of the afore-

mentioned strawberries (Strawberry ripple: Nipple. Ed.). – T. Lea, *Plumber’s Mate*, p.92, **1975**

· She is practically nodding as I close my Teds gently round her strawberry ripples. [...] I can distinctly see him squeezing her strawberries. – T. Lea, *Milkman*, pp.27/46, **1976**

· – I really love them strawberry ripples!! – Beautiful body. – *www.instagram.com*, 21st June **2015**

2 a disabled person [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *cripple*. A variation of BANANA RIPPLE and RASPBERRY RIPPLE. Recorded in the forms *strawberry ripple, strawb* and *ripple*. *Strawberry ripple* is common in both locations of use. In New Zealand, this form and its cut-down versions occur in prison slang. Interestingly, the short form *ripple* is also linked to *ripples* ‘a disabled person’, although the direction of the influence is uncertain. Both these terms are recorded by Looser (2001), who points out that *ripples* is based on the phrase *a few Ripples short of a pack*, the word *Ripples* being a reference to *ETA Ripples*, a brand name of crisps (potato chips).

· STRAWB (n) Cripple. Rhyming slang – ‘strawberry ripple’. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.254, **1982**

· He spent months in a wheelchair, weeks in a hospital, living in a “strawberry ripple” residential school. (“Ripple, cripple-see?” says Vincent.) – *New Society* magazine, London, 5th August **1982**

· **Strawberry Ripple Cripple**. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· **strawberry ripple** (also **ripple**) *n.* a physically deformed or mentally deficient person. – D. Looser, *Boob-slang*, **2001**

· [T]here are lots of cripples like you there! I am sure you would feel at home surrounded with fellow strawberry ripples. – *order-order.com*, blog, 19th May **2009**

strawberry roan; strawberry

noun

1 motor neurone disease; a person with motor neurone disease [UK]

< *strawberry roan* ‘a horse with a chestnut coat with white hairs evenly interspersed throughout’. Only recorded in the full form. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’.

· – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

2 a telephone [UK]

· She’s always on the strawberry. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

strawberry split; strawberry

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *twit, git, nit* and *shit*.

· That bloke’s a right strawberry. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003
- That bloke’s a right strawberry split! – *Quiz-zone* forum, 29th May 2008

strawberry tart; strawberry

noun

- the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person’s emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK]
- [D]on’t do that—you’ll give me a dickey strawberry! – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: reported by R. Pearsall, 1978
 - Last week “*Vera Lynn*” was used for *gin*, and someone said about a chap with a bad heart: “touch of the old dodgy strawberry”[.] – *New Society* magazine, London, 28th February 1985
 - Hand on my strawberry, I must confess that the old Inland Pirates were after Twiggy Enterprises for a little wedgerooney. [...] strawberry tart = heart. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.127, 1986
 - Me strawberry belongs to you. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006
 - He’s giving you a quick word in your King Lear about eating more fruit and Uncle Reg because you’ve got to look after the strawberry tart. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 20th April 2008
 - Rhyming slang can work especially neatly when the words or phrases are fitting, such as “strawberry”, for heart (from strawberry tart), “bag for life” (wife) and the new Euan Blair (Leicester Square). – *The Independent*, London, 4th September 2010
 - [A] little bird was singing its little strawberry out in a bush overlooking the path from the hide, and I managed a smudge for your delectation. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 13th June 2014

street fighter

noun

- a lighter [UK]
- [Y]ou got a street fighter? I need to light my grette[.] – *UD(.com)*, 14th April 2004
 - Pass me the Street Fighter will you? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 31st December 2009
 - – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 29th August 2011

strife

noun

- ▶ see STORM AND STRIFE

strike me dead; strike me; strike

noun

- 1 bread; a slice of bread [NEW ZEALAND/UK]
- The short forms are exclusively British.
- It extends to even articles of diet, / The staff of life’s a synonym for bread; / The offender asks (why doesn’t someone try it?) / For “Strike me dead.” – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909
 - To ask for cheese by saying “Pass me the battle” sounds fairly silly, till you understand that “and breeze” is cut out. To ask for a piece of “strike me,” the word “dead”

rhyming with “bread,” also wants taste[.] – J.M. Glover, *Jimmy Glover*, p.230, 1911

- “Bread” is “strike me dead.” It requires little imagination to see here a reference to a heavy, doughy mixture that may have fatal consequences. – *The Bookman*, London, October 1934
- I left him to do that, wished them bona darky and scarpered back to the letty, had a quick bite of strike-me and sweet evening, then a tumble of some hot I’m-so, and in a few minutes I was well away on the old Uncle. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.14, ca 1937
- [I]n the battalion in which I am now serving, porridge is always “burgoo” and jam is “pозzie,” but instead of “rooty and muckin” for bread and butter we hear of “Uncle Ned” or “strike me dead” and “roll-in-the-gutter”. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946: *The Manchester Guardian*, October 1940
- Ole Gutsache’ll send a boy for ‘is tea like this: ‘e’ll say: “Gemme a you ‘n’ a strike,” meaning a Cup of You-and-Me and a Slice of Strike-Me-Dead, or bread ‘n’ butter. – G. Kersh, *They Die with Their Boots Clean*, p.129, 1941
- No tifter to my loaf-o’-bread / No strike-me dead to eat[.] – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, 1957
- Pass the strike me. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.72, 1968
- I ‘ad a pair o’ jacks, some strike me, Joe, and Rosie. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.112, 1973
- [A] slice of ‘strike me’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- 2 the head [UK]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, 1930

strike me dead; strike me

adjective

red [UK]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

String ‘a’ Beads; Stringa

nickname

- ▶ see STRING OF BEADS

string and top

noun

a police officer [US]

Rhymes on *cop*.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

string and twine

noun

wine [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

string beans; strings*noun*

jeans [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**String of Beads; String o' Beads; String 'a' Beads; Stringer Beads; Stringa; Stringer; String***nickname*

1 the city of Leeds, in the north of England

First recorded in the form *String of Beads*.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960: *The Daily Herald*, London, 5th August 1936· Fought 'im in Leeds I did. Used to be a good fight town, the old String. – M. McShane, *The Passing of Evil*, p.176 [1963], 1961· String of Beads (Leeds)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, 1977· Stringa's where the life is, it's where you got to be. – *String 'a' Beads*, lyric, *The Rose of Avalanche*, 1990· Fatty Langford would have to live in String O' Beads for 25 years before he even had a chance of becoming an honorary assistant under chargehand Yorkshireman. – *groups.yahoo.com*, 14th September 1999· Today I've been in String Of Beads ("Leeds" – Cockney Ed) stuck in a room all day learning about Strategic and Project Management. – *uppi17.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September 2004· She's a Sussex Southerner but has learned lots since we came back to 'String o' beads' (Leeds) in '67! – *SecretLeeds* forum, 6th June 2007· Location: THE MIGHTY STRINGA BEADS (LEEDS) ARM-LEY. – *Dubplates* forum, 19th June 2009· [D]odgy area of string-o-beads (leeds). – *www.wigan-world.co.uk*, 9th September 2011· Hey people, Greetings from Stringa! – *another-day-in-the-lift.blogspot.com*, blog, 16th April 2012· Hello from stringer beads. – *Minelab Owners* forum, 28th May 2012· You sound very local to my neck of the woods lad. Anywhere near stringer beads by any chance? – *www.youtube.com*, 19th August 2012· Off to the burlesque show, in the old string of beads. – *twitter.com*, 11th April 2014

2 Leeds United AFC, a football team based in Leeds, in the north of England

· Gonna watch String o' beads tonight. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th April 2002· Cor blimey, did you see the *screaming Alice* play the *strings o' beads* last night? – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.111, 2004· Hello frm Melbourne, G.L.D., I, like you followed Stringer Beads through those magnificent years under the great Don Revie. – *The Bai Stand* forum, 22nd February 2005· Fair play to the string of beads can't fault them this season! – *Shocker Soccer* forum, 28th October 2007· I agree Teebag. 1–0 to the "string-of-beads". Beckford. I don't give a toss what we play like anymore. Let's just win. – *www.thefootballnetwork.net*, forum, 7th March 2009**string vest; string***noun*

an annoying person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *pest*.· Look out here comes the string vest. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· That Fred's always nagging, he's a right string vest. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004· Yeah, right fuckin string vest 'n' all she is. – J.J. Conolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.351, 2011· [A] woolly vest ... is now a string vest[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March 2011· [A]h mind that he was always a happy, singing drunk; an occasional string vest, but never violent or aggressive. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.149, 2012· That Freddie is becoming a right string! – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.375, 2015**string vests***noun*

success [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

· [A]ctually 'e was taught by this Coles fridge (freezer – geezer) and is now a 'pie and liquor' (vicar) himself and has used the Cockney 'Slander and Libel' (Bible) at Jah Rule (school) assemblies with great 'string vests' (success). – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March 2012**strive and strive***noun*

in bingo, the number seventy-five [UK/IRELAND]

· Strive and strive (75) becomes on the skive and Danny La Rue (52) becomes chicken vindaloo. – *The Sun*, London, 5th May 2003· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June 2004

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· Strive and strive, it's 75 you need this week. Every bingo on it will bag you 5,000 BPs in your account!!! – *www.mirrorbingo.com*, 21st April 2009· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012**strong and thin***noun*

gin [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962**stroppy teen***noun*

in bingo, the number fifteen [UK]

· Old favourites like legs eleven (11), clickety click (66) and two fat ladies (88) remain. But they are joined by

stropky teen (15) and feng shui (53). – *The Sun*, London, 5th May 2003

- – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July 2003
- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 14th October 2013

struggle and grunt; struggling grunt; struggle

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th January 2001
- – *Green Street*, US-UK film, script by Dougie Brimson, Josh Shelov and Lexi Alexander, 2005
- That ones a right struggle. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December 2006
- [I]t does make you sound like a right struggle and grunt, don't it. – *The British Comedy Guide* forum, 10th July 2008
- You filthy struggling grunt / know what that means? Your a filthy ****! – *allpoetry.com*, 12th November 2008
- [S]heep off you struggling grunt... – *LiquidFootball* forum, 26th January 2009
- – bitch – who's a bitch – both ha – your a struggling runt – struggle and grunt. – *twitter.com*, 24th September 2012
- Bunch of struggle and grunts. – *twitter.com*, 18th May 2014

struggle and strain

noun

a train [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.41, 1969
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

struggle and strain

verb

to train physically [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

struggle and strainers; struggles

noun

1 trainers (casual sports shoes) [UK]

A derivative of the verb STRUGGLE AND STRAIN.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Young Kevin needs some new strugglers. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- The next time you part with your *Sausage and Mash* for some *Struggle and Strainers*[.] – *scandalmunro.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th September 2005
- 2 horse trainers [UK]
- Until one day he was at the *belt* and got friendly with a couple of *struggles*. They gave him a tip so he put a *national debt* on this nag to *nose*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, 2011

struggle and strife; struggle

noun

1 a wife [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- I was interested to read the remarks on rhyming slang, and maybe you will be surprised to learn that this is common among the local building fraternity. The following, with meanings, are regular and common sayings:– [...] 'Struggle and strife,' Wife or knife. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July 1932
- Struggle & strife ... Wife. – *The Australian Police Journal*, April 1950
- Diana's diction sounds more American than English, and she peppers it with her own mixture of U.S. and Australian jive talk. Some of her pet phrases are highland flinger (singer), struggle-and-strife (wife) and wowie-ow-wow-wow (very good). Her career as a highland flinger is so wowie-ow-wow-wow that she doesn't think about becoming a struggle-and-strife. – *Life* magazine, New York, 27th June 1960
- **struggle and strife** Wife. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
- Hello, old chap, how's the **struggle and Gawd-fers?** – *The Spokesman-Review*, Spokane, Washington, 9th March 1968
- *struggle and strife* = wife[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April 1968
- Two drops of *pimple and blotch* and a *needle and pin* for the *struggle and strife*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.12, 1969
- [T]he door was suddenly flung open and in storms wee Sadie Briggs, his struggle'n strife, with a steaming hot plate of tatties'n mince in her hand. – J. Torrington, *Swing*, p.318, 1992
- struggle and strife: wife. – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', 1997–2005
- [M]ystruggleandstrife'sthrupennybitsjiggledtheentire bill skinner. – *LetsGoPens.com* forum, 3rd August 2011
- 2 a knife [UK: LEEDS]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 20th July 1932
- 3 life [UK]
- Only recorded in the full form.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- I may be a lot of things but ain't never killed nobody in all my struggle and strife (not on purpose, any road)[.] – W. Stafford, *Trapping Fog*, p.98, 2016

struggling grunt

noun

► see STRUGGLE AND GRUNT

struggling runt

noun

an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

· [A]w mate your a struggling runt you! – *UD(.com)*, 1st May **2010**

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

strum and stroll; strut and stroll

noun

unemployment benefit [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the dole*. *Strum and stroll* is recorded by Meredith (1984) and Seal (2009). *Strut and stroll* is listed only by the latter author.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Stuart Diver; Stewie Diver; Stuey Diver

noun

1 a five-dollar note or the sum of five dollars [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *five*. < Stuart Diver (b.1970), the only survivor of the 1997 Thredbo landslide that killed eighteen people.

· A \$5 (five) is a Stuart Diver. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 19th February **2001**

· **five** (five dollars) **Stuart Diver**. – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· Stuey Diver – Fiver. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th January **2004**

· Do the Slush actually get any money / cold hard cash / moola / dollars / bucks / stewie divers / cash cash cash from all the ads that appear on this website? – *Bravenet.com* forum, 7th October **2004**

· Stewie Diver [...] fiver. – *Rugby HQ*, Australian TV: Fox Sports 1, 8th May **2014**

· The 7/11 guy just stared at me when I said I only had a “Stuart Diver”. – *twitter.com*, 8th July **2014**

2 a survivor [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *Stuart Diver*.

· Thredbo hero Stuart Diver’s name has become rhyming slang for “survivor”. – *Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 7th March **2001**

· He’s a real Stuart Diver[.] – *Armchair General and HistoryNet* forum, 30th August **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *BabyBump* forum, 27th August **2011**

Stuart McCalls

noun

1 the testicles [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. < English football player and manager Stuart McCall (b.1964). Also used in the phrase *have someone by the Stuart McCalls* ‘to have complete control over someone’, the direct equivalent of *have someone by the balls*.

· However, I need more snakeskin on Adidas like I need a kick in the Stuart McCalls. – *Crooked Tongues* forum, 28th February **2007**

· You need a good kick in the Stuart McCalls. – *Interactive Investor* forum, 5th May **2009**

· Kick him in the Stuart McCalls!!!! – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 2nd June **2011**

· I agree, he has them by the Stuart McCalls... – *twitter.com*, 4th November **2014**

· Took a right sore one in the Stuart McCalls at the 7s tonight. – *twitter.com*, 17th November **2016**

2 courage; nerve [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *balls*.

· [I]nstead of having the stuart mccalls to admit that[.] – *Scottish Football Forums*, 2nd February **2014**

Stuart MacGill; Stuey MacGill; stuey

noun

1 a cash register [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *till*. < Australian cricketer Stuart MacGill (b.1971).

· Stuart MacGill – till or dill (count your Stuey macgill)[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

2 a fool [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *dill*.

· [W]hat a stuey. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

3 a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pill*.

· – [G]ot any good ones that dont give people the impression ur talking about E? – Stuey Macgills, David Leckie’s. – *Bluelight* forum, 23rd and 27th April **2004**

· A few slang names for ecstasy a few of the boys use are: *on the Gary Ablett’s (Gary’s)- tablets *on the Stuart MacGills (Stuey’s)- pills *on the Sonny Bills- pills. – *Bluelight* forum, 29th March **2005**

stuck in the tree

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-three [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Stuey Diver

noun

▶ see STUART DIVER

Stuey MacGill; stuey

noun

▶ see STUART MACGILL

stumble and trip

noun

the lip [US]

· Stumble an’ trip, that’s your lip. – D. Ryan, *Angel’s Flight*, p.20, **1927**

stump the chalk

verb

to walk [US]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960: *Startling Detective* magazine, J.F. Fishman, ‘Get their Gab’, **1947**

· – F.E. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

stutter and stammer; stutter

noun

a hammer [UK]

The short form is recorded by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

stutter an' lisp

noun

crisps (potato chips) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· ‘A pint of fizzy an’ a pint of pineapple fritter my darlin.’ ‘An a bag of stutter an’ lisp me lav.’ – *Viz* comic, April/May 1998

submarine

noun

1 a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *queen*.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, 1966

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

2 a queen [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, 1966

sudden death

noun

breath, especially bad breath [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.91, 1999

Sue Barker

noun

a parka [UK]

< English tennis player-turned-TV presenter Sue Barker (b.1956).

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 8th July 2012

Sue Ellens

noun

large female breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *melons*. < Sue Ellen, a character in the CBS soap opera *Dallas* (1978–91), played by American actress Linda Gray (b.1940).

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

Sue Lawley

adjective

unwell [UK]

Rhymes on *poorly*. < English broadcaster Sue Lawley (b.1946).

· I’m feeling a bit Sue Lawley. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th December 2006

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Do you feel a bit Sue Lawley, love? – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February 2014

Sue Ryder; sue

noun

cider [UK]

< Sue Ryder (formerly known as the Sue Ryder Foundation and later the Sue Ryder Care), a British charity providing support for the elderly, socially disadvantaged and terminally ill; founded in 1953 by English philanthropist Sue Ryder (1923–2000),

· Give us a pint of Sue, mate. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December 2006

· But that doesn’t tend to work, someone suggests a bbq, someone else slaps a pint of Sue Ryder in your hand and your away. – *ukelelegreg.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th November 2013

sugaralie

noun

an Italian [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish colloquialism *Tally*. < *sugaralie*, a Scots word for ‘liquorice’.

· – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, 54, October 2008

sugar and honey; sugar

noun

money [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The first recorded use of *sugar* antedates by just one year the earliest attestation of *sugar and honey*. Thus, it is not clear whether *sugar and honey* arose as an elaboration of *sugar* (itself probably based on a metaphor – it is ‘sweet’ to have it) or, in fact, this latter form is a shortening of the rhyming slang expression.

· To Canterbury was he despatched, armed with full instructions, in order to find out which of the inhabitants “was worth most sugar.” – A. Mayhew, *Paved with Gold*, p.379, 1858

· SUGAR AND HONEY, money. – J.C. Hotten, *SD1*, 1859

· I shall go and get my sugar and honey and be off to another Solomon. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.42, 1880

· SUGAR AND HONEY (N) Money. – V.J. Monteleone, *CS-VUL*, 1949

· “No one would want to do that, would they?” “Not unless there was a lot of sugar in it, brother. I’m not losing any sleep over it.” – D. Stevens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.185 [1961], 1951

· I must just make sure I’ve got enough sugar and honey. – M. Joy, *Allotment Lane*, p.92 [1992], 1989

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

sugar and molasses

noun

drinking glasses [US]

A variation of CANDY AND MOLASSES.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

sugar and spice

noun

ice, especially for drinks [UK]

< *sugar and spice*, a phrase taken from ‘What are Little Boys Made of?’, a popular folk rhyme dating back to the 19th century.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.58, 2011

sugar and spice

adjective

nice [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Sugar and spice and all things nice’, a line from ‘What are Little Boys Made of?’, a popular folk rhyme dating back to the 19th century.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, 2008
- – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- Ha ha ha sugar and spice try! – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 14th October 2009

sugar basin

noun

in the building trade, a marble mason [UK]

- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

sugar candy

noun

brandy [UK]

· An enthusiast arrived in time to quote the following examples of rhyming slang: “Sugar candy,” brandy; “ship in full sail,” a pot of ale[.] – *The Bath Chronicle and Herald*, 4th August 1928

- – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.33, 1933
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

sugar candy; sugar

adjective

useful or convenient [UK]

Rhymes on *handy*. Usually ironic.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- That’s bloody sugar candy that is. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- This bucket wivout a ’andle is very sugar candy. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- – N. Edworthy, *Christmas*, p.98, 2007
- ‘You got some electric nutcrackers for Grandad, did you?’ ‘Well, they’ll come in sugar for a man with no teeth!’ – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

sugar frostie

noun

a prostitute [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *prostie*. < *sugar frostie*, a descriptive reference to a piece of Frosties, a brand of sugar-coated cornflakes made by Kellogg’s.

- [S]he’s a sugar frostie in waterloo st. – *UD(.com)*, 12th November 2005
- Off topic here, I heard today that the Arkleston Cemetery is where all the sugar frosties go when they pick up

punters. – *Black and White Army* forum, 15th September 2006

- As we were almost out of that area, a top of the range sugar frostie swaggered accross the street right in front of us, deliberately taking her time so that we almost came to a stop. – *tippimusic.com*, 21st July 2007
- Was it not because the Yorkshire ripper was a trucker who killed sugar frosties? – *Steelmen Online* forum, 7th February 2009
- [S]he cannae sing, an her grannie’s a sugar frostie, Im-fao. – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 7th January 2011
- No ‘sugar frosties’ on a wet day like this! – *Topix* forum, 4th February 2014

sun and tan

noun

1 an elderly man [US]

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

2 one’s father or husband [US]

Rhymes on *old man*.

- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

Sunday best

noun

1 a waistcoat [US]

Rhymes on *vest*.

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, 1928

2 a rest [UK]

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008

Sunday Hun

nickname

the *Sunday Herald Sun* newspaper (Melbourne), the Sunday edition of the *Herald Sun*

A slang rhyme. ► see HUN

- After this, the dogs were running, with coverage varying between the extremes of the Sunday Hun to the more sensitive analysis by the 7.30 Report and Lateline. – *www.crikey.com.au*, 25th June 2000
- It’s mentioned in a gossip piece in todays Sunday Hun. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 17th August 2003
- I happened to pick up a Sunday Hun on a train, a couple of weeks ago. – *Aussie Phorums*, 10th May 2005
- [I]f you click thru it ends on a feedback page (for tomorrows sunday hun). – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 15th July 2006
- [I]t’s already obvious enough that the Sunday Hun is written by half-wits and rejects. – *SkyscraperCity* forum, 19th December 2010
- On the fifth day, at *The Sunday Hun* news conference, a female journalist bizarrely insisted that an article debating the benefits of chocolate should be written by a female[.] – *Farrago*, University of Melbourne’s student magazine, July 2012

Sunday lunch

noun

a hunch [UK]

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008

Sunday morn*noun*

an erect penis [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*.· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.77, 2005**Sunday roast; sunday***noun*

1 the post, the mail [UK]

< *Sunday roast* ‘a traditional British dish consisting of roast meat, vegetables and gravy’. The short form is recorded in 2013.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th November 2003· – *blog.constructrecruitment.com*, blog, 21st May 2013

2 in football, a goalpost [UK]

A popular term with, and probably coined by, English footballer-turned-pundit Paul Merson. Synonymous with BEANS ON TOAST, CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST and NORFOLK COAST.

· **Beans on toast:** The post; woodwork. ‘He’s only gone and hit the beans!’ See also, ‘The Sunday’ (Sundayroast)[.] – P. Merson, *Professional Footballer*, p.303, 2011

· [O]h, oh, he’s hit the sunday roast. – *Bluemoon* forum, 4th January 2011

· Drogba has hit the Sunday roast!! – *twitter.com*, 5th January 2011

· Having referred to the ball rebounding off the “beans on toast” in a previous episode of Sky’s Soccer Saturday, Paul Merson dipped into his Big Book of Cockney Rhyming Slang and came up with the “Sunday Roast” instead. – *The Observer*, London, 20th November 2011

· [H]e’s hit the sunday roast jeff. – *www.youtube.com*, 2012

Sunday roast*verb*

to post online [UK]

< *Sunday roast* ‘a traditional British dish consisting of roast meat, vegetables and gravy’.

· I’ll Sunday roast the redshank peepsters and wish you a pleasant Johnny Ray. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 22nd April 2014

sunny dancer*noun*

cancer [UK]

A perfect rhyme in some regional accents.

· Wot’s wrong with him? ‘Es got sunny dancer innee? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th August 2001

· I drop the rest an’ get me cobbler’s awls to the brunette’s boat. You could die of sunny dancer. Yer Jimi Hendrix could blow. I don’t care. I’ll carry this one with me until I pop me clogs an’ am brown bread. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

Sunny South; sunny*noun*

the mouth [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

· She’d a Grecian ‘I suppose,’ / And of ‘Hampstead Heath’ two rows, / In her ‘Sunny South’ that glistened / Like two pretty strings of pearls[.] – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.182, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

· These two of many words have their origin in a vogue which captured the imagination particularly of places like Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood. A fashion set in by which, instead of using the correct word to express oneself, words rhyming with the one intended were employed. [...] Parts of the human body also had their rhyming synonym: [...] MOUTH: Sunny South. – *The Mirror*, Perth, Western Australia, ‘This Slanguage of Ours!’, 14th September 1935

· You’d better keep your sunny shut, mate, or I’ll tuck you up good and proper and make sure you go away for a long stretch. – E. Freer, *Blaggers*, [2014], 2003

sunshine and rain*noun*

an aeroplane [UK]

· Our guests, if they are seeking to go places by “boat,” must learn to understand that we call it a “weasel-and-stoat,” and an “aeroplane” a “sunshine-and-rain.” – *The Times*, London, 17th June 1957

Sunshine Coast*noun*

toast (toasted bread) [AUSTRALIA]

< Sunshine Coast, a region in Queensland, Australia.

· Some Neville Beggs on my Sunshine Coast! – *twitter.com*, 24th March 2012

Super Ally*noun*

a drink, especially an alcoholic one [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *swally*. < Super Ally, a nickname of Scottish football player and manager Alistair ‘Ally’ McCoist (b.1962). ► see SUPER SWALLY

· I’m going for a Super Ally the night. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd June 2011

· Finished aff the mora oot for a super ally a hink. – *twitter.com*, 10th February 2016

superglue*noun*

in snooker, the blue ball [UK]

· There’s an eiderdown and a superglue, / Then you got the kitchen sink. – *The Romford Rap*, lyric, Chas and Dave with the Matchroom Mob, 1987

supergrass*noun*

a person who informs on a big-time criminal ring, often in return for immunity from prosecution or a lenient sentence [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND]

Formed on *grass*, presumably a shortening of GRASS-HOPPER. In the 1980s *supergrass* came to be used in

Northern Ireland to refer specifically to a former member of a republican or loyalist paramilitary group who turned Queen's evidence and informed on his or her alleged ex-comrades. The verb SUPERGRASS and the noun SUPERGRASSING also became common in this context. ▶ see ASTROTURF

· The age of the supergrass had arrived. – *OED2*, 1989; R. Mark, *In the Office of Constable*, p.163, **1978**

· 'Supergrass' stoolies put finger on fellow criminals [...] But the cops say the supergrasses are indispensable to combat London's "heavy mobs." – *The Ledger*, Lakeland, Florida, 27th April **1980**

· After all, there was Williamson, you remember, the supergrass; you smashed both his legs with an iron bar and dumped him on the M20. – D. Raymond, *Eyes Open*, p.72, **1984**

· [A] substantial majority felt it was wrong to convict on the evidence of a supergrass alone. – *Fortnight* magazine, Belfast, November **1984**

· Black, the most notorious of the IRA supergrasses was responsible for terrorist charges being brought against thirty-eight defendants in 1983 after he turned Queen's Evidence in return for a promise of immunity. – P. Bishop and E. Mallie, *The Provisional IRA*, p.313, **1987**

· Starting with the bank account numbers Choy had given them, Wilkinson, Brett and Goodchild, helped by Hong Kong ICAC investigators spent three tedious weeks ploughing through a maze of accounts. It produced the best break since Choy turned supergrass. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 10th May **1991**

· A supergrass with no face [...] He was also the man who would eventually decide to cooperate with the Gardai, spilling the beans about the biggest drugs importation racket in the country[.] – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 28th November **1998**

· A police officer, two company directors and two "supergrasses" (police informers) were also arrested on Sunday in connection with the allegations against Lembo and Mondello. – *www.iol.co.za*, 20th March **2000**

· Further reports have surfaced that an al-Qaeda supergrass told a New York court a few days earlier that four to five Malaysian men had been planning to take control of a plane using a bomb hidden in a shoe to blow open the cockpit door. – *www.aviationnews.co.nz*, 31st May **2002**

· The use of 'supergrasses' was considered discredited until the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act, 2005 (SOCPA) revived the system so that supergrasses can receive total or partial immunity from prosecution. – M. McConville and L. Marsh, *Criminal Judges*, p.236, **2014**

supergrass

verb

to inform on major crime [UK/IRELAND]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· In future any solicitors representing defendants upset because they have been the objects of the supergrassing activities of their associates will be able to reas-

sure them by explaining to them exactly what it means. – *Justice of the Peace* (journal), vol. 144, London, 15th March **1980**

· I rather doubt if he'll turn up. Too busy supergrassing on his past. – D. Edgar, *Maydays*, III.ii, p.107 [1984], **1983**

· "Stitched up by the filth," Vic sang out in high agitation. And they would've had it away too, Rowley reflected, only they'd been grassed by one of their own. And not just grassed, supergrassed. – R. Busby, *The Hunter*, p.14 [1989], **1985**

· [I]t would be better for him to agree to their allegations than be 'supergrassed' on by Bell and Latimer. – I. Paisley, *Reasonable Doubt*, p.92, **1991**

· What follows and stretches to another two episodes is guessing who is really super-grassing on who and why[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 11th June **1993**

· [M]y underground moles are supergrassing. – *twitter.com*, 26th May **2013**

supergrassing

noun

the act or action of informing on major crime [UK/IRELAND]

From the verb SUPERGRASS. ▶ see GRASSING

· Supergrassing: Is it really a necessary evil? – *The Glasgow Herald*, 4th November **1983**

· A week is a long time in supergrassing. – *www.independent.ie*, 4th June **2006**

· – I thought multi Alisaing was against forum charter rules or some shite. – Supergrassing is also against the forum charter. – *Biker.ie* forum, 17th December **2007**

supersonic; super

noun

tonic water [AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/UK]

· Once I stood in the bar of a decent sort of a pub in Melbourne – either the Fawcner Club or the Australian; or the Richmond end of twenty past tosspot – and heard a newspaperman roar an order for "Two elgas and a huckleberry-'n-super, thanks, luv." – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November **1974**

· I asked for an El Golea, who was a famous racehorse, and three Huckleberry Finns and supersonic. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· [T]hey've only large bottles a Harp left so I get one and a Vera Lynn and supersonic for Breda. – E. O'Brien, *Eden*, p.26, **2001**

· How about a nice Vera and super. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· Friends are in garden of the Swan in Chiswick enjoying lunch, while I am working. Can actually smell Vera Lynn and supersonic as I type! – *twitter.com*, 9th August **2009**

· I thought you liked gin and supersonic. – *twitter.com*, 27th November **2012**

Super Swally

nickname

Scottish football player and manager Alistair 'Ally' McCoist (b.1962)

A slang rhyme on *Super Ally*, another of McCoist's nicknames. Formed on the Scottish slang *swally* 'a drink; alcoholic drink' and inspired by a drink-driving offence he was convicted of in 1996, while he was a player with Rangers. ▶ see SUPER ALLY

- SUPER SWALLY! Banned McCoist Was Twice the Limit. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 9th August **1996**
- If Super Swally does play for Scotland's o-30's, will he be wearing the infamous Rangers and Celtic crested top? – *TTP* forum, 18th July **2003**
- Similarly, the player who was known as Super Swally (so many nicknames, such a rich life) will carefully monitor any drinking culture at present-day Ibrox. – *www.theguardian.com*, 19th January **2007**
- It would be a convenient way for the Huns to make Super Swally look like some sort of good guy though. – *Hibs.net* forum, 3rd March **2011**
- If der Toupeemeister is attacking Super Swally then the nonstick surface has been eroded beyond repair. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 15th December **2014**

surfer's itch

noun

a cricket pitch [AUSTRALIA]

< *surfer's itch* 'a type of rash also known as *schistosoma dermatitis*'.

- The surfer's itch is in perfect condition. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

surgical truss

noun

a bus [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Surina Beer; surina

adjective

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < South African tennis player Surina de Beer (b.1978).

- Got to be careful how you pronounce that one, or people might think you're Surina (Surina Beer: ****). – *Bet-fair Community* forum, 8th July **2012**

Surrey Docks; surreys; surries

noun

a sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*. < Surrey Docks, now known as Surrey Quays, an area of Rotherhithe in the south-east of London.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.xvii, **2004**
- By now I don't care if I get Andy McNabs, 'alf a gross of the Surrey Docks, or catch the Ace of Spades. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**
- Stay away she's got the Surries. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 7th December **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Surrey Vomit

nickname

the *Surrey Comet* newspaper (Kingston upon Thames)

A slang rhyme. An alternative nickname is the CURRY VOMIT.

- [T]he article was in the *Surrey Comet*, which the locals call the 'Surrey Vomit'. – *bonpom.co.uk*, blog, 3rd August **2009**

Susan Brown

noun

a town or city [NEW ZEALAND]

Used in the phrase on *the Susan Brown*, the direct equivalent of *on the town*.

- She's a cattle truck (untranslatable) on the Susan Brown (on the town). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January **1914**

Susan's ear

noun

a souvenir [IRELAND]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

- So before he frog-marches us to his brother's shop to buy overpriced Susan's Ears of our visit to Jerusalem, Bakir brings us for coffee[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.144, **2005**

Susy Anna; Susie Anna; Suzianna

noun

a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on *tanner*. A folk-etymological elaboration of *susy*, itself probably an alteration of the dialect form *suse* 'six'. Possibly formed on the model of SPRAZEY ANNA. *Susy* is first recorded by Partridge (1937), but the word occurs as *suzie* in Philip Allingham's *Cheapjack* (1934).

- *Gor a Susy on yer?*, where *Susy* was short for *Susie Anna* = *tanner* = 6d. = 2½ new pence. – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**
- Most of the examples I collected [...] have been catalogued and explained by the authorities on the subject, but one example which was quoted to me, *Suzianna* for "tanner", i.e. "sixpence", seems to have escaped their attention. – J.B. Smith, *Tradition and Language*, p.7, **1975**
- *Susy Anna* = *tanner*[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.101, **1981**

Suwanee River

noun

▶ see SWANEE RIVER

Suzanne Moore

noun

the floor [UK]

< English journalist Suzanne Moore (b.1958).

- And have too much Germaine, for sure / You'll fall down on the Suzanne Moore. – *The Independent*, London, 6th March **1999**

Suzi*numeral*

four [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *quattro*, Italian for *four*, and *Quatro*. < American rock singer Suzi Quatro (b.1950).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Suzianna*noun*

▶ see SUSY ANNA

Suzie McGuire*noun*

a liar [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish radio presenter Suzie McGuire (b.1969).

· In fact, I think he's a pure Suzie McGuire. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May 2007

Suzie Wong; Suzy Wong; Suzi Wong; suzie*noun*

1 an unpleasant smell [UK]

Rhymes on *pong*. < Suzie Wong, the heroine of *The World of Suzie Wong*, a 1960 film directed by Richard Quine, itself based on a 1957 novel of the same name by Richard Mason. Only recorded in the full form (spelt *Suzie Wong* and *Suzy Wong*).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· With used incontinence pads drying on her electric hob, unwashed clothes and a toilet consisting of plastic carrier bags, it is no wonder that Miss Shepherd produces a bit of what she calls a “Suzie Wong” (think cockney rhyming slang)! – *York Vision*, University of York student newspaper, 18th June 2002

· She also makes good use of the opportunities for pathos and vulnerability as she prays at the back of the van, or worries about the “Suzie Wong” (pong). – *www.reviewsgate.com*, 6th September 2009

· And quite frankly her Suzy Wong (pong) is overpowering, a subtle blend of urine, onions and lavender talcum powder. – *www.thepublicreviews.com*, 23rd May 2012

2 a song [UK]

Recorded in the forms *Suzie Wong* and *suzie*.

· With the popularity of karaoke, more people than ever are willing to sing us a ‘Suzie’[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

3 a 21-foot scaffold pole [UK]

Rhymes on *long*, a slang word used in the scaffolding industry. Only recorded in the full form (spelt *Suzy Wong* and *Suzi Wong*).

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November 2006

· – *Scaffolders Forum*, 7th November 2012

Suzie Wong*adjective*

strong [UK]

< Suzie Wong, the heroine of *The World of Suzie Wong*, a 1960 film directed by Richard Quine, itself based on a 1957 novel of the same name by Richard Mason.

· – *CPFC BBS* forum, 3rd March 2005

Suzie Wongs*noun*

flip-flops [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian English *thongs*. < Suzie Wong, the heroine of *The World of Suzie Wong*, a 1960 film directed by Richard Quine, itself based on a 1957 novel of the same name by Richard Mason.

· – J.S. Gunn, *Australian Idiom*, p.54, 1970

Sven Vath*noun*

a bath [UK: SCOTLAND]

< German EDM (electronic dance music) DJ and producer Sven Väth (b.1964).

· im pure abe lincoln, i need a sven vath, och ive no got time, itll need to be a quick rutger hauer. – *Erutufon* forum, 10th May 2005

swai*verb*

to flip (a coin) [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly a shortening of *swai dip*. Swai is a species of shark catfish (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) native to Southeast Asia; fried swai fish is often served with a dipping sauce.

· The two captains have just swaied the Aunt Jenny, and our blokes have won the fairy floss. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

swallow and sigh; swaller and sigh*noun*

a collar and tie [UK]

A doubled slang rhyme. Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *swallow* as *swaller*.

· ‘You’ll want a clean swaller-and-sigh, sir,’ I said. – N. Marsh, *Vintage Murder*, p.247 [1940], 1937

· – W. Granville, *TD*, 1952

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.76, 1973

· I slap on the old tifer and – sod it! How did that bloody Brasso get in there? All over my barnet and down to my swallow and sigh. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.134, 1976

Swanee River; Suwanee River; swanee*noun*

the human liver; an animal's liver (as food) [UK]

< Swanee River (also spelt *Suwanee* or *Suwannee*), a major river that flows from the Okefenokee Swamp in southeastern Georgia across Florida to the Gulf of Mexico; perhaps via ‘Swanee River’, the popular title of the song ‘Old Folks at Home’, written by Stephen C. Foster in 1851 and adopted as the state song of Florida in 1935.

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.80, 1973

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· We're having swanee for dinner again? [Thanks to John Gibson who actually heard this in an interview with Ian Drury who, talking about his colon cancer, said, “... it's in me swanee now”.] – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· In all fairness, this was probably for the best because sleepers and strong painkillers fuck your Suwanee River and kidneys up if you take them all the time. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.292, **2014**

Swanee Rivers; swanees

noun

the shivers [AUSTRALIA]

< Swanee River (also spelt *Suwanee* or *Suwannee*), a major river that flows from the Okefenokee Swamp in southeastern Georgia across Florida to the Gulf of Mexico; perhaps via ‘Swanee River’, the popular title of the song ‘Old Folks at Home’, written by Stephen C. Foster in 1851 and adopted as the state song of Florida in 1935. The short form is given by Meredith (1991).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**

Swaney whistle

noun

a toilet; hence, an unpleasant or dirty place [UK]

Rhymes on *pisshole*. < *Swanee whistle* ‘a wind instrument consisting of a tube with a simple plunger mechanism for varying the pitch’.

· – *THCtalk.com* forum, 2nd December **2012**

Swan Lake; swan

noun

a cake [UK]

< *Swan Lake*, a ballet composed by Tchaikovsky between 1875 and 1876.

· A cup of tea and a slice of ‘swan’? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I’ll ‘ave a nice piece of Swan, Flossie. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

sway and swerve

noun

a look of sexual desire or interest [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

swear and cuss; swear

noun

a bus [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

· A bus passed them slowing down. ‘Let’s ‘op on this swear and cuss’[.] – L. Orzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.115, **1938**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.44, **1973**

· Been waiting ages for a swear and cuss! – *The Sweeney*, p.6, **1976**

· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.29, **1989**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· The laughin’ swear’s late again. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Sweaty; Sweaty Balmer

nickname

Scottish footballer Stuart Balmer (b.1969)

Formed on *sweaty*, a common shortening of SWEATY SOCK. First used during Balmer’s time at Charlton Athletic (1990–98).

· Stuart Balmer has signed for Oldham Athletic. [...] Sweaty was then asked why he wanted to leave Wigan. – *www.wiganer.net*, 7th July **2001**

· Alex Rae only used to go to Charlton matches as he was mates with Sweaty Balmer. – *Charlton Life* forum, 15th May **2007**

sweaty sock; sweaty

noun

a Scot [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Jock*.

· Sweaty sock Jock. – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.237, **1989**

· Nowadays in rhyming slang, or Macfarlane and Lang, the term is “Sweaty Socks.” – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 10th December **1997**

· Didnae mean that did ye? Ye meant, what’s a sweaty doin’ doon here? – J. Townsend, *Angels and Saints*, p.18, **1999**

· Scotland home of golf? The Sweaty Socks (Jocks) all virtually born with a golf club in their hands? – *www.independent.ie*, 19th July **2004**

· Who are you calling rude, you ginger-haired Sweaty? – *Me Three* magazine, New York, April **2006**

· Oh, the current Mrs. Chadwick is also happy as she’s a sweaty sock. – *The Framers Forum*, 9th March **2008**

· Gawd, it aint like the sweaties don’t ignore us[.] – *socialistunity.com*, 21st May **2009**

· [A]nd now the Saes vs The Sweaties. – *Boards.ie* forum, 1st October **2011**

· Well done to the Sweaty Socks. – *You Boys in Green* forum, 14th November **2014**

· In 2011 Mark Lynch, originally from Glasgow, said he was called ‘sweaty sock, Scottish b*****d, Jock and Scottie’ at the Cornish abbatoir where he worked and sued his employer for racial discrimination. He lost the racism claim at an employment tribunal. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 31st December **2014**

sweaty sock

adjective

Scottish [UK]

Rhymes on *Jock*.

· [S]ome jug eared, deep fried Mars Bar-eating piece of sweaty sock cannon fodder. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.134 [2012], **2004**

· No disrespect to our American, Welsh or Sweaty Sock friends on the board. – *TalkPunk* forum, 28th December **2005**

· It’s all going tits up in sweaty sock territory. – *Bolton Nuts* forum, 17th April **2012**

· I don’t get upset by the fact you don’t like cricket, nor by the fact I can’t stand sweaty sock football or

sweaty socks full stop. – *Footymad* forum, 17th April 2016

sweaty sockish; sweaty

adjective

Scottish [UK]

A derivative of the noun SWEATY SOCK.

· He's got to be fairly sweaty sockish by now. – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 24th November 2004

· Actually i can share with you an email my sweaty sockish mucka just sent me. – *TalkAwhile* forum, 16th December 2008

· Legal Dept – Should the use 'Mc' in front of anything Sweaty Sockish be regarded as racist – I'm 75% Sweaty myself (despite being born in Watford) so there. – *Not606* forum, 16th June 2011

· Emphasised the point that if the UK had not existed then they would be speaking German with a sweaty accent.... – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 11th September 2014

Sweaty Sock land; Sweaty Sockland; Sweaty land; Sweatyland; Sweatieland; Sweatsland

nickname

Scotland

Formed on the noun SWEATY SOCK.

· Good evening everyone up there in Sweaty Sock land[.] – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 16th November 1997

· MEMORIES FROM SWEATY SOCK LAND [...] The morning welcomed us to glorious Scotland with the promise of crappy weather[.] – *Take In!*, newsletter of the Peterborough Mountaineering Club, May 1999

· Well organised in Sweaty Land aren't you?! No wonder we can't trust you with independence! – *Honda VFR Club* forum, 1st December 2003

· Are our daily newspapers not available/ITV news not broadcast in Sweaty land? – *Digital Spy* forum, 19th November 2007

· [H]ello hello, back to sweatyland in a couple of months' time. – *twitter.com*, 15th September 2008

· You're not far from Northumberland, the Lakes and even Sweaty Sock land[.] – *MTB Britain* forum, 22nd April 2009

· Wow a Micra! They must be from the posh part of Sweatsland no? – *twitter.com*, 2nd May 2010

· Oh, an am pure Lancastrian. I just live in Sweaty Sockland. – *FinalGear.com* forum, 4th February 2011

· [N]o naked sleepwalking in Sweatieland you two! – *twitter.com*, 14th September 2012

· [L]ife expectancy in Sweaty Sockland is about 30 years old. – *World of Tanks* forum, 14th September 2014

· What is this idiot talking about - please keep him in Sweatyland. – *twitter.com*, 11th May 2016

· Labour is already a 'party of the south'. The electorate in Scotland have identified that fact, hence their low standing in sweaty sock land. – *labourlist.org*, 12th June 2016

swedger

noun

in scaffolding, a ledger [UK: SCOTLAND]

A slang rhyme. < *swedger*, a Scottish dialect word for a sweet.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 4th March 2011

Sweeney Todd; Sweeney Tod; Sweeney Todd; Sweeney Tod; Sweeney; Sweeny

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Sweeney Todd* (or *on one's Sweeney*, etc.) [IRELAND/UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang formed by expanding *todd* or *tod*, the short version of TOD SLOAN. < Sweeney Todd, the barber who murdered his customers in George Dibdin Pitt's play *A String of Pearls, or the Fiend of Fleet Street* (1847), later known as *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

· In Ireland "on your tod" is taken to refer to the legendary Sweeney Todd, so "on your tod" becomes "on your sweeney". – B. Share, *Slanguage-2*, 2003: *Sunday Miscellany*, RTÉ Radio 1, 21st July 1996

· It's common local slang (at least in Nottingham, UK), to say that you are 'on your sweeney' or 'on your tod(d)' – meaning on your own[.] – *alt.fan.pratchett*, *Google Groups*, 27th June 1998

· I think about heading for the Fightlink, roysh, but I end up hitting Cocoon on my focking sweeney. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.175, 2003

· Baros was on his Sweeney Todd last night. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 15th December 2004

· Ye can't be doin' this all on your sweeney. – O.R. Melling, *The Summer King*, p.102 [2007], 2006

· Don't tell me it was another lonely day in front of the computer on your sweeney tod? – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 11th May 2008

· And I am all on my sweeney todd organising the weekends away cos my other half (quite literally) decided to pack her bags and leave... – *www.lindylbear.com*, blog, 16th May 2008

· [T]urned at the track at 9 this morning and ended up riding round on my sweeny tod all morning. – *MiniMoto-Scene* forum, 15th June 2008

· I guess I will do this on my sweeny todd then, in town somewhere. – *Boards.ie* forum, 14th May 2011

· I convened at the appointed place at the appointed time and, being all on my Sweeny, peddled merrily off through Norton to the X Keys roundabout[.] – *Cotford St Luke Forum*, 12th September 2011

· [M]y friend did not call me yet so I might just go on my sweeney todd. – *www.adverts.ie*, 23rd March 2013

Sweeney Todd; Sweeney Tod; Sweeney; Sweeny

noun

the Flying Squad, a division of the Metropolitan Police specialising in tackling major crime in London [UK] < Sweeney Todd, the barber who murdered his customers in George Dibdin Pitt's play *A String of Pearls*,

or the *Fiend of Fleet Street* (1847), later known as *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. The term *the Sweeney* reached its height of popularity in the mid- and late 1970s, when it was used as the title of a TV police drama series (ITV, 1975–78) and two spin-off films (*Sweeney!* and *Sweeney 2*, released in 1977 and 1978 respectively), all starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman. Thus SWEENIES.

· If the sweeny car did stop for running the rule over the lorry what was the best thing? – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.64 [2008], **1938**

· ‘It’s the sweeney tod all right,’ shouted Alf, ‘and they’re gaining on you, George, mate.’ – J. Curtis, *What Immortal Hand*, p.170, **1939**

· SWEENEY TODD: the Flying Squad. – *The Police Journal*, London, July/September **1951**

· Next thing I know, a bogey from the Sweeney Tod feels my collar and drags me down to the nick where they take my dabs and chuck me into a flowery-dell. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.89, **1953**

· Sweeney (Todd), the The Flying Squad[.] – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.203, **1977**

· SWEENEY; the Flying Squad. – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· Coup for the new-look Sweeney Todd. [...] Criminals dubbed it “the heavy mob”, and later the Sweeney Todd – rhyming slang – as it handled some of the Met’s most high-profile cases, concentrating on armed robberies. – www.theguardian.com, 8th November **2000**

· SWEENEY TODD Metropolitan Police Flying Squad (bunch of soft Southern wusses). – *The Rules of Modern Policing –1973 Edition* [*Life on Mars* BBC booklet], February **2007**

· The Sweeney Todd, The Plod, The Flying Squad, call them what you want, they like to be called The Sweeney, these guys help out Mr Forbes from time to time, the top man who runs the Sweeney is called Jim Farnell and he’s no mug[.] – *P8ntballer Paintball Forums*, 29th May **2013**

2 a police squad car [UK]

Recorded in the forms *sweeney* and *sweeny*.

· **Sweeney**. The police radio van (from rhyming slang, Sweeney Todd–squad, squad car). Also, *squealer*; *holler wagon*, etc. – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

· I saw a sweeny pull up with a screech in front of the gaff[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.180, **1959**

3 a road [UK: SCOTLAND]

Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *road* as *rod*. Recorded in the form *Sweeney Todd*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.159, **1994**

Sweenies

noun

the Flying Squad, a division of the Metropolitan Police specialising in tackling major crime in London [UK]

Based on *Sweeney* (also spelt *Sweeny*), the short version of SWEENEY TODD.

· The sweenies drew up alongside. – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.65 [2008], **1938**

· Blimey, I think the sweenies are on our tail. It looks like a squad car’s just come round the corner. – J. Curtis, *What Immortal Hand*, p.169, **1939**

· [T]he Sweenies. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

sweet and sour

noun

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [IRELAND]

In the quotation below, *apple fart* is a misspelling of *apple tart*.

· Yup, going to nip home on the old apple fart (note place of residence), get out of my tin of fruit, jump into the sweet and sour, have a quick brad pitt and rant and rave, grab the trouble and strife and head for the near and far for a couple of arthur scargills. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

sweet and sours

noun

flowers [UK]

· – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, **1976**

sweet cattle truck all

noun

► see CATTLE TRUCK ALL

Sweet Child O Mine

noun

in Bogan Bingo, the number thirty-nine [AUSTRALIA]

< ‘Sweet Child o’ Mine’, a 1987 song by American rock band Guns n’ Roses. Bogan Bingo is a comedy entertainment that originated in Melbourne, Australia, in 2005.

· So when you hear “77, Stairway to Heaven” or “3 and 9, Sweet Child O Mine”, not only are you playing to win, you’ll be rocking out at the same time! – www.womo.com.au, accessed 4th November **2013**

sweet evening breeze; evening breeze; sweet evening

noun

cheese [UK/IRELAND]

In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *evening breeze*.

· Cheese, *Sweet evening breeze*. [...] I left him to do that, wished them bona darky and scarpered back to the letty, had a quick bite of strike-me and sweet evening, then a tumble of some hot I’m-so, and in a few minutes I was well away on the old Uncle. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, pp.9/14, **ca 1937**

· **Evening Breeze Cheese** Sometimes known as ‘sweet evening breeze’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Some melted evening breeze (cheese) on holy ghost (toast) for lunch & cup of river lee (tea). – twitter.com, 16th May **2010**

sweetgrass

noun

an informer who is indiscreet by error, or seemingly so [UK]

Formed on *grass*, presumably a clipped form of GRASS-HOPPER.

· A **sweetgrass** is an informer who grasses by mistake, or by design disguised as mistake. [...] To be known as a sweetgrass is pretty bad, but it's not as dangerous as being known as a plain **grass**. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.307, 2015

sweetgrass

verb

to act as an informer either by error or by design disguised as error [UK]

Formed on the verb GRASS.

· I still believe to this day that someone probably sweetgrassed them. – F. Foreman, *Brown Bread Fred*, p.130, 2007

· [T]hey will, most of the time, be ostracized by 'proper cons' – depending on the temperament and capabilities of the person who has been sweetgrassed. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.307, 2015

sweetgrassing

noun

the act or action of informing while seeming not to [UK]

From the verb SWEETGRASS. ► see GRASSING

· It was called sweet-grassing. They still do it today but they use the phone instead, cos they're all taped up! – F. Foreman and T. Lambrianou, *Getting it Straight*, [2011], 2001

· **Sweetgrassing** is the British version of the dry snitch, and it pertains to someone who informs in a roundabout manner rather than directly. [...] Sweetgrassing is such a grey area that the sweetgrass will not usually suffer violence from other prisoners as a result of it[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, pp.281/307, 2015

sweet Margaret; sweet Margarete; sweet Marguerite; sweet Marguite; Margarit

noun

a cigarette [us]

Suggested by *Sweet Caporal*, a defunct brand of cigarettes originally manufactured by the Kinney Brothers Tobacco Company of New York. *Sweet Marguerite* rhymes on *cigareet*, a variant pronunciation of *cigarette*. *Margarit* is remembered by Corrigan (2005) as part of the slang of first- and second-generation Irish living in the Mission District of San Francisco in the first half of the 20th century.

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Cigarette, Sweet Margarete. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929

· **Sweet Marguerite**, a cigarette. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· SWEET MARGUERITE. A cigarette. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

· **sweet Margaret** (or **Marguerite**). A cigarette[.] – E. Partridge, *DU*, 1949

· Slang-makers seem to ignore the whole issue by instead giving the cigarette an abundance of other names [...] "sweet Marguerite (from its rhyming with "sigreet"?)[.] – K.T. Kell, *Folk Names for Tobacco*, p.596, 1966

· **sweet Marguerites* = cigarettes (or cigareets). – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

· SWEET MARGUITE = CIGARETTE. – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, 1989

· An Irishman lit his "Margarit" with a "Jack Scratch." – M. Corrigan, *An Irishman Goes to San Francisco*, p.168, 2005

sweet martini

noun

the right hand [UK]

Formed on MARTINI. A play on the name of a cocktail made from gin and sweet red vermouth. ► see DRY MARTINI

· – P. Baker, *Fantabulosa*, s.v. *sweet and dry*, 2002

· – www.larkrisewebsservices.co.uk, 'Polari Dictionary', 2007

· And Israel stretched out his *sweet martini*, and *lelled* it upon Ephraim's *eke*[.] – www.polaribible.org, 'The Polari Bible' (7th edn), p.55, 12th June 2014

sweet pea

noun

tea [UK]

· Let me know when the sweet pea is on the Cain and Abel, and I'll be down the apples and pears. – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October 1949

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, 1960

· – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January 1979

· A nice cup of 'sweet pea' is rarely brewed these days. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

sweet peas

noun

the knees [NEW ZEALAND]

· I got up the Cain and Abel (table); went out to the Maggie Moore (door); fell down the apples and pears (stairs), and busted the sweet peas on my terrace houses (burst the knees of my trousers). – *New Zealand Truth*, 'Some Slum Slang. From Wellington's Submerged Tenth', 31st January 1914

sweet poem

noun

home [us]

Relies on the pronunciation of *poem* as a monosyllable.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.82, 1968

swiftly-flowing

verb

going [AUSTRALIA]

Used as a present participle in progressive tense constructions.

· Me mother's away, as I was swiftly-flowing up the field of wheat in the bread-and-jam, a heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January 1902

swim and float

noun

a coat [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

swimming cossie; swimmin'

noun

a prostitute [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *prossie*. < *swimming cossie*, a colloquial form of *swimming costume*.

· – *b3ta* forum, 6th October 2014

swing and a miss

noun

an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *piss*. < *a swing and a miss*, an expression from baseball and cricket, also used figuratively for a failed effort.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

swing and sway

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [US]

Rhymes on *lay*.

· He took her to his shovels and broom for a swing and sway. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

2 a sexual partner [US]

Rhymes on *lay*.

· She's a terrific swing and sway. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

swinging door

noun

a whore [US/CANADA/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, 1989

· In the high times of the '70s the Penthouse becomes world-famous as a club of very classy professional working girls, rumoured to go as high as 80 to 100 girls ('twist-and-twirls') a night, often fresh-faced office girls moonlighting ('swinging-doors') a couple of nights a week to stay well-dressed. – K. McKellar, *Neon Eulogy*, pp.30–31, 2001

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August 2004

· I have had Thai high so girlfriends and swinging doors (whores) and you are all the same (im not bitter)[.] – *www.thai-blogs.com*, 5th March 2007

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August 2008

· "Mary Ann Nichols weren't no strumpet, Mrs. R. I'd stake my life on it." "Mary Ann Nichols was a swinging door, sure as I'm standing here." – S.D. Carr, *Ripped*, 2012

Swiss Army knife; swiss army; swiss

noun

a wife [UK]

< Swiss Army knife, a branded multi-purpose tool.

· Look out, here comes the Swiss Army. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· The Swiss tried to put the blocks on my Leo so I threw her down the apples[.] – *AboveTopSecret.com* forum, 30th June 2012

Swiss banker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*.

· – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· The Ref was a right Swiss Banker! – *Hilpers* forum, 25th June 2004

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Akfinans Bank are a bunch of Swiss Bankers! (Cockney rhyming slang for those of you who think it's a compliment). – *Cyprus44* forum, 26th October 2010

Swiss Miss

noun

an act of urination [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *piss*. A nonce word occurring in *Confessions of a Long Distance Lorry Driver* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pseudonym Timothy Lea.

· I slip out to the karsi for a Swiss Miss and when I return, Mrs Ripley is standing by the window with her arm round Sid's waist. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.121, 1975

Swiss Navy

noun

gravy [UK]

· – *londontopia.net*, 13th December 2014

Swiss roll; swiss

noun

1 the anus [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *hole*. Hence the phrases *my Swiss roll* and *ask my Swiss roll*, both used to express disbelief or contempt, and *I will in my Swiss roll*, expressing an emphatic refusal to do something. The elliptical form *swiss* is also common in these phrases.

· You can take your politics and shove it up your swiss. – *Dublin*, spoken, male, ca 40, May 1999

· My favorite one I used was in reply to something I did not like. Go ask me swiss roll... – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006

- She's still writing that fucking follow-up to that piece of shit she put out last year. *Legal Affairs*, my fucking Swiss. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.204, **2007**
- [S]he'd give you a pain in the Swiss. – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.121, **2009**
- [A] good kick up the Swiss roll is all he deserves. – *www.broadsheet.ie*, 24th July **2013**
- I will in me Swiss Roll. – *twitter.com*, 5th May **2013**
- Will I take the car Give the DART a miss And sit in trafic? I will in my swiss. – *Advertisement* by Irish Rail, *Metro Herald*, Dublin, 27th May **2014**
- 2 sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective [UK/IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *hole*. Possibly also a pun on *roll*, a shortening of *roll in the hay* 'an act of sexual intercourse'. Often in the phrase *get one's Swiss roll* (or *get one's swiss*), the direct equivalent of *get one's hole*.
 - Maybe not what you give some new bird when you're after a Swiss roll but good enough for Saturday night on your tod. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.52, **2002**
 - At the end of the day lads goin out to clubs is mostly about getting your swiss roll[.] – *Foot.ie* forum, 3rd November **2004**
 - The only, I suppose, cloud on the horizon for me is that I am seriously gagging for my Swiss at this stage. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.163, **2006**
 - Did ya get your swiss roll tho G-Man? – *An Fear Rua* forum, 28th June **2007**
 - [Y]ou bought the Bacardi breezers so I presume you got your Swiss? – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.121, **2009**

switch and bone

noun

a telephone [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Sydney Harbour; Sydney Harbor

noun

1 a barber; a barber's shop [AUSTRALIA/US]

- In American English, also recorded with specific reference to a talkative barber, hence sense 2. ▶ *see* SIDNEY HARBOUR'S
- I'm givin' yer the Boliver Moyle (oil) that I'm goin' to the Sydney Harbor (barber)[.] – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**
- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- Struth, a bag of coke comes into th' Sydney Harbour for a dig in th' grave[.] – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945; *Daily Mirror*, Sydney, 14th October **1942**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- **Sydney Harbor* = barber. [...] 'gabby barber'. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.536, **1984**

· In any event a swank Charlie's hairdresser would charge you more Oscar than a Sydney Harbour[.] – *The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania, 19th August **1993**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

2 a talkative person [US]

Extended from the previous sense.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, **1968**

Sylvester McCoy

noun

a boy [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < Sylvester McCoy, the stage name of Scottish actor Percy James Patrick Kent-Smith (b.1943).
- Allow me to apologise to the wee Sylvester McCoy. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Sylvester Stallone; sylvester

noun

1 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's*

Sylvester Stallone (or *on one's sylvester*) [UK]

- < American actor Sylvester Stallone (b.1946). Puxley's (2003) use of the word as an adjective ('Modern youth is more likely to be "Sylvester" than on his "Tod"') is not well authenticated.
- The modern youth is more likely to be on his 'Sylvester' than on his Tod (Sloane)[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a telephone [UK]

Hence SLY.

· – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.186, **2007**

· Wid ye answer that Sylvester Stallone. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

· I'd have to then watch it online via my Sylvester (Stallone – Phone). – *www.facebook.com*, 21st June **2012**

· There's a call for you on the **Sylvester Stallone**. – *hollywoodrhymingslang.com*, **2015**

3 an erection of the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *bone*. Only recorded in the full form. Synonymous with FULL-BLOWN STALLONE.

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

sylvester stoned

adjective

intoxicated by drugs [UK]

- Rhymes on *stoned*. < American actor Sylvester Stallone (b.1946).
- They had some 30 odd year old woman studying the effects of cannabis, basically she went around the Dam getting Sylvester Stalled, was worth a watch. – *Cage Warriors* forum, 28th March **2008**

Sylvia Plath

noun

a café [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Relies on the Cockney pronunciation of *Plath* as *Plaff*, thus rhyming on *caff*. A nonce word coined by English writer Sue Townsend (1946–2014) in her 1999 novel

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years. < American poet, novelist and short-story writer Sylvia Plath (1932–63).
 • The bewhiskered Cockney is, he tells us, in his tiresome rhyming slang, the owner of a Sylvia Plath (a workman's caff!). – S. Townsend, *The Cappuccino Years*, p.92, 1999

Syngman Rhee

noun

the knees [AUSTRALIA]

< Korean politician Syngman Rhee (1875–1965), who was President of South Korea during the Korean War.
 • – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

syrup and molasses

noun

a pair of glasses [US]

A variation of the earlier CHEWS AND MOLASSES.
 • – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

syrup of figs; syrup of fig; syrup fig; syrup and fig; syrup; sirrup

noun

1 black people; a black person [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *nig(s)*. A nonce usage found in *Confessions of a Private Dick* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea.
 < *syrup of figs* 'a popular laxative syrup'. Recorded in the forms *syrup of figs* (plural) and *syrup* (singular).

• I haul the sensational syrup (syrup of figs: nigs Ed.) up my power-packed frame and cup my hands under her back bumpers. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.24, 1975

2 a wig or toupee [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Hence BESYRUPED and SYRUP OF PRUNES.

• – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.204, 1977

• He's always fancied a syrup like Gene Kelly's. – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.105, 1984

• – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.237, 1989

• After the Rodin Museum – a marble mausoleum where all human emotions are conveyed through hands, and the excellent guide, a Steve Buscemi lookalike and former corporate lawyer, sported a particularly dodgy syrup – I met my new friends[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 17th October 1998

• What if she susses I'm wearing a syrup fig? – E. James, *Hidden Talents*, p.433 [2003], 2002

• **wig [...]** **syrup fig** (syrup). – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

• Kato, believe it or not, he's wearing a sirrup in that pic. – *Bike Magic* forum 30th October 2003

• I noticed that one of the bouncers wore a syrup ('syrup of fig' equals wig)[.] – B. Turney, *Wanted!*, p.25, 2005

• He's only actually 5' tall and wears a sirrup! – *TheShootists.co.uk* forum, 2nd March 2006

• Just thought there was one more week of lookalikes with Tony Mokbel and his sexy syrup (syrup of figs,

rhyming slang for wig, in case you didn't know). – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 17th June 2007

• [H]e appears to be wearing a syrup fig. – *The Digital Fix* forum, 19th December 2007

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

• I bet you wear a syrup and fig[.] – *NewbieNudes.com* forum, 15th April 2009

• Gawd help him... is he wearing a syrup of fig?? – *Biker.ie* forum, 5th December 2010

• Double that if you wear a syrup. – *www.mycharity.ie*, 17th February 2012

• I couldn't when I saw a lad wearing a syrup of figs in his jam jar. – *Boards.ie* forum, 2nd May 2013

• Do they still wear syrups? – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.273, 2015

3 an eavesdropper [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *earwig*. Recorded in the form *syrup of fig*.

• He strained his Port Melbourne Pier to hear what they were saying. Being a syrup of fig was not his go. It was always on the cards that he could end up with a bit of swish if he got sprung being a gig. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, 1983

Syrup of Figs; Syrup

nickname

English criminal Ronnie Biggs (1929–2013), who was involved in the Great Train Robbery of 1963; his prison escape in 1965 led to continuing media interest and celebrity

< *syrup of figs* 'a popular laxative syrup'.

• One of my favourites is 'Syrup' for Ronnie Biggs – Syrup of Figs. – *Steptoe and Son (albertandharold.couk)* forum, 22nd October 2009

• It reminded me that Jimmy was a great one for the rhyming slang, so I was "Syrup of Figs – Biggs"[.] – R. Biggs, *Odd Man Out*, pp.412–413, 2011

syrup of prunes; prunes

noun

a wig [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Punningly formed on the model of SYRUP OF FIGS. A nonce word coined by English writer Terry Pratchett (1948–2015) in *Going Postal* (2004). Rhyming slang is occasionally used in the language of Discworld, the fictional setting for Pratchett's fantasy novels. In *Going Postal*, one of the characters uses 'Dimwell Arrhythmic Rhyming Slang', a parody of rhyming slang in which there is no rhyming link between the expressions and their target words, as in *syrup of prunes*. ▶ see ORANGES AND LEMONS

• 'Ah, I see you're admirin' my hair, sir,' said Groat proudly, as the toupee spun gently. 'It's all mine, you know, not a prunes.' 'Er ... prunes?' said Moist. 'Sorry, sir, shouldn't have used slang. Prunes as in "syrup of prunes", sir. Dimwell slang. – T. Pratchett, *Going Postal*, p.42 [2005], 2004

T

table and chair

noun

the hair [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

tack

noun

▶ see HAMMER AND TACK

Taco Hell; Taco Smell

nickname

Taco Bell, an American-owned Tex-Mex restaurant chain

A slang rhyme. The earliest form is *Taco Hell*, first recorded by Barry Popik in 1989. Popik's first recorded use of *Taco Smell* dates from 1990. Other nicknames for this restaurant chain include TOXIC HELL and TOXIC SMELL.

· One, I was zooming on 3 grams of some very palatable shrooms (although we had to buy some Taco Hell burritos in which to stuff them, lacking any soup-making apparatus) and could barely recognize my best friend standing next to me. – *www.barrypopik.com*, 29th March 2011: *alt.drugs*, *Google Groups*, 7th July 1989

· Taco Smell? Booger King? WackDonalds? – *www.barrypopik.com*, 29th March 2011: *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 6th September 1990

· Not that I was desperate to eat in Taco Hell. – *Personal correspondence*, 10th May 1995

· Look, a taco hell! I'm glad I'm not eating there... – *UD(.com)*, 27th August 2003

· Do you want to go to Taco Smell, Barfy's, Hardon's, or Pizza Slut? – *UD(.com)*, s.v. *Taco Bell*, 14th May 2005

· TACO BELL [...] Also known as Taco Hell and Taco Smell. – D. Mansour, *From ABBA to Zoom*, 2005

· Kristina worked at Taco Bell, a purveyor of fast "ethnic" food, which she preferred to refer to as Taco Hell. – A. Hemon, *The Book of My Lives*, p.13, 2013

tadpole

noun

a hole [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

tag a mate

noun

in bingo, the number forty-eight [UK]

One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

· – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December 2016

· – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 29th December 2016

· Number 48: 'tag a mate' replaces 'four dozen' – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 30th December 2016

taiddy bread

noun

▶ see TATIE BREAD

take a fright

noun

the night [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *DS*, 1859

· The Village, take a fright. In the rookeries. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.16 [1995], 1966

take and give

verb

to live, sometimes specifically to live as man and wife [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

· I want to take and give forever. – S. Klein, *CRSI*, 2009

take me to rests

noun

a woman's breasts [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by Irish writer James Joyce (1882–1941) in his 1922 novel *Ulysses*.

· Got a prime pair of mincepies, no kid. And her take me to rests and her anker of rum. Must be seen to be believed. – J. Joyce, *Ulysses*, p.347, 1922

take the pony for a walk

verb

to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation [UK]

Formed on *pony*, the short version of PONY AND TRAP. Synonymous with WALK THE PONY.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.198, 1989

take your pick

adjective

stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *thick*. Possibly < *Take Your Pick*, a television quiz show broadcast on ITV from 1955 to 1968.

· Is he take your pick or what? – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

tale of two cities; tale o' twos

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *titties*. < *A Tale of Two Cities*, an 1859 novel by Charles Dickens, often spoonerised as *A Sale of Two Titties*. The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.64, 1973

· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.52, 1987

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.96, 2005

tales*noun*

an act of leaving very fast; a rapid departure [UK: LIV-ERPOOL]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similarity between *off*, *man*, used in the expression *I'm off*, *man*, and *Hoffmann*. < *The Tales of Hoffmann* (originally titled *Les contes d'Hoffmann*), an opera by German-French composer Jacques Offenbach, first performed in Paris in 1881. Used in the phrase *do tales*.

· Another one for leaving was 'Tales' as in 'doing tales' from Tales of Hoffman. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 10th August **2011**

talk and chat*noun*

a hat [UK]

· He raised his 'tiffa' (tit-for-tat) to acknowledge the applause of the crowd. Sometimes he [English cricketer Arthur Wood, 1898–1973] called it 'talk and chat'. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 15th April **2006**

talk and mutter; talk*noun*

butter [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Would you like some talk on your toast[?] – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [C]an you please pass me the talk and mutter? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

· Would you like some John Cleese with your Uncle Fred, or just a little bit of talk and mutter? – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 25th July **2012**

talking bone*noun*

a telephone [UK: SCOTLAND/NEW ZEALAND]

· When no one calls you on the talking bone, I'm your man. – *Friendship Between Men and Women*, lyric, Jackie Leven, **2001**

· You can also use it at the factory shop in Christchurch or if you call them on the talking bone. You'll get a smaller bill and we'll get some more money that can go towards supporting trails. Sweet. – *trailfind.org.nz*, 31st May **2013**

tall and slender*noun*

a bartender [us]

· Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Tall and Slender–The bartender. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

Tam Broon*noun*

a town or city, especially its central districts, or the chief town or city in one's neighbourhood; often specifically Edinburgh [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *toon*, the Scots form of *town*. Also used in the phrase *hit the Tam Broon*, the direct equivalent of *hit the toon* (or *hit the town*).

· Back up the Tam Broon again tonight. Two nights running I feel like a youngster!! – *twitter.com*, 19th February **2011**

· I'm in the tam broon buddy. Hurry hurry hurry. – *twitter.com*, 25th April **2012**

· Who's hitting the Tam Broon the night then. – *twitter.com*, 27th September **2014**

· Karaoke and 2 80 doubles in the boat best pub in the tam broon. – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2015**

Tam Dalyell*noun*

a smell [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish politician Tam Dalyell (1932–2017). *Dalyell* is pronounced *Dee-ell*.

· What's that awful Tam Dalyell? – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Tam Kite*noun*

▶ see TOM KITE

tam kite hole*noun*

▶ see TOM KITEHOLE

Tam Scobbie*noun*

a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. < Scottish footballer Tam Scobbie (b.1988).

· Stop trying the door i'm having a Tam Scobbie. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

Tancy Lee; Tansy Lee*noun*

tea [UK]

< Scottish boxer James 'Tancy' Lee (1882–1941).

· In the morning, after a tasty breakfast of dog's body and kill-me-dead washed down on lashings of Tancy Lee, the Cockney and I quitted the university town and headed north in the Machynlleth direction. – M. Marshall, *Tramp-Royal*, p.66, **1933**

· Re: Old Belfast words [...] TANCY LEE [TEA]. – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October **2006**

· ENJOYED MY TANSY LEE. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April **2007**

tangle twister*noun*

a sister [IRELAND]

< Tangle Twister, an ice cream lollipop popular in the 1980s.

· i d do his tangle twister. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December **2006**

tank*noun*

a bank [UK]

A slang rhyme.

- He put some ‘Oscar’ into the ‘Tank’[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.40, **1973**

tanned boot*noun*

a person regarded as a sex partner [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *root*.

- So when he said he was going to the rub a dub (pub) for a Ray Martin (carton of beer), you knew he would be planning to go out and pick up a tanned boot (a root). – *writingforright.org*, 29th May **2013**

Tansy Lee*noun*

▶ see TANCY LEE

tap dancer; tap*noun*

1 an unscrupulous opportunist [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *chancer*. Only recorded in the full form.

- I met the bloody tap dancer last night, always on the stick and crutch, he is! – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

2 cancer [AUSTRALIA/UK: SCOTLAND, BIRMINGHAM]

A perfect rhyme in the dialects of Australia, Scotland and Birmingham. The short form is exclusively British.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.49, **1983**

- All his friends were dead of drink, heart attacks, or ‘the old tap dancer’. – I. Pattison, *A Stranger Here Myself*, p.204 [2001], **2000**

- – *alt.prophecies.nostradamus*, *Google Groups*, 3rd December **2005**

- – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

- Tap = cancer. Tap dancer – cancer. Wouldn’t say its my favourite as I don’t use it on a daily basis but it makes it a bit more lighthearted. – *Not606* forum, 32-year-old man from Birmingham, 16th February **2010**

- For fear of commenting in poor taste, maybe he’s got a touch of the tap dancer? – *twitter.com*, 2nd September **2011**

tapioca*noun*

in a deck of playing cards, a joker [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

tar and feather; tar*noun*

1 weather [US]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 a leather jacket [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

tar and fender*noun*

a bartender [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

Tara Palmer; tara*noun*

an exaggerated minor incident or event [UK]

Rhymes on *drama*. < English celebrity socialite Tara Palmer-Tomkinson (1971–2017). Gay use.

- You wouldn’t believe the ‘Taras’ I’ve had today! – *The Observer*, London, 10th December, **2000**

- – *Attitude* magazine, July **2003**

tarka*verb*

to have anal intercourse with a woman [UK]

A shortening of *Tarka the Otter*, rhyming on the slang *dot her*. < *Tarka the Otter*, a 1927 novel by English writer Henry Williamson.

- Oi mate, did you Tarka? – *www.londonslang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

tarrier*noun*

a Roman Catholic; hence a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

Formed on TARRY ROPE. Commonly used as a sectarian insult by Protestants and supporters of Glasgow Rangers, Celtic’s traditional rivals. ▶ see CRASH BARRIER and SHETTLESTON HARRIER

The word *tarrier* (itself perhaps an alteration of *terrier*) is known to have been used in American English in the late 19th century to refer to an Irish railroad worker, specifically one who works at drilling and blasting away rock to make way for the roadbed. It occurs, for example, in the song ‘Drill, Ye Tarriers, Drill’, copyrighted by New York entertainer Thomas Casey in 1888, but probably originally sung by Irish navvies in America. However, the chronological gap between this use of the word and the one recorded here is probably too great for there to be any etymological connection between them.

- Message 2, Rangers fan: “Burn in hell you manky IRA loving tarriers!” – *Sports Illustrated* magazine, New York, 17th May **1999**

- They have grown up hearing Catholics referred to as Fenians, Papes, Tarriers and Tagues. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 13th July **1999**

- Wouldnae even offer Jock Stein – your greatest ever manager – a seat on the board ‘cause he wasnae a Tarrier. – C. Brookmyre, *Sacred Art*, p.101, **2002**

- How am I supposed to respond to someone calling me a tarrier? – *Digital Spy* forum, 8th May **2008**

- Video footage obtained by the *Sunday Herald* reveals McFarlane – dressed in the robes of Glasgow Univer-

sity – and a small number of friends uttering obscene anti-Catholic taunts while trying to set the flag on fire. [...] The same person then says: *There's more chance of Hugh Dallas [ex-football referee] telling us he's a fucking tarrier.* – *freethinker.co.uk*, 11th September **2011**

· It has lead many of these fans, affectionately known amongst themselves as “tarriers”, to believe that the owners of Rangers are simply fulfilling a 140 year old plan to eliminate the entire country’s ability to provide for them via their benefit schemes. – *blogs.channel4.com*, blog, 4th May **2012**

· [A]ccording to rm all fuckin lies, being spread by tarriers, taigs, fenians and kiddie fiddlers, thats you and me, in their eyes. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 2nd March **2014**

Tarriers

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

A plural form of TARRIER. ► see SHETTLESTON HARRIERS

· Ian Durrant scores against the Tarriers. – *www.youtube.com*, 6th April **2009**

· Every year you’ve mentioned the tarriers won it because they deserved it, they won more games. – *RangersMedia* forum, 7th April **2012**

tarry rope; taury rope; tarry

noun

1 the Pope [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND, SUNDERLAND]

Recorded in the forms *Tarry Rope* and *Taury Rope*, usually spelt with initial capitals. *Taury rope* is the Scots form of *tarry rope*. Thus TARRIER.

· For why should the Pope be spoken of as the Tarry Rope? – J. Tomelty, *Belfast Slang*, p.70, **1941**

· When wis it the aul taury rope wis at Bellahouston Park? – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· The Jelly Bean and the Taury Rope are both Huns. – *Scottish Republican Socialist Movement* forum, 17th September **2010**

· Some of me dads. tarry rope – soap or pope. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th October **2014**

2 a fool [US]

Rhymes on *dope*. Recorded in the form *tarry rope*.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

3 marijuana [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *dope*. Recorded in the forms *tarry rope* and *tarry*.

· Lost his job for smoking tarry rope. – *Edinburgh*, spoken, male, ca 30, **1998**

· **Tarry** Rhyming slang for cannabis. **Tarry Rope** = Dope. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, **2004**

· “**tarry rope**” Obvious rhyming slang for ‘Bob Hope’ (or just ‘Bob’) heard from a Fifer in the eighties[.] – *b3ta* forum, 1st November **2007**

· You deal loads ay ching, n then ah git caught wi a wee bit ay tarry! – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.276, **2015**

4 soap [UK: SUNDERLAND]

Recorded in the form *tarry rope*.

· – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th October **2014**

tartan

noun

drugs [UK]

A shortening of *tartan rugs*.

· I’ve been intimately involved in the seizure of over two hundred tonnes of Class-A tartan, putting more than thirty lesser lights of the drug trade behind bars for sentences totalling nigh on five hundred years. – K. Sampson, *The Killing Pool*, pp.44–45, **2013**

tartan banner

noun

1 a sixpence [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *tanner*.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.62, **1973**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher’s Book*, p.37, **1979**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.66, **1994**

2 a spanner [UK: SCOTLAND]

In use among scaffolders.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 4th March **2011**

tartan rug

noun

a dog [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots form *dug*.

· A cross between a Yorkie and a Great Dane! Yer ha’in me oan. That’s the strangest tartan rug ah’ve ever herd o’. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

tartan scarf

noun

half a pint of beer [UK: NEWCASTLE]

· – *www.geordietimes.com*, 4th April **2011**

tarts and vicars

noun

women’s or girls’ underpants [UK]

Rhymes on *knickers*. < *tarts and vicars* ‘a theme of fancy dress parties’.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

ta-ta kiss; ta ta; tattar

noun

■ **take the ta-ta kiss; take the ta ta** to mock or make fun of someone or something [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*, used in the phrase *take the piss*. < *ta-ta kiss*, a British colloquialism for a goodbye kiss.

· [T]aking the ta ta’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]aking the tattar’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Tate and Lyle*noun*

1 a smile [UK: LIVERPOOL]

< Tate & Lyle, a food ingredients company, most familiar as a supplier of sugar and treacle.

· Givuzz a Tate 'n' Lyle. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.63, **1972**

2 style [UK]

· You've got some Tate & Lyle you have. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th May **2004**

· I like your tate and lyle. – *Fibrotalk* forum, 23rd June **2008**

· I also think he's a right Kuwaiti (Kuwaiti Tanker – w--ker) and sometimes can be of an Oily (Oily Lamp – tramp) but when pressed can put on the Tate and Lyle (Style). – *PistonHeads* forum, 20th January **2010**

Tate and Lyles*noun*

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Tate & Lyle, a food ingredients company, most familiar as a supplier of sugar and treacle.

· I gave up cycling to work a long time ago in a bid to remain free of the old - ahem - Tate and Lyles. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 7th July **2003**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 11th December **2009**

'tater pillin; tater*noun*

▶ see POTATO PEELING

Taters*nickname*

English criminal George Chatham (1912–97), who achieved considerable notoriety as a cat burglar

Based on *taters*, a shortening of TATERS IN THE MOULD.

According to Fraser and Morton (2003: 46), Chatham got his sobriquet from his habit of complaining about the cold while he was in Dartmoor prison.

· [T]he most famous house-breaker of the post-Second-World-War period, and burglar to the gentry – 'His crime sheet read like *Debrett's*,' according to Chapman – was George 'Taters' Chatham. – D. Campbell, *The Underworld*, p.24, **1996**

· With his Savile Row suits and drophead Mercedes, 'Taters' Chatham won renown among cops and crooks for his spectacular thefts of jewels, furs and works of art. – *Daily Mail*, London, 17th June **1997**

· Billy Benstead was a terrific thief, but he was a terrible gambler. So was Taters. – F. Fraser and J. Morton, *Mad Frank & Mad Frank and Friends Omnibus*, p.46, **2003**

taters in the mould; taties in the mould; tatters in the mould; potatoes in the mould; taters; potatoes; pertaters

adjective

(of weather or ambient temperature) cold [UK/IRELAND]

Thus BRASS TATERS and SPUDS. In Irish English, only recorded in the form *potatoes*; according to the avail-

able evidence, this usage is confined to fairground travellers. ▶ see also CHEESE

· Edwin Pugh contributes to "John o' London's Weekly" the following interesting article on the language of Cockaigne: [...] A friend of mine—who is a "stiff pitcher" or begging letter writer by profession—recently remarked to me: "Tain't 'alf taters, guv'nor," and I was at a loss to divine his meaning. "Taters in the mould," he explained, and then I understood that what he had intended to convey was that the weather was extremely cold. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 12th April **1924**

· Rhyming slang was largely used by Londoners, and among the words so used are the following: Burnt cinder = the window (pron. winder). Taters in the mould = cold. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 19th April **1924**

· A friend of mine—who is a trouncer or coal-heaver by profession—recently remarked to me: "'Tain't 'alf taters, guv'nor" [...] – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

· Blinkin' "pertaters" this morning. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· Tatters in the mould. Cold. – L. Ortzen, *Down Donkey Row*, p.12, **1938**

· I get up in the morning an' none so fast when it's taties in the mould and Noah's Ark. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· I most certainly needed it when I landed back in England, because to say the least it was double taters. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.108, **1959**

· Tatters in the mould, cold. – S.J. Blackman, *Youth*, p.111, **1995**

· "Leave us standing on the corner for half an hour," moaned Lesley. "It's fucking 'taters and we've had blokes coming up thinking we're on the game." – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.218, **2001**

· There is always gonna be potatoes-in-the-mould and heat, summer an' winter, day and night. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.21, **2001**

· Come on, me old China plate. It's a bit taters. – T. Hall, *Salaam Brick Lane*, p.231, **2005**

· **Potatoes** Cold. – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· Yeah, bleedin' taters up 'ere in Scotland. – L. Renham, *The Valentine Present*, p.172, **2013**

tatfer*noun*

▶ see TIT FOR TAT

tatie bread; tattie bread; tatty bread; tatey bread; taiddy bread; tatie; tatied

adjective

dead [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< *tatie bread*, Ulster dialect for *potato bread*, a kind of bread popular in Northern Ireland and Scotland (in the latter country it is known as *tattie scone*).

· One kept saying: 'Nine policemen, all tatey bread.' – E. Collins and M. McGovern, *Killing Rage*, p.265, **1997**

- Now if he hits you, Swifty, you go down like a roll of carpet and you don't get up again. Tatie bread, son. – D. Park, *The Big Snow*, p.251, **2002**
- There's some Norn Iron rhyming slang about too. There, "tatie" means dead (as in tatie bread). – *h2g2* forum, 10th April **2003**
- Ted Roach is Tattie Bread. – *Digital Spy* forum, 10th August **2004**
- Do you think I'm gonna wait until I'm tatted, like? – Celtic singer Raymond McCullough, *Celtic Roots Radio*, music podcast, 28th January **2010**
- Tatty Bread. DEAD in local Northern Irish tongue. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 10th February **2012**
- Taiddy Bread = potato bread; also rhyming slang for dead. – www.reddit.com/r/northernireland, 26th February **2014**

tattar

noun

▶ see TA-TA KISS

Tattersall's ticket

noun

a cricket wicket [AUSTRALIA]

- < *Tattersall's ticket*, a reference to a lottery ticket issued by Tattersall's, an Australian lottery company founded in 1881 and now known as Tatts Group Ltd.
- Hutton has now taken up his position in front of the Tattersall's ticket[.] – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

tatters in the mould

adjective

▶ see TATERS IN THE MOULD

tattie bread; tatty bread

adjective

▶ see TATIE BREAD

tattie fritters; tatty fritters

noun

diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *the shitters* and *the squitters*, as well as on the Scottish slang *the skitters*. < *tattie fritters* (also spelt *tatty fritters*), the Scots form of *potato fritters*.
- The tattie fritters – shitters – Diahorrea. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 31st May **2005**
- Then realised the horrid hangovers and dose of the tattie fritters the next day was a consequence of its consumption. – *Ibiza Spotlight* forum, 27th September **2005**
- It really gave me the tattie fritters. – A. Lillo, *Nae Barr's Irn-Bru*, p.91, 2012: **2006**
- Scampi gives you a severe dose of the tatty fritters. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 6th May **2009**

Tattie Peel; Tatty Peel; Tattie; Tatty

nickname

1 Scottish footballer Neale Cooper (b.1963)

< *tattie peel* (also spelt *tatty peel*), Scots for *potato peel*.

- Tatty was my nickname at Pittodrie[.] – *The Sun*, London, 14th September **1998**
- The rest of us had five or six players to look after as apprentices, but Tatty Peel only looked after the manager and Archie Knox. – *The Sun*, London, 24th April **1999**
- And poor old Neale Cooper makes it three. Shame, Tattie is one of our game's good guys. – *twitter.com*, 12th May **2014**

2 Northern Irish footballer and manager Neil Lennon (b.1971)

- Only recorded in the form *Tattie Peel*. Coined during Lennon's time as a player at Celtic (2000–07).
- Big tattie-peel, what a guy! [...] It's extra-ordinary people like Neil Lennon that every human being should be basing themselves on[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th August **2006**
- Who Should Be Captain [...] tattie peel all the way. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 25th December **2006**

3 used as a substitute for the name Neil [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Only recorded in the form *Tattie Peel*.
- Neil Elder @Neil_elder Tattie peel has made a shop front of booking his ladies day ticket. – *twitter.com*, 11th April **2014**

tattie peelin; tottie peeling

noun

a ceiling [UK: SCOTLAND]

- < *tattie peelin* and *tottie peeling*, Scots equivalents of English *potato peeling*. Painter-decorators' slang.
- These are Scottish ones: [...] Tattie peelin – ceiling. – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 8th November **2013**
- [N]ever heard a ceiling called a lid in glasgow, usually a tottie peeling[.] – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 23rd November **2013**

taury rope

noun

▶ see TARRY ROPE

taxi driver; taxi

noun

a five-pound note or the sum of five pounds [UK]

- Rhymes on *five*.
- – www.philbrodieband.com, **2006**
- Taxi Driver 'ere – you owe me a taxi. – *A(.com)*, accessed 5th December **2006**

taxi rank; taxi

noun

1 an act of masturbation [UK]

- Rhymes on *wank*.
- A 'taxi' is one of many terms for 'one off the wrist'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a bank [UK]

- The short form is given by Puxley (1998).
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- [V]isitors can still withdraw their "sausage and mash" (cash) from their "taxi rank" (bank). – www.huffingtonpost.co.uk, 23rd July **2012**

taxi rank*verb*

to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Gay slang. Noted to have been current around 1970.

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

taxi-cab*noun*

a crab; crab (meat) [UK]

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

taxi-cabs; taxis*noun*

public lice [UK]

Rhymes on *crabs*.

• Now in the past I had had it off with some very dodgey birds, and up to now I had never got anything off any of them, even though there was always plenty of things going, like siff, gun, and taxi cabs[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.118, 1959

• Keep clear of her or you'll end up with the taxis. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• I was on the Kermit having a nap when the taxi cabs on me ken dodds started givin me Daisy Bell. – *OnlineDrummer.com* forum, 11th July 2006

Taylor Keith; taylors*noun*

the teeth [IRELAND]

< Taylor Keith, a popular brand of red lemonade, now marketed as *TK*.

• One of them, her name's, like, Julie-Ann – nice rack, but a brace on her Taylor Keith – she just gives me this filthy, roys[h].] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.23, 2004

• She's focking disgraceful-looking by the way. I don't know what the bank were even thinking. Big Taylors, no chin, hair the shade of the nation. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.96, 2010

Taylor Swift; taylor*noun*

a belch [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *rift*. < American country and pop singer Taylor Swift (b.1989).

• A "Taylor Swift" is Glasgow rhyming slang for a burp. "Just did a big Taylor after that slug of ginger there." – *twitter.com*, 23rd June 2015

tayer pillin'*noun*

► see POTATO PEELING

T-bone*noun*

a telephone [UK: SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Reported to the BBC *Voices* project by an informant from Teynham, Kent.

• – www.bbc.co.uk/kent/voices2005, 2005

tea and cocoa*verb*

to say so [UK]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the imperfect rhyming slang COCOA, which is often regarded as its short form. Most commonly in the phrase *I should tea and cocoa*, the direct equivalent of *I should say so*; used as an emphatic affirmative or, more commonly, as an ironic expression of disbelief, disagreement, derision or scorn. Synonymous with COFFEE AND COCOA.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• If you wanted to borrow some money why didn't you tea and cocoa? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

tea and tattle*noun*

a battle [US]

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

tea and toast*noun*

1 the starting or finishing post on a racetrack [US/UK]

• – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

• – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

• Arfur's not going to get that nag past the tea and toast in a million years. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

2 the post, the mail [UK]

• Anything in the tea and toast this morning? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

• Only got bills in the tea and toast, as per usual. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

3 a traditional British dish consisting of roast meat, vegetables and gravy [UK]

Rhymes on *Sunday roast*.

• – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008

tea and toast*verb*

to reprimand severely [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *roast*.

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, 1983

teabag*noun*

1 a worthless or contemptible person; hence an informer [UK]

Rhymes on *slag*. The specific sense of 'an informer' is given by Puxley (2008).

• His outfit have sent him up to work out a deal with the smug Swell Mob and they've talked to him like he's a fuckin teabag, a wanker[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.113 [2001], 2000

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

2 an ugly old woman [UK]

Rhymes on *hag*. Possibly a simple elaboration of *bag* ‘an ugly or unpleasant old woman’.

· [Y]ou old tea bag. – *h2g2* forum, 2nd October 2007

teabags

verb

to steal [NEW ZEALAND]

A blend of the verbs TEALEAF and *bags* ‘to lay claim to (something)’.

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.25, 1999

tea caddy

noun

an Irish person [UK]

Rhymes on *Paddy*.

· Anyway, it’s not the way with those tea caddies. They send a few bob home if they’ve got it, spend their lives pissin it up and greetin in their beer. – J.J. Connolly, *Lay-er Cake*, p.101 [2001], 2000

· Did you know Kevin is a tea caddy? – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· Contracting’s a good Bunsen Burner isnt it lads, but theres far too many Tea Caddies, Bacon Sarneys and Bengal Lancers at it. – *Contractor UK forum*, 29th June 2006

· Corse, I’m really a tea caddy myself, bein’ from Dublin an all. – *Classic Motorworks* forum, 2nd October 2008

· One piccadilly tea caddy moves to Lahndan. He’s butcher’s hooking for Kathy Burke. – *bertcorcoran.blogspot.com*, blog, 24th February 2011

· I’m only a tea caddy (paddy)[.] – *Connecting Singles* forum, 22nd May 2011

tea for two; teaffer

noun

a Jew [UK]

Influenced by ‘Tea for Two’, a 1924 song by Vincent Youmans (music) and Irving Caesar (lyric).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

tea for two and a bloater; tea, two and a bloater; tea for

noun

a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*.

· Tea, Two and a Bloater (also Jam Jar for Car) ... Motor. – Anon., *DRS1*, 1941

· **tea for two and a bloater** *Motor*. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· Yarmouth (bloater – motor, that is automobile, also *tea for two and a bloater*, rendered as *tea for*)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, 1977

tea grout

noun

a Boy Scout [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

tealeaf; T-leaf; teaf; tea; leaf

noun

1 a thief [UK/US/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

The full form *tealeaf* is common in all locations of use. The other alternative forms and spellings are geographically distributed thus: *T-leaf* (UK, Australia, Ireland), *teaf* (Australia), *tea* (UK), *leaf* (New Zealand).

This last form is recorded in prison slang.

· ‘Half bread?’ repeated the Tealeaf, musingly. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Bird o’ Freedom*, 15th January 1890

· I have heard a Lisson Grove maiden use “tea leaves” for “thieves.” – *The Gentleman’s Magazine*, London, October 1896

· The London slang term for “thief” is “tea leaf.” – *The Daily Mail, Hull Packet and East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Courier*, 24th May 1905

· There never was a worse time for the tea-leaf (thief) than the present. – *The Sunday Post*, Glasgow, 4th January 1920

· **tea leaf**, a thief. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· He’s a tealeaf. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950

· **tea-leaf**. [...] Also, a thief (rhyming slang). – P. Tempest, *LL*, 1950

· Tea-leaf ... Thief. – *The Australian Police Journal*, April 1950

· Tea-leaf Thief. – E. Phillips, *The Language of the Lawless*, p.91, 1953

· [T]hese geezers were the ponces, tealeaves, conmen, jump-up merchants, and lay-down merchants, and last but not least the layabouts who did a little bit of anything or nothing. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.9, 1959

· [W]hen he calls the friend whom he trusted, “a tea leaf” he is accusing him of being a thief[.] – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, 1963

· TEALEAF (n) and (v) Thief, steal. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.255, 1982

· Tea leaf/T-leaf. Rhyming slang for thief. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September 1990

· Teaf: Shoplifter. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 8th May 1994

· **leaf** [...] a thief. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

· As he turned the johnny, two teas set on him and knocked him into the stammer. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March 2002

· Never leave it visible in the car even for a few minutes when unattended,takes a tea leaf about 5 seconds to break a window and nick anything within reach. – *Expansys South Africa* forum, 24th February 2005

· i’m usually quite hot on spottin a t-leaf they stand out a bleedin mile, but not her[.] – *UB40 (The Official Site)* forum, 26th March 2007

· Robbing Robbie Keane... T leaf! – *thescore.thejournal.ie*, 16th October 2012

· It’s an ecosystem: junkie tealeaves sell the bikes for 50 euros to their local fence, who in turn sell ‘em to the

guy who ships them. – *www.broadsheet.ie*, 26th October **2013**

2 in prison, a chief officer [UK]
Recorded in the full form.

· – P. Tempest, *LL*, **1950**

3 theft [UK]

Used in the phrase *on the tealeaf* ‘engaged in thievery’.

Extended from sense 1.

· Every now and again I would go out on the tealeaf, this I usually did alone but sometimes Betty would come with me and make sure that the drum I was going to screw was dead[.] – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.57, **1959**

· He’d been staying in Anna’s halls of residence but this had got her into trouble. More than likely he’d been on the tealeaf[.] – *londoninflames.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th March **2005**

tealeaf; tealeave; leaf

verb

1 to steal [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK/IRELAND]

Tealeaf has been functionally shifted from TEALEAF. *Tealeave* rhymes on *thieve*. The clipped form *leaf* is recorded in New Zealand prison slang. ▶ see TEABAGS

· I tealeafed it. – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· TEALEAF (n) and (v) Thief, steal. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.255, **1982**

· But we never tea-leafed the cunts. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.129 [2001], **2000**

· [H]e **leafed** the pack of tobacco. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· [T]old you he was pampered! and yes has been tealeafing tidbits of food here and there!! – *Greyhound Awareness League* forum, 24th July **2005**

· In one sense, though, he has been “tea-leaving” ever since, infusing his work with ideas of cultural inheritance, continuity and “borrowing”. – *The Guardian*, London, 15th September **2007**

· As you can see us Pearse guys invented recycling whilst the rest of you guys was tealeafing. – *Curragh History Forum*, 29th January **2010**

· I stole your pen. I tealeafed it. – *joanna-anderson.blogspot.com*, blog, 18th July **2012**

· A suspicious shop owner seized the would-be thief and found another four Scotch bonnets in his pocket, along with some fruit juice and milk shakes and a clarinet he had tea-leafed earlier. – *www.foodnews.co.nz*, 28th August **2012**

2 to rob [NEW ZEALAND]

Only recorded in the form *leaf*. Prison use.

· When *x* came back to his cell after work, he found he’d been **leafed**. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

tealeafer; leafer

noun

a thief [NEW ZEALAND]

From TEALEAF and *leaf*, the latter being a shortening of the former. Prison use.

· A **tealeaf(er)**, if caught, is dealt with harshly and may be **kangaroo courted** (subject to an unofficial judgment and punishment by other inmates). – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**

· **leaf** [...] (also **leafer**) a thief. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

tealeafing; tealeaving

noun

thieving, the act or practice of stealing [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Formed on the verb TEALEAF and its variant TEALEAVE.

· Moreover, he could do more than his share at tealeafing, which denotes the picking up of unconsidered trifles, being handy with his fingers, and a good man all round. – C. Rook, *The Hooligan Nights*, p.23 [1901], **1899**

· Jones confessed that he was “doing a little tea-leaving” – this being criminal slang for thieving. – *The Nottingham Evening Post*, 18th January **1905**

· [H]e finds himself looking at shop-windows and other premises merely with a kind of inquiry as to how he might “lift” something or successfully engage in “tealeafing” (robbing a till), and with no other interest. – C.E.B. Russell and L.M. Rigby, *The Making of the Criminal*, p.90, **1906**

· The truth is I didn’t fancy the sound of this little bit of tealeafing[.] – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.21, **1962**

· Kleptomaniacs is not tealeafing. – D. Holbrook, *Masks*, p.275, **1972**

· Tealeafing is just about the worst thing you can do in a jail, and tealeafing off a mate is about as low as you can get. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.180, **1982**

· It’s no’ real stealing, know what I mean like? But what the dockers do is. That’s real tea-leaving. – J. Burrowes, *Jamesie’s People*, p.140 [1987], **1984**

· **tea leafing**: thieving. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Another seriously regarded offence is **tealeafing** (stealing from another inmate while in prison). – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**

· [T]hanks to 25 years of TV repeats, it was fastened upon by the lads’ mags as a means of encapsulating everything their readers held dear about cars (the driving of), cash (the tea-leaving of) and Caine (the mimicking of). – *The Sunday Herald*, Glasgow, 14th January **2001**

· Seems to be a lot of tealeaving going on atm, probably no more than usual though. – *SV650.org* forum, 26th April **2010**

· Prior to the breakfast briefing this Thursday at NCI, Metro Herald asked me few questions about economics, economists, models and tea-leaving... – *trueeconomics.blogspot.com*, blog, 5th November **2013**

· Five finger discounts, tea leafing, nicking, filch, pilfer, purloin or snaffle, call it what you will, the fact is shop lifting costs retailers in Australia over \$75 billion a year. – *www.roxbydownssun.com.au*, 21st November **2013**

tealeafing; tealeaving*adjective*

thieving, relating to or given to stealing [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Formed on TEALEAF and TEALEAVE.

· [J]ust be sure to introduce yourself so we dont think youre a tealeafing pikey and set Blade and Miami on you... – *Talk Audio* forum, 6th June **2004**

· If stuff is on my desk than fukin leave it there you tealeafing twat! – *MercuryServer* forum, 28th September **2005**

· Sounds like they have a better class of thief on the North Shore. Tea leafing educational materials rather than a pack of smokes and some change from a car! – *Somersoft Property Investment Forums*, 12th November **2007**

· [T]he Sun's scurrilous allegations placing the responsibility for Hillsborough on the back of tealeafing and drunk scouse stereotypes. – *www.indymedia.ie*, 9th October **2006**

· [H]ahahaha those tea-leafing lil' blaggers! Woo! – *b3ta* forum, 28th January **2007**

· Obviously the tealeaving B*st*rd just thought he'd nicked a bog standard bike! – *TriTalk.co.uk* forum, 4th June **2009**

· I got conned by a 'tea leafing' thief to go with him to the protection unit[.] – *www.shekinahnz.com*, 9th May **2012**

· Did the Grinch have a relapse and get up to his old tea leafing tricks? – *www.krunk.ie*, 2nd January **2014**

teapotish*adjective*

(of a person) Jewish [UK]

A derivative of the noun *teapot*, the short version of TEAPOT LID.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

teapot lid; teapot*noun*

1 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003). Thus TEAPOTISH.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

2 a child [UK]

Rhymes on *kid*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· I first became aware of Cockney rhyming slang when I was a *teapot*. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.20, **1973**

· – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.37, **1979**

· Are you the flower-and cress-seller from up Aldgate High Street on Friday nights? The one with two teapot lids? – C. Rivers, *Eve of the Isle*, p.149, **2009**

3 one pound sterling [UK]

Rhymes on *quid*. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· [W]hen I reached for my **Sausage and Mash** I found the **Tea Pot Lid** had fallen out of my **Lucy Locket/Sky Rocket**. – E. Bartsch-Parker et al., *British Phrasebook*, p.69, **1999**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Rabbit and Pork about them agents, they all tell Scott Gibbs to make a quick Teapot Lid[.] – *Contractor UK* forum, 29th June **2006**

teapot lid; teapot*verb*

to kid [UK]

· Kidding, *Teapot Lidding*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

· Yesterday I tore my steam-packet with a Baden-Powell. The old ivory-pearl hasn't seen it yet, but when she does I'll get it in the mince-pie, and I'm not teapot-liddin'. – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.87, **1974**

· Some like *tea-pot liddin' 'kiddin*, teasing' whilst others of an opposite disposition say not a *Richard III* or *dicky bird* 'word'[.] – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.172, **1981**

· [A] wind-up merchant will 'teapot' you. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Teapot Lids*nickname*

Tottenham Hotspur FC, a London football team

Rhymes on *Yids*, a popular nickname for this club, a reminder of its popularity among Jewish immigrants from the East End in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other nicknames for this club are DUSTBIN LIDS and FRONT WHEEL SKIDS.

· Teapot Lids v Pool. – *Online Arsenal* forum, 16th August **2009**

tear and rip*noun*

a zip fastener [UK]

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

tear in a bucket*noun*

something worthless [US]

A figurative expression coined as a variation of TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET. Usually in the phrase *not give a tear in a bucket* 'to not care at all'. Always with the indefinite article.

< 'Two tears in a bucket, motherfuck it', a quotation from the film *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (1997), directed by Clint Eastwood, with a screenplay by John Lee Hancock and based on the bestselling book of the same title (1994) by John Berendt.

· If I lack the civility it's because you lack comprehension skills and I couldn't give a tear in a bucket if I offended you. – *Steam* forum, 6th March **2013**

tear in a bucket*exclamation*

expressing resignation at the inevitability of misfortune [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck it*. < ‘Two tears in a bucket, motherfuck it’, a quotation from the film *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (1997), directed by Clint Eastwood, with a screenplay by John Lee Hancock and based on the bestselling book of the same title (1994) by John Berendt.

· Mate tear in a bucket. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th September **2006**

tears and cheers*noun*

the ears [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· Ears are tears-and-cheers. – S. Climo, *T.J.’s Ghost*, p.59 [1991], **1989**

teas and spices*noun*

in horse racing, starting prices [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, **1968**

tea, two and a bloater*noun*

► see TEA FOR TWO AND A BLOATER

Ted Bundies*noun*

underwear [UK]

Rhymes on *undies*. < American murderer Theodore Robert ‘Ted’ Bundy (1946–89).

· **Ted Bundies** [...] Blood-soaked *undies*[.] – *Viz* comic, ‘Roger’s Profanisaurus’, June **2012**

· Now its very possible its just something local like a competition to win a pair of Jeffs ted bundies... or something. – *Pearl Jam* forum, 21st September **2013**

Teddington Lock; teddington; ted; teddy*noun*

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*. < Teddington Lock, a complex of three locks on the Thames in south-west London.

· Teddington = Teddington Lock = cock. – *rec.arts.tv.uk*, *Google Groups*, 1st February **1995**

· **ted** [...] **Teddington** *rhym. slang*. The Penis. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus Rex*, **2005**

· **ted²**, **teddy** [...] the penis. Rhyming slang from Teddington Lock: **cock**, recorded by *Viz* comic in 2002. – T. Thorne, *DCS3*, **2005**

Teddington Locks; teddingtons*noun*

socks [UK]

< Teddington Lock, a complex of three locks on the Thames in south-west London.

· I’ve lost one of my Teddingtons. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 29th July **2009**

Ted Drake*noun*

a steak [UK]

< English football player and manager Edward ‘Ted’ Drake (1912–95).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

teddy bear*noun*

1 a flashy show-off [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lair*.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1944**

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

· Umpire Col Egar was so furious at this amateurish attempt at time-wasting that he snapped to the Pakistani bowler: ‘Get up you Teddy Bear’ (an Australian expression not meant to be complimentary). – *OED2*, 1989: W. Grout, *My Country’s Keeper*, p.55, **1965**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· When Parfitt made the catch Greig jumped in the air, and, as he landed, thumped his fist into the pitch [...] I said to Greig as I walked past, ‘You’re nothing but a bloody Teddy Bear.’ He returned the pleasantries. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988 and *OED2*, 1989: K. Stackpole and A. Trengove, *Not Just for Openers*, p.128, **1974**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

2 a pear [UK]

Kendall (1969), Aylwin (1973) and *The Sweeney* (1976) list the term in the plural form *teddy bears*.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.41, **1969**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.45, **1973**

· – *The Sweeney*, p.9, **1976**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

3 the hair [IRELAND]

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample – *A battle cruiser – Boozer – Publichouse. Peggy Dell – Cell. Teddy Bear – Hair*. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

Teddy Bear; teddy; ted; bear*noun*

a supporter or player of Glasgow Rangers FC [UK]

Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *bear* as *berr*, thus rhyming on *Ger*, a singular form of *Gers*. From the nickname TEDDY BEARS.

· Cartoon king Bugs Bunny has become a Teddy Bear. [...] Framed prints of the rabbit wearing the Rangers strip have gone on sale at a staggering pounds 295 each[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 19th September **1998**

· Hope all the Teddy Bears will be waving them Union Jacks... – *Stormfront* forum, 14th September **2004**

· Why do Rangers fans call themselves “bears”? – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 6th January **2008**

· [B]ecause you're a teddy through and through you can come back any time, btw I've mentioned this to Blackburn and they're all for it. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 27th April **2008**

· [Y]et you STILL have to chunter on about Celtic. Are you sure you're a teddy bear? – *answers.yahoo.com*, 25th October **2008**

· Bears and Bearettes this is a must for any Rangers Fans. – *www.facebook.com*, 10th January **2012**

· He's a right Bear. – D. Nairn, *Glaswegian Patter Book*, **2013**

· It's a funny old game. Unless you're a ted, it seems. – *New 606* forum, 3rd February **2013**

· [W]hen are u signing on the dotted line nicky to become a teddy bear. – *twitter.com*, 14th May **2013**

Teddy Bearette; bearette

noun

a female supporter of Glasgow Rangers FC [UK]

A derivative of TEDDY BEAR.

· You made a lot of bears and bearettes very happy and I wish you continued success both here and for your country. – *Kerrydale Street* forum, 9th November **2006**

· Standing in the tunnel, ready to tread onto the famous pitch in front of 50,000 Bears and Bearettes for the first time. – *soccerlens.com*, blog, 27th February **2009**

· [A]nothershot of our favourite teddy bearette! – *www.facebook.com*, 24th August **2012**

· – The perfect girls on this live in England. – They live in Scotland mate Teddy Bearettes. – *twitter.com*, 2nd December **2012**

· Then the Bears and Bearettes can decide, but don't ever take Rangers fans for granted. – *first-thoughts.org*, 13th December **2012**

· **Bear/Bearette – Rangers fan.** – D. Nairn, *Glaswegian Patter Book*, **2013**

teddy bears

noun

a person's buttocks or anus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *erse*, the Scots form of *arse*.

· – *Queenzone* forum, 18th February **2008**

Teddy Bears; Teddy Berrs; Teddies; Teds; Bears; Berrs *nickname*

Glasgow Rangers FC

Relies on the Scottish pronunciation of *bears* as *berrs*, thus rhyming on *Gers* (a clipping of *Rangers*), the football club's popular nickname. The variant spelling *Teddy Berrs* is first recorded by Macafee (1994). ▶ see CURRANT BUNS

· In Glasgow, the Huns support the Bears while the Tims root for the Bhoys or, to put it less colourfully, Protestants support Glasgow Rangers while Catholics support Glasgow Celtic. – D. Corrance, *Glasgow*, p.117, **1981**

· Rangers are affectionately referred to by their fans as *the boys in blue*, the '*Gers*', and the *Teddy Bears* (with 'bears' pronounced to rhyme with 'Gers')[.] – L. Knight, *Glasgow Slang*, p.73, **1992**

· We arrived in the city centre at about midday and went straight into the rub-a-dub-dub which was bouncing with Bears. With a great selection of music from Rangers songs to Madness and The Clash, the place was jumping. – *rec.sport.soccer, Google Groups*, 4th May **1992**

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

· The 23-year-old was set to join the Teddy Bears until doctors, no doubt still smarting over the £2.6m signing of Romanian wreck Daniel Prodan, noticed a small problem with his knee. – *The Guardian*, London, 24th October **2000**

· “Why do you call your team the Teddies, Irvine?” “Teddies. Teddy berrs. Gers. Rangers. Easy-peasy”. – *Daily Star*, London, 30th January **2001**

· When you think about it, the Teds haven't really signed a footballer, they've signed a TV star. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 20th June **2001**

· Wattie will also definitely make one major BLUEchip signing that will shock the jungles, thus allowing the Berrs to regain and return the Scottish Premier League title to it's rightful home, THE PEOPLES STADIUM. – *Football Rumours* forum, 22nd December **2007**

Teddy Royce

noun

the human voice [AUSTRALIA]

< Edward 'Teddy' William Royce, the stage name of English actor Edward William Reddall (1841–1926).

· Rather have some in-and-out, it's better for the Teddy Royce. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, **1898**

Ted Frazer

noun

a cut-throat razor [UK]

· – R.L. Jackson, *Criminal Investigation*, p.204, **1962**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.184, **1977**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.184, **2002**

Ted Heath; Ted Heaths; teds

noun

▶ see EDWARD HEATH

Ted McMinns

noun

cigarette papers [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *skins*. < Scottish footballer Kevin Clifton 'Ted' McMinns (b.1962).

· Ted McMinns - skins. Thats one I've heard. – *FollowFollow.com* forum, 3rd June **2011**

Ted Ray; ted

adjective

homosexual; relating to or intended for homosexuals

[UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < English comedian Ted Ray (1905–77). By curious coincidence, Ray starred as Jack Gay in the 1956 film *My Wife's Family*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· He's a bit Ted. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

- [D]ont save it as a ringtone though it's a bit ted ray. – *Ace Games* forum, 9th October **2005**
- [N]azi nik looked as if he's went a bit ted ray half way through that... – *Strathycruise* forum, 25th September **2007**
- Thats a bit ted ray mate! – *Strathycruise* forum, 9th August **2009**

Ted Thakes*noun*

a fit of trembling caused by excessive indulgence in alcohol [UK]

Rhymes on *the shakes*. < Ted Thakes, noted by Puxley (2008) to have been a pub landlord in the East End of London.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

teedle-ee*noun*

an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

- He'll no be long. He's just away for a teedle-ee. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

teeth in a whore*noun*

in bingo, the number four [UK]

- – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October **2013**

telephone ringing*adjective*

foul-smelling; repulsive; unpleasant; bad [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *minging*.

- – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 13th July **2003**

Teletubby; Telletubby; Tellytubby*noun*

a husband [UK]

Rhymes on *hubby*. < *Teletubbies*, a BBC television series for babies and young children, first broadcast from 1996 to 2007.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- A ribbon and curl and her Telly Tubby were at a Cain and Abel having a Henley Regatta over a few Britney Spears in Euan Blair. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**
- 'Ve you met me second tellytubby – Wayne? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

tell alderman's nail*noun*

a telltale [UK]

Based on a reinterpretation of ALDERMAN'S NAIL as rhyming slang for *tale*.

- To the people who complained and you know who you are. Ha ha ha sugar and spice try! But tough Bristol cities, so get a Porridge Knife and stop bein' a lil' tell Alder-

man's Nail moaner and winger, me profile will stand. – *MyFinePix UK* forum, 14th October **2009**

teller of tales*noun*

the nails [AUSTRALIA]

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Telletubby*noun*

▶ see TELETUBBY

telling bone*noun*

a telephone [UK/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme. If not coined, widely popularised in 1970 by the ITV children's series *Catweazle*.

- But at half past six on Christmas morning, the telling bone began to ring, and ring, and ring[.] – *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*, December **1992**
- When the telling bone rang the other day I found a very enthusiastic cw man on the other end[.] – *Key Note*, newsletter of the FISTS CW Club, Tipton, England, August **1994**

· – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.36, 1999: Christchurch Women's Prison, September **1997**

- Was that Maurice? On the telling bone? Speaking? – C. Paling, *The Silent Sentry*, p.226, **1999**

· In my youth, which was spent in England, but not within the sound of Bow Bells, my friends and I used the phrase 'telling bone' for telephone. – *dictionary.babylon.com*, **2004**

- Get in and chat with these people offline on the telling bone[.] – *Australian Land Rover Owners* forum, 14th January **2007**

· I went looking for a clutch kit for one of my cars today (via Internet and telling-bone of course!). – www.geek-zone.co.nz, 16th April **2008**

- – R. Jolly, *Jackspeak*, **2011**

· I liked 'telling bone' .. often still call a phone that. – *AussieVapers* forum, 24th October **2012**

- [W]hat does one do if the relationship was just phones sex? Does one do it over the telling bone? – *Gaire* forum, 6th January **2013**

· On orderin' mee 'liquid lubrication' the 'telling-bone' rang behind the coontaa and the manager asked if there waz a 'Fink' in the bar! – www.geordietimes.com, 24th February **2016**

Tellytubby*noun*

▶ see TELETUBBY

ten bob bit*noun*

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < *ten-bob bit*, a colloquial term for the fifty-pence coin introduced in 1969 to replace the ten-shilling (or ten-bob) note.

· He told them in the shop that he wanted a ‘ten bob bit’ and they directed him to the toilet. No matter how hard he looked he still couldn’t find any coins. – *climbingfang.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th July 2007

· I’m dying for a ten bob bit. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th May 2008

· They keep you on site to sort your mess out when you go for a ten bob bit after they slipped some run juice in your tea. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 6th July 2013

2 a stupid or foolish person [UK]

Rhymes on *tit* and *twit*.

· You’d look a right ten bob bit walking down the street with that pressed up against your lughole wouldn’t you?! – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 4th March 2011

ten bob bits

noun

1 diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < *ten-bob bit*, a colloquial term for a fifty-pence coin. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the ten bob bits* ‘to frighten’, the rhyming slang version of *give someone the shits*.

· The size of some of those monsters... it’s enough to give you the ten bob bits. – *PC Zone* magazine, London, August 1999

· [T]hey make you ill and give you the ten bob bits for added misery. – *Southport.gb.com* forum, 4th March 2004

· I had a dodgy curry last night and I’ve got the ten bob bits. – *TalkCeltic* forum, 29th May 2008

· Tried it mate, but they give me the ten bob bits. – *Falcon Owners* forum, 27th November 2009

· But it is a fact of life that we travellers do suffer from the ‘ten bob bits’ which affect the quality of our experiences[.] – *mangounchained.com*, blog, 26th February 2010

2 ■ **get on someone’s ten bob bits** to annoy or irritate someone intensely [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*, used in the phrase *get on someone’s tits*.

· [H]e is starting to get on my ten bob bits. – *HLCCL* forum, 2nd March 2004

· This nit picking is really starting to get on my ten bob bits. – *RangersMedia* forum, 17th September 2007

3 ■ **do one’s ten bob bits in** to irritate someone intensely; to confuse or perplex someone [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*, used in the phrase *do one’s tits in*, itself a variation of the more common *do one’s head in*.

· Russell either go tickle his balls or wrap up buddy! Doing my ten bob bits in! – *twitter.com*, 17th February 2014

4 a woman’s breasts [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *tits*.

· [T]ype in Kylie naked into google images and you can get to see her ten-bob bits[.] – *Golfmagic* forum, 5th May 2005

· [A] lovely pair o’ ten bob bits. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

· Gee’z a swatch o’ yer ten bob bits. – C. Marx, *Atheist’s Guide*, p.147, 2007

· [R]emember when she got her ten-bob bits out in lethal weapon... – *TorquayFans.com* forum, 11th October 2013

ten bob note

noun

the throat [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *ten-bob note*, a colloquial name for a ten-shilling note. This note ceased to be legal tender in November 1970, when it was replaced by the fifty-pence coin that had been introduced in October 1969.

· Gonnae get us some o’ they cough sweets. Ma ten bob note is rid raw the day. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

ten by two

noun

▶ see TEN TO TWO

ten by two’s

noun

the police [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *screws*.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994

ten furlongs; ten

noun

1 water [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A covert pun on *mile and a quarter*. A furlong is one eighth of a mile; therefore, *ten furlongs* make a *mile and a quarter*. Hence *gay and ten* ‘whisky and water’ and *gordon and ten* ‘Scotch and water’. ▶ see GAY AND FRISKY, GORDON AND GOTCH and LKS MACKINNON STAKES

· [N]ext time when you hear his order his favorite drink of “Gordon and Gotch” and ten furlongs” do not start worrying, as Mr. O’Rourke has only started on his favorite diversion of rhyming slang. – *Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW, 2nd September 1947

· It was there I heard about a gay-and-ten, which is cockney rhyming slang for whisky-and-water. – *The Australian Women’s Weekly*, 18th October 1967

· ‘Water’ was ‘ten’ in rhyming slang[.] – C. Drummond, *The Odds on Death*, p.11 [1970], 1969

· I’ll have a gold watch and ten. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

· I wan’ ter get Pea sum Ten Furlongs. – *hogwarts.OOfreehost.com*, 6th August 2005

· And as I was raising my glass of whisky, I just remembered Keith’s [English rock photographer and technical diver Keith Morris’s] favourite cockney rhyming slang expression: “whisky and ten”[.] – *divesally.blogspot.com*, blog, 17th June 2008

2 a daughter [AUSTRALIA/UK]

A covert pun on MILE AND A QUARTER. Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Meredith, *DAS*, 1991

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· [S]ome daddies have referred to their little girls as their 'ten furlongs'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, s.v. *Mile & A Quarter*, **2008**

Tennant Creek

noun

a Greek [AUSTRALIA]

< Tennant Creek, a town in the Northern Territory.

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· There's a Tennant Creek behind the wheel of most Australian taxi-cabs and they've got a licence to print money. [...] Ouzo. Introduced into Australia by the Tennant Creeks. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller's Tool*, pp.46/84, **1985**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, pp.90–91, **1999**

· After democracy and ouzo, the best thing the Tennant Creeks gave the world is char-grilled octopus – consider me a potential cannibal. – *timblair.net*, blog, 23rd May **2007**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

tennis racket; tennis

noun

1 a jacket [IRELAND/UK]

· While you're at it, you'd better take off your spider and fly (tie), your horse and float (coat), your tennis racket (jacket), and then you can go to Uncle Ned (bed)[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [T]hen I get a text message, roysh, from Sorcha as it turns out and it's like, **Ross, hes gorgeos I luv him & it really was nic2 cu** and I put the old Wolfe back in my tennis racket and I think, Today really was a good day. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.49, **2005**

· Me too, but I'm going to stick on my tennis & head to the battle for a Nelson. – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th November **2006**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· – J. Connolly, *Culchie's Guide*, p.121, **2009**

2 a packet of drugs [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· tennis racket – packet (in the uk cocaine comes in a folded lottery ticket called a packet). – *Rollitup* forum, 14th December **2009**

ten-ounce rump; 10er

noun

1 an act of defecation [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *dump*. The form *10er* has been recorded in British usage.

· Ten Ounce Rump is Cockney slang for Dump. "I'm going for a 10er." – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th November **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· [Y]ou literally couldn't leave your Dubes anywhere near him back in the day in case he took a ten-ounce rump in one of them. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, p.308, **2010**

2 an unattractive, depressing or otherwise unpleasant place [UK]

Rhymes on *dump*. Only recorded in the full form.

· Sadley me old mucker, successive British government have allowed many parts of the UK turn into a ten ounce rump (a dump). If you complain about it in public you'll be painted as an anachronistic pariah. – *english.stackexchange.com*, 14th November **2013**

ten speed gears; ten speeds

noun

the ears [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Lend this short jackanory your ten speeds and time[.] – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 'A Tea Leaf's Jackanory', 3rd November **2013**

Tenth Hussar

noun

a cigar [UK]

< *Tenth Hussar* 'an officer of the 10th Royal Hussars, a cavalry regiment of the British Army from 1715 to 1969'.

· The luxuries of life are associated with all that is dashing and magnificent, as when a cigar is called a "Tenth Hussar." – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

Ten-Thirty; 10.30

nickname

Scottish footballer and manager Bertie Auld (b.1938)

· We scored in only the second minute thanks to a free-kick when Ten-Thirty just grabbed the ball and played it so quick to set up the big man. – *The Sun*, London, 20th April **2002**

· Who would have believed that TG, Caesar, Jinky and Chopper as well as yours truly – Ten-Thirty to you – would all help the club conquer Europe six years later? – B. Auld and A. Gordon, *Bertie*, p.44, **2008**

ten to two; ten by two

noun

a Jew [UK]

Ten by two is recorded by Stanzel (1957). All other sources give the older and more common form *ten to two*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *The Leader* magazine, January **1939**

· – F. Stanzel, *Zur Herkunft des Rhyming Slang*, p.199, **1957**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

tent peg

noun

an egg [UK]

· At the other end of the cooking fire Stornoway Slim is making coffee. Ammo nods and points, offering him the eggs. 'Couple of tent-pegs, Stornoway?' he inquires in a casual tone. – J. Phelan, *Follow the Roads*, p.61, **1949**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· “Dinner’s ready, boys. Egg, bacon, and chips!” said Jasper’s mother, as she emerged from the kitchen carrying three plates. “Tent pegs and Jagger’s lips, my favourite, Evie,” said his father[.] – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.36, **2012**

tent pegs

noun

the legs [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. Obviously informed by the slang *peg*.

· Gor Blimey. ‘Int she laverly? Gorgeous set of tent pegs... – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Terence Stamp; terence

noun

1 a bar in a public house [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *ramp*. < English actor Terence Stamp (b.1939).

· Whose turn is it up the Terence? – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

2 a tramp [UK; SCOTLAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I inwardly cursed Hod for making me wear the tweed – felt like a Terence Stamp caught shoplifting. – T. Black, *Long Time Dead*, p.25, **2010**

Terence Trent

noun

rent [UK]

< American singer Terence Trent D’Arby (born Terence Trent Howard, 1962), now called Sananda Maitreya.

· Anyway the Terence Trent was a bit much for me to pay. – *Gymtalk-UK* forum, 20th December **2008**

terrace houses; terrace of houses; terrace; terraces

noun

trousers [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

The form *terrace houses* is given by Ramsay (1977) and Seal (2009), while *terrace of houses* is recorded in Baker (1966), the *Sydney Kings Cross Whisper* (1967), Aven-Bray (1983) and Simes (1993). The shortening *terrace* is given by Simes (1993), who found it in a 1950 source; *terraces* is listed in the *Sydney Kings Cross Whisper* (1967) and Ramsay (1977).

· I got up the Cain and Abel (table); went out to the Maggie Moore (door); fell down the apples and pears (stairs), and busted the sweet peas on my terrace houses (burst the knees of my trousers). – *New Zealand Truth*, ‘Some Slum Slang. From Wellington’s Submerged Tenth’, 31st January **1914**

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLI, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· Gucci terrace of houses and dicky dirts from the shops for the blokes and jeans and slogan carrying

T-shirts for the Charlie Wheelers. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.11, **1983**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

terrence

noun

▶ see TERRY WAITE

terrible Turk; terrible

noun

work [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *terrible Turk*, an old word for an unmanageable, bad-tempered or domineering man, perhaps via the name of Yusuf Ismail, the ‘Terrible Turk’ (1857–98), a Turkish professional wrestler. The short form has been recorded in Australian usage

· In the *gypsy’s warning* I was ready for the *terrible Turk*. – *General Motors World* magazine, New York, ‘Cockney – Morton versus Mason’, **1953**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· [T]he bulge in his sky rocket was not an aristotle. It was pay night and it would be the pap for his terrible turk. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.7, **1983**

· *Terrible Turk*: rhyming slang for work. – *Orange Coast* magazine, Newport Beach, CA, September **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Finished the terrible for today. Is it still un-pc to call work the ‘terrible Turk’? – *twitter.com*, 4th May **2009**

terrible Turk

verb

to work [AUSTRALIA]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· There was enough shitmen, daggers, and pullemasides in the Western Suburbs where he lived and terrible turked. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.9, **1983**

Terry and June

noun

a song [UK]

Rhymes on *tune*. < *Terry and June*, a BBC sitcom starring Terry Scott (1927–94) and June Whitfield (b.1925), broadcast from 1979 to 1987.

· On the subject of Terry and June, this unlikely duo give us a cracking example of how this slang entered the lexicon of rave culture in the late 80s and 90s. [...] So, the youth of East London danced to Terry and Junes (tunes) while ingesting Jack ‘n’ Jills (pills) and sniffing Boutros Ghali (charlie). – *www.theguardian.com*, 22nd February **2013**

· When cheesy quavers went radio rental to a good Terry and June, they did it in their own pukka language. – *www.theguardian.com*, 9th September **2015**

Terry and Junes

noun

prunes [UK]

< *Terry and June*, a BBC sitcom broadcast from 1979 to 1987.

· Maybe the Duke of Terry-and-Junes could help us out here? – *b3ta* forum, 4th May **2007**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Terry Butcher

noun

a homosexual man [UK]

Relies on a humorous mock northern English pronunciation of *Butcher* as rhyming on the slang *tail toucher*. < Singaporean-born English football player and manager Terry Butcher. Influenced by an ironic play on the adjective *butcher* ‘more masculine’.

· He’s a Terry Butcher. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th March **2002**

· Shouldn’t they be allowed to sue? *Terry Butcher* (‘tail-toucher’ = ‘homosexual’) might have a case[.] – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.113, **2004**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

Terry Dear; terry

noun

beer [AUSTRALIA]

< New Zealand-born Australian TV and radio presenter Terry Dear (1913–95).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· “Why this cold-snap! I could go a ‘Terry-dear!!’” Translation: God it’s hot!! I’d love a cold beer. (Rhyming slang – Terry dear = beer. Can substitute anything that rhymes with beer, eg ‘cherry cheer.’ It is also common to see it shortened even further to just ‘a Terry’.) – *Roadogz.com*, July **2001**

Terry Farley; terry

noun

cocaine [UK]

Rhymes on *charlie*. < English house music DJ Terry Farley (b.1958).

· This example is drawn from the many euphemisms for the contraband substance known as cocaine. The drug has been known as [...] Terry Farley (if you’re an ancient raver, possibly cos it rhymes with...)[.] – *everything2.com*, 8th August **2001**

· Got any Terry mate, I could really do with a pick-me-up? – *UD(.com)*, 19th July **2004**

Terry Hill

noun

a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pill*. < Australian rugby league footballer Terry Hill (b.1972).

· – *Inthemix* forum, 16th April **2002**

· [F]or all the druggies (definitely not me), they pop ‘terry hills’ = pills[.] – *League Unlimited* forum, 11th October **2002**

Terry Keane; terry

adjective

keen [IRELAND]

< Irish journalist Ann Therese ‘Terry’ Keane (1939–2008).

· To tell you the truth I wasn’t actually that Terry Keane on this bird, roysh, but the fact that her boyfriend was Gick made it a challenge I couldn’t resist. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Frappuccino*, p.68, **2003**

· **Terry:** *adj.* keen[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Guide*, p.249, **2007**

terry maguired

adjective

tired [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, **1981**

Terry Scotts

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the trots*. < English comic actor John ‘Terry’ Scott (1927–94).

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

terrytoon; terry toon

noun

1 a prostitute’s pimp [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *hoon*. < Terrytoons, an animated cartoon production company (1929–68) founded in New York by Paul Terry. The solid spelling is recorded in 1990.

· ‘Yer a terry-toon, a blue-moon – anything’ that rhymes with weak-bludger-hoon! – J. McNeil, *The Chocolate Frog*, p.33 [1987], **1973**

· ‘We can be hoons, mate!’ he laughed. ‘A couple of Terry toons!’ I didn’t say too much, there was a stigma to being a bludger, living off the proceeds, but I went along with it. – M. Williams, *Dingo!*, p.59, **1980**

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

2 a black person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *coon*. Recorded in the solid form *terrytoon*.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

Terry Waite; Terry

noun

weight [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *weight* and *Waite*. < English Anglican cleric Terry Waite (b.1939), who was famously held captive in Lebanon between January 1987 and November 1991, after traveling there to negotiate the release of several hostages.

· I’m on a Brixton at the moment to lose a bit of Terry before Christmas. – *callcentredairy.blogspot.com*, blog, 8th September **2003**

· The former hostage’s name is being dropped by Cockneys all over East London – “Terry” is new rhyming slang for “weight”. – *Daily Express*, London, 30th September **2005**

· [I’]m in the process of signing up for a parachute jump for charity [...] need to lose a bit of terry waite b4 i can sign up for it. – *United Forum*, 2nd July **2008**

Terry Waite; terrence*noun*

lunch, especially in the form of a packed lunch [UK: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on the regional slang word *bait*. < English Anglican cleric Terry Waite (b.1939), who was famously held captive in Lebanon between January 1987 and November 1991, after travelling there to negotiate the release of several hostages.

· Terrence – bait. Rhyming slang from Terry Waite. – *Newcastle-Online* forum, 19th October **2007**

· Terry Waite-Bait. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 13th February **2013**

Terry Waite*adjective/adverb*

late [UK]

< English Anglican cleric Terry Waite (b.1939), who was famously held captive in Lebanon between January 1987 and November 1991, after travelling there to negotiate the release of several hostages.

· ‘Sorry I’m Terry Waite, Mum,’ he says. – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· It seems they apologise for coming home Terry Waite (late) from a Russell Harty (party). – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th February **1998**

· [I]t’s cooler to demand an Ayrton (Senna) or a Pavarotti (tenor – get it?), but promise to return it “Christian Slater” and not too “Terry Waite”. – *www.theguardian.com*, 12th October **1999**

· You’re a bit Terry Waite. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Terry Wheeler*noun*

a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*. < Australian Rules footballer Terry Wheeler (b.1955).

· A couple I have heard used... Terry Wheeler = Sheila Gary Jack (NRL) = Back. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 14th October **2009**

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on *www.pmhps.org.au* on 2nd December **2013**

Tessa Munt*noun*

an objectionable individual [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English Liberal Democrat politician Tessa Jane Munt (b.1959).

· – *Profanisaurus: Hail Swear*, **2013**

· For me it’s a toss up between Tessa Munt for her Cockney rhyming slang or Mike Hancock for not giving a toss about politics[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 1st March **2013**

· Fortunately for wise-cracking Gove, his next piece of slang, involving Lib Dem MP Tessa Munt, an aide to Cable, was drowned out by embarrassed groans. – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 22nd September **2013**

· Tessa Munt trying to replace the Health Secretary as Cockney rhyming slang as well. – *www.facebook.com*, 12th November **2013**

Texas Ranger; TR*noun*

1 a problem [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only in the phrase *no Texas Ranger* (or *no TR*) ‘no problem’, the rhyming slang version of *no danger*. < Texas Rangers, a baseball team based in Arlington, Texas; ultimately from Texas Rangers, a law-enforcement group formally established in 1835.

· ‘Ye’re no gaun already?’ ‘No T.R. Ah’m just getting warmed up noo. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

2 a stranger [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· This pub is full of Texas Rangers these days. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

Tex Ritter; tex*noun*

1 bitter (beer) [UK]

< Tex Ritter, the stage name of American country singer and actor Woodward Maurice Ritter (1905–74).

· [A] ‘pint of Tex’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [B]esides being stuck to the tiled floor i was pleasantly surprised by the brew on offer, nice pint of Tex Ritter, creamy and clung to the glass, the sign of a good ale[.] – *Network54* forum, 8th May **2005**

· I’ll have a pint of Tex. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th March **2014**

2 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, s.v. *Gary Glitter*, **1997**

· But does she take it up the tex? – *Contractor UK* forum, 28th July **2005**

· I bet she takes it up the Tex Ritter. – *UD(.com)*, 30th May **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

3 a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.47, **2002**

· [Y]ou could be visiting the Tex Ritter. – *MCFCForum* forum, 28th September **2012**

Tex Ritters*noun*

diarrhoea [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the shitters* and *the squitters*, as well as on the Scottish slang *the skitters*. < Tex Ritter, the stage name of American country singer and actor Woodward Maurice Ritter (1905–74).

· Ah hink ah’ve goat a dose o’ the Tex Ritters comin oan. – S. Simpson, *SYP*, p.71, **2004**

· I take it you’re fingers go through the paper when you have a dose of the tex ritters? – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 13th July **2005**

· The dug’s goat the Tex Ritters again – *CycleChat* forum, 5th March **2008**

· The scenes of devastating violence must have occurred at the one derby I missed from that era. I had the text ritters I seem to recall. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th November **2009**

· I'm the same, it's that cheap foreign plonk, it gives me the "Tex Ritters" [...] – H. Morris, *Even the Lies*, **2013**

· I couldn't be farther away than fifteen feet from a toilet with a bout of the Ertha Kits, or as some older ones would call it the Tex Ritters [...] – *www.celticquicknews.co.uk*, 25th April **2016**

text me

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-three [UK]

Relies on a jokey pronunciation of *text me* with the stress on *me*.

· – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 6th May **2003**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – *www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls*, accessed 15th October **2013**

Thabo Mbeki; thabo

noun

a breakfast [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *brekkie*. < South African politician Thabo Mbeki (b.1942), who served as president of South Africa from 1999 to 2008.

· Gotta have me Thabo in the morning. – *Charlton Life* forum, 7th March **2012**

Thanksa

nickname

Australian journalist Maximilian Walsh (b.1937)

A shortening of *thanks a million*.

· His professional life has been good to him, no doubt. But Thanksa's been very good to it, too. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 14th July **2007**

that and this

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *piss*.

· I'm going round the haystack for a that and this. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Theatre Royal; theatre

noun

a boil [AUSTRALIA]

· The same small boy, who is suffering from what the medical profession call a boil, refers to his ailment as a "Theatre," which, it is worth recording, is short for "Theatre Royal." – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

thee and me

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-three [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**

· – *Personal correspondence*, 10th July **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

Thelma Ritter; thelma

noun

1 bitter (beer) [UK]

< American actress Thelma Ritter (1905–69). No evidence of use in the short form.

· "Thanks. And a pint for Sid." "Thelma Ritter." "Thelma Ritter, eh? I'm Giovanni Cupello." "No, that's not her name! Thelma Ritter means a pint of bitter!" – *Mind Your Language*, UK TV: ITV, 24th March **1978**

2 a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

3 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Thelonious Monk; thelonious

noun

1 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < American jazz pianist Thelonious Monk (1917–82). Its earliest known use is in the form *Thelonius Monk*. The shortened version *thelonius* is recorded for the first time in 2002.

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **2002**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd December **2011**

· [M]y favourite euphemism is "Thelonious" in Cockney rhyming slang (Thelonious Monk – spunk). – *Mumsnet* forum, 28th March **2013**

2 skunk, a highly potent variety of cannabis [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Thelonious Monk*.

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, **2007**

· I'm partial to a bit of 'Thelonious Monk' myself. – *Toon-tastic* forum, 3rd April **2008**

Theobald Wolfe Tone; Wolfe Tone; theobald wolfe; theobald; theobold; theo; wolfe

noun

a telephone [IRELAND]

< Irish revolutionary Theobald Wolfe Tone (1763–98).

· I've been asleep for, like, an hour when the old Theobald goes. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.109, **2005**

· Many aspects of a D4, that are recognisibly D4 are their clothes (Abercrombie and Fitch, Designer labels), their accents and vocabulary (a Dublin form of Cockney Slang, e.g. Wolfe (Tone phone)[...] – *UD(.com)*, s.v. *D4*, 14th November **2005**

· I pick up the old Theo and bell Tina who, like every other normal person in the world, is asleep [...] she storts putting the old Theobald Wolfe back into her bag. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, pp.178/213, **2006**

· The telephone is often now referred to as the ‘Theobold’ (Wolfe Tone = phone). – *www.independent.ie*, 8th February **2006**

· Wolfe Tone – Phone. – *The Free Kick* forum, 15th June **2006**

· Christian’s on the Wolfe to Lauren. [...] Suddenly, roysh, just in the nick of time, the old Wolfe Tone rings[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, pp.12/76, **2007**

there first

noun

thirst [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

Theresa’s den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< *Theresa’s den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Theresa May (b.1956) during her period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, commencing on 13th July 2016. Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.

· Do you care that No.10 now is Theresa’s Den? We’d rather play free bingo!! – *twitter.com*, 15th July **2016**

· On the hottest day of the year we played bingo with the residents of Severn Walk. Mrs Mackenzie was hot on the calling saying, “number 10’ Theresa’s Den.” – *safy56.wordpress.com*, blog, 24th July **2016**

· – *news.coral.co.uk*, 3rd November **2016**

there you are

noun

1 a bar [UK]

· At the first big pub I resolved, if pos., / That I’d sample my lucky star; / So I passed a flimsy on to the boss / Who served drinks at the there you are. – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.189, 1896; D. Chiderdoss, ‘The Rhyme of the Rusher’, *Sporting Times*, London, 29th October **1892**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 tea [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *char*.

· There you are, a nice cup of there you are. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· A cup of there you are (char). – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 30th June **2004**

there you go matey

noun

in bingo, the number eighty [UK]

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

these and those

noun

1 the toes [US/SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

2 clothes; a suit of clothes [US/UK]

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· His drum and fife was loaded with tomfoolery and he had bags of bees and honey from flogging these and those in the jacket and vest. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Adam and Eve / Had it made, / Lovely garden, / Nice bit of shade. / Didn’t need nothing, / No **these and those**, / **It was kushti!** / So it goes... – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.8, **2009**

3 the nose [AUSTRALIA/US]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

thespian

noun

a lesbian [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme with archly euphemistic intent. ► *see* WEST END THESPIAN

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· I had an elderly uncle who was incensed over having seen two thespians kissing in public. I’m curious about thespians. In most western countries, can they legally marry and adopt children? – *Literotica* forum, 3rd February **2004**

thespian

adjective

lesbian [US]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

· [W]e have several DVDs worth of Thespian material. Do you think Abdul just made it up? Hired some prostitutes to pander to our fantasies? – *Landover Baptist Church* forum, 28th February **2007**

· That [*carpet muncher*] of course is a very crude term for a lesbian. I don’t often use that term myself, but I’ve heard it used by all sorts of people, including a few of my ‘Thespian’ friends even. – *yourfacewillfreezelikethat.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st March **2012**

thespianism*noun*

lesbianism [us]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

· Frankly Thespianism is what is to be expected when you isolate women from men. – *Landover Baptist Church* forum, 28th February **2007**

· – Are Lesbians REALLY gay? Or just confused? – I have it on good authority that the # 1 cause of thespianism is reading Hitlery Clinton's book. – *Landover Baptist Church* forum, 21st March **2008**

Theydon Bois*noun*

noise [uk]

< Theydon Bois, a village in Essex, England.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****thick and dense***noun*

expense; expenses [us]

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962****thick and thin***noun*

1 a grin [us/uk]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

2 the chin [us/sOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Jock said that “thick and thin” means chin[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

3 gin [us/AUSTRALIA/UK]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Gin, Thick and Thin. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· Many a San Francisco visitor has wondered about conversation by the natives. In cocktail lounges especially one hears people chattering in good English words that

don't seem to make sense. [...] Here are some examples: [...] Thick and Thin–gin. – *Deadwood Pioneer-Times*, Deadwood, SD, 15th April **1941**

· If, however, he consumes too much “pig’s ear” or “thick and thin,” he may finish up “mollies” or “elephants”. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· Eddie will have a “shot of “thick and thin”[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.101, 1968: *California Boxing News*, June **1966**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

4 skin; the skin [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· We will now cross back to the studio to listen to Nat King Cole, the feller with the nice Hobson's, singing, ‘I've Got You Under My Thick and Thin’. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th May **2014**

· [T]hats just cos ees all thick and thin (skin) and sticks and stones (bones). – *runningmasters.blogspot.com*, 24th March **2015**

thief and robber*noun*

a friend [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *cobber*.

· No doubt you have wondered how your old thief and robber has been doing since you went back to the steak and kidney. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997****thimble and thread; thimble***noun*

the head [uk]

A folk-etymological elaboration of *thimble* ‘head’, itself originally an altered form of the old slang *pimple*.

· I learnt this song [Harry Champion's ‘Everybody Knows Me in My Old Brown Hat’] from family singalongs as a kid and we always sang Everybody knows me by my old brown hat / That I wear upon my big pink thimble. Thimble being rhyming slang for head as in thimble and thread. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 17th October **2005**

thimble and thumb*noun*

rum [uk/us?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from

written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *Weekly Telegraph*, 6th April **1946**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· I could use a thimble and thumb. – E. James, *DBSCE*, **1997**

thingamajig; thingymajig

noun

a wig [IRELAND]

· – *Fibbermagees* forum, 8th May **2006**

Thin Lizzy; thin

noun

fizzy water [UK]

< Irish rock band Thin Lizzy. An antonym of BUNGA-LOW BILL.

· Thin (Lizzy) ... Fizzy water. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

thirteen amp

noun

a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

< *thirteen amp*, a shortening of *thirteen ampere*, used attributively (and usually applied to fuses and plugs) to represent the maximum current load that can be placed on a domestic socket.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Look at that bunch of thirteen amps over there. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

thirty-first of May; 31st of May

noun

a fool; a dupe [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *gay*. Probably < *31st of May*, a reference to the night of 31st May 1942, when Sydney Harbour was attacked by Japanese midget submarines.

· Australia's underworldsters have commemorated the services of their victims by calling them any of these assorted terms: *possum*, *poss*, *possodeluxe*, *galah*, *imbo*, *gay*, *thirty-first of May*, *mug*, *milkjug*, *milkie*[.] – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.125, **1953**

thirty-first of May; 31st of May

adjective

homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gay*. Probably < *31st of May*, a reference to the night of 31st May 1942, when Sydney Harbour was attacked by Japanese midget submarines.

· [H]e looks the 31st of May. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

30 Rock

noun

the penis [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *cock*. < *30 Rock*, an American TV comedy series (2006–13). Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· I was sitting there with me 30 Rock in my hand and a massive One Direction. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

this and that

noun

1 a hat [AUSTRALIA/UK/US]

· [T]he 'steam packet' is quite the latest cut, and as for the 'this and that,' why, it's 'horsey' all over. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· [O]ften indeed the slang term is longer than the real word, as in tie, which is *all me*, from *all me eye*, and hat, which is *this and that* in full. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, 'Rhyming Slang', 26th November **1913**

· These two of many words have their origin in a vogue which captured the imagination particularly of places like Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood. A fashion set in by which, instead of using the correct word to express oneself, words rhyming with the one intended were employed. Practically every article of wearing apparel had a rhyming synonym. Here are a few: HAT: This and that. – *The Mirror*, Perth, 'This Slangue of Ours!', 14th September **1935**

· Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here's an example: 'I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road)[.]' – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *Write a Prisoner* forum, 12th August **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

2 a cricket bat [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· He and his china plate Wardle have gone out with their this and thats in their German bands, and they're now out there strappin' their mum and dads on their Dutch pegs – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February **1955**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009
- 3 a flat (an apartment) [UK]
- He and his ‘Trouble and Strife’ (wife) occupied a ‘This & That’ (flat) on the premises[.] – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.ix, 1973
- 4 a cat [UK]
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

this and that*adjective*

- (of a person) fat [us]
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

this and that*verb*

- in cricket, to bat [UK]
- Whose bat will you carry when you go in to this and that? – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- It’s your turn to this and that. – E. James, *DBSCE*, 1997

thises and thats*noun*

- spats (short gaiters covering the instep and ankle) [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

T.H. Lowry; Tom Lowry*noun*

- a Maori [NEW ZEALAND]
- < New Zealand cricketer and racehorse breeder Thomas Henry Lowry (1865–1944). Looser (2001) is the only source for *Tom Lowry*. Prison slang.
- – H.W. Orsman, *DMNZS*, 1999: 1997
- Much labelling is also done on the grounds of ethnic identity, so terms such as **flour bin** (a Pakeha), **Bruce** (an Asian—from Bruce Lee) and **T.H. Lowry** (a Maori) are in use. – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, 1999
- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, p.34, 2001

Thomas Cook*noun*

- 1 a look [UK]
- < British travel agents Thomas Cook, whose advertisers used the term in the slogan ‘Take a Thomas Cook at our Prices’.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – *Betfair Community* forum, 25th November 2011
- 2 a book [UK: MANCHESTER]
- – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.309, 2014

Thomas Edison; thomas*noun*

- medicine [UK]
- < American inventor Thomas Edison (1847–1931).
- Just been to the doctors to collect my thomas. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd September 2004
- [H]ave you got Thomas Edison for your cough? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008
- – *Scale-Models* forum, 19th March 2008

Thomas More; Thomas Moore; thomas*noun*

- a whore [UK]
- A folk-etymological elaboration of the slang *tom*, which is sometimes regarded as its short form. < English humanist Sir Thomas More (1478–1535) and Irish poet and satirist Thomas Moore (1779–1852). *Thomas Moore* is first recorded in 2007.
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003
- Derived from the Cockney rhyming slang for Thomas More/whore[.] – B. Brooks-Gordon, *The Price of Sex*, p.252, 2006
- Thomas Moore is Cockney slang for Whore. ‘Gawd ’elp us, look at her! She looks like a real Thomas (or and Old Tom), mate.’ – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd March 2007
- – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, 2009
- [M]y trouble n strife cracked me round the crust of bread with the back of her brass band. What a Thomas Moore! – *www.reddit.com/r/todayilearned*, 27th March 2010

Thomas the Rhymer; Thomas*noun*

- Alzheimer’s disease [UK]
- Imperfect rhyming slang. < Thomas the Rhymer, one of the bynames of Thomas Learmonth, a 13th-century poet and prophet from Ercildoune (now Earlston) in the Scottish Borders, also known as True Thomas, Thomas of Ercildoune and Lord Learmonth. Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’.
- A: Your mum? How’s she keeping lately? B: Thomas, mutton and vitus these days. – *messybeast.com*, 1st February 2001

Thomas the Tank; Thomas Tank; Tommy the Tank; thomas*noun*

- an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]
- Rhymes on *wank*. A deliberate variation of the earlier **TOMMY TANK**. *Tommy the Tank* may in fact be a blend of *Tommy tank* and *Thomas the Tank*. < Thomas the Tank Engine, a steam locomotive character in a series of children’s books created by Reverend Wilbert Awdry for his son Christopher, who, in turn, wrote later stories in the Railway Series. The character was introduced in *Thomas the Tank Engine*, published in 1946, and became more widely popular through the children’s television series *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends* (aka *Thomas and Friends*), first broadcast on ITV in 1984.
- So, to have a wank would be equivalent to [...] Having a Thomas (The Tank). – *www.rathergood.com*, 15th March 2001

- I was having a Thomas when me Trouble and Strife walked in. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st February **2002**
- I've a mate who insists Cockney Rhyming slang is popular in Drogheda [...] Here's some he uses: [...] Going for a Tommy The Tank = Going for a Tom Hanks = which means going for a wank. – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**
- Glyn had a thomas the tank last night in the shower with mikeys condom and then promptly went and took it into the diary room. – *Digital Spy* forum, 29th July **2006**
- Caught having a Thomas the Tank. – *Honda VFR Club* forum, 26th May **2007**
- [W]ent home and had a Tommy The Tank instead. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 8th October **2007**
- And i thought someone was gonna confess to getting caught having a thomas the tank in the living room, while their gran walked in with their mam. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th September **2009**
- I think it's [hamshank is] the same as a thomas the tank. – *Detailing World* forum, 12th October **2011**
- But would you say you've had sex with a man if you give him a Thomas Tank or a Barry Jones? – K. Archer, *One Foot Onto the Ice*, p.70, **2013**
- [A]s long as your not broadcasting your having a Thomas tank!!! – *twitter.com*, 7th March **2014**
- 10 very Irish terms for masturbation [...] Thomas the tank. – *www.dailyedge.ie*, 21st May **2015**

Thomas the Tank; Thomas Tank

verb

to masturbate [UK]

- Rhymes on *wank*. A variation of the earlier TOMMY TANK. < Thomas the Tank Engine, a steam locomotive character in a series of children's books by Wilbert and Christopher Awdry. Also used in the phrase *Thomas the Tank it*.
- 79 have mainly younger blokes in the unit, they do a lot of phys type stuff when not thomas the tanking it[.] – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 11th June **2007**
 - DM r ye thomas the tanking with the other hand??? – *Documenting Reality* forum, 8th May **2009**
 - No wonder he has to resort to Thomas Tanking. NO decent woman would go within a mile of the grubby gett. – *This Is Big Brother* forum, 18th August **2009**
 - Anyone been caught thomas the tanking? – *PlayStation Forum*, 15th January **2010**

thomas the tanker; tommy the tanker; thomas

noun

a stupid or contemptible person [UK/IRELAND]

- Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of THOMAS THE TANK, formed as an updated version of the earlier TOMMY TANKER. The variant *tommy the tanker* may be a blend of *Tommy tanker* and *Tommy the Tank*.
- That guy over there is a right Thomas. – *UD(.com)*, 18th October **2004**
 - [A]re non believers thomas the tankers? – *Hip Forums*, 7th October **2005**

- There's a few Thomas The Tankers in Westminster[.] – *AVForums*, 4th August **2006**
- He takes the mick by pretending not to see when his players are acting like Thomas the Tankers. – *Vital Football* forum, 2nd March **2010**
- – In tears here, KLU you're a fookin nut job. – a Total Thomas the Tanker... – *Irish Biker Forum*, 3rd June **2010**
- He's a Thomas the Tanker. – *Goonersweb* forum, 9th October **2010**
- i ask him why and he tells me a bloke down the front keeps calling him names – Tommy The Tanker and the like[.] – *Skabilly* forum, 5th June **2011**

Thomas Tilling; Tom Tilling; thomas

noun

a shilling [UK]

- < Thomas Tilling Ltd, a London bus company founded in 1897; named after English transport entrepreneur Thomas Tilling (1825–93). ▶ see ROBERT TILLING
- I gave them all I had in my sky—a Tom Tilling. – *The Bookman's Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**
 - Not a Thomas Tilling. – M. Harrison, *All the Trees*, p.290, **1936**
 - Thomas Tilling [...] Shilling. – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
 - SHILLING: *Thomas Tilling*. – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.287, **1948**
 - But I didn't even find a dud Thomas Tilling, let alone enough money to get old Pam fixed up. – A. Draper, *Swansong*, p.157, **1970**
 - Thomas Tilling = A Shilling. So, give me a Thomas... – *answers.yahoo.com*, 25th July **2011**
 - I remember when it used to cost a Thomas. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Thom Yorke

noun

a leg of pork [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < English rock singer Thom Yorke (b.1968), best known as the lead vocalist of Radiohead.
- – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

Thom Yorke

verb

to stalk [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < English rock singer Thom Yorke (b.1968), best known as the lead vocalist of Radiohead.

· – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

thom yorker

noun

a stalker [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < English rock singer Thom Yorke (b.1968), best known as the lead vocalist of Radiohead.
- I hear Madonna's had terrible trouble with a Thom Yorker... – *Courier Mail*, Queensland, 19th January **2001**

Thora Hird; thora*noun*

- 1 a third-class university honours degree [UK]
 < English actress Thora Hird (1911–2003).
 • At York (at least!), we have slang for degree classifications: [...] Thora (3rd) – Thora Hurd. – *soc.culture.british*, *Google Groups*, 5th March **1992**
 • – D. Rowan, *A Glossary for the 90s*, p.52, **1998**
 • Mike’s probably getting a Desmond, Bill a Thora, and Phil needs a Billy or above to get into Kings. – *UD(.com)*, 1st June **2006**
 • She got a Thora Hird in Engineering from Cambridge. – *Digital Spy* forum, 14th March **2010**
 • These days, degrees have different names, derived from rhyming slang: a 2:2, it seems, is a Desmond, after archbishop Tutu; a third is a Thora, after the actor Thora Hird[.] – *The Guardian*, London, 5th July **2012**
- 2 a piece of excrement; an act of excretion [UK]
 Rhymes on *turd*.
 • Just nipping out for a Thora. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**
 • – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
 • Mind you don’t step in that Thora. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 • – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
 • I dunno who was in trap 2 having a Thora when I was in having a slash but it sounded like they were having a torrid time of it. – *twitter.com*, 8th October **2013**
- 3 a bird [UK]
 • – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
 • Thora or Thora Hird = Bird... – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 30th September **2003**
- 4 a word [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]
 A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. Used in full.
 • An’ as for the way these water tanks tawk. I didn’t understand a fackin’ Thora Hird anyone was Darren fackin’ Dayin’. – *Viz* comic, February **2004**
- 5 a young woman [UK]
 Rhymes on *bird*. No evidence of use in the short form.
 • – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

thorn and thistle*noun*

- a whistle [UK]
 • Here’s some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] whistle – thorn and thistle[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

thousand pities; thousands*noun*

- a woman’s breasts [UK]
 Rhymes on *titties*.
 • – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
 • There is at least one other Cockney descriptive for that anatomic location. Always pluralised, this is *thousands* – for *thousand pities* – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.17, **1973**
 • – R. Ash and B. Higton, *Private Parts*, **1987**

- – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.96, **2005**
 • – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

three and four*noun*

- a whore [UK]
 • – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

three bags full; three bags; three bagger*noun*

- 1 an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]
 Rhymes on the Australian slang *pull*. < *three bags full*, a phrase from the traditional English nursery rhyme ‘Baa Baa Black Sheep’, first recorded in the 1740s.
 • **Three Bags Full (Pull)** Masterbate. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, **1983**
 • Three bags full. Masturbation. – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**
 • Canonical Masturbation Euphamisms [...] Having a three-bags-full. – *aus.jokes*, *Google Groups*, 28th August **1995**
 • Three bags full aka “a three bagger” – Masturbate. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th November **2009**
 • [A] “three bags full” is the Australian rhyming slang for a pull ie. masturbation. can also be shortened to “three bags”. *joe: did you get any snatch last night? peter: no she was flying the japanese flag so i had to have a three bags full!* – *UD(.com)*, 7th August **2010**
 • [W]hat about having a three bags full in the shower? – *twitter.com*, 6th January **2015**
- 2 utter nonsense or something that is absolutely untrue [AUSTRALIA]
 Rhymes on the colloquialism *bull*. Only recorded in the full form.
 • – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 • – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

three blind mice*noun*

- rice [UK]
 < ‘Three Blind Mice’, a traditional English nursery rhyme.
 • An order of ‘curried beef and three blind mice’[.] – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
 • Maybe even some Three Blind Mice Krispies? – *www.theworldaccordingtogeorgemcgachey.com*, **2010**
 • Chinese person, preparer of 3 blind mice. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 27th August **2010**

three by two; three be two*noun*

- a Jew [UK/US?]
 The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items

that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· “Well, there’s sheenies, and sheenies, you know, Rev boy,” he says, laying back, thinking about it. “Then there’s Yids, and Non Skids, to say nothing of the Shonks? Then there’s Three Be Twos, and Jews.[”] – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.340, **1943**

· **Three-Be (or, By)-Two.** A Jew. – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**

· **three by two** *Jew.* – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· **THREE-BE-TWO** – For Jew. **THREE-BY-TWO** – For Jew. – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

three-card trick; three card

noun

1 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*. Only recorded in the full form.

· She got her jazz bands round me three card trick and started giving it six nowt. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· Have you seen my three card trick? You won’t be disappointed. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· i will find you a stoke on trent cherry hog and you can play with his three card trick. – *Physics Forums*, 13th September **2005**

· [H]ey love, get up the apples and pairs so I can take you up the council gritter with my rock hard three-card trick. – *NeoGAF* forum, 22nd April **2012**

· She couldn’t keep her jazz bands off my three card trick. – *A(.com)*, accessed 5th October **2012**

2 a foolish or contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *dick* and *prick*.

· [N]ice to hear from you even if you are a bit of a clever ‘three card trick’. – *SE23.com* forum, 7th July **2007**

· He’s a right three card he is! – *www.facebook.com*, 7th June **2013**

3KZ

noun

the head [AUSTRALIA]

< 3KZ, a former Melbourne radio station (now known as ‘Gold FM’).

· – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.93, **1995**

· “I didn’t understand a word anyone was saying when I came in,” Amy says. Now, both women are familiar with the mostly rhyming slang that has infiltrated their own. [...] You’re not off your head, you’re off your 3KZ. – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 3rd March **2002**

· – *Stormfront* forum, 31st May **2008**

· Time for my 3KZ to hit the pillow! – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 31st October **2009**

· How’s the 3KZ? – *twitter.com*, 30th April **2013**

three of Scotch

noun

a wristwatch [UK]

· So he goes back to his ‘Charley Wiggins’ (diggings), winds up his ‘three of Scotch,’ and after blowing the ‘Harry Randle’ out, he jumps into ‘traitor’s head,’ and is soon ‘bo-peep’. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

three or four

noun

a door [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

threepenny bit; thrupenny bit; thruppenny bit; thrup’ny bit; thrupney bit; freepenny bit; frupenny bit; threepenny; threepenny; thre’pney; thripny; thrupenny; thrup’ny; thrupp’ny; thrup’ney; frupenny; thrups; frups; frupps

noun

1 a woman’s breast; hence, in the plural, the female breasts or the male chest [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *tit*. < *threepenny bit* ‘a former coin worth three old pence (1 ¼ p)’. Hence TRAYSALTIES. Also used idiomatically in the phrases *get on someone’s threepenny bits* (or *get on someone’s thrupennies*, etc.) ‘to irritate someone intensely’ and *tug someone’s threepenny bit* ‘to kid or tease someone’, the rhyming slang versions of *get on someone’s tits* and *tug someone’s tit* (the latter itself a variation of the more common *pull someone’s leg*).

· How can one undertake work of... of a creative nature with someone who gets on your threepenny bits as much as he does? – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st February **1972**

· [T]he least I can do is give her a comforting pat on the shoulder – well, not so much the shoulder, more the upper arm: where it joins the interesting bits – the threepenny bits. – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.59, **1975**

· Oh, that frail old torso totally exposed to the hot noon-day sun, save for the ex-army braces dangling over his thruppenny bits. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK radio: BBC Radio 2, 14th March **1976**

· ‘Look at the threepenny bits on that tart,’ says one. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.110, **1986**

· “Garn, Keith, *garn*” he cried. “Get yore *thruppenny bits* out!” – J. O’Connor, *Secret World*, p.61, **1994**

· You get right on my thrupennies when you do that. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 12th August **1996**

· **thrupenny bits** rhym. *slang* Tits. abbr. **thrups**. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, **1997**

· [I]f there’s a chance Violet will get her frupps out, i’m there, baby! – *British Girls Adult Film Database* forum, 11th April **2001**

· thrup'neys = thrup'ny (threepenny) bits – do you need that one?! – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 30th September **2003**

· It's, like lunchtime, roysh, and I'm in the old Margaret watching, of all things, the lunchtime 'Neighbours', looking at the lovely Libby with the humungous thrups, doing a bit of the old blanket welding[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.280, **2005**

· And his nasal whining really gets on my frups! – *Grumpier Old Men* forum, 1st April **2005**

· Cop a butchers at the thre'pnics on that! – *BritishExports.com* forum, 17th August **2005**

· [M]ight have had silicon to enhance her thrupp'nies. – *Yesfans.com* forum, 3rd August **2006**

· There can't be another presenter on daytime TV who has her thrupennies on show quite as much or as often as Lorraine[.] – N. Simpson, *Lorraine*, p.258, **2007**

· Good lord, the brunette in that pic has got a magnificent pair of thrups. – *ShrimperZone* forum, 6th February **2007**

· [M]y dear old granny freezing her frupenny bits off because the government are scared of europe because the great british people let them take us into the community. – *London Bikers* forum, 3rd January **2008**

· I knew it, she got her frups out and you gave in! – *Overclockers UK* forum, 4th July **2008**

· Oooh, ooh, you don't get many of them to the pound love, cor, eh? Look at the frupennies on that, blimey[.] – *Manx Forums*, 21st November **2008**

· A lesson to any male readers out there: never, ever, ever dub a female's lady parts her "freepenny bits" without expecting her to think you are a complete creeper. – *shouldacalleditanight.wordpress.com*, blog, 18th March **2009**

· Cut out the rabbit ... it gets on my thrupennies. – *Daily Mail*, London, 15th May **2009**

· She had a fine set of thripnies, the likes of which he hadn't seen in a long time. – *UD(.com)*, 11th July **2009**

· [S]he's a lovely pair of threepenny-bits. – *Politics.ie* forum, 23rd July **2012**

· Nice pair of threepennies and a lovely Khyber, darlin[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th July **2012**

· PS anyone noticed in the third photo down on Rob Crayton's site, the small boy apparently supporting his mum's right threepenny bit. – *Bike Magic* forum, 7th August **2012**

· [C]hewbacca cops a feel of leias bountiful threepneys!!!!!!!!!!!!!! – *nickdrake.tumblr.com*, 12th January **2014**

· Savage pair of thrupennies on her. – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 14th January **2014**

· Does she definitely get her thrupnies out? – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th January **2014**

· I remember being sat in the cinema once with my arm round a girl and thinking my hand was on her threepenny when it was actually on her shoulder. – R. Winstone, *Young Winstone*, p.103, **2014**

· [S]ounds like the guy is tugging your threepenny bit there. – *Everton Rumours* forum, 30th March **2016**

2 something of little or no value; rubbish; nonsense [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Recorded in the forms *threepenny bit*, *thrupenny bit* and *thrupney bit*. Generally in the phrase *not give a threepenny bit* (or *thrupenny bit*) 'to not care at all'.

· [T]hey don't give a thrupenny bit about their ROI subscribers as long as they pay up and keep watching Sky one and News. – *Boards.ie* forum, 2nd January **2002**

· Besides, the rest of the country couldn't give a threepenny bit about Manchester. – *dakfin.livejournal.com*, blog, 4th June **2009**

· How you still got the Aristotle to try this thrupney bit is beyond me. – *Two Plus Two Poker Forum*, 11th July **2012**

· I couldn't give a thrupenny bit what your "contact at the club" says goes on behind the scenes. – *Pink'un* forum, 18th September **2012**

3 a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *git*, *twit* and *tit*. Recorded in the forms *threepenny bit* and *thrupenny bit*.

· That thrupenny bit, a real cool geezer, the aptly named Danny Dyer, an actor so Cockney it hurts, could pass for Killie's Alan Combe. Would you Adam and Eve it. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 3rd May **2009**

· Felt a right threepenny bit reading that. – *Airgun-UK* forum, 26th February **2012**

· You lot are a bunch of Threepenny bits. – *DIYnot* forum, 31st August **2012**

threepenny bits; thrupenny bits; thrupny bits; threepennies; thrups

noun

diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < *threepenny bit* 'a former coin worth three old pence, that is, 1 ¼ p'. Also used in the phrase *give someone the threepenny bits* (also in its variant forms) 'to make someone very angry or annoyed'. According to the available evidence, the different forms of this word are geographically distributed thus: *threepenny bits* (Australia, UK, Ireland, New Zealand), *thrupenny bits*, *thrupny bits* (UK), *threepennies* (Australia, UK), *thrups* (UK).

· I can't stand toilet talk from sheilahs – it gives me the **threepennies!!!** – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**

· I generally pick a restaurant that's just been raided by the Health Authorities. That way you'll be pretty sure a meal there won't give you a dose of the threepenny bits. – Sir L. Patterson, *The Traveller's Tool*, p.90, **1985**

· **thrups (thrupenny bits)** shits/tits. – E. Bartsch-Parker et al., *British Phrasebook*, p.69, **1999**

· So the next time you're feeling a bit Tom, Harry, and Dick or get frock and frill with a bout of threepenny bits or a dose of the horse and trap, and you think you're going to crack-a-cry, go to see the King's Proctor and ask

him for some Jenny Hills to make you feel all harbour light. – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August **2002**

· Feck that's all I'd need, I'm nearly afraid to cough as it is without worrying about a dose of the threepenny bits. – *Biker.ie* forum, 26th January **2008**

· I'd never go back to a sh1thole that gave me the threepennies... – *Bluemoon* forum, 9th March **2011**

· [S]omeone who only has to look at dodgy food to break out with the thrupenny bits[.] – *www.tripadvisor.co.uk*, 10th December **2012**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

· Those plums have given me the thrupny bits. – *twitter.com*, 31st March **2017**

three quarters of a peck; three-quarter-peck; three-quarters; 3/4

noun

the neck [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

A peck is a measure of capacity for dry goods. The form *three quarters of a peck* is common in all three locations of use. *Three-quarter-peck* and *three-quarters* (or *3/4*) have been recorded in Australian and British usage respectively.

· THREE-QUARTERS OF A PECK, *n.* Neck. [...] Take the measure, Charley, from his 3/4." Take the handkerchief from his neck. – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· THREE-QUARTERS OF A PECK, the neck, –in writing, expressed by the simple "3/4." – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· **Three-quarters** or 3/4. Rhyming slang for the neck. – E.C. Brewer, *DPF*, **1894**

· Here, I say, you are not going to out with an 'Oxford scholar' like that round your 'three-quarters of a peck,' are you? – *The West Australian*, Perth, 29th May **1896**

· The Jack Lancaster round his three-quarter-peck required some wiping out. – *The National Advocate*, Bathurst, NSW, 19th August **1911**

· **Three quarters of a peck**, the neck. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

three-speed gear

noun

the ear [UK; SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

three-wheeler

noun

1 a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*. A variation of TWO-WHEELER.

· – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

· 'Look at those sheilas' tits' in rhyming slang was 'take a butcher's hook at that three-wheeler's Boston bits'. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

· But he caught up with his old three-wheeler (and that would be rhyming slang for sheila) mate at Pymont's Doltone House. – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, 29th July **2010**

2 a drug dealer [UK]

· Persians are bad. Just say no if three-wheelers dog and bone you. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 4th November **2013**

three-wheel trike; three-wheeled trike; three-wheel bike; three-wheeled bike; three-wheeler

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*.

· **three wheeler** *rhym. slang.* *Dyke, lesbian*. From 'three wheeled trike'. – *Roger's Profanisaurus*, **1998**

· Three Wheel Trike is Cockney slang for Dyke (lesbian). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· The problem with the women in athletics is that they may look nice but they're all three wheelers. – B. Dark, *s.v. three wheel trike, DCRS*, **2003**

· Dyke (Lesbian). Three Wheel Trike. She's a bit of a three wheeler. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th July **2006**

· – [M]ost normal people do not feel that homos and 3 wheel bikes should be able to adopt or have children anyway. [...] – I also object to the term "Three wheeled bike" – it's just childish name calling. – *Unexplained Mysteries* forum, 29th May **2007**

· [S]he didn't fancy me, she must be a three wheeler (bike). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 20th July **2007**

· Do you reckon she just likes dungarees or is she a three-wheeler? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, *s.v. Three-wheel trike, 2008*

· As long as she's not a "three wheeled trike" I'd have a "house to let" that before long you'd be up the "apples and pears" where she can have a "orange peel" with your "davina macalls" while your stroking her "elizabeth regina". – *Sheffield Forum*, 25th September **2008**

· RHYMING SLANG FOR HOMOSEXUAL – [...] Three Wheeler (Three Wheel Bike – Dyke)[.] – S. Arnott, *Sex*, **2010**

thre'pney

noun

► see THREEPENNY BIT

thrills and chills

noun

pills [US]

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

thripny

noun

► see THREEPENNY BIT

through my fault

noun

salt [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

throw me in the dirt

noun

a shirt [UK/US]

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

thrupenny bit; thruppenny bit; thrup'ny bit; thrupney bit; thrupenny; thrup'ny; thrupp'ny; thrup'ney; thrups

noun

▶ see THREEPENNY BIT

thrupenny bits; thrupny bits; thrups

noun

▶ see THREEPENNY BITS

thrust and throb

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *knob*. An obvious reference to sexual intercourse.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS, 2008*

thunder and rain

noun

a train [AUSTRALIA]

· When I saw you off on the thunder an' rain at Weenia, I was feeling pretty lonely[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL, 1984*

Tia Maria

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

< Tia Maria, a branded coffee-flavoured liqueur. Influenced by a visual metaphor.

· I ate a kebab and ended up with Tia Maria. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st July **2006**

· Had a touch of Tia Maria. – *Hove, England*, spoken, male, ca 40, January **2007**

· I've got an awful case of "Tia Maria". – *BBC 606* forum, 29th May **2007**

· Turns out the John Cleese had given him Tia Maria! – *www.tumblr.com*, accessed 6th March **2013**

· I'd had a dose of 'Tia Maria' since leaving Bishkek and had been sinking Imodium like smarties[.] – *cnbworld-tour.wordpress.com*, blog, 2nd August **2014**

ticket out

noun

tobacco; a cigarette [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *snout*.

· – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February **2006**

tickety-boo

noun

1 a deputy, a second-in-command [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *number two*. < *tickety-boo*, a British and Irish colloquialism meaning 'in order, satisfactory'. Prison use.

· There was no need for Carter to tell *him* that 'the ham-an-beef and tickety-boo' were on their rounds. – J. Phelan, *Murder by Numbers*, p.46, **1941**

2 in bingo, the number sixty-two [UK/IRELAND]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· Bulls eye, 50. Tickety boo, 62. Top of the shop, Blind 90 – HOUSE! How often the Combined Clubs in Balbriggan and St. Mary's Hall heard those calls during the weekly bingo sessions. – *www.independent.ie*, 15th August **2012**

tickle and scratch

noun

a match (a vesta) [US]

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.303, **1978**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.537, **1984**

tickle me

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-three [UK/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

tickle your fancy; tickle

noun

an effeminate or homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *nancy*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2, 1961*

· Sid can be very punchy when faced with someone half his size and has never been partial to tickles (Tickle your fancy: nancy. Ed.). – T. Lea, *Private Dick*, p.95, **1975**

· – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*

· – G. Hughes, *Swearing*, p.17, **1998**

· That Cedric is a right Tickle. – I. Wilkes, *LR, 2004*

tick tock

noun

1 a jockey [US]

Rhymes on *jock*.

· "I'm going to get the cheese and spices on the charing crosses," remarks a gentleman at the race track, meaning that he is going to get the prices on the horses. And you tell him not to forget the tick tocks, the same being the jocks. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US, 1935*

· The tick-tocks are the jocks. – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, 23rd March **1942**

2 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *cock*.

· And I wouldn't know if he had a big tick tock or even if he is a good Danny Glover. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 17th August **2005**

3 a knock, a punch [UK]

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st February **2014**

tic tac; tick tack

noun

1 a horse racetrack [US]

Perhaps < *tic-tac* (sometimes also spelt *tick-tack*) ‘a sign language used by racetrack bookmakers to communicate odds and prices to each other’. Recorded in the form *tick tack*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

2 dismissal from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*. Recorded in the form *tick tack* (also hyphenated).

· Other Cockney rhyming slang terms are [...] “Uncle Ned” for bed, “Tick-Tack” for sack, and “Bees and Honey” for money. – *The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror*, 12th April 1939

· [E]ventually got the tick tack (sack) and this numpsty was the one who had my 3rd year log book. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 8th June 2011

· A cluster manager has been given the tick tack[.] – *Betfair Community* forum, 10th April 2015

3 the back [IRELAND]

Recorded in the form *tic tac*.

· Went football training. My tic tac is in tatters... – *twitter.com*, 31st May 2010

tiddled

adjective

drunk; tipsy [US/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/UK/CANADA/SOUTH AFRICA]

An offshoot of the adjective *tiddly*, itself probably the short version of TIDDLYWINK.

· The Duke of Duxbury was too tiddled to explain why it took him 80 minutes to drive his gig in a clockwise direction around his hippodrome, and an hour and 20 minutes to pilot said gig in a counterclockwise direction[.] – *The American Magazine*, July-December 1942

· “Old Doctor Henderson got tiddled once on communion wine,” supplied Laura Belle with a naughty smile. – S. Kerr, *Sound of Petticoats*, p.47, 1948

· Tiddled Teacher couldn’t stand the pace and faded at the finish[.] – *Trinity News*, Dublin University undergraduate weekly, 26th November 1964

· I’m not saying we didn’t get tiddled but nine times out of ten you were in complete control. – J. Larkins and B. Howard, *Great Australian Book*, p.12, 1975

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

· [R]esponsibilities include: holding his hair back after grueling “cabinet” meetings, flashing Maui police and entertaining his wife when she’s tiddled, but still ugly. – *Maclame’s*, University of British Columbia’s student magazine, 2nd April 2004

· I was totally tiddled last night, but no hangover at all this morning – and I drank at least a bottle! – *Digital Spy* forum, 7th October 2007

· Even so, somebody became tiddled enough to photocopy a sausage roll. – *www.iol.co.za*, blog, 10th January 2011

tiddler’s bait; tiddley bait; tiddler’s; tiddley

adjective

1 late (in reference to time) [UK]

Recorded in the forms *tiddler’s bait*, *tiddley bait* and *tiddley*.

· tiddler’s bait. Late (20th c.). – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· Sorry I’m Tiddley I met Cyril on the way home and he forced me to go for a drink. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· It’s tiddlers bait, so I must soon ZZZZZ’. – *Alfaowner forum*, 22nd January 2013

2 (of a person) deceased [UK]

Rhymes on *late*. Recorded in the forms *tiddler’s bait* and *tiddlers* and used attributively after *the* or a possessive determiner and in front of a name or noun indicating status, profession, etc.

· TIDDLER’S BAIT – As in deceased – Tiddlers – Late. – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

tiddlywink; tiddleywink; tiddle-a-wink; tiddledywink; tiddy; tiddley; tiddler; tid

noun

1 an alcoholic drink; alcoholic drink in general [UK/AUSTRALIA/US]

Possibly < *tiddlywink* ‘an unlicensed establishment, such as a beerhouse, a pawnshop or a brothel’. Recorded in the forms *tiddlywink* and *tiddleywink* (both spelt solid or open), *tiddle-a-wink*, *tiddledywink*, *tiddly*, *tiddley* and *tiddler*. The full forms *tiddle-a-wink* and *tiddledywink* have only been recorded in British and American English respectively. The shortening *tiddler* is British.

Although the chronology of quotations suggests that *tiddley* (1893–) originated as a shortening of *tiddleywink* (1880–), this chronology may not reflect reality: *tiddley* could well have arisen as an alteration of *tittle*, a word recorded by Hotten in 1859 as slang for a drink (more narrowly defined in the third (1864) edition of his dictionary as ‘drink, generally applied to intoxicating beverages’). This, in turn, may well mean that the rhyming slang *tiddleywink* could have been coined as a folk-etymological elaboration of *tittle* or *tiddley*. In American usage, *tiddley* is given by Pollock (1935) in the specific sense of ‘a small drink’, which also suggests that the word may have been influenced by the adjective *tiddy* ‘small’, a dialect or nursery word first recorded by *OED2* in 1781.

In British English *tiddly* (also spelt *tiddley*) is also used in the phrases *be on the tiddly* ‘to be engaged in a serious drinking bout’ and *go on the tiddly* ‘to go on a drinking spree’.

· Now, Jack, I’m goin’ to get a tiddley wink of pig’s ear[.] – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, 1880

· “Well, culls, have a tiddley” they said, going off to a pub. – P.H. Emerson, *Signor Lippo*, p.11, 1893

· A helderly humorous gent, on the tiddley. – *OED2*, 1989: *Punch* magazine, London, 12th October 1895

· I'll ask him to come to the crow bar and have a 'tiddly.' [...] Well, let's go up to the crowbar and have a tiddley. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, pp.118/131, **1898**

· **Tiddley-a-wink** (*Rhyming*). A drink. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

· Mr. ANGELO: [...] They wish to see this Amendment inserted in the Bill. Without the amendment it will be impossible for club members to have their friends in for dinner. Hon. T. Walker: Or for a tiddly. – *www.parliament.wa.gov.au*, Parliament of Western Australia, 'Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995': *Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia*, p.991, 4th October **1922**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Drinks, Tiddley Winks. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· Drink-tiddly wink. – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Tiddley**, a small drink. **Tiddley winks**, drinks. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· Drink, *Tumble down the sink; tiddley wink*. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

· TIDDLEDY WINK. A drink. – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· She waltzes down to Hoxton in it to see her dear old Mum, and takes her out for a tiddly. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, p.22, **1956**

· Drinks *Tiddley Winks* e.g. I went on the tiddley. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· Thought I'd take me bird down the rub a dub for a few tiddley winks. – *The Sweeney*, p.6, **1976**

· 'Nigel,' he says, 'I'm so pleased with the tiddly wink. Why don't you come and work for me as my personal assistant?' [...] In creeps young Lothario after an encouraging dinner and making sure young lady has plenty of the tiddly. [...] However did Jack Buchanan manage when he had a tiddly wink? – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.17/31/190, **1986**

· He then orders an Aristotle of the most ping pong tiddly in the nuclear sub and switches back to his footer. – *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, UK film, script by Guy Ritchie, **1998**

· You up for a tiddler or two tonight? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Now when he first learnt to brew the stuff / He called it "bungaloo" / And if you had the dibs* / On the tiddly* you would go[.] – *Mudcat Café* forum, 20th April **2006**

· Why not show your sense of Plymouth by inviting everyone up the nuclear for a couple of tiddleys. – *www.etsy.com*, 28th January **2014**

2 a Chinese person; loosely, any East Asian person [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Recorded in the forms *tiddlywink* (UK, spelt solid or hyphenated), *tiddley wink* (Ireland), *tiddly* and *tid* (UK).

· I'm a Paki Chink, a half-cocked ponce, / I'm the black-mail man, / A tiddlywink, a Charlie Ronce. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· tiddlywink chink Chinese. – L. Griffiths, *Arthur Daley's Guide*, p.118, **1985**

· **TIDDLY-WINK** – Chinaman[.] – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· His routine included gags about black men being well endowed and described Asians as Poppadoms and Chinese as Tiddly-winks – rhyming slang for "chinks". – *The Guardian*, London, 19th February **1997**

· He stabbed a Tiddly in Tenerife for drinking his pint once. – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.227, **2004**

· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang In a Jo maxi, tiddley wink driving me home... – *twitter.com*, 14th April **2010**

· Tid (short for tiddlywink – Chink (Chinese person). – *VTR1000.org* forum, 25th June **2013**

· All that money the tiddlywinks spend and they can't even beat Sydney. – *twitter.com*, 2nd March **2016**

3 a Chinese meal [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*. Recorded in the form *tiddly wink*.

· Tiddly Wink is Cockney slang for Chink (Chinese Meal). "Fancy a tiddly wink later?" – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th February **2002**

· – *www.youtube.com*, February **2015**

tiddlywink; tiddly; tiddley adjective

1 drunk; tipsy [UK/US/CANADA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

Only recorded in the form *tiddly* (also spelt *tiddley*), itself either a shortening of TIDDLYWINKY or an adjectival use of the noun *tiddly*, perhaps originating as a clipped form of TIDDLYWINK.

The adjective *tiddlywink* 'drunk' is listed in Joseph Wright's *English Dialect Dictionary* (*EDD*, 1905: s.v. *tiddlywink*) as occurring in Cornwall. However, this is seemingly based on a typographical error: the word is supported by an 1890 quotation from *I Saw Three Ships, and Other Winter's Tales* by Q (pseudonym of Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch), but this was in fact first published in 1892 and the quoted sentence illustrates the use of TIDDLYWINKY, not *tiddlywink*, to mean 'drunk; tipsy'. Wright's misquotation reads: 'We was a bit tiddlywink last Michaelmas, when the Young Susannah comed ashore, "Q." *Three Ships*, (1890) ii'. ▶ see NEWTON AND RIDLEY

· I've sometimes gone home 'tiddley,' after having faced the foe[.] – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: D. Chiderdoss, 'An Authority on War', *Sporting Times*, London, 15th September **1900**

· Similarly people, without knowing the origin of the word, frequently refer to a man in a certain unsteady

condition as “tiddley.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**

· ‘Megan’s tiddley. She’s been tiddley all day.’ [...] ‘And Tom’s tiddley, too! Drunk as a duke! He’s with Ira. The pair of ‘em couldn’t stand an hour ago. Drunk as two dukes!’ – V. Wilkins, *Seven Tempest*, p.157, **1942**

· [S]he loses count of her drinks and is liable to get a little tiddly, which is to say, shot or blind. – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, 1960: P. Wylie, *Generation of Vipers*, p.189, **1942**

· Darling, I really am a little tiddley. Could you get me another? – R. Winn, *Carmela*, p.114 [1955], **1954**

· [T]he best I do now is to get tiddly. – *Whitby Free Press*, Whitby, Ontario, Canada, 15th November **1973**

· By the time I got to the office I was wide-awake, if a bit tiddly. – *The Gazette*, Montreal, 19th October **1990**

· “I wasn’t even over 300 and can drive and be tiddly,” he said. – *The Press*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 22nd September **2007**

· Yeah, he was defo a bit tiddly alright... – *Gaire* forum, 20th February **2008**

· We knew Uncle Jim would be tiddly before play because he was an alcoholic and tiddly every morning. – *Gold Coast Bulletin*, Southport, Queensland, 1st August **2009**

· Some of us play, while others get tiddly and act as cheerleaders. – *The Mercury*, Durban, 30th November **2009**

· I did get tiddly once or twice ... – E. O’Brien, *Saints and Sinners*, p.58, **2011**

2 pink [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

tiddly wink; tiddly

verb

to drink [UK]

Functionally shifted from TIDDLYWINK and its presumed shortened form *tiddly*.

· You definitely will tiddly the cup I must tiddly and also be baptized in the way that I must be baptized. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.99, **2001**

· I got some excellent cockney rhyming slang postcards at the gift shop (“I’ve had too much to tiddly wink” (rhymes with drink)). – *thenotoriousmeg.com*, blog, 30th August **2006**

tiddlywinky

noun

1 a Chinese person; loosely, any East Asian person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhyme on *Chinky*. A derivative of TIDDLYWINK.

· Can ye still say “tiddlywinky” and “hamilton accie” and “shettleston harrier”? – *RangersMedia* forum, 23rd September **2011**

2 a Chinese meal [UK: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND]

Rhymes on *Chinky*.

· I could just eat a Tiddlywinky tbh. Hot Garlic Chicken with Soft Noodles or a Satay mmmmmm. – *twitter.com*, 13th June **2013**

tiddlywinky

adjective

drunk; tipsy [UK]

Rhymes on the adjective *drinky*. From the rhyming slang noun TIDDLYWINK, or perhaps directly from *tiddlywink* ‘an unlicensed establishment, such as a beerhouse, a pawnshop or a brothel’. *Tiddlywinky* may be the direct forebear of *tiddly*, treated in the entry TIDDLYWINK; TIDDLY; TIDDLEY adjective.

· Well, souls, we was a bit tiddlywinky last Michaelmas, when the *Young Susannah* came ashore, that I must own. – Q [Arthur Quiller-Couch], *Three Ships*, p.31, **1892**

tidy and neat

noun

a street [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**

· – *New Straits Times*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ‘Cockney Chit-Chat’, 28th December **1994**

tidy up

verb

to eat up [UK]

Formed on *tidy*, a shortening of *tidy and neat*. Alternatively, the word could be pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the phonetically identical sequences *and neat* and *an’ eat*.

· Tidy your dinner up first, then you can go out. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

tie

noun

a person’s back [UK]

A shortening of *tie rack*.

· [T]he Germans are behind the tie and – wallop – the bracelets are well and truly. – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

tiger tank

noun

1 something worthless [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. Used in the phrase *not be worth a tiger tank* ‘to have no value’. < 1960’s Esso petrol advertising slogan ‘Put a tiger in your tank’.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

2 an act of masturbation [NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Tiger Tim; tiger

noun

1 a swim [AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA]

< Tiger Tim, a British cartoon character created in 1904 by Julius Stafford Baker (1869–1961).

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- So a swim was called a *Tiger Tim*. I'd say to my father «C'MON, LET'S GO FOR A TIGER, LET'S GO FOR A TIGER.» – S. Tomson, *Surfer's Code*, p.23, **2006**
- 2 a gym [UK: SCOTLAND]
 - < Tiger Tim, the broadcasting nickname of Scottish DJ Tim Stevens (b.1952). Only recorded in the full form.
- You may even decide to get in the Karen Dunbar, hit the Tiger Tim, lift some weights and work through the Robbie Coltrane barrier. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Tiger Tims*nickname*

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team

- An embellishment of *Tims*, presumably a clipped form of TIMALLOYS. < Tiger Tim, the broadcasting nickname of Scottish DJ Tim Stevens (b.1952), who was stadium announcer at Celtic Park in the early 1990s.
- [S]weetest of victorys, right up the tiger tims woohooohoo pub tonite should be good. – *Corsa Sport* forum, 11th March **2007**
- I was certain I'd be getting paid out on "2 or 3 goals in the match" for the Tiger Tims/Well game. – *Steelman Online* forum, 26th April **2010**

Tiger Woods*noun*

- everything that is required [AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on *the goods*. < Tiger Woods, the popular name of American golfer Eldrick Woods (b.1975).
- [S]hes got the tiger woods. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Tijuana Brass; tijuana*noun*

- a person's buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA/UK]
 - Rhymes on *arse*. < Tijuana Brass, the short name of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, aka Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass, a band of the 1960s led by American trumpeter and composer Herb Alpert (b.1935). ▶ see HERB ALPERT
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- "[N]ice tijuana", to which he might reply "yeah, but look at the fredda under the warwicks"[.] – *The Dwarf.com.au* forum, 8th May **2008**
- You'll get a hammer in the feckin' skull if you don't move your tijuana brass to the plumbing section sharpish sunshine. – *fullandfrankexchange.wordpress.com*, blog, 6th May **2010**
- [I]t involves sticking a finger up the Tijuana Brass. – *Yet Another Cycling Forum*, 3rd December **2010**

Tilbury Dock; tilbury*noun*

- 1 a clock [UK]

- < Tilbury Dock, part of the Port of London in Essex, in the south-east of England. Only recorded in the full form.

- Hearing the Tilbury Dock strike Harry Tate in the Gipsy's Warning, I opened my mince-pies to see the hot-cross bun shining through the burnt cinder. – *The Evening Post*, Wellington, New Zealand, 'English as It's Spoken (Bow Bells Not Far Away)', 12th April **1938**

- 2 the penis [UK]

- Rhymes on *cock*.

- If you check the thru'penny bits, there ain't no chapel hat pegs there. It hasn't got a grumble and grunt, it's a pair of Jacob's with a Tilbury Dock dragged half way up its uncle Jack. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 22nd June **2009**

- – What connects hampton wick and tilbury dock? – They are both rhyming slang for words that describe the same thing. – *Contractor UK* forum, 5th July **2009**

- [S]he grabbed my tilbury by the knobby bit...! – *North Stand Chat* forum, 7th November **2013**

- Did Jacko touch al fayeds tilbury. – *We Are the Rangers Boys* forum, 16th June **2014**

Tilbury docker; tilbury*noun*

a person who contracts a debt with no intention of repaying it [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *knocker*. < *Tilbury docker* 'someone who works as a docker on the Tilbury Docks in Essex, in the south-east of England'.

- Those who did not pay their debts were known as 'knockers', or Tilbury dockers in rhyming slang. A reputation as a Tilbury would follow you everywhere and meant that you could never again get credit in jail. – N. Smith, *A Few Kind Words*, p.199 [2005], **2004**

Tilbury Docks; tilburys*noun*

- 1 socks [UK]

- < Tilbury Docks, part of the Port of London in Essex, in the south-east of England.

- – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, **1937**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**

- Shoes in trees and, if sober enough, wash knicks and Tilburys. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.189, **1986**

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

- He sold *round-the-'ouses* (trousers), *Norfolk tits* (*tit-fortat*, hat), *turtles* (from *turtle doves*, gloves) and *Tilburys* (from *Tilbury Docks*, socks). – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 24th April **1999**

- So I go to put me ones and twos / And to my surprise I find me Tilbury's are still in the wash[.] – *The Sun*, London, 4th February **2004**

- Accessories such as tilbury docks, centre halves and even a tit-fer-tat are sometimes the only areas where men

can individualise their outfits. – *www.vogue.co.uk*, blog, 23rd July **2012**

· You put on your tilburys. Tilbury docks, socks. – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 2nd May **2013**

· Buying a new pair of Tilbury's (i.e. Tilbury Docks – socks). – *North Stand Chat* forum, 5th November **2013**

· The lad selling cakes says the bombing, 'Shook ya right dahn to ya Tilburys.' – C. Baines, *Harry Cocque*, **2015**

2 any sexually transmitted infection [UK]

Rhymes on *the pox*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· And John, who is quickly becoming my expert on such matters, says that the usual expression is, in fact, Tilbury Docks which is rhyming slang for "pox". At first this referred to smallpox but came to mean VD or any sexually transmitted disease. – *A.com*, accessed 1st April **2013**

Tilly Devine

noun

wine [AUSTRALIA]

< English-born Sydney criminal Matilda 'Tilly' Devine (1900–70).

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, **1983**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· This is the John Dory of one Charlie Wheeler named Tilly Devine. [...] Most famous for running razor gangs and polly waffles, it was Tilly's involvement with the sly-grog trade that saw her name adopted as rhyming slang for wine. – *www.tillydevine.com.au*, 20th August **2012**

· I'm on my way inside for a few pigs ears and some tilly Devine!! – *twitter.com*, 21st May **2013**

Tilly Devine

numeral

nine [AUSTRALIA]

< English-born Sydney criminal Matilda 'Tilly' Devine (1900–70). Recorded in a passage documenting the practices of Australian pickpockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: [...] Tilly Devine = 9 Big Ben = 10. – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, **2010**

Tim

noun

a Roman Catholic (generally one of Irish descent); by extension, a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK; SCOTLAND]

Probably a shortening of *Tim Malloys*, a Catholic gang operating in east Glasgow in the 1930s, whose name was formed to rhyme with *boys*. Also underpinned by *Tim*, the pet form of *Timothy*, a common Christian name among Catholics. For historical reasons, Celtic FC has always had a fan base dominated by the Irish

Catholic immigrants who live in Glasgow's east end. Thus, in Glasgow slang, the terms *Tim*, JUNGLE JIM, TARRIER and SHETTLESTON HARRIER can be applied both to a Roman Catholic and to a Celtic supporter.

▶ see also TIMALLOYS and TIMOTHY

· – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.236, **1973**

· In Glasgow, the Huns support the Bears while the Tims root for the Bhoys or, to put it less colourfully, Protestants support Glasgow Rangers while Catholics support Glasgow Celtic. – D. Corrance, *Glasgow*, p.117, **1981**

· A lot of England players are tims, the Nevilles, Terry, Rooney, Owen, Carroll, Carragher and Gerrard. – *Talk-Celtic* forum, 25th April **2011**

· My first encounter with Scottish sectarianism occurred way back in early 1997 in Glasgow. I made the error of going for an after-work pint in the Rosevale pub on the Dumbarton Road. Armed with nothing but a book, I had to leave the pub pretty damned quickly as it dawned on one of the assembled, that 'I looked like a Tim'. – *Scottish Left Review*, February **2012**

Tim Halt

noun

salt [UK; SCOTLAND]

Possibly an alteration of TIM HOLT.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

Tim Holt

noun

salt [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the usual Australian pronunciation of *salt* as *solt*. Probably < American actor Tim Holt (1919–73).

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Tim Horan

adjective

boring [AUSTRALIA]

A perfect rhyme in colloquial Australian English. < Australian rugby union player Tim Horan (b.1970).

· [T]hese shows tim horan. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

Timalloys; Timaloys; Tim Malloys; Tims

nickname

Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK]

Rhymes on *the Bhoys*, a popular nickname for this club; the Irish form *Bhoys*, pronounced with an aspirated *h*, reflects the club's origins. Probably < Tim Malloys, a Catholic gang operating in east Glasgow in the first half of the 20th century; their name was formed to rhyme with *boys*. ▶ see TIGER TIMS

· It took me, personally, three hours to decide on the Timaloys as opposed to the English glamour clubs. [...] My prowess was held in such esteem by the Tims (Timalloys–rhyming slang for the Boys!) that when they discussed the game for Saturday they'd ask each other: 'Who's Tully playing this week?' – C. Tully, *Passed to You*, pp.16/24–25, **1958**

· ‘Aw, Johnny, ye shooda seen thum. Pure magic.’ they shout – ‘HALLAUW! HALLAUW! WE ARE THE TIMALOYS! HALLAW! HALLAUW!’ – H. Collins, *No Smoke*, p.167, **2001**
 · Boyd is a player I really like in a blue Jersey and even a dark blue jersey. Couple of goals against the Tim Malloys sometime soon will set him up nicely. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 21st March **2007**

· I really hope the Tims ARE playing exceptional just now. – *RangersMedia* forum, 2nd December **2008**

· Forever and ever / we’ll follow the bhoys, / the glasgow celtic, the timalloys[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 26th April **2011**

time for fun

noun

in bingo, the number forty-one [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

time for tea

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-three [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], **2010**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· ‘Time for tea.’ ‘Number eighty-three.’ – Coral Bingo, UK TV advert, **2016**

Tim Malloys

nickname

▶ see TIMALLOYS

Timothy

noun

a Roman Catholic (generally one of Irish descent); by extension, a supporter of Celtic FC, a Glasgow football team [UK: SCOTLAND]

A folk-etymological elaboration of TIM based on the common use of *Timothy* as a Christian name among Catholics.

· Puts me in a strange position – always been a Timothy, never been of the “Celtic minded” persuasion and I can honestly tell you I can’t stand all those biggots that turn up every week. – *BBC 606* forum, 30th March **2010**

· Weegies are currant buns or timothys... national fitba team has a fan base of zero in weegieville. – *Betfair Community* forum, 21st November **2013**

· [J]eest aswell yer no a proper copper or we wid awe be fuckin doomed if thats strathclydes finest... a timothy

in a tanktop wae a badge. – *DoTheBouncy* forum, 20th February **2014**

Timothy Titmouse

noun

a house [AUSTRALIA]

A folk-etymological elaboration of the earlier slang *timothy* ‘a brothel’ (first recorded in the 1950s), which is sometimes regarded as its short form.

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, **1983**

tin and tap

noun

a cap [US]

A variation of the earlier TIP AND TAP.

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

Tina Turner

noun

in cricket, a turning wicket, a pitch that is conducive to spin bowling [NEW ZEALAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *turner*, the technical term for a turning wicket, and *Turner*. < American-born Swiss rock singer Tina Turner (b.1938).

· **Bunsen, a** A pitch on which spin bowlers can turn the ball prodigiously. From the rhyming slang: ‘Bunsen Burner’ meaning ‘Tina Turner’ meaning ‘Big Bristols’ meaning “lumpy and undependable and a bit skiddy just over there on that bit where Roger spilt the grass clippings and fert”. – *heathcote.co.nz*, ‘Glossary of Cricket Terms for the New Chum: Their Meanings, Origins & Heathcotian Application’, 24th February **2009**

Tina Turner; tina

noun

1 a profitable activity [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang on *earner*. < American-born Swiss rock singer Tina Turner (b.1938).

· – C. Godfrey-Faussett, *Handbook*, p.270, **2001**

· I picked up ten videos for a ton and sold ’em for a monkey each – how’s that for a Tina Turner? – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 10th January **2001**

· – *The Sun*, London, 10th January **2001**

· Now, have I got a Tina for you. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2001**

· You get some nasty little Paul Anka who’s a bit short of the Duane Eddys [...]. So he starts thinking what I need is a nice little Tina Turner. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

2 a learner driver [UK]

· Male or female, if you’re behind someone with L plates you are following a ‘Tina’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – *Bloodstock Community* forum, 16th May **2013**

3 a tablet of MDMA, the recreational drug best known as *ecstasy* [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gurner*.

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *NPDSUE*, **2006**

· – Jack and Jills. – we call em tina turners -> gurners. – *Partyvibe.org* forum, 27th March **2009**

· I lived in Bristol for a while, they call Es Tina Turners (gurners), I once heard a dude say: “I’m going to get some Tinas and get out on the wallop.” – *www.reddit.com/r/Fitness*, 5th July **2012**

4 an act of leaving very fast in order to escape or avoid an unpleasant situation [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the slang *burner*.

· I did a tina on that bird, she was ugly as sin (tina turner – burner). – *answers.yahoo.com*, 26th August **2008**

5 a learner [UK]

· – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

· Tina Turner = earner here also means learner. – *www.youtube.com*, February **2015**

6 a person intoxicated by MDMA [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *gurner*. Only recorded in the full form.

· [H]es a proper Tina turner #gurner. – *twitter.com*, 2nd November **2014**

tin bath; tin

noun

1 a scarf [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

· It’s freezing out so put your tifter and tin on. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a laugh [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. Usually in the phrase *you’re having a tin bath* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you’re having a laugh* or *you’re joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· Calm down! You’re having a tin bath, you are. How can I calm down? – M. Cole, *Two Women*, [2008], **1999**

· I think the immediate reaction was, ‘This is a joke. You’re having a tin bath.’ – *Kylie Entirely*, UK TV: Channel 4, 7th December **2002**

· They reckon “a tin” is a laugh (tin bath). – *The People*, London, 27th June **2004**

· £15 for data leads, you are having a tin bath mate! – *a4uLeads* forum, 24th September **2010**

tin can

noun

a van [UK]

Recorded in use among scaffolders.

· – what the slang then guys use in the scaffolding trade? – my dad was a scaff for 30 years and 30 years of listening to him and his scaff mates watching the footy, immediate ones spring to mind: [...] tin can – van. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 29th April **2013**

Tinder date

noun

in bingo, the number eight [UK]

< Tinder, an online dating app. One of a number of bingo calls created by Mecca Bingo to be used as from 2017.

· – *blog.meccabingo.com*, blog, 27th December **2016**

· – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 29th December **2016**

· Eight will now be ‘Tinder date’[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 30th December **2016**

tin flute

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

▶ see FLUTE

· Put me down for a new tin flute wi the tonky stove-pipe paraffin. – R. McMillan, *All in Good Faith*, l.ii, p.299 [2008], 1979, first performed at the Citizens’ Theatre, Glasgow, 5th April **1954**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.30, 1968: collected from Australian servicemen, 27th April **1968**

· ‘Ah fancy yir tin flute. I’ll soon hiv’ wan masel’.’ By this he meant that he might shortly be wearing the uniform of Polmont borstal. – J. Patrick, *Glasgow Gang*, p.33, **1973**

· Must be daein awright fur hissel. Goes tae work in a tin flute an aw that. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

· Ah felt like takin a rolled up fiver tae the cunt’s tin flute. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.64 [1994], **1993**

· Kilmarnock’s half-time announcer bounded on to the pitch yesterday booming about how we were to be treated to an appearance of “famous supporter” and “cartoonist” Malky McCormick and his “tin flute”. – *Scotland on Sunday*, Edinburgh, 7th March **1999**

· For a night out with yer chinas, get a new tin flute and put on the paraffin. – *The Sunday Times*, London, ‘Say it in Scots: Paraffin’, 30th April **2006**

· Re: Old Belfast words [...] Tin flute – suit. – *Belfast Forum*, 14th June **2006**

tینگaling

noun

1 a ring (for the finger) [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, **1968**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 in a deck of playing cards, a king [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

tinkers cuss

noun

a bus [UK]

· The rhyming slang of the cockney busmen is an odd language and here is some of the lingo you might hear on the bus: A bus is a “tinkers cuss” and the passengers are “rabbits.” – *The Zanesville Signal*, Zanesville, OH, 7th March **1952**

tin lid; tin; tinnie

noun

1 a child [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *kid*. Thus *Tin Lids*, the name of an Australian children's group of the early 1990s. Only recorded in the full form.

· But Australian slang, it's hopeless. [...] Another example: 'Put the tin lid to roses red.' Meaning put the baby to bed.' 'Tin lid' means kid. 'Roses red' means 'bed'. – E. Lane et al., *Outback Penguin*, 2016: diary entry dated 17th June **1924**

· We drove about ten miles to his place and he introduced me to his cheese an' kisses and four tin lids[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· What a bottler – even the little tin lids around the age 8-10 can put the beer powered radio together because it doesn't need any soldering. – *Radio-Electronics* magazine, New York, May **1985**

· [T]he tin lids are all right up in the country ... – P. Wilson, *Faces*, p.410, **2007**

· [O]nly had time to do a vibe shootout after putting the tin lids to sleep. – *The Gear Page* forum, 12th July **2012**

2 a Jew [UK]

Rhymes on *Yid*.

· Harry was a Jew. In his own phrase: a 'tin-lid.' Otherwise, a 'four-by-two,' a 'kangaroo,' or a 'five-to-two'. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.10, **1943**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Current rhyming slang calls Jews "tins" or "tinnies," a word formed from "tin lids," which rhymes with—you guessed it—"yids." – *The Forward*, New York, 3rd December 2010, also published on *forward.com*, 24th November **2010**

· Easiest thing is just to blast them, and teach whoever's shipping them that the tin-lids know about it, and that shifting weapons to Israel's enemies ain't a job with a pension. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 7th May **2013**

3 a thalidomide victim [UK]

Rhymes on *thalid* and its slang version *flid*. Only recorded in the full form. ▶ see BIN LID and DUSTBIN LID

· *The Tin Lids* – Anglia Television documentary on thalidomide victims, UK TV: BBC1, **1991**

· tin lid = flid = person with limb malformatoins as a result of getting thalidomide in utero[.] – *Drowned in Sound* forum, 18th June **2015**

4 one Australian pound (in pre-decimal currency) [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *quid*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

5 one pound sterling [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *quid*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I'm absolutely boracic lint. I was out with a lemon last night in the pub, so I thought you might gi' us a rub-a-dub-dub. A Bob Dylan. A horse's collar. A tin lid. Or even a high diver. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

tin lizzie

adjective

busy [UK]

< *tin lizzie*, a slang term for an inexpensive, old or run-down car; originally a nickname for an early model of Ford car.

· [D]ockers were 'tin lizzie' when the boats came in. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

tin mugs

noun

drugs [IRELAND]

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.185, **2007**

tinned peach

verb

teach [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word presumably used by Detective Chief Inspector Frank Burnside (portrayed by Chris Ellison) in an episode of the British TV series *The Bill*.

· In fact, in my debut appearance in *The Bill* in the 1984 episode 'All Fall Down', my first ever line of dialogue (barked to desk sergeant Bob Cryer as I manhandled a suspected arsonist into Sun Hill) was '[...] I'll tinned peach the little basket a lesson.' – *Latest 7* magazine, Brighton, 12th October **2010**

tinned pear

noun

a care [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word presumably used by Detective Chief Inspector Frank Burnside (portrayed by Chris Ellison) in an episode of the British TV series *The Bill*.

· In fact, in my debut appearance in *The Bill* in the 1984 episode 'All Fall Down', my first ever line of dialogue (barked to desk sergeant Bob Cryer as I manhandled a suspected arsonist into Sun Hill) was "Ere he is! Looking like he doesn't have a tinned pear in the world.[]" – *Latest 7* magazine, Brighton, 12th October **2010**

tin of beans; tins of beans; tins

noun

jeans [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Oi, George! Where'd you get them tin of beans? – G. Faiella, *England*, p.41, **2005**

tin of brawn

noun

a pawnshop [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *pawn*. < *tin of brawn*, a reference to a tin of jellied meat made from a pig's or calf's head.

· Said he was going for a jingle jumble to the tin of brawn with his nuts and screws. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

tin of fruit; tin

noun

a suit (of clothes) [US?/IRELAND]

First recorded in an American source in 1924, but this may well be a nonce occurrence. There is no other evidence of the use of *tin of fruit* or *tin* in American English.

· An English actor with his checkered trousers and seal brown vest—the old tin of fruit. – *The Indianapolis Star*, 25th July **1924**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

· Security was tight to stop anyone other than Hello! getting any snaps of Kerry’s dress or Bryan’s ‘tin of fruit’ ... – *www.showbiz.ie*, 7th January **2002**

· [W]e see Dick Features there in his best tin of fruit with a dirty big cigar between his fingers. [...] So I saunter up to Stephen’s Green, roysh, put the tin in the back of a Jo, give the driver the address and thirty sheets[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, pp.148/157, **2004**

· Is that a new tin ya have on? – *Boards.ie* forum, 10th November **2006**

· – What’s with the tin o fruit? –Ah, just a tryin to keep up with the Joneses, yeh know? – T. Byrne, *Ghosts and Lightning*, p.81, **2009**

· **Tin n.** shortened from tin of fruit, rhyming slang meaning suit. – J. Connolly, *Culchie’s Guide*, p.121, **2009**

· – Kudos to Louis Copeland. – Yes indeed; must go there sometime for the old tin of fruit. – *Politics.ie* forum, 6th September **2011**

· I must have lost a couple from sweating over Cheltenham, which meant that the old ‘tin of fruit’ had become a little loose. – *Irish Independent*, Dublin, 24th March **2012**

tin pail

noun

a jail [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

· It better be windy city up yer kilt son... or its the tin pail (jail) for ye. – *CoffeeGeek* forum, 25th July **2004**

· [I]ts people would be far better off if the corrupt politicians and council employees and executives were in the tin pail. – *www.scotsman.com*, 25th January **2010**

· The update for Xbox live is slower than a week in the tin pail. – *twitter.com*, 27th August **2013**

Tin Pail

nickname

Vale of Clyde FC, a football team based in Tollcross, in the east end of Glasgow

· Rumours have been rife for some time that the Tin Pail had lined up a new manager for next season, and, following the latest demoralising defeat, Harvey offered to stand down. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 1st May **2001**

· The Tin Pail continued to toil but they eventually regrouped and levelled five minutes before the interval. – *Sunday Mail*, Glasgow, 25th September **2005**

· Picking up three points kept the Tin Pail hard on the heels of leaders Rob Roy, who had a late Jamie Broadfoot score to thank for a 2–1 home win over Lesmahagow. – *Evening Times*, Glasgow, 28th April **2008**

· The first league match of the season, played yesterday was an away trip to Alexandria to face Vale of Leven, who ran out winners by 4 goals to nil over the Tin Pail. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 14th August **2011**

tin plate

noun

a friend [US/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

Rhymes on *mate*. According to Franklyn (1960), the term was used by troops from New Zealand during World War I.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· My wife he always called the trouble and strife, my mate was my tin plate, the road was the frog and toad and he never went up the hill. – F.W.G. Miller, *Gold in the River*, p.37 [1969], **1946**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

tin roof

noun

an effeminate or homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *poof*.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· – Another favourite of mine: e’s a bit of a Harry Hoofter. – AKA a ‘Tin Roof’ (poof). – *Electrical Audio* forum, 15th August **2006**

tin roofer

noun

1 a liar; a teller of tall tales [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *spoof*.

· That fella’s a bit of a tin roofer. – *Galway*, spoken, male, 32, April **2002**

· I very much think that with regard to claiming to have a PHD in politics, SN is, as super4 would put it, a “tin roofer”. – *Gaire* forum, 10th July **2006**

· I’d be a “tin roofer” if I were to tell you you could find the word “economy” in the dictionary! – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th April **2008**

· I am not bothered if you believe me or not. but dont try make me out to be a tin roofer, Anyone who knows me will vouch for my honesty, as you said yourself (no offence). – *IrishKop* forum, 17th February **2010**

· [T]hink he’s a tin roofer cause if that were true BR would be hauled up in front of all sorts of boards’. – *z1.invisionfree.com*, *Kop This!* forum, 19th June **2013**

· Some tin roofer him. Makes some shite up. – *twitter.com*, 29th July **2016**

2 an idiot [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *spoof*.

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.44, **2007**

tins of beans; tins

noun

▶ see TIN OF BEANS

tin tack

noun

1 dismissal from employment [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- It's not the first time I've had the "tin-tack," and I don't suppose it'll be the last. – W.F. Watson, 'The Sack!', in *The Cornhill Magazine*, London, January 1931
- – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 20th April 1956
- He's got the tin-tack[.] – *Decatur Daily Review*, Decatur, IL, 'Basic Cockney in One Lesson', 12th June 1963
- – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.41, 1969
- [T]he news that Di'anno HAD got the tin-tack broke. – G. Bushell and R. Halfin, *Iron Maiden*, p.93, 1984
- Robbed the gaff fucking blind I did. Got the tin tack for it. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.21 [2012], 2004
- There's four front row seats left, an' if I don't fill 'em I'll get the bloody tin-tack. – G. Dury et al., *The Big Hairy Almanackers*, p.126, 2009

2 a bed [UK]

Rhymes on *the sack*.

- It's up the apples and pairs (stairs) to your uncle Ned (bed) and hit the old tin tack (sack, bed). – *MyLesPaul.com* forum, 6th December 2008
- [I]t would be great to be in the tin tack with her but I'll deal with her in the bushes, even if it is a bit brian clough. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January 2012
- Time to hit the tin tack! Hard days graft tomorrow! – *twitter.com*, 29th August 2012

tin tack

verb

to dismiss from employment [UK]

Rhymes on *sack*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- Apparently Watford have tin tacked our former coach Ray Lewington. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 22nd March 2005
- 'Joe Scully' got tin tacked for being narky all the time & kipping on the job. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 18th January 2006
- Some of the lad's from the wider squad were shown the Roger Moore and have been sent back to their clubs. I wonder whether Jonno tin tacked them by dog and bone, or in a Sir Clive moment, by Jimmy Nail? – *www.green-andgoldrugby.com*, 4th November 2009
- – Tony and Froggie may be looking for a job in the morning. – They're getting tin tacked. – *Loft for Words* forum, 27th March 2014

tin tank

noun

1 a bank [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- – *The Milwaukee Journal*, 'American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl', 1st June 1936
- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.49, 1983· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009· Won't be long, just goin' to the tin tank. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

2 an American [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *Yank*.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**Tiny Tim**

noun

a five-pound note [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *flim*. < Tiny Tim, the diminutive nickname of fictional character Timothy Cratchit, created by Charles Dickens in his 1843 novel *A Christmas Carol*, or perhaps the stage name of American singer and musician Herbert Khaury (1932–96).· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.219, 2002**tip and tap**

noun

a cap [US]

Also as TIN AND TAP.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962**tisket**

noun

1 a bastard (in all its senses) [UK]

A covert pun on the euphemism BASKET via *little yellow basket*, a phrase used in the Ella Fitzgerald song 'A-Tisket, A-Tasket' (1938), itself adapted by Fitzgerald and Van Alexander from an American nursery rhyme.· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

2 a Japanese [UK]

A covert pun on *little yellow basket*, the singular form of LITTLE YELLOW BASKETS. A sense developed during World War II.· The man who loved his "zoot suit with the reet pleat" and the man who called a Japanese (in World War II "a Jap") a *tisket* are one with the bloke who says *there you are for bar* and steps up to order *Brian O'Linn* (or *Vera Lynn*)[.] – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.140, 1977**tit**

noun

▶ see BOOB AND TIT

tit for tat; tit fer tat; tit for; titfer; titfa; titfur; tatfer; tit

noun

1 a hat [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/SOUTH AFRICA]

Usually shortened as *titfer*, except in American English, where the word is only evidenced in the full form *tit for tat*. The short forms *titfur*, *tatfer* and *tit* are re-

- corded in British, South African and Australian usage respectively (note, however, the British term NORFOLK TIT). In British English, *titfer* also occurs in a number of *hat*-based phrases such as *at the drop of a titfer* ‘immediately and without hesitation’, *take one’s titfer off* ‘to show admiration for’ and *pull the rabbit out of the titfer* ‘to achieve an exceptional result’. *Tit for tat* (sometimes hyphenated) is defined loosely as ‘a hat or cap’ by Croucher (1928) and Mackenzie (1930). Sharpe (1928) lists it in the sense ‘a cap’.
- You may speak of a “titfur” – tit-for-tat – hat[.] – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**
 - “Where’s me tit for tat?” [...] “Tit for tat” becomes “tit for,” and sometimes just “tit.” – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**
 - *TIT FOR TAT*: Hat. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
 - Rhyming slang is a feature of the language which the sailor has fashioned for his own particular use. [...] A hat or cap is frequently called “Tit for tat”[.] – E.J. Croucher, *Sailor Words*, p.62, **1928**
 - – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
 - Tit-for-tat ... hat or cap. – D. Mackenzie, *Hell’s Kitchen*, p.120, **1930**
 - Stick yer “tit fer” on yer “Uncle Ned”[.] – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
 - And if you think a gent’s titfer can make you look like a sissy I’ll give anyone a sock in the lug that’ll make ’em look like a blinking dog’s dinner. – P. Allingham, *Cheap-jack*, p.24, **1934**
 - – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 - [S]he was a bona looking polone and I’m not sprucing. Made up like a prize rabbit in a lovely fur I’m-a, some fur turtles and one of the latest tit-fors[.] – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, **ca 1937**
 - – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
 - Wiv that titfa on yer loaf, an’ all. ... Muck me if I ever see anything like it! – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.11, **1943**
 - – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
 - – *The Australian Police Journal*, April **1950**
 - See me grab my tit-for-tat, art an’ down those apples and pears an’ art into that frog an’ toad. – H. Elvin, *A Cockney in Moscow*, p.42, **1958**
 - *titfer* = hat (rhyming slang = titfer, tatfer...)[.] – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.13, **1974**
 - – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**
 - Spruced up in me piccolo, me titfer and me daisies[.] – *Ginger Geezer*, lyric, Vivian Stanshall, featured in *Rawlinson End (John Peel Show)*, UK radio: BBC Radio One, 25th July **1978**
 - [T]hey forget one or add another at the drop of a titfer. – J. Clavell, *Noble House*, p.53 [1987], **1981**
 - – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 - – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.29, **1989**
 - Tit for (tat) hat. – L. Barnes, *Boop Lingo*, p.13, **1992**
 - But that Norman Pace ’oo plays the one in the tifter, he ain’t quite the geezer he seems. – *The Sun*, London, 8th October **1994**
 - – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**
 - Straightned my hair for too long now it’s red and frazzled please help?!? wear a titfur. – *blondeorred.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th April **2012**
 - Accessories such as tilbury docks, centre halves and even a tit-fer-tat are sometimes the only areas where men can individualise their outfits. – *www.vogue.co.uk*, blog, 23rd July **2012**
 - [G]iven my own propensity to cry at the drop of a titfer these days, maybe I can believe it. – *sundriedsparrows.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th January **2013**
 - Just admiring Bellas Titfur!!! – *twitter.com*, 16th May **2013**
 - Mate, you were wrong about the Sunderland result but I take my titfer off to you for your 3-0 prediction for today’s game! – *The Holmesdale Online* forum, 5th April **2014**
 - Today’s task...pulling the Rabbit out of the proverbial titfer. – *twitter.com*, 13th April **2014**
 - Tim has a positive talent for pulling rare and unseen beers like rabbits out of the proverbial titfer. – *beersmanchester.wordpress.com*, blog, 19th February **2015**
 - 2 a friendly, informal conversation [IRELAND]
 - Rhymes on *chat*. Only recorded in the form *tit for tat*.
 - – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**
 - 3 a trade-union scab [AUSTRALIA]
 - Rhymes on the slang *rat*. Only recorded in the form *tit for tat*.
 - – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
 - – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.122, **2002**
 - 4 an informer [US]
 - Rhymes on the slang *rat*. Only recorded in the form *tit for tat*.
 - – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
 - – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
 - 5 a hard hat [UK]
 - Extended from sense 1. Recorded in the forms *tit for tat* and *tit for*. Scaffolders’ slang.
 - Tit for tat = hard hat. – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd March **2011**
 - Tit for = Hard hat. – *Scaffolders Forum*, 6th November **2012**
- Titties**
nickname
 Bristol City, a football club based in Bristol, in the south-west of England
- Formed as a reversal of *Bristol Cities*, the plural of BRISTOL CITY. Always with the definite article: *the Titties*. An alternative nickname is BRISTOL TITTY.
- [H]e took yeovil from the conference to league one, then took the titties up to the championship[.] – *United Forum*, 14th November **2007**

· I got to work today and saw that the Titties are 23/20 with William Hill to beat Sheffield United tomorrow, which surprised me. – *thescooptroop.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th November **2009**

· Hope Henri shows the Titties what they missed by not signing him. – *www.nottinghampost.com*, 30th September **2016**

tit willow

noun

a pillow [UK]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Pillow (tit willow); night (Tom Right); home (top of Rome); newspaper (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· [N]ow and then a Cockney talks of getting his head on the old tit willow. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· [A] man without a *tit willow* to lay his head on[.] – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.39, **1979**

· The blonde offers Jackie Danny an' the next 'alf hour is goin' at it like nuns an' habits while these two sorts bite tit willow. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Titus Brambles

noun

a scene or state of great confusion and disorder [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shambles*. < English footballer Titus Bramble (b.1981).

· Bit of a Titus Brambles altogether this thread. – *Toon-tastic* forum, 10th November **2006**

· [A]h shit its turning into a Titus Brambles. – *Irishclubbing* forum, 30th March **2007**

· This #BoatRace is a right Titus Brambles! – *twitter.com*, 7th April **2012**

TK Maxx; TK

noun

a toilet [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *jacks*. < TK Maxx, a popular fashion retailer.

· Fionn, take a walk to the old TK Maxx and see what you can hear when you're passing by. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.263, **2005**

· After we order, she sort of, like, excuses herself, then hits the old TK, presumably to check the lippy[.] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra's Box*, p.161, **2008**

· – *Boards.ie* forum, 8th June **2009**

T-leaf

noun

▶ see TEALEAF

to and fro

noun

1 a moustache [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian colloquialism *mo*.

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLI, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, **1983**

2 snow [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

to and fro

verb

1 to go, to leave [AUSTRALIA]

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLI, **1967**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.47, **1983**

2 to snow [UK]

· [I]t's been 'to-ing and fro-ing'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· It's bleedin' cold enuff to to and fro. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

to and from

noun

a British (especially English) person [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

Rhymes on *pom*, a shortening of POMMYGRANT.

· The English were the *to and froms*, while *army tanks* did for Yanks. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.162, 1953: *The Sun*, Sydney, 22nd September **1945**

· *To-and-from*, a Pommy[.] – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: R.D. Rivett, *Behind Bamboo*, p.399, **1946**

· One of the natives comes to your aid. "You a to and from?" "I'm English," you say, guessing rightly that a to and from is Aussia rhyming slang for Pom. – R. McGregor-Hastie, *The Compleat Migrant*, p.16, **1963**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· – D. McGill, *DKD*, **1989**

· – *The Australian*, Surry Hills, NSW, 29th September **1998**

· This was all very well for the 'To and Froms'[.] – P. Mangin, *So Close*, **2013**

toad in a hole; toad in the hole

noun

a roll of banknotes [US]

First recorded in the form *toad in the hole*. The variant with the indefinite article is given by Maurer (1944).

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

toasted bread

adjective

dead [UK]

A variation of BROWN BREAD. Perhaps influenced by the slang *toast* 'in serious trouble; dead'.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *rosswagman.blogspot.com*, blog, 25th May **2012**

Toblerone; tobler

noun

- 1 used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Toblerone* (or *on one's tobler*) [IRELAND]
 - < Toblerone, a triangular chocolate confection manufactured by Kraft Foods.
 - I was in there on me tobler for a while. – *Dublin*, spoken, male, 25, November 2000
 - Having said that, if she finds out I let Honor wander around Santa Monica on her Tobler for half an hour, she'll redecorate this shop with my fucking intestines. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Rhino*, p.30, 2009
 - Whats up people im heading to Perth in a couple of weeks on my toblerone! – *Travellerspoint* forum, 6th October 2011
 - You're sitting all on your Toblerone on a Friday night in your jammies watching 'The Late, Late'[,] – *tangiblemagazine.com*, 14th January 2015
 - I was waiting outside on my tobler in the lashing rain for 15 minutes. – *stellar.ie*, 9th July 2015
 - If you don't adapt your social life to your academic and work schedules, you'll find yourself out of the social loop and all on your toblerone. – *blog.uniwink.com*, 12th March 2016
- 2 a telephone [UK]
 - – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Toblerone

adjective

- alone, on one's own [UK]
 - < Toblerone, a triangular chocolate confection manufactured by Kraft Foods.
 - Toblerone is Cockney slang for On my own. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
 - – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
 - From now on / You're **Toblerone**: / You want grub, / You grow your own! – K. Park, *Bible Stories*, p.9, 2009

Toby Ale; toby

noun

- rail (the railway) [UK]
 - < Toby Ale, a now defunct brand of ale brewed by Charrington Brewery in the East End of London. The short form is recorded in 2006.
 - – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
 - – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th December 2006

toby jug; toby

noun

- 1 a gullible fool [UK]
 - Rhymes on *mug*. < *toby jug* 'a beer jug or mug shaped like a stout man wearing a three-cornered hat and smoking a pipe'.
 - Well, I felt a right toby jug, I can tell you. – *Hancock's Half Hour*, UK radio: BBC, 25th January 1955
 - – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - The Toby in the dodgy titfer. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 29th September 2006

- Make me look like a fucking toby. – *The Firm*, UK film, script by Nick Love, 2009
- Back in my younger days before I became a cunt, I pulled a few decent birds by playing the nice card, despite being a right Toby jug. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 7th December 2012
- **The sparkle** is pretty much the same as **the snide game**, except it's a little bit more sophisticated. It still involves selling fake jewellery to the **Tobys**, but first you supply them with a real piece, usually a diamond ring, to convince them to part with big money[.] – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.85, 2015
- 2 a thug [UK]
 - Trouble there was a large Toby who would torment all the young boys collecting bets. [...] The funniest things of all were my two ten-year-old pages. What a couple of Toby jugs! They were supposed to have come from a stage school. These two were prime candidates for Borstal. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, pp.13/110, 1986

toby jugs; tobys

noun

- the ears, especially if more prominent than average [UK]
 - Rhymes on the slang *lugs*.
 - – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February 2009
 - He had sticky-out *tobys* and a massive *pea-shooter*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.110, 2011

Todd Carty; Tod Carty; todd

noun

- a party [UK]
 - < Irish actor Todd Carty (b.1963), who came to prominence on the BBC television soap *EastEnders*, in which he appeared from 1990 to 2002.
 - We're 'avin a bit of a Todd Carty[.] – *CRS (co.uk)*, 9th May 2002
 - I'm just orf dahn the frog and toad, to the old rub-a-dub for a bit of a Tod Carty with me chinás. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st June 2006
 - [D]on't forget the Todd Carty this weekend, it'll be awesome. – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008
 - Everyone welcome to come back to my Dean for a bit of a Todd[.] – *Cook'd and Bomb'd* forum, 12th June 2014

todjobs

noun

- odd jobs that a person does around the house when alone [UK: BIRMINGHAM]
 - A blend of **TOD SLOAN** and *odd jobs*.
 - – *www.talklikeabrummie.co.uk*, 25th September 2014

Tod Jones; Todd Jones

noun

- used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Tod Jones* (sometimes with the spelling *Todd Jones*) [UK]
 - Imperfect rhyming slang. A blend of **TOD SLOAN** and **JACK JONES**.

· Always been told to bring any waifs and strays home who don't have anywhere to go on the day. Unless they rather be on their todd jones. – *British Spanking* forum, 25th December **2007**

· Show from yesterday (7th July) from Sub FM. DJ Shy on his tod jones! – *Dubstep* forum, 8th July **2009**

· Defoe is OK with 2 up front, but is clearly struggling on his todd Jones. Ade is better at playing alone up front than Defoe[.] – *Spurscommunity* forum, 27th October **2012**

· Plus, I much prefer the company of my peers than staying in a hotel room all on my tod jones. – *Two Plus Two Poker Forums*, 15th August **2013**

Tod Malone; Todd Malone

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Tod Malone* (sometimes with the spelling *Todd Malone*)

[AUSTRALIA/UK]

A blend of **TOD SLOAN** and **PAT MALONE**.

· Old Winston Churchill, / They tell me he won the war, / Beat Adolf Hitler on his own. / A brilliant speaker, / But what was the army for? / He never done it on his Tod Malone. – T. Roper, *The Steamie*, stage play, Crawford Theatre, Glasgow, 1st May **1987**

· What the hell are you doing running around here all on your Todd Malone? – W. Anderson, *Warrigal's Way*, p.29, **1996**

· [I]f they are in trouble, they are on their Todd Malone. – *Dive-Oz* forum, 13th June **2003**

· He can't do the lot on his tod malone, so it was almost nailed-on we'd drop back. – *FollowEverton* forum, 19th July **2013**

· You are right, though: if we in Oz were on our Tod Malone, it would not make any appreciable difference. – *theconversation.com*, 13th September **2013**

Tod Sloan; Tod Sloane; Todd Sloan; Todd Sloane; tod; todd; toddlers

noun

used as a substitute for *own* in the phrase *on one's Tod Sloan* or *on one's tod* (both variously spelt) [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND/NEW ZEALAND]

< American jockey James Forman 'Tod' Sloan (1874–1933), who enjoyed great success in Britain in the late 1890s. This usage is first recorded in 1934, just one year after Sloan's death. As an adjective, however, the first known use of *Tod Sloan* dates back to 1898. The full forms *Tod Sloan*, *Tod Sloane*, *Todd Sloan* and *Todd Sloane* have been recorded in Britain and Ireland. In Australian and New Zealand English, the word is only evidenced in the short forms *tod* and *todd*, both of which are also common in British and Irish usage. The form *todders* is exclusively British. ▶ see **COLIN TODD**, **JACK SLOAN**, **JOHNNY TODD**, **PEA POD**, **SWEENEY TODD**, **TODJOBS**, **TOD JONES**, **TOD MALONE** and **TODSOME**

· “Dook reading isn't what it used to be. You've got to tell the tale for your money these days. Are you on your

tod?” I gathered that she was asking me if I was on my own. – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, pp.55–56, **1934**

· Pat Malone (Pat) also Jack Jones or Tod Sloan ... Own (Alone). [...] Tod Sloane[.] – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· “About seven miles up and all on your Tod Sloane,” said Slush. – J. Sommerfield, *The Survivors*, p.75, **1947**

· Advantage number one: frequent visits to town on your Tod Sloan – no need to account for your doings. – J. Wain, *A Travelling Woman*, p.7, **1959**

· From odd remarks he dropped—‘Always mooch round on my tod sloan’—one suspected that he vaguely identified himself with the Loner[.] – T. Clayton, *Men in Prison*, p.31, **1970**

· G'day. You on your todd? – W. Anderson, *Warrigal's Way*, p.19, **1996**

· I was all on my todd, thinking, ‘Moonie, where are you?’ – T. Fletcher, *Moon*, p.415 [2000], **1999**

· [U]nfortunately it eventually chucked a right to Mount Barker and left me on my Todd for the last 40K's. – *www.abc.net.au*, blog, 23rd April **2001**

· Maybe not what you give some new bird when you're after a Swiss roll but good enough for Saturday night on your tod. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.52, **2002**

· As I had already done the trip – on my Todd Sloane – on Easter leave the year before, I knew the drill well enough to play the guide. – D. Diss, *Dizzy*, p.380, **2005**

· i dont want anyone knowing ive watched it. So ill go there all on my toddlers. – *Tomb Raider* forum, 29th September **2005**

· **TOD, TO BE ON YOUR**; to be alone. – J. Mooney and J. Harrington, *The A to Z of Irish Crime*, **2008**

· Looked like he was on his Tod Sloane, just standing in the middle of the bar sipping a rum and Coke or something. – *The Free Kick* forum, 5th December **2008**

· I organised last years one all on my tod. – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 18th August **2009**

· I'm considering going abroad on my toddlers, but it would be nice if I could find other people to share accommodation with to make it cheaper... – *Season Workers* forum, 2nd April **2010**

· Anyone fancy meeting up before it? Don't really wana go on my todd... – *SameSame.com.au* forum, 6th July **2011**

· After all, Scott Chris has had to carry the burden on his todd tonight. – *www.kiwiblog.co.nz*, blog, 20th May **2012**

· As for meeting new people, why not go out on your todd and have a pint in your local[.] – *Boards.ie* forum, 24th December **2012**

· **OBT's Glen** not on his tod when it comes to financial planning advice. – *www.obtfinancialgroup.com.au*, 8th March **2013**

2 ■ **out on one's tod** (of a person) splendid, unequalled [IRELAND]

From the previous sense. Recorded with the spellings *tod* and *todd*. Used in Cork.

· He was out on his tod(d) as a player = He was excellent as a player. – S. Beecher, *DoCS*, 1983

Tod Sloan; Tod Sloane

adjective

alone, on one's own [UK]

< American jockey James Forman 'Tod' Sloan (1874–1933), who enjoyed great success in Britain in the late 1890s. ► see PAT SLOANE

· “‘Ere!–sor ole Bill goin’ ‘ome ter night.” “Got the mis-sis (not “cows and kisses” note) with ‘im?” “No, all Tod Sloan.” “All alone,” of course, was the meaning. – *The London Figaro*, 26th November 1898

· N’ that was jus’ th’ h’easy part, / they was h’up there all ‘Tod Sloane’, / Wiv art ammo, grub or H’overcoats, / so th’ withdrawal call was blown. – B.L. Riccomini, *F’ Queen n’ H’empire*, p.113, 2003

todsome

noun

used as a substitute for *lonesome* in the phrase *on one’s todsome* [UK]

A blend of *tod* (a short form of TOD SLOAN) and *lone-some*.

· Not brave enough to drive that far on me todsome[.] – *Runner’s World* forum, 21st June 2008

· He’d have buggered off abroad on his todsome aged five if we’d let him. – *JUSTtheTalk* forum, 4th May 2013

· Unless he is teaching an apprentice, he has to go to homes on his todsome and this makes him quite uncomfortable. – *BritishExpats.com* forum, 13th February 2014

toe nail

noun

ale [UK: BIRMINGHAM]

· But don’t be putting too much toe nail down yer Gregory, or you’ll be fallin darn the apples! – *www.facebook.com*, 7th June 2013

toe-rag

noun

a cigarette [UK]

Rhymes on *fag*. < *toe-rag*, a slang term for a contemptible person.

· He fished out his cigarettes again. “Toe-rag?” Pidgy shook her head. – J. Curtis, *You’re in the Racket, Too*, p.35 [1938], 1937

· – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, 1976

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – *archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com*, ‘LONDON-L Archives’, 19th March 2005

toes

noun

► see HAIRY TOES

Toffee Rex

noun

trousers [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Rhymes on *kecks*. < Toffee Rex, an old brand of toffees manufactured by G. F. Lovell & Co. Ltd. Thus TOFFEES. · – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.46, 1972

toffees

noun

underpants [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A shortening of TOFFEE REX.

· Tored the toffees offer. – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.63, 1972

toffee sucker

noun

a person; a despicable person [UK]

Rhymes on *fucker*. < *toffee sucker* ‘a toffee on a stick; someone who sucks on a toffee’.

· Poor Toffee sucker they will be spitting vile insults right now. – *twitter.com*, 13th March 2012

· [P]iss off toffee sucker. – *twitter.com*, 26th April 2012

· [W]as only joking toffee sucker. – *twitter.com*, 28th July 2014

· The Dumb toffee sucker clearly doesn’t understand who’s responsible for the policing. – *twitter.com*, 14th October 2016

toffee wrapper; toffee

noun

the head [UK]

Rhymes on *napper*.

· Man who don’t pick nits, ends up with itchy toffee. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

Toilet Duck

noun

used in expressions of annoyance, exasperation or shock, or to add emphasis [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Toilet Duck, a branded toilet cleaner sold in a distinctively duck-shaped bottle.

· [W]hen i slowed down and let him catch up...his exact words where...“Toilet Duck me..what the Toilet Duck was that????”....i had to smile. – *JaguarForum.com*, 22nd May 2010

· What the Toilet Duck! How is this pillock even on telly? – *Digital Spy* forum, 31st January 2015

toilet ducked

adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. < Toilet Duck, a branded toilet cleaner sold in a distinctively duck-shaped bottle.

· Oh Whaaat?!?! All that time we spent trying to mate the box with the engine, and it was Toilet Ducked all the time?? – *Astra Owners Club* forum, 7th May 2008

2 beaten, thwarted, in serious trouble, done for [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· A-Rod has no such conceit, but he gets hurt and we’re toilet ducked... – *NFL UK* forum, 13th September 2008

· [U]ndoubtedly. I’m toilet ducked. – *EastFootball* forum, 1st August 2010

· If Jose doesn't fancy you, you're toilet ducked. – *Grand Old Team* forum, 19th July **2014**

· [N]o matter what anyone on here says in trying to down play (like uir making out utd are toilet ducked this year so nobody can give him a dig). – *Not606* forum, 15th September **2014**

Toilet Duck me

exclamation

used for expressing shock, astonishment, satisfaction or resignation [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *fuck me!*. From the noun TOILET DUCK.

· Toilet Duck me..what the Toilet Duck was that???? – *JaguarForum.com*, 22nd May **2010**

toilet roll; toilet

noun

unemployment benefit [UK]

Rhymes on *the dole*.

· May be wistfully employed by the long term unemployed when asked if he has found a job, 'No, still on the toilet.' – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· So if a Cockney lends you a tenner because you're 'on the toilet', it's not to wipe your arse with. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Tokyo Rose; tokyo

noun

the nose [UK]

< Tokyo Rose, a sobriquet given by the Allied forces during World War II to a number of different English-speaking female broadcasters of Japanese propaganda; applied specifically to Iva Toguri d'Aquino (1916–2006).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, s.v. *I suppose*, **2009**

Tom and Dick; Tom Dick; Tom, Harry and Dick; tom

adjective

ill, unwell; sick, nauseous; hence disgusted, disappointed, angry [UK/IRELAND]

First recorded in the form *Tom, Harry and Dick*, an alteration of the phrase *Tom, Dick and Harry* 'ordinary people in general'. Suggested by the earlier *Bob, Harry and Dick*. In Irish usage, only recorded in the form *Tom Dick*. ► see BOB AND DICK

· **Tom, Harry and Dick**. Sick[.] – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961: *The Evening News*, London, 27th April **1954**

· **Harry, Tom and Dick** Alternative form of TOM ... (q.v.). – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· **Tom and Dick** Sick. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Tom, Harry, and Dick. Sick, on the sick-list[.] – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSR5*, **1972**

· Back again to the rhyme slang. Here is a sample [...] *Tom Dick* – Sick. – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· You make me sick, make me Tom and Dick. – *Blackmail Man*, lyric, Ian Dury, **1977**

· **Harry, Tom and Dick**. Unwell: rhyming s.: C.20. – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

· 'Makes you wanna throw up, don't it?' 'Yeah, I feel a bit Tom and Dick myself!' – *Only Fools and Horses*, UK TV: BBC1, 21st March **1985**

· Simon's Finger and Thumb-in-law (mum-in-law) was Tom and Dick (sick) in Uncle Ned (bed) with a fever. – *The Sun*, London, 13th July **2000**

· He's feeling a bit Tom. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· So the next time you're feeling a bit Tom, Harry, and Dick or get frock and frill with a bout of threepenny bits[.] – *British Medical Journal*, London, 3rd August **2002**

· Jesus, bit unsteady on your feet, ain'tcha. I thought you were Tom Dick? – M. Baxter and P. Hewitt, *The Mumper*, p.119, **2007**

· I'm feeling a bit Tom and Dick. – S. Klein, *CRS1*, **2009**

· But sitting there watching him writhing around to some sweaty fat bloke singing 'Preey Woman', well, it made me feel a bit Tom Dick. – D. Trotter, *He Who Dares...*, p.81, **2015**

Tom and Ed

noun

■ **off one's Tom and Ed** mad; intoxicated by drugs or drink [UK]

Rhymes on *head*, used in the phrase *off one's head*. < Tom and Ed, a reference to English musicians Tom Rowlands (b.1971) and Ed Simons (b.1970), who make up the electronic music duo The Chemical Brothers.

· – *Evening Standard*, London, 9th January **2002**

· You're off yer Tom and Ed mate. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**

Tom and funny

noun

money [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

Tom and Jerry

noun

1 a BlackBerry mobile phone [UK]

< Tom and Jerry, the cat and mouse cartoon characters created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera in 1940. Perhaps influenced by Tom and Jerry, the original performing name (from 1957 to 1964) of Simon and Garfunkel, a popular American folk-rock duo; they released an album entitled *Tom & Jerry* in 2002.

· [U]sing the holy grail (email) from your tom and jerry (blackberry)[.] – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December **2005**

2 a cherry [UK]

Recorded in use among market traders.

· – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.203, **2011**

3 sherry [UK: SCOTLAND]

· A dull-eyed regular once requested a Tom and Jerry. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 28th August **2006**

Tom and Jerry; tommy*adjective***1** slightly drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *merry*. < Tom and Jerry, the cat and mouse cartoon characters created by Hanna-Barbera in 1940. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [ˈE]’s a bit tom and jerry. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

2 very happy and cheerful [UK]

Rhymes on *merry*.

· E’s a tommy bloke. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Tom and Sam*noun*

jam (the preserve) [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

tomato purée; tomato*noun*

a jury [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

tomato sauce*noun*

a horse; hence, in the plural, horse races, a racecourse [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UK]

· Today I get an egg flip for a tomato sauce at Morphettville. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

· We wander over to the bar for a pen and ink, where the talk gets round to tomato sauces. – H.W. Orsman, *DNZS*, 1997: *New Zealand Truth*, 21st May **1963**

· [A] pot and pan driving a nice high stepping tomato sauce in a flash big an’ bulky pulled up[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· Any rate, wot tomato sauce is your mate Nippy ridin’ in da Cup? – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.206, **1968**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, **2015**

Tom Beet*noun*

the feet [UK]

Recorded in use among itinerant entertainers.

· Jim suggested that we should see her home, but I said, “Nanty my jills,” as I was bunged up with potatoes in my lump and my Tom Beet were like ice[.] – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.14, **ca 1937**

tombs fry*noun*

a tie (a necktie) [US]

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

tom cat*noun*

a doormat [UK]

· Wipe yeh feet on the ol’ tom cat an’ come right inside. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961:W. Granville, letter, 21st March **1960**

Tom Cruise*noun***1** a snooze [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American actor Tom Cruise (b.1962).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· I thought i’d have a little Tom Cruise (Snooze)[.] – *SKY.fm* forum, 4th April **2006**

· – *FasterLouder* forum, 6th April **2008**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Going for a tom cruise[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

2 alcoholic drink [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *booze*. Also used in the phrase *be on the Tom Cruise* ‘to be engaged in a serious drinking bout’.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Got any tom cruise? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th January **2002**

· So here’s our first stab at possible entries for a 2006 Dictionary of Rhyming Slang. [...] On the Tom Cruise – on the booze. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 3rd June **2006**

· And with the *Meryl Streep* (cheap) door price of 3 *saucepan lid* (quid) before midnight, plus B.O.R. resident **The Filth Wizard** making you *Jack Palance* (dance) and the cheap *Tom Cruise* (booze) behind the *Ringo Starr* (bar), it makes complete sense to GET INVOLVED and have a right knees up (mother brown, etc). – *myspace.com*, **2009**

· i’ve been on the tom cruise all day[.] – *Bluemoon* forum, 25th August **2009**

· [H]ave a great day and take it easy on the Tom Cruise (that’s booze for you’s boggers). – *IrishKop* forum, 16th September **2011**

3 a bruise [UK]

· Hell of a Tom Cruise you got there. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th May **2006**

Tom Cruise*verb***1** to lose [UK]

< American actor Tom Cruise (b.1962).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**

· The Hamilton Ti-Cats had had a French Egg [enough – en oeuf] of Tom Cruising [losing] and pulled out a 26–17 victory over the ailing Toronto Argonauts. – *The Argosy* student newspaper, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, 29th October **2009**

· Will Celtic winning tomorrow be a Glenn Hoddle or will they Tom Cruise? – *Cage Warriors* forum, 9th April **2010**

2 to drink alcohol [UK]

Rhymes on *booze*. Perhaps influenced by the existence of the nouns TOM CRUISE and TOM CRUISER, rhyming on *booze* and *boozed*, and the adjective TOM CRUISED, rhyming on *boozed*.

· Most people are too busy at the nuclear sub, tom cruising, completely Schindler's List[.] – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 16th July **2016**

tom cruised

adjective

drunk [UK]

Rhymes on *boozed*. An adjectival adaptation of the noun TOM CRUISE.

· [Y]ou're Tom Cruised and you've got a Hobson's Choice like me china plate's Mutt and Jeff finger and thumb. – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

tom cruiser

noun

a pub [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *boozed*. A derivative of the noun TOM CRUISE.

· Don't think I'd give out about it in the Tom Cruiser to be honest Sledge, but if I got a packet of King/Tayto from a multipack from the corner shop I would throw it back at the clerk. – *The Free Kick* forum, 2nd March **2009**

· So were you technically at the Tom Cruiser (boozed) when you heard the story that choked you? – *Morrissey-solo* forum, 17th October **2011**

· – okay see you tomoz. Meet at pub. – I'm grafting tomorrow as per. Will meet you in the Tom Cruiser. – *twitter.com*, 14th November **2014**

Tom Dick

adjective

▶ see TOM AND DICK

Tom Dooley

noun

a party [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish colloquialism *hooley*. < American Civil War veteran Tom Dooley (real name Thomas Dula; 1845–68), who was executed for the murder of his lover Laura Foster. He is the subject of a 19th-century folk ballad of the same name, a version of which by The Kingston Trio became popular throughout the English-speaking world in the late 1950s and 1960s.

· Maybe you've been at a Tom Dooley the night before and feel tired. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

Tom Dooleys; Tom Doolies

noun

the testicles [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *goolies*. < American Civil War veteran Tom Dooley, the subject of a 19th-century folk ballad of the same name.

· I'd rather take in a world cup based in some sun-kissed town on the Med drinking cold lager than sat at home in the rain freezing my Tom Doolies off[.] – *SkyscraperCity* forum, 26th April **2006**

· I'd rather have my 'Tom Dooley's' doused in petrol and set on fire before I'd go anywhere near her. – *Gifted Kid* forum, 16th January **2007**

· **goolies** *Tom Doolies*[.] – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.204, **2009**

· [L]et's kick this puppy in the Tom Dooleys. – *GM Inside News* forum, 3rd November **2010**

· [D]id you have to kick me repeatedly in the Tom Dooleys? – *HibeasBounce* forum, 21st October **2011**

· Er indoors has just kicked me in the Tom Doolies! – *twitter.com*, 22nd July **2014**

Tom Farmer

noun

a charmer [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Scottish entrepreneur Tom Farmer (b.1940).

· Aye, jist keep an eye oan 'im, 'ave heard he's a bit o' a Tom Farmer. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Tom Farmer

adjective

warmer (the comparative of *warm*) [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme in Scots. < Scottish entrepreneur Tom Farmer (b.1940).

· Still, with a bit of luck, it will be Tom Farmer the morra. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 30th May **2007**

Tom Finney

adjective

skinny [UK]

< English footballer Tom Finney (1922–2014).

· Nice face, a bit Tom Finney though. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Tom fool

noun

a stool (to sit on) [US]

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, **1968**

tomfoolery; tom

noun

1 jewellery [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Hence TOM GAME and TOM SHOP.

· – D. Mackenzie, *Hell's Kitchen*, p.120, **1930**

· – *Variety*, 'English Underworld Slang', 8th April **1931**

· I wouldn't be surprised if you both done a stretch fer knockin' orf some ole bloke's tom-foolery. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.52, **1943**

· His Lordship and her Ladyship were stone rich and loaded with tomfoolery of all sorts. [...] The tom was all jar. The pussies had the moth. – C. Raven, *Underworld Nights*, pp.11/56, **1956**

· "Tom" (tomfoolery) means jewellery[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· – *The Sunday Age*, Melbourne, 26th June **1994**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

· For a while we was on easy street with all the tom in Manchester. – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, p.15 [2002], **2001**
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Ah've fair cleaned up wi the auld tomfoolery, but it's makin a jangle in ma poakits[.] – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.204, **2012**

2 money [SOUTH AFRICA]

Probably an extension of sense 1. Only recorded in the short form.

· – W. Branford, *SAPOD*, **1994**

· We arrive at this ou's house and the first thing I notice is that it's inside a heavy security building. He has tom. – A. Lovejoy, *Acid Alex*, p.282, **2005**

· I must earn some tom. – *birdsofeden.co.za*, 'South African Slang and Other Afrikanerisms', accessed 12th October **2012**

Tom Funny

noun

money [SOUTH AFRICA]

· So [in the area of Durban where I grew up] we didn't say money, we said *Tom Funny*. – S. Tomson, *Surfer's Code*, p.23, **2006**

tom game

noun

a criminal act in which an item of jewellery (usually a ring) is stolen from a jeweller's shop [UK]

Formed on *tom*, a shortening of TOMFOOLERY.

· The term **tom game** originated in the 1930s and is still widely used by criminals today. Usually carried out by at least two perpetrators, the tom game, also known as 'the ring game', is no more than a slightly sophisticated 'snatch'. – N. Smith, *The Criminal Alphabet*, p.55, **2015**

tom hank; tommy hank

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. < American actor Tom Hanks (b.1956). The form *tom hank* is common in all three locations of use. *Tommy hank* has only been recorded in British and Irish usage. In Irish and British English, also TOM HANKS.

· To have a 'Tom Hank' (to have a w-a-n-k). – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 10th January **2004**

· Nothing wrong with havin a few Tom Hanks. – *Red and White Kop* forum, 28th July **2004**

· Thread: Aussie colloquialism [...] a tom hank (wank) a les kiss (piss) a stan jurd (turd). – *The Kennel* forum, 22nd August **2007**

· Sorry I was late mum, was just avin a tommy hank! – *UD(.com)*, 12th January **2008**

· anyway bhoys.. (and ghirls lol) boysfood.com and 89.com are defo the places to check out when you need a Tom Hank.. or a poke[.] – *TalkCeltic* forum, 23rd June **2008**

· Haha, you're off for a Tommy Hank aren't you. – *Boards.ie* forum, 22nd August **2008**

· It depends how long we're in here but I will have to have a Tom Hank. – *The Sun*, London, 9th June **2009**

· My family moved to Dublin when i was 13 so here's some frequent phrases [...] A Tommy Hank = w*ank. – *Historum* forum, 29th November **2009**

· I know a well known Irish player who had to sneak off for a Tom Hank during a tournament. Said it cleared his head to focus on poker. – *Irish Poker Boards* forum, 27th July **2010**

· I'm having a sneaky Tom Hank (wank). – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 11th January **2012**

· I rarely ever have sex with my boyfriend or go for a Tommy Hank without edging for a decent amount of time first[.] – *Gay Forum*, 29th May **2015**

tom hank

verb

to masturbate [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *wank*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [Y]ou can injure yourself tom hanking????? – *The Forum Site* forum, 23rd November **2006**

· I'll Tom Hank in here – *The Sun*, London, 9th June **2009**

· [H]es probably tom hanking over our profile pics as we speak! – *twitter.com*, 17th May **2012**

· If I was going to be Tom Hanking over a celebrity she wouldn't make my Top 50. – *Footymad* forum, 21st February **2014**

Tom Hanks; Tom 'anks

noun

1 thanks [UK]

< American actor Tom Hanks (b.1956). Perhaps triggered by a punning interpretation of *T. Hanks*.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Tom 'anks very much! – *mrmonkeybottoms.livejournal.com*, blog, 24th February **2004**

· My Tom Hanks go to Phill, Rory, Bill and Alan. – *QI*, UK TV: BBC2, 28th October **2005**

· TOM HANKS ME OL' DUTCH PLATE FOR USING BANK MACHINE. – *Message on ATM screen*, cashpoint operated by Bank Machine Ltd, 197 Mays Lane, Barnet, London, EN5 2DY, 25th August **2009**

2 Americans [UK]

Rhymes on *Yanks*.

· Look at them fat Tom Hanks. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd January **2004**

· I'd watch out fer the Tom Hanks in this 'ere forum[.] – *SputnikMusic* forum, 7th January **2005**

· You Tom Hanks should spend less time looking at Frankie Vaughan. – *Maximum Bikes* forum, 1st February **2005**

3 an act of masturbation [IRELAND/UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang for *wank*. Recorded in the form *Tom Hanks*. ▶ see TOM HANK

· **Tom Hanks** this is a commonly used term used in malahide for giving a guy a wank. [...] "would ya give me

mate over there a Tom Hanks". – *UD(.com)*, 11th December **2004**

· I've a mate who insists Cockney Rhyming slang is popular in Drogheda [...] Here's some he uses: [...] Going for a Tom Hanks = which means going for a wank. – *Thumped* forum, 16th August **2005**

· Terms for Masturbation! having a tom hanks. – *Swing-4Ireland* forum, 2nd February **2010**

· [S]he was on her own. Probably having a Tom Hanks in the bath. – *bloggerobscura.blogspot.com*, blog, 28th February **2012**

Tom, Harry and Dick
adjective

▶ see TOM AND DICK

Tom Jones; toms

noun

bones [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Tom Jones, the stage name of Welsh singer Thomas John Woodward (b.1940).

· He's a bit skinny, he needs a bit more meat on those Toms. – *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, 4th March **2001**

· Ooh, me toms are clicking. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· [W]e may end up in uncle ted, boy i will rattle her tom jones. – *Physics Forums*, 13th September **2005**

Tom Kite; Tam Kite; tom

noun

█ excrement; an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. < American golfer Tom Kite (b.1949).

Tom Kite is common in both locations of use. The variant *Tam Kite* is exclusively Scottish. *Tam* is the pet name for *Tàmhas*, itself the Scottish Gaelic equivalent of *Thomas*. ▶ see MEET THE GOLFER

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th December **2001**

· I used to say "I'm off for a Tom" (Tom Kite?). – *Bike Forums*, 12th August **2003**

· Just off for a Tom Kite love. – *Underground House* forum 26th November **2004**

· [A]ww man am burstin fur a tam kite. – *UD(.com)*, 7th August **2005**

· Sorry, went for a tam kite there. – *PESFan* forum, 20th November **2009**

· But at the time when your gasping for a "TAM KITE" in normal Cowdenbeath weather, will you feel comfortable going into a cafe soaking wet with all your Morrisons bags passing people who are eating lunch[?] – *www.centralfifetimes.com*, 6th February **2010**

· A young male, featuring blonded tints in his straightened hair, and wearing tight-fitting white jeans and a matching cardigan, had been drinking spritzers all day and according to the former international lock "didn't know if he needed a tom kite or a shave". – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 24th February **2010**

· If I am walking by a fancy hotel, Marriott or Radisson, and am in need of a Tom Kite I have no hesitation in us-

ing (and abusing) the facilities. – *AFC Chat – Aberdeen* forum, 4th November **2015**

· Hope a don't need a tam kite the day. – *twitter.com*, 29th January **2016**

█ something or someone worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK: SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shite*. *Tom Kite* is common in both locations of use. *Tam Kite* is exclusively Scottish. No evidence of use in the short form.

· [A]ye dannii minogue is a load of tam kite and she takes it up the farter!! – *NightB4* forum, 24th March **2003**

· [M]ajestic, you are 'tam kite' m8. – *ESReality* forum, 23rd December **2003**

· What a load of Tam Kite!! – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 29th February **2008**

· What a load of Tom Kite. – *Dundee United FC* forum, 7th April **2012**

· He is absolute tom kite and cudnae hit a coo's erse with a banjo[.] – *Hibs.net* forum, 7th February **2012**

· Proper Hearts men attend games. Slavering plastic fans, sit on the internet all day talking Tom Kite. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 8th December **2012**

· Absolute tam kite. – *HibeasBounce* forum, 31st December **2014**

· Why not actually put a proper access road into the area instead of just talking tom kite. – *www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk*, 15th May **2015**

· Thats just a load of tom kite.... – *The Ulternative Alster Fan Club (UAFC)* forum, 31st March **2016**

tom kitehole; tam kite hole

noun

an unpleasant place [UK: SCOTLAND]

A rhyming equivalent of *shitehole*, formed by blending this word with TOM KITE or *Tam Kite*.

· That tam kite hole has been accident waiting to happen since it was built. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 14th July **2008**

· It's in leith, its a,tom kitehole therefore leith is a tom kitehole. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 27th July **2012**

Tom Lowry

noun

▶ see T.H. LOWRY

Tom McGurk

noun

work [IRELAND]

< Irish journalist and broadcaster Tom McGurk (b.1946).

· [H]ow's Tom McGurk going for you these days? – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Tom Mix; tom

noun

█ in darts, a score of six [UK]

< American actor Tom Mix (1880–1940), best known for his cowboy roles. Only recorded in the full form.

· It is only in London too, that darts and crib are played to a running commentary of rhyming slang. "Two Jews"

(double two), “two Tom Mix’s” (double six) and two fat hens (two tens) are heard among dart players every day in London’s four-ale bars. – *The Economist*, London, 8th May 1937

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE2*, 1938: *The Evening News*, London, 2nd July 1937

· TOM MIXES two sixes. – L. Rees and D. Lanning, *On Darts*, p.22, 1980

· Tom Mix(es) - Six (sixes). – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, 2011

2 in golf, a score of six [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Caddies have a lingo all of their own. In many instances it is rhyming slang based on Cockney talk–Tom Mix, a six[.] – *Evening Express*, Aberdeen, 15th June 1955

3 an awkward or difficult situation [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. Only evidenced in the full form.

· ‘E won’t ‘arf git ‘isself in a right old Tom Mix wiv that tongue of ‘is! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

· [T]o be in a right Tom Mix. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

4 among drug users, an injection of a drug [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*.

· *Tom* (Tom Mix: Fix) An injection of a narcotic. – T. Bewley, *Recent Changes*, p.12, 1966

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

5 a sixpence [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· He calls the sixpence, among the most widely used British coins until decimal coinage took over today, “Tom Mix,” and one penny is a “currant bun.” – *The New York Times*, ‘Cockney Rhyming Slang Won’t Take New Coins’, 16th February 1971

6 in bingo, the number six [UK/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, 1974

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, 1981

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.153, 1994

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, 2008

· – A.J. de Boinod, *Whiffling*, p.120, 2009

· – www.stmarksgaa.ie, 2012

7 six pounds sterling [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· Did you hear me say, how’s the ecrip? That’s price backwards, so that you didn’t know what I was talking about. And he said to me, Tom Mix, which is rhyming slang. – C. Taylor, *Londoners*, p.202, 2011

8 in dominoes, the number six [UK: SCOTLAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.153, 1994

9 in cricket, ‘a six’, a shot in which the ball goes over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs [AUSTRALIA/UK]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, 1997

· Tom Mix – six: as in “Stubbs just hit a Tom”. – www.googliesandchinamen.com, April 2003

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

10 in betting, odds of six to one [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

11 in any suit of cards, a six [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

12 in craps, a roll of six [US]

Only recorded in the full form.

· **Sum of Both Dice. Total: 6 Nicknames:** Jimmy Hicks, Sister Hicks, Tom Mix. – www.bigempire.com, ‘Encyclopedia Vegasana: All Terms Las Vegas’, 2012

Tom Mix

numeral

six [AUSTRALIA]

< American actor Tom Mix (1880–1940). Recorded in a passage documenting the practices of Australian pick-pockets working Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

· [T]here were techniques common to all the Kangaroo Gang members. They even brought their criminal argot to England, which allowed them to communicate freely in shops or even in custody. [...] Just how many items were to be bought (or how many shop jacks were on hand) could be relayed in code, thus: Currant Bun = 1 Nellie Bligh = 2 Mother McCree = 3 George Moore = 4 Bee Hive = 5 Tom Mix or Dorothy Dix = 6[.] – A. Shand, *King of Thieves*, p.58, 2010

Tom Mix

verb

to repair or restore [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. < American actor Tom Mix (1880–1940). · If it ain’t broke, don’t ‘tom mix’ it. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Tommy Cooper

noun

a trooper [UK]

< Welsh comedian Tommy Cooper (1921–84).

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, 2008

Tommy Cooper

adjective

excellent [UK]

Rhymes on *super*. < Welsh comedian Tommy Cooper (1921–84).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· This bitter’s fuckin’ tommy cooper. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Tommy Coyne

noun

the groin [IRELAND]

< Scottish footballer Tommy Coyne (b.1962), who was a Republic of Ireland international from 1992 to 1997.

· Time for bo peep again...hurt my Tommy Coyne playing ball tonight... [...] Strained my Tommy Coyne last night playing ball.... Limping around like a raspberry ripple today... – *twitter.com*, 5th and 29th May **2010**

Tommy Dodd; Tommy Dod; tommy

noun

1 in the coin-tossing game of ‘odd man out’, the ‘odd man’ [UK]

Rhymes on *odd*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Dodd*.

· TOMMY DODD, in tossing when the odd man goes out. A phrase in frequent use at the London Music Halls. Origin not known. – J.C. Hotten, *SD3*, **1864**

· **Tommy Dodd**, *subs. phr.* (common). –1. The odd man: in tossing, either winner or loser of a ‘call,’ according to agreement; also (2) the mode of tossing. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1904**

2 the coin-tossing game of ‘odd man out’ [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Recorded in the forms *Tommy Dodd* and *Tommy Dod*. This usage was popularised by the comic song ‘Tommy Dodd’ (ca 1867) by Ernée Clarke, whose first verse goes ‘I lead a somewhat easy life, like most men about town, / But still I must submit to you I’m somewhat of renown, / A speculative turn of mind, it may seem rather odd, / I have a weakness, and it is a love for Tommy Dodd’. Often used idiomatically in the phrase *go Tommy Dodd* ‘to toss coins’.

· Some of the parties there started “Tommy Dod,” or tossing, which ended in a dispute[.] – *The West London Observer*, 4th June **1864**

· It was also drawn out that the witness Grace had met the boy at a public-house in Chiswell-street, had drunk and smoked with him, and gone into a species of gambling called “Tommy Dodd,” in which this boy was the victim[.] – *The Morning Advertiser*, London, 8th September **1866**

· Shall the players at nine-pins be punished, and the hardened wretches who indulge in hopscotch and shove ha’penny—who go “Tommy Dodd,” play tipcat, dominoes, and beggar-my-neighbour—get off scot free? – *Judy* magazine, London, 29th December **1869**

· TOMMY DODD. This is a mode of gambling very much in vogue at the present time. It is often played at public-houses among parties to decide who is to pay the reckoning. Each party turns down a half-penny, and, on uncovering it, the matter is decided as in ‘heads or tails.’ [...] Not long ago a retired tradesman, happening to be in a public-house, where such things were connived at, allowed himself to be induced to play at Tommy Dodd with two low sharpers. – A. Steinmetz, *The Gaming Table*, p.221, **1870**

· If you fight for a lass, you’ll p’raps go ’neath the sod for her; / Better borrow a sixpence, and go “Tommy Dodd” for her. – Tot, ‘The Soldier, the Sailor, and the Maiden’, in *A.L.U. Papers in Prose and Verse*, p.57, **1870**

· Harson on duty deposed to hearing singing going on in the Crown Brewery. Also heard persons playing “Tommy Dodd” with half-pence[.] – *Newbury Weekly News*, Newbury, England, 3rd June **1875**

· Both the prisoner and prosecutor were shopmates, and, having received their wages, proceeded to a public-house near the Westminster Police-court, and, in company with several others, went “Tommy Dodd,” or tossed for tobacco and beer. – *The Morning Post*, London, 10th August **1875**

· [T] seems to me that the best thing I can do is to move the adjournment of this sitting if we are going to play “Tommy-dod” in this way. – *The West Australian*, Perth, 12th January **1893**

· [T]hey could not remember the names of such common objects as an “oof-bird,” or the meaning of so familiar a term as “going tommy-dodd.” – *Punch* magazine, London, 26th October **1895**

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1904**

· He related his experiences in the local pub where we all played ‘Tommy Dodd’. – A. Edney, *And While You’re Here*, p.63, **2011**

3 an odd man out, a person excluded from a group [UK] Recorded in the form *Tommy Dodd*.

· The *Standard* of yesterday, with reference to the repeated cases of blackballing at sundry West-end clubs, suggests the formation of a new one, to be called “The Cave,” the qualifications of membership of which should consist mainly in the candidate’s previous rejection at certain other clubs. [...] Would not “The Tommy Dodds, or Odd Men Out Club” be a better title? – *The Sportsman*, London, 14th March **1867**

4 a sodomite; hence, in a homosexual relationship, the passive or ‘feminine’ partner; a male homosexual [UK/us?]

Rhymes on *sod*. Recorded in the forms *Tommy Dodd* and *tommy*. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· Thus a «sod» becomes a «Tommy Dodd». [...] A Tommy took down his ‘Round the House’s (Trousers), pulled up his ‘Dicky Dirt’ (shirt) and showed his ‘Bottle and Glass’. – Anon., *The Horn Book*, p.45 [1901], **1898**

· TOMMY DODD – For God, and sod (sodimite) and rod (gun). – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· TOMMY DODD Late Victorian slang for a gay man. Gay men were sometimes referred to as “tommies”. – L.W. Rutledge, *The Gay Book*, p.41, **1987**

5 a pistol or revolver [US]

Rhymes on the American slang *rod*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Dodd*.

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

6 an unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *sod*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Dodd*.

- You old Tommy Dodd, you! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI, 1960*
- – *wads.le.ac.uk*, ‘Online Slang Glossaries: Cockney Rhyming Slang’, 15th March **2008**
- “I’m telling you I heard a voice,” the man repeated, now close enough that I could see his outline through the smog. “Go look then, yeh tommy dodd!” “Bugger off! Oy, where you going! Come back!” – B. Schaffer, *Whitechapel: The Final Stand*, pp.354–355, **2011**

7 God [UK/US?]

Euphemistic. Only evidenced in the form *Tommy Dodd*. Also in the expressions *for Tommy Dodd’s sake* (the direct equivalent of *for God’s sake*) and TOMMY DODD’S GARDEN. Although this usage is listed in Prewitt and Schaeffer’s *Vacaville Vocabulary* (1961–1962), it is apparently unrecorded in other American sources.

- At about the same period [ca 1863] it was a euphemism for God, particularly in ‘Tommy Dodd knows’. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI, 1960*
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- Thank Tommy Dodd for that. – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS, 2008*
- You’re an investigator, for Tommy Dodd’s sake, you were investigating. – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.158, **2012**

Tommy Dodd

adjective

- odd, strange [UK]
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI, 1960*
- – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*

Tommy Dodd

verb

used as a substitute for *sod* in *Tommy Dodd this for a game of...*, a phrase expressing annoyance, exasperation or impatience [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- When the wife and kids are playing up it may be said, ‘Tommy Dodd this for a game of mothers and fathers.’ – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*

Tommy Dodd’s garden

noun

a cemetery [UK]

Based on the use of TOMMY DODD as a euphemism for *God*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*

Tommy Dodds; tommys

noun

betting odds [UK]

Formed as an extension of TOMMY DODD as used in the context of coin-tossing.

- – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*
- They gave him a tip so he put a *national debt* on this nag to *nose*. *Tommys* of 250 to one. It romped home. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.70, **2011**

Tommy Farr

noun

a bar [UK]

< Welsh boxer Tommy Farr (1913–86).

- – R. Puxley, *CR, 1992*
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS, 2008*

Tommy Farter

noun

tomato sauce [AUSTRALIA]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *tomato* as *tomarter*. Children’s slang.

- Could you please pass the Tommy Farter. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak, 2000*

Tommy get out, and let your father in

noun

gin [UK]

- Had our friend wished for something more potent than the pig’s ear aforesaid, he would have substituted the phrase, “Bryan o’ lin,” or perhaps, “Tommy get out, and let your father in,” meaning thereby *gin*. – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.40, **1880**

Tommy Guns

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the runs*. Sometimes used without the article.

- – R. Puxley, *FR, 1998*
- Others will know, as they place their Tom Thumb on the Kermit the Frog for a Tom Tit, with a nasty case of the Tommy Guns, that it’s not going to be their day. – T. Nind, *RRS*, p.5, **2003**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- “Tomorrow night I want to know everything about that patient with the tommy guns,” Jasper said as he turned to leave. [...] “If it had been your decision would you have admitted the patient with tommy guns onto a surgical ward?” – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, pp.30/287, **2012**

Tommy Haas

noun

a person’s buttocks or anus [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *arse*. < German tennis player Tommy Haas (b.1978).

- – *spanglaisch.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th October **2004**
- Check out her Tommy Haas. – *Sportal* forum, 19th October **2010**

tommy hank*noun*

▶ see TOM HANK

Tommy Hilfiger*noun*

a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *nigger*. < American fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger (b.1951), founder of the eponymous clothing brand.

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 9th June 2007

Tommy Noddy*noun*

the body [US/SOUTH AFRICA]

< ‘Tommy Noddy, big head and little body’ (or ‘Tommy Noddy, all head and no body’), an age-old children’s taunt; from the slang *Tommy Noddy* (a variant of *Tom Noddy*) ‘a fool’. Franklyn (1960) has it as *Tom Noddy* and notes it is recorded in Berrey and Van den Bark’s *American Thesaurus*. However, the only form listed in both editions of the *Thesaurus* (1942, 1953) is *Tommy Noddy*.

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942

· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, 1949

· Thus when he speaks of his “hoots and toots”, he means his boots, or else his suit, and when he talks of his “Tommy Noddy” he means his body. – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.105, 1963

Tommy O’Rann; Tommy o’Rann*noun*

food [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *scran*. An elaboration of the earlier slang *tommy* ‘food’ (itself an extension of the sense ‘bread’), which is sometimes regarded as its short form. The spelling variant *Tommy o’Rann* is given by Farmer and Henley (1904).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, 1904

· No bees and honey. No pig’s ear. Not even a Tooting of Tommy O’Rann. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March 1960

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Scoff Lore*, p.247, 1968

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

Tommy rabbit*noun*

a pomegranate [UK]

An imperfect slang rhyme.

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, 1909

Tommy Rocks*noun*

socks [US/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, 1977

Tommy Roller*noun*

a collar [UK]

· – J. Bent, *Criminal Life*, p.272, 1891

Tommy Rollocks; Tommy Rollox; Tommy Rollicks*noun*

1 the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *bollocks*. ▶ see ROLLOCKS

· Thus a «sod» becomes a «Tommy Dodd». [...] The Bollox: the «Tommy Rollocks, and so on «ad infinitum». – Anon., *The Horn Book*, p.45 [1901], 1898

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· “I understand’. If Tappit no man who throw acid, then Tappit not get Tommy Lollocks crushed.” Moriarty smiled. “Tommy Rollocks, Lee Chow,” he corrected. – J. Gardner, *The Return of Moriarty*, p.56 [1981], 1974

· [S]od off you stupid, cloying git before I press your Tommy Rollicks with my panini maker. – *www.thespoof.com*, 29th May 2009

· i’ll kick yaw in the tommy rollocks you berkshire Hunt. – *Killer Movies Community Forums*, 10th June 2010

· Better way to go than waitin’ for one of their Jack Johnsons to blow yer Tommy Rollocks off. – S. Binns, *The Shadow of War*, 2014

2 nonsense; rubbish [UK]

· [A]bsolute tommy rollox... – *North Stand Chat* forum, 9th December 2004

· [A]m i the only one who thinks this ‘bristol derby’ is utter tommy rollox that both teams could do without???? – *Bristol City Fans’ Forum*, 30th January 2007

· They were everywhere and they had flashlights and shields and the whole fucking tommy-rollocks. – E. Mackenney, *Borstal Girl*, 2011

· Aww what a load of Tommy rollocks. – *Funky Pool* forum, 11th May 2012

Tommy Rook*noun*

an on-course bookmaker’s book [AUSTRALIA]

Used in the phrase *make a Tommy Rook* ‘to set the betting odds for a race’, the direct equivalent of *make a book*.

· ‘I’m going to make a Tommy Rook’ signifies your intention of making a book on the racecourse[.] – *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March 1894

Tommy Steele; Tommy Steel*noun*

1 an eel; specifically a jellied eel [UK]

< Tommy Steele, the stage name of English pop singer and actor Thomas William Hicks (b.1936). The variant *Tommy Steel* is given by Puxley (1992). Jellied eels are a traditional English dish usually associated with London’s East End.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – M. Symons, *This, That and the Other*, p.185, 2007

- What's in that pie? Is it a bit of Tommy Steele? – *www.friendsreunited.co.uk*, accessed 20th November **2013**
- 2** a steering wheel [IRELAND]
Rhymes on *the wheel*. Recorded with the spelling *Tommy Steel*.
- In Jo maxi with oil rigger at tommy steel ... – *twitter.com*, 16th April **2010**

Tommy tank; Tom tank; tommy

noun

- 1** a bank [UK]
< *Tommy tank*, a slang reference to a British military tank. Used in the forms *Tommy tank* and *tommy*.
- 'Tommy Tank', rhyming slang for bank. – C. Chinn, *Better Betting*, p.243, **1991**
- [T]he Beechams was enough to break the Tommy. – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**
- Must make sure I have sufficient funds in the Tommy tank first. – *Birmingham Forum*, 20th December **2008**
- Stick to your own Stamp of Approval and keep your hard earned cash in the Tommy Tank where it belongs!!! – *Electricians Forum*, 13th December **2011**
- 2** an act of masturbation [UK/IRELAND]
Rhymes on *wank*. Also as *Tommy the Tank*, seemingly a blend of *Tommy tank* and THOMAS THE TANK.
- Episode 5.- Bluegrass, need I say more!!!!!! - Brian enjoys himself in front of the window. Bit of a Tommy Tank I think!! - Burkes bum in the bathroom. Nice!! – *uk-gay-lesbian-bi*, *Google Groups*, 31st August **1998**
- [S]pilt crisps and having a tommy tank??? thats a new one!! – *MIG Performance Vauxhalls forum*, 21st September **2001**
- **Tom Tank** wank. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- Sure we all had a Tom Tank before meeting (in most cases) the girl/women of our dreams. – *Neowin forum*, 22nd December **2004**
- John is in the bathroom having a "tommy". – *UD(.com)*, 2nd March **2006**
- [T]he jar of hand cream for the tommy tank huh??? – *Peoples Republic of Cork forum*, 1st June **2009**
- – I've had sex with 3 different girls, not embarrassed by that low number either. I don't see what the big attraction is to banging randomers. – It beats having a Tom Tank. – *Boards.ie forum*, 18th November **2009**
- Luckily another gentleman with decent social standards sat next to me and blocked the view of the man having a quick Tommy Tank on the train. – *musicaltheatreaddict.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th October **2015**
- 3** an American [UK/IRELAND]
Used in the form *Tommy tank*, rhyming on *Yank*.
- [T]he tommy tanks aren't buying import games[.] – *PES-Fan forum*, 13th March **2003**
- In 1943ish? wasn't it only because the Tommy Tanks got bombed that they then decided to help us? – *Wotton-under-Edge forum*, 11th May **2004**

- Great point jockser, fooking dollar is probably behind all this always tought the tommy tanks were to good to be true! – *IrishKop forum*, 25th November **2007**
- 21% of all foreign tourists to Scotland are tommy tanks[.] – *House Price Crash forum*, 24th August **2009**
- 4** rubbish; nonsense [UK]
Used in the form *Tommy tank*, rhyming on *wank*.
- Just realised i'm talking tommy tank. The washer wouldn't come in contact with the top mount bearing if it was small enough to fit through the collet. – *Club GTI forum*, 29th July **2005**
- And what a load of old Tommy Tank that turned out to be. – *The News of the World*, London, 6th April **2008**
- Now I heard in the majority of reviews that it was a load of tommy tank...too harsh? – *Yet Another Cycling Forum*, 4th June **2010**
- 5** in golf, a mishit in which the ball is struck on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]
Rhymes on *shank*. Used euphemistically, the word *shank* having taboo status among golfers. Only recorded in the form *Tommy tank*.
- OMG how do i cure this tommy tanks. – *Golfshake.com forum*, 20th April **2009**
- I've got a hole on my course where the old Tommy Tank rear it's ugly head almost to order. Even did it two days on the trot; practice round and comp the following morning, from exactly the same spot on the fairway. – *The v2 Forum*, 14th June **2011**

Tommy tank; Tom tank

verb

- 1** to masturbate [UK/IRELAND]
Rhymes on *wank*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.
- List of "Jerk Off" Phrases [...] Beat the meat. Slap the Salomi. Pump the pickle. Tommy tank. – *alt.tasteless.jokes*, *Google Groups*, 27th September **1993**
- Masturbation euphemisms [...] Wrestle your action man. Jerk your gerkin. Tommy tank (rhyming slang). – *rec.humor*, *Google Groups*, 9th April **1995**
- Tommy-tanking 3-times a day must be difficult, morning and night are OK but what about the 3rd. – *Boards.ie forum*, 8th May **2002**
- [T]he characters faces look like Mr Sheen has tommy tanked all over them. – *MegaGames forum*, 15th May **2003**
- [Y]eah I've been tommy tanking since like 4 years old[.] – *Feckinmad forum*, 27th February **2006**
- You could start tom tanking with your left hand to build the wrist up. – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community forum*, 24th November **2008**
- Would you admit to Tom-Tanking to your workmates? – *Digital Spy forum*, 7th December **2010**
- I wouldn't believe any man that said he didn't tommy tank!!! – *Babycentre forum*, 11th August **2011**

· Mario I did wash your socks! no one told me you had all been Tommy Tanking In them. – *twitter.com*, 18th June **2012**

2 in golf, to mishit the ball on the inside of the clubface in such a way that it impacts the heel or hosel of the club [UK]

Rhymes on *shank*, a taboo word among golfers. Only recorded in the form *Tommy tank*.

· [W]ent out on saturday in a comp that i should have had a good chance at 19-28 cup wihit about 10 entries in and shot 23 over my handicap. I was Tommy tanking all the time. – *Golfshake.com* forum, 20th April **2009**

Tommy tanker; Tom tanker

noun

a foolish or contemptible person [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. A derivative of TOMMY TANK. Also as *tommy the tanker*, apparently a blend of *Tommy tanker* and THOMAS THE TANKER.

· [S]he said she couldn't stand him and he was a Tommy Tanker. – *Boards.ie* forum, 3rd July **2002**

· [I]f someone has called you a tom tanker you probably are, just like every other man out there. – *LSL Forum*, 6th September **2006**

· He sounds like a right Tommy Tanker! – *E46* forum, 1st April **2009**

· And your a tom tanker[.] – *HotUKDeals* forum, May **2010**

Tommy Tit; tommy

noun

▶ see TOM TIT

Tommy Tit

verb

▶ see TOM TIT

Tommy Tits; tommys

noun

▶ see TOM TITS

Tommy Toy

noun

a boy [US/UK]

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Boy, Tommy Toy. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.15, **1973**

· – *The Free Lance-Star*, Fredericksburg, VA, 17th July **1982**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Tommy Trinder

noun

a window [UK]

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *window* as *winder*. < English comedian Tommy Trinder (1909–89).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 18th April **2001**

· The car comes with electronic air conditioning, a CD player, anti-lock brakes, electric Tommy Trinders ('winders'), active front headrests[.] – *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England, 28th November **2003**

· I just had a **butcher's hook** out the **tommy trinder** to see the **currant bun** is out[.] – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 14th November **2008**

· Fucker got a bit lippy so I sparked him and slung him out the Tommy Trinder. – *twitter.com*, 23rd January **2015**

Tommy Tripe; tommy

verb

to watch or observe [UK]

Rhymes on the old slang verb *pipe*.

· Tommy Tripe his plates of meat. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· TOMMY his plates = Look at his feet. – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1904**

· If a chap happens to be a drab tros he gets on better than a doogheno who keeps himself quiet and never lets anybody Tommy Tripe know how clever he is. – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, s.v. *Doogheno*, **1909**

· Tommy the geezer in the Lionel Blairs, looks a right berk. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Tommy Trotter

noun

a lump or drop of nasal mucus [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *snotter*.

· Ye've a wee Tommy Trotter at your nose. – M. Munro, *Patter-2*, **1988**

Tommy Tuck

noun

something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Tommy Tuck* 'to not care at all'.

· Seriously though, in all honesty, who really gives a Tommy Tuck? – *North Stand Chat* forum, 17th December **2006**

· While I was wondering why I should give a Tommy-Tuck about Katie Price on my lovely day out, the thought struck me square in the head like a dog turd flung off a stick[.] – *swiftnick-at-silverstone.blogspot.com*, blog, 7th March **2011**

· His company couldn't give a tommy tuck about ras-sisms[.] – *bnp.org.uk*, 26th June **2014**

Tommy Tucker; Tom Tucker; tommy

noun

1 supper [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < 'Little Tommy Tucker', a traditional English nursery rhyme first published in

1829 and its eponymous character. The sense ‘supper’ is based on its opening lines: ‘Little Tommy Tucker / Sings for his supper’. The forms *Tom Tucker* and *tommy* are exclusively British. In Australian usage, the word is probably reinforced by the Australian slang *tucker* ‘food’.

- Supper ... Tommy Tucker. [...] Get me a “Joe Blake” for “Tom Tucker[.]” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- Inevitably the cupboard is “Mother Hubbard,” and “Tommy Tucker” by just due is “supper.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – J. Harrowven, *Origins*, p.317, **1977**
- – A. Dobson, *My East End*, p.130, **1987**
- Brought the mother-of-pearl out for a bit of tommy-tucker, have we? – M. Macdonald, *The Sky with Diamonds*, [2013], **1988**
- I’m off for a bit of a wash before I has me Tommy Tucker. – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.173, **2000**
- Gotta go and get some Tommy Tucker down the gullet?? – *www.banyantrees.net*, 20th February **2001**
- We can have some loop and Tommy and be off before the dickory hits twelve. – J. Holder, *Grim Up North*, p.104, **2005**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- Uncle Jack doesn’t have his own teeth so sucked the innards out of his *kate and sidney* pie, then slurped his *rosie* out of the *geoffrey*. Put me right off my *tommy*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.42, **2011**
- It also emerged that very few of those polled understood the meaning of tommy tucker (supper), watch the custard and jelly (telly) or spend time with the teapot lids (kids). – *www.telegraph.co.uk*, 29th March **2012**
- 2** a man; a spirited person; a despicable person [UK]
Rhymes on *fucker*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Tucker*. Also as LITTLE TOMMY TUCKER.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th June **2006**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**
- I will say that all the unions are a bunch of tommy tuckers! – *twitter.com*, 10th September **2012**
- 3** a gullible person [UK]
Rhymes on *sucker*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Tucker*.
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- 4** something unpleasant or annoying; a great nuisance [UK]
Rhymes on *fucker*. Recorded in the form *Tommy Tucker*.
- I’m gonna use the White Daisy on a picket fence hoping, to reduce the ongoing maintenance, look great, a right tommy tucker to keep clean though. – *Ultimate Handyman* forum, 2nd August **2014**

Tommy Tupper

noun

supper [UK]

A variation of TOMMY TUCKER.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Going to the ktchin sink for some Tommy Tupper. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *kitchen sink*, 31st August **2006**

tomorrow; tom; tommy

noun

the action or activity of borrowing [UK]

Rhymes on *borrow*. Used in the phrase *on the tomorrow/on the tom/on the tommy* ‘on the scrounge’, the direct equivalent of the slang *on the borrow*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Look away, boys, Fred’s on the tommy again. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.88, **2011**

Tom Right

noun

the night [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] night (Tom Right); home (top of Rome); newspaper (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Tom Sawyer

noun

a lawyer [UK/US]

< Tom Sawyer, the hero of Mark Twain’s novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876).

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.79, **1973**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- I’ve got a pain in my glass of beer (ear), on my way to see my Tom Sawyer (lawyer) this gipsy’s warning (morning). – *voices.yahoo.com*, 14th February **2010**
- “I want to study to be a lawyer,” Jasper suddenly blurted, surprised by his unprompted outburst. [...] “You,

a Tom Sawyer? For someone who couldn't even make prefect, or the school football team, you should be more realistic, son." – Q. Smith, *Secret Anatomy*, p.36, **2012**

tom shop; tommers

noun

a jeweller's shop [UK]

Formed on *tom*, the short version of TOMFOOLERY.

· – K. Smith, *Inside Time*, p.237, **1989**

· – G. Evans, *Fur Coat: No Knickers*, p.255, **2003**

Tom's tricks

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *onlinebingopoint.co.uk*, accessed June **2004**

· – H. Norris, *Chambers Factfinder*, p.594, **2006**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Tom tank

noun

▶ see TOMMY TANK

Tom tank

verb

▶ see TOMMY TANK

Tom tanker

noun

▶ see TOMMY TANKER

Tom Tart

noun

1 a fart [US]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

2 the heart (either anatomically or as a representation of a person's emotions, thoughts, etc.) [UK]

· [O]ur Tom tarts were in it. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.26, **1986**

Tom Tart

verb

to fart [UK]

· Suddenly Vince Tom tarted. After a shocked silence, he slapped Tony round the ear, murmuring, 'Don't be disgusting.' – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.4, **1986**

Tom Thacker

noun

tobacco [UK]

Rhymes on *terbacker*, the colloquial pronunciation of *tobacco*, and therefore also on the slang forms *bacca* and *baccor*.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE1*, **1937**

Tom Thumb; tom

noun

1 rum [AUSTRALIA/UK]

According to the available evidence, the short form is confined to British usage. ▶ see TORN THUMB

· Gin is known as mother's ruin, rum as Tom Thumb or chain lightning. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, "Digger Yabber" Described: The Lingo the Aussie Talks', 9th March **1919**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – E. Partridge, *Words*, p.34, **1933**

· The landlord, a nimble-witted man if ever there was one, at once said: "Well then, have a double Tom." – *The Strand Magazine*, London, July **1943**

· [I]n order to keep the *love and kisses* (missis) quiet he'd had to buy her a bottle of *Tom Thumb* (rum). – J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, p.294, **1953**

· I can go into a rubbity dub and have a lemonade, breasting the near an' far with booze hounds drinking Tom Thumb[.] – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· I thought we'd order a crate of light ale, and a crate of brown ale, and a crate of Tom Thumb, bottle of Tom Thumb, and a bottle of gold watch, and a bottle of Vera Lynn, in case the vicar comes. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 24th December **1973**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· She orders an Aristotle of pig's ear (bottle of beer), a fine and dandy (brandy), a mother's ruin (gin), a Tom Thumb (rum)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· A wee bit of Tom and I'm off. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December **2006**

2 reliable information [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *drum*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· It's a cert. I got the Tom Thumb from the Hickory Dickory! – *The Tweed Daily*, Murwillumbah, NSW, 20th August **1946**

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· I need the Tom Thumb on that cook. – R.G. Barrett, *Leaving Bondi*, p.54, **2000**

3 the buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *bum*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.46, **1969**

· Others will know, as they place their Tom Thumb on the Kermit the Frog for a Tom Tit, with a nasty case of the Tommy Guns, that it's not going to be their day. – T. Nind, *RRS*, p.5, **2003**

· [A] kick up the 'Tom Thumb'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**
- I've been on here so long this evening, my Tom Thumb has gone numb! – *Connecting Singles* forum, 21st May **2011**

Tom Thumb; tom

verb

- 1 to drink rum [UK]
Functionally shifted from the noun. Only recorded in the full form.
- Moss has forwarded some rhyming English-Irish expressions as used by seamen. For instance: [...] To drink rum is to Tom Thumb it and if you have a fairly big bill, a Cock and Hen is a ten. – *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, 26th October **1971**
- 2 to experience an orgasm [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]
Rhymes on *come* (sometimes spelt *cum*). A nonce usage found in *Confessions of a Long Distance Lorry Driver* (1975), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea.
- Once I have tommed (Tom Thumb: come. Ed.) I begin to wonder about how the lady is going to react to our spot of in and out. – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.109, **1975**

Tom Tilling

noun

- ▶ see THOMAS TILLING

Tom Tit; Tommy Tit; tom; tommy

noun

- 1 excrement; a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]
Rhymes on *shit*. The short forms have been recorded in British usage.
- TOM TIT. – Rhyming slang for a natural function expressed in vigorous monosyllabic “Saxon”[.] – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, **1930**
- You're always doing it, you shower of tom tit, you. Always leaving his turtle doves in his sky rocket, he is. Too much trouble, see? – R. Llewellyn, *Lonely Heart*, p.116, **1943**
- E'yar mate: you git on tapeing up them ends while I go an' 'ave a Tom tit. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- *A Few Indelicacies* [...] **Tom Tit** Tom. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, pp.63/64, **1969**
- ‘That’s where they have a Tom Tit and wash their Germans,’ he says. – T. Lea, *Nudist Colony*, p.74, **1976**
- Tom = Shit (Tom Tit/Shit). – B. Robinson, *Peculiar Memories*, p.8 [1999], **1998**
- ‘He’s having a Tom Tit, John,’ he said. – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.232, **2001**
- *Going for a Tommy* – Rhyming slang for a Tommy Tit – A shit, a poo. – *dearoldblighty.blogspot.com*, blog, 23rd May **2005**
- Or my dad calls it a tom tit and a rodney hogg, shortney to a rodney. – *FasterLouder* forum, 30th September **2005**

- I used to stop for a Tommy Tit at the half-way point of just about every marathon I ran[.] – *CoolRunning Australia* forum, 19th May **2008**
- Just needs a Tom Tit floating at the surface and it could become a coastal reef of legend. – *ReefSafe* forum, 21st February **2009**
- The council by their actions have made it inevitable that people are going to pull over at the side of the road for an Arthur Bliss or Tommy Tit. – *Caithness.org* forum, 3rd March **2009**
- Australians have pinched a lot of expressions from the “Old Country” and we have our version of Rhyming Slang which I use a lot myself like going to the dunny for a you and me or a tom tit. – *The Skeptics Society* forum, 22nd December **2009**
- [O]k, its DCC’s fault you took a tom tit in someone’s garden (which i doubt btw). – *Boards.ie* forum, 17th August **2010**
- [H]ahaha can’t have a tom tit in peace. – *twitter.com*, 19th February **2014**
- 2 a contemptible person [IRELAND/UK]
Rhymes on *shit*.
- A creature of that disreputable tomtit – never a creature of fixed abode – coiled up, in an odour of respectability, in a corner of the graveyard[.] – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: P. Boyle, *All Cats Are Grey*, p.98, **1966**
- YOU'RE A REAL BRAD PITT. YOU'RE AN EARTHA KITT. YOU ARE SUCH A TOM TIT. – *www.facebook.com*, 18th January **2013**
- 3 something of little or no value; nonsense; rubbish [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on *shit*. The short forms have been recorded in British usage.
- It’s all a load of tom, shifting a few old sticks off the back of some murdered tart. – A. Moore, *From Hell*, ch.9, p.2. **1999**
- And I think you’ll find that Bernie Ecclestone couldn’t give a tom tit about viewer satisfaction, it’s the cheque book what talks. – *TV Forum*, 15th December **2003**
- I really do not give a Tom what others think about it. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 7th December **2005**
- You really are full of Tom Tit! – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 26th November **2006**
- Hibs were Tom Tit on Saturday. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 12th May **2007**
- I couldn’t give a tommy tit what you get up to, but someone who needs to drink every day has a problem in my book. – *Contractor UK* forum, 22nd April **2008**
- I think you are talking a load of Tom Tit. – *Digital Spy* forum, 4th August **2009**
- [H]e is passionate about film and so didn’t give a tom tit about the IFB when forming his decision (and rightly so) – correct me if I’m wrong... – *FilmmakersNetwork.ie* forum, 14th October **2009**
- Does anyone give a tom tit what Bonnie Greer thinks? – *twitter.com*, 8th September **2011**

- To be honest, Coxy, we're so used to you talking 'Tom Tit' 99% of the time, it's kinda normal to us these days! – *Midsummer's Eve* forum, 30th January **2012**
- Who gives a tom-tit what Windsor thinks or wants? – *www.thepunch.com.au*, 23rd February **2012**
- [N]oone criticises Mata on here because, between the lot of us, we couldn't give a tommy what he does. – *goonerholic.com*, blog, 1st April **2013**
- Im from England, couldn't give a Tommy Tit really. – *findcomment.com*, 26th October **2013**
- Couldn't give a tom tit about a ball sport that is controlled at top level[.] – *Seabreeze.com.au* forum, 7th December **2013**

4 a witty person [UK]

Rhymes on *wit*. Only recorded in the full form *Tom Tit*.
· Now that departing Forest boss Ron has time on his hands, he might reflect on the thin line between a Tom Tit (wit) and a Yosser. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 1st May **1999**

5 used in negative constructions to mean 'anything' [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Only recorded in the full form.
· Shaatt up mate you don't know tom tit bout me!! – *twitter.com*, 19th July **2012**

Tom Tit; Tommy Tit

verb

1 ■ **Tom Tit oneself** to be extremely frightened [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *shit*, used reflexively in the expression *shit oneself*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· [T]hey must be tom-titting themselves. – *Runner's World* forum, 7th November **2003**

· Ive got a full day of Business tomorrow, Tom Tittin myself as well. – *Boards.ie* forum, 30th January **2005**

· Could the OF be anymore jealous of Hearts winning the cup?? You're all Tom Titting yourselves about the progress the club has been making. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 15th May **2006**

· Oh yeah, I was scared bloody stiff. I was "tom titting" myself! – S. Longden, *Dunkirk*, p.166, **2008**

· "Like everyone else, I was Tommy Titting myself," says Norman. – *www.addiscombe.net*, 10th November **2010**

· Just imagine if she did give me the nod, I would Tom Tit myself. – *UK Babe Channels* forum, 9th October **2011**

2 to defecate [UK]

· [T]hat scum bag should of been pi55ed on and tom titted on[.] – *WFC Forums*, 31st December **2006**

· Frightened the life out of me you did, I thought a giant bird had tom titted all over me Barnet. – *authonomy.com*, B. Taylor, *Broken Hearted Jubilee*, 26th November **2010**

· I absolutely understand the frustration of people who have to put up with cats tom titting in their garden. – *UKWorkshop* forum, 17th September **2011**

· When I am away for a few days, it is light enough to turn upside down on the mooring to prevent gulls tom titting on it. – *Yachting and Boating World* forum, 11th January **2012**

· Cats are worse, digging up plants, tom titting in the same place everyday[.] – *Salmon Fishing Forum*, 21st May **2014**

3 ■ **Tom Tit it** to be extremely frightened [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*, used in the expression *shit it*, generally in progressive tense constructions. Hence *tom titting it*.

· He's tomtitting it. – *The Shed* forum, 25th July **2014**

Tom Tit creek

noun

■ **up Tom Tit creek without a paddle** in serious trouble [UK]

An equivalent of *shit creek*, used in the phrase *up shit creek without a paddle*. Formed on the noun TOM TIT.

· I only need Mr Rankin to open the door of his cabin and I will be right up Tom Tit Creek without a paddle. – T. Lea, *Luxury Liner*, p.134, **1976**

· No doubt they will all drop in just before deadline leaving us up tom-tit creek without a paddle. – *www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk*, 16th September **2010**

· Jeezo, they really are up tom tit creek without a paddle... – *Hibs.net* forum, 2nd November **2012**

tomtite

noun

something worthless or inferior, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. Formed on TOM TIT.

· TRC Is mad because spurs is tomtite. – *JA606* forum, 2nd May **2013**

· Costa and Remy are tomtite. – *The Shed* forum, 3rd June **2015**

Tom Tits; Tommy Tits; toms; tommys

noun

diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Also used figuratively to mean 'exasperation', as in the phrases *give someone the Tom Tits* and *get/have the Tom Tits*. *Tommy Tits*, *toms* and *tommys* are also common in both phrases.

· You'll give these blokes the tomtits before they get their first lot of C.B. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: L. Glassop, *We Were the Rats*, p.67, **1944**

· I knew French tucker was on the nose but Jeez two amenities. I suppose you have a touch of the **toms** on one while you **chunder** in the other. – B. Humphries, *Bazza Pulls It Off!*, **1971**

· Blue, of course, reckoned I had the 'tom-tits' because the Huns were so close. – K. Clift, *The Saga of a Sig*, p.59, **1972**

· This bloke's giving me the tomtits. – J. Oram, *Hogan*, p.36, **1987**

· If I hadn't demolished that stack of Fosters I reckon I'd be that nervous I'd land up with a dose of the proverbial tom-tits as they say in the classics. [...] I know a bastard doesn't look at the mantelpiece while he's poking the fire, but this jam tart gives me the tremblin' toms. – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, pp.23/47, **1988**

· **tom(my) tits** shits. – D. Angelo et al., *Australian Phrasebook*, p.19, **1998**

· It gives me the Tommy tits to see the new trend in plastic lures ending up in our waterways. – *Sportsfish Australia* forum, 7th November **2002**

· What gives me the Toms when people try to an express an opinion s fact and no other thought or argument is woth listening to. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 7th January **2004**

· It's obviously not designed to work easily with Windows, and it's starting to give me the toms. – *Professional Pilots Rumour Network* forum, 12th October **2005**

· I started off on th H&B stuff and i got the Tommy Tits seriously bad[.] – *Men's Health* forum, 15th November **2006**

· Prawns give me the toms. – *www.manchesterconfidential.co.uk*, 9th May **2008**

· I actually think it gives me the tommys in the morning so I'm going to ditch it as I get 0 benefit from it! – *UK-MMA* forum, 23rd October **2008**

· Steven Davis has had to stay in bed as he a severe case of the tom tits. – *RangersMedia* forum, 25th July **2010**

· As Stephens was only ill on Saturday (I heard he had a stomach 'ailment' – ie the tommy tits), you would assume that he will be back on Saturday as that will only keep him out for 24-48 hours. – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th November **2012**

· I must say I get the "Tomtits" when I miss a good photo by clipping the wing such as I did here[.] – *Feathers and Photos* forum, 11th August **2013**

· Get in touch with the chef, make sure Ruby gets a dose of the tom tits... – *twitter.com*, 11th March **2014**

tom titter; tom

noun

1 an unfortunate thing [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. A derivative of TOM TIT. Only recorded in the full form.

· [W]ell this is a bit of a tom titter, everything is on order for going to the belt ring and my mate pulls out on me last night[.] – *WWIIReenacting.co.uk* forum, 18th January **2006**

2 a lavatory [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. Also used in the phrase *go down the tom titter* 'to fail utterly', the direct equivalent of *go down the toilet*.

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 19th August **2006**

· [I]t makes me so sad to see my country going down the tom titter. – *www.facebook.com*, 2nd February **2013**

· What's your favorite euphemism for going to the bathroom? – Anything cockney related, and there can be many, depending my mood: Going for an Eartha (Eartha kitt) Going for a Brad/Bradley (brad pitt) Or going to the Tom (tom titter). – *www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit*, 11th September **2015**

3 the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I hope you get a donkey rod in your tom titter tonight darlin. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 30th January **2009**

· [W]hys he getting that sausage up his tom titter. – *twitter.com*, 15th June **2015**

4 ■ **get off your tom titter** to stop being lazy, to make an effort (to do something) [UK]

Rhymes on *shitter*, used in the phrase *get off your shitter*, itself a variant of the more common *get off your arse*.

· You'd better get off your Tom Titter and come fight me, m9! – *twitter.com*, 25th October **2015**

Tom Tripe

noun

a tobacco pipe [UK]

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

Tom Tuck

noun

something of no value [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give a Tom Tuck* 'to not care at all'.

· Couldn't give a tom tuck what happens on eastenders. – *twitter.com*, 25th December **2011**

· Who honestly gives a Tom Tuck about St. Georges Day? – *twitter.com*, 23rd April **2014**

tom tucked

adjective

1 broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· Yes the wheel is Tom Tucked so need to find some other wheels[.] – *PassionFord* forum, 1st December **2005**

· I think my PSU is "Tom Tucked", and have been looking for a replacement. – *Jamma+* forum, 7th August **2012**

2 totally exhausted, beaten, thwarted, in serious trouble, done for [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· Got 2 football matches today straight after one another, gonna be tom tucked but all I'm saying is #dedication. – *twitter.com*, 3rd December **2011**

· Cannot wait for bed tonight, I'm Tom tucked, been a long and very shit week. – *twitter.com*, 27th April **2012**

· If we play like we did on Sunday we're tom tucked. – *twitter.com*, 26th October **2016**

2 intoxicated by drugs or drink [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· We were tom tucked on Friday. – *www.instagram.com*, 21st June **2015**

Tom Tucker

noun

► see TOMMY TUCKER

Tom Tug

noun

1 a gullible fool; hence the dupe or victim of a criminal [UK/US]

Rhymes on *mug*.

· – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, **1874**

· He may return somewhat excited telling you that he has been in a bull and cow with a tom tug, and you will know that he has been in a row with a mugg. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 2nd May **1929**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

2 a bedbug [UK]

· – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

3 a thug, a gangster [US]

· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATS2*, **1953**

tongue in cheek

verb

to speak [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. The conventional third person variation is shown in the first element.

· Great Britain is a drum 'n' bass that jam on the plates the Babe Ruth so when I tongue in cheek I will tongue in cheek in a la mode to confuse the elitist Hampton Wicks. [...] He tongues in cheek more Babe Ruth than the whole of the gory hale and hearty have ever spoke. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July **2016**

Tonka toys; tonkas

noun

a group of men who are friends or who share an interest or activity, often of a sinister kind; hence, specifically, football hooligans [UK]

Rhymes on *boys*. < *Tonka toy*, a reference to a toy made by Tonka, a popular American toy manufacturer best known for its line of trucks and construction vehicles.

· ['O]ne of the lads' or 'one of the tonkas'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

tonka trucked; tonka'd

noun

1 ruined, spoilt [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*. < *Tonka truck*, a reference to a toy truck made by Tonka, a popular American toy manufacturer.

· Heavy industry and pharmaceuticals on the other hand will be, as we say in the West of Scotland, "Tonka'd". – *The Zombie Hunters* forum, 25th June **2011**

· – Our economy is frucked if Labour get back in. – It's tonka trucked now and will go belly up along with Euro-land by the time Labour have a chance to make it any worse. – *Digital Spy* forum, 18th July **2011**

2 beaten, thwarted [UK]

Rhymes on *fucked*.

· Nevertheless, I had expected us to get tonka trucked so I'm happy with a point. Doesn't ease the anger from Saturday, though. – *Football Junkie* forum, 2nd October **2012**

ton o' my rocks

noun

socks [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Tony Benn; tony

noun

1 ten pounds sterling [UK]

< English Labour politician Tony Benn (1925–2014). Only recorded in the full form.

· – C.F. Kerr, *Filthy Lucre*, **2009**

· – *www.blencowesaccountants.co.uk*, **2013**

2 in dominoes, the number ten [UK]

· I was born in Hammersmith in 1953 and brought up in South London. These are 1 to 10 as I use them when playing dominoes with me mates. [...] 10. Tony (Benn). – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 15th September **2009**

Tony Benn

numeral

ten [UK]

< English Labour politician Tony Benn (1925–2014).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· For today's deal we're offering you half a country cousin (half a dozen) cocktails at Apples & Pears for just Tony Benn (10) quid! – *www.quantico.uk*, 16th February **2012**

tony benner

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. A derivative of TONY BENN.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, s.v. *Tony Benn*, **1998**

· You might make 200 bags (bags of sand – grand) a year, and wallpaper your Captain's Log (bog) with Tony Benners (tenners). – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**

· Should we call it a Tony Benner? – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *Tony Benn*, 26th April **2005**

Tony Benn's; Anthony Wedgewood Benn's

noun

a camera lens [UK]

< English Labour politician Anthony Wedgewood 'Tony' Benn (1925–2014). Photographers' slang.

· No that I'd have managed a smudge as the crepuscular light didn't accommodate my Tony Benn's* But what a wonderful sight though, as the sea mist drifted in from the dunes. [...] The golden eagles were flying high above, but too far off for my 400mm Anthony Wedgewood Benn's to get a decent smudgerooney. – *justindequeack.com*, blog, 6th December **2013** and 5th June **2014**

Tony Blair; tony; blair

noun

1 insincere or boastful talk [UK]

Rhymes on *hot air*. < British Labour politician Tony Blair (b.1953), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1997 to 2007. No evidence of use in the full form.

· It is becoming usual in England to hear a pub loud-mouth put down with the words "That's a load of old Tony, my son", or similar. (I recently heard "That's pure Tony, chap!" in Shropshire.) In this context, "Tony" is of

course rhyming slang for “hot air”. – *alt.usage.english.neologism, Google Groups*, 5th October **1998**

2 the hair; a hair [UK/IRELAND]

Shortened as *tony*. Also used in the phrase *split Tony Blairs*, the rhyming equivalent of *split hairs*.

· I’m off to get my Tony cut[.] – *The Independent*, London, 7th November **1998**

· [T]here’s a Tony Blair in my Salade Nicoise. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· [I]f you need to cut your Tony Blair your hair needs a trim[.] – *Waikato Times*, Hamilton, New Zealand, 16th March **2001**

· [Y]er Tony’s in a real state. – *www.theguardian.com*, 29th April **2002**

· But really that’s just splitting Tony Blairs. – J. Swinerton, *The London Companion*, p.21, **2004**

· I’m looking well, it has to be said, even if the old Tony Blair needs a cut. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Andorra’s Box*, p.190, **2008**

3 a nightmare [UK]

Shortened as *tony*.

· Lingers Longer, who is not poor, not old, and a villain you wouldn’t want to cross in your worst tony blair. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *www.asstr.org*, **2002**

· [Y]ou’ve had a tony[.] – *b3ta* forum, 2nd February **2004**

· So it caught my ear to hear a football pundit use the Prime Minister’s once-hallowed name as rhyming slang for “nightmare”, describing a desperately poor player “having a ‘Tony Blair’”. – *The Times*, London, 24th March **2006**

· My boss is a total Tony Blair! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 6th May **2012**

· Had an absolute Tony of a night. – *twitter.com*, 27th October **2012**

· [O]ur in the nude is Brad Pitt, and the England football team – what a Tony Blair! – a bunch of overpaid dental flossers. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 20th July **2016**

4 a chair [UK]

Shortened as *tony* or *blair*.

· The Iron Mike has been adapted to have a Hat and Scarf Blair fitted so that the shafts fit into the arm rests and you sit in the Blair and drive and steer like our beloved Leader. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: *Obfuscation News* [Internet], April **2002**

· – *CPFC BBS* forum 3rd March **2005**

· Sit On Your Tony. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th May **2006**

· Don’t sit on that Tony. – *improbablefiction.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th May **2009**

· – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 27th June **2012**

Tony Blair

verb

to care [UK]

Probably a nonce usage. < British Labour politician Tony Blair (b.1953), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1997 to 2007.

· Our government don’t Tony Blair about the on the floor or people on the rock ‘n’ roll. – *www.liveleak.com*, vid-

eo recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 16th July **2016**

Tony Blairs; tonys

noun

1 flared trousers [UK]

Rhymes on *flares*. < British Labour politician Tony Blair (b.1953), who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1997 to 2007.

· Twenty-five years ago you would not have attended a party without your Lionels; now, whatever his legacy to British politics, the man from Islington has ensured that he will live forever in the creases of the next generation’s Tonys. – *The Guardian*, London, 20th July **1996**

· [I]n homegrown rhyming slang, “Tonys” or “Tony Blairs” are flares[.] – *Times Higher Education*, London, 30th August **1999**

· – R. Collis, *Survivor’s Guide*, p.304, **2002**

2 stairs [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· While the evidence points to a continued vibrancy in London—where you may have to be careful while going down the **Tony Blairs**, especially after a few **Britney Spears**—the jury is still out on the overall frequency of rhyming slang in Australia. – M. Gwynn, *Does Australian Slang Still Rhyme?*, **2007**

· He’s doon the Tony Blairs. – *Personal correspondence*, Glasgow school caretaker, 2nd March **2010**

· I have heard a cockney say they were going up the Tony Blairs instead of going up the apples or even apples and pears[.] – *Vanguard News Network Forum*, 17th June **2011**

Tony Cole

noun

sexual intercourse, especially from a male perspective

[UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hole*.

· Even the Alan Moore’s in Dundee are giving the punters their Tony Cole for free to cheer them up. – *We Are Perth* forum, 11th March **2009**

Tony Cottee

noun

1 the buttocks; the anus [UK]

Rhymes on *botty*. < English footballer, manager and television commentator Tony Cottee (b.1965).

· I tried to take her up the Tony Cottee but my nob was too big so I just jizzed on her back instead. – *UD(.com)*, 29th August **2006**

2 a potty (a young child’s portable toilet) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Tony Hatch; tony

noun

1 a match (a vesta) [UK]

< English pop composer Tony Hatch (b.1939). Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

2 a girl or woman [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *snatch*. Only recorded in the full form.

· I'd taken the morning off to watch the female gymnastics on telly. There was some pubescent ex-commie Tony Hatch worth forty wanks. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.135 [1999], **1998**

S an act or instance of stealing [UK: MANCHESTER]
Rhymes on *snatch*. Criminal use.

· At the ground we clocked the turnstile that was taking most money and took up positions in preparation for a Tony Hatch – a snatch. – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.165, **2004**
· Witnesses had stated that a mixed-race guy was responsible for the Tony, which cast doubt on my guilt. I was chuffed to bits that I'd got away with the snatch. [...] It was an extremely long stint for the Dutch to give out for a Tony Hatch – Essy only got four years for killing somebody! – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, pp.101/119, **2014**

Tony Lockett

noun

a pocket [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian Rules footballer Tony Lockett (b.1966).
· [N]o tony lockett's in these pants. – *BigFooty AFL Forum*, 12th January **2004**

Tony Roper

noun

a stockbroker [UK: SCOTLAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Scottish actor and writer Tony Roper (b.1941).
· When ye say yer getting' dividends, diz that mean ye hiv yer ain Tony Roper, or hiv ye bin daeing a lot o' shoppin' at the Coappie? – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Tony's den

noun

in bingo, the number ten [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< *Tony's den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Tony Blair (b.1953) during his period as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1997–2007). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*. ► see KING BLAIR'S DEN
· Bang on the Drum, for 71, has been scrapped to make room for “J-Lo's Bum” and Tony's Den – 10 – is now home to Hollywood's golden couple Brad 'n' Jen. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 5th May **2003**
· – L. Welsh, *The Bullet Trick*, p.301, **2006**
· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.108, **2007**
· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Tony Slattery; tony

noun

a battery [UK]

< English comedian Tony Slattery (b.1959).
· – *The Psychologist*, magazine of the British Psychological Society, **1993**
· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
· The ole jamjar's off the frog and toad because [...] the Tony Slattery's flat and the Charlie Drakes have gone Pete Tong. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.57, **2008**

· Don't know if anyone already knows this, but (being a Londoner past and future!) I am aware of it. Thought I would share it. Tony's name is a modern piece of rhyming slang. TONY SLATTERY = BATTERY. So if you need any for your remote control, you would perfectly entitled to say “I need a couple of AA Tonies.” – *z15.invisionfree.com*, *The Tsf Forums*, 15th January **2008**
· [M]y Tony's dying. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

Tony Smeeth

noun

the teeth [IRELAND]

< Tony Smeeth (b.ca 1960), Director of Rugby at Dublin's Trinity College.
· [A]ll I know is she's done a lot of growing up since that time I was with her, nice rack, brace gone from her Tony Smeeth, and she's basically flirting her orse off with me, roysh[,] – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.167, **2004**

toon halls

noun

► see TOWN HALLS

too risky

noun

whisky [UK: SCOTLAND]

· Ah've set up a wee *too risky* for myself and Elaine, wi a Coke for Maria, who, tae our surprise, quickly throws one ay the nips back. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.152, **2012**

toot

noun

money [US/UK]

Possibly a slang rhyme on *loot*. Conjectured by Partridge (1949) to be a shortening of WHISTLE AND TOOT. Chronology militates against this etymology, though: according to the available evidence, *toot* dates from the late 19th century, while *whistle and toot* is not found until the second half of the 20th century. Another reason that makes Partridge's theory unlikely is that *whistle and toot* has only been recorded in British English, but the first known use of *toot* is American. Curiously enough, in the eighth (1984) edition of his dictionary, Partridge derives *loot* from *whistle and hoot*, which must be a misprint for *whistle and toot*. There is no evidence, in fact, that *whistle and hoot* has ever been used.
· There isn't a man in the country—and I'll put up \$500 at the *Clipper* office—which I believe is the usual “toot” when you bet—to back it, who has a greater reverence for the genuine article of Religion than I have. – J. Green, *GDoS*, 2010: S.A. Mackeever, *Glimpses of Gotham*, p.13, **1880**
· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**
· – W. Granville, *SSTC*, **1949**
· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, **1949**
· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

Toothpaste
nickname
Cameroonian footballer Timothée Atouba (b.1982), who played for Tottenham Hotspur in the 2004/05 season

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *Atouba* and *a tuber*, the colloquial pronunciation of *a tube of*, used in the phrase *a tube of toothpaste*.

· “Timothee Atouba – at Spurs we called him Toothpaste,” writes John Lally. – *elgg.leeds.ac.uk*, blog, 27th April **2009**

· Former Spurs leftback Timothee Atouba was ‘Toothpaste’ (Atouba Toothpaste)[.] – *Daily Mail*, London, 6th June **2011**

Tooting Bec; tooting

noun

1 a small quantity of food, a light meal, a bite [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *peck*. < Tooting Bec, also known as Upper Tooting, an area of south London.

· She can already hear his “plates of meat”–his feet–on the stairs. Soon he is indoors, taking off his “daisy roots”–his boots–before sitting down to his “Tooting,” which again is mystifying until you call to mind that there is a place called Upper Tooting, and that “upper” rhymes with “supper.” – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 19th July **1937**

· Let’s have a speck of Tooting. – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· No bees and honey. No pig’s ear. Not even a Tooting of Tommy O’Rann. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June **2007**

2 a quick, light kiss [UK]

Rhymes on *peck*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Go on, don’t be shy – give her a Tooting on the cheek. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

tooting beckish

adjective

hungry [UK]

Rhymes on *peckish*. A derivative of **TOOTING BEC**.

· I’m feeling a bit Tooting Beckish. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd June **2007**

top date

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-eight [NEW ZEALAND/US/UK/IRELAND]

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th July **2007**

· – *oliviateenelizbucketlist.weebly.com*, November **2008**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.online-bingo.ie*, accessed 5th November **2013**

top 40 hits

noun

■ **get on someone’s top 40 hits** to annoy or irritate someone intensely [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *tits*, used in the phrase *get on someone’s tits*.

· Because the way Hearts fans are portraying themselves and their club of late is getting on my Top 40 Hits. – *Fit-baw Mad* forum, 21st October **2014**

Top Gun

noun

one hundred pounds [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *ton*. < *Top Gun*, a 1986 American film directed by Tony Scott and starring Tom Cruise.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

top hat; topper

noun

1 a cat [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**

2 an incompetent or foolish person [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· *OMFGZZZ* what are you doing you complete and utter tophat!!! – *UD(.com)*, 8th January **2005**

3 a rat [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

4 a contemptible, untrustworthy person [UK]

Rhymes on *rat*. Only recorded in the full form.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

5 a chat [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· After a couple of jars, he decided to approach her for a top hat... – *Mingle2* forum, 27th October **2008**

· Let’s get together for a top hat. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

6 a cricket bat [UK]

Cricketers’ slang.

· Top hat – bat: as in “My toppers cracked”. – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

· Here comes the next top hat. – *smhcc.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th November **2005**

top joint; top jint

noun

a pint of beer [UK]

The phonetic spelling *top jint*, recorded by Hotten (1859), suggests that the pronunciation of *joint* has been slightly altered (or rather ‘over-cockneyfied’) to make a genuine rhyme.

· – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**

top of Rome

noun

home; a home [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Va-

caville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, 1857
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859
- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] home (top of Rome); newspaper (Long Acre). – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January 1939
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- So she bolted and took a speel on the drum to the top of Rome. – A. Carter, *A Victorian Fable*, p.17 [1995], 1966

top of the form

adjective

warm [UK]

< *Top of the Form*, a BBC quiz show that began in 1948 and ran until 1986, first on radio and later on television.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Top of the Pops

noun

police officers [UK]

Rhymes on *cops*. < *Top of the Pops*, a British TV music programme broadcast from 1964 to 2006. Possibly a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

- There were a staggering number of Top of the Pops about, stretching back as far as the eye could see. – D. King, *Milo’s Marauders*, p.180, 2005

top ten hit

noun

an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 26th March 2007
- – *theSGL.com* forum, 25th May 2008

top ten hits; top tens

noun

■ a woman’s breasts [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. In British usage, only recorded in the full form.

- The name’s not important, but she had great top tens and an aloysh boat. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Bridesmaids*, p.12, 2004
- I met a girl at the bar who wasn’t the mae... she had a cracking set of top tens alright, but her Brendan was in ribbons. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November 2006
- [L]ook at the top ten hits on her. – *www.bebo.com*, 6th December 2006
- [W]hat better way to enjoy a game of PES7 than by having it endorsed by the sun or daily star newspapers and

having your fav page 3 girl running across your screen with her top ten hits flapping in the wind for all to see[.]

– *PESFan* forum, 13th December 2006

- Are her top tens real? They look very fake to me. – *Boards.ie* forum, 20th August 2009

· Mad what men will do for a big pair of Top Ten Hits!! – *twitter.com*, 17th June 2010

· She looked better when she was curvy. Her top tens are disappearing... – *Boards.ie* forum, 28th July 2010

2 ■ **get on someone’s top ten hits; get on someone’s top tens** to annoy or irritate someone intensely [IRELAND/UK]

Rhymes on *tits*, used in the phrase *get on someone’s tits*. In British usage, only recorded in the full form.

- Until today, I only ever had positive experiences on Ebay but my regular nailpolish seller is seriously getting on my top tens. – *Beaut.ie*, blog, 25th September 2009
- [T]he dogs in there get on my top ten hits, dogs sat on seats in pubs where i am eating is plain wrong. – *www.chorlton.co.uk*, forum, 27th September 2010

top-flat

noun

a hat [UK]

- When he has done eating he may, if he is not “hearts of oak,” which is to say “broke” or penniless, put on a more seemly pair of “round the houses”-trousers-don his “top-flat”, or hat, and stroll out under the pretext of having a “Barnet Fair cut”[.] – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 20th March 1926

Topps Tiles; Tops Tiles; topps

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Topps Tiles, a British tile and wood flooring retailer.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd May 2007

· Think your “tops tiles” need the germaroid shuffle but I would give pink vibrator a miss! – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th February 2012

· In Cockney rhyming slang we have at least fifteen separate synonyms for haemorrhoids. [...] Emmas, Clements, Sigmunds, Rockfords, Chalfonts, Topps, Bernards[.] – P. Beadle, *Literacy*, p.77, 2015

tops of houses

noun

trousers [UK]

- I can see you don’t know your London slang; dickey dirt for shirt, tops of houses for your trousers, plates of meat for your feet, almond rocks for your socks, and so on. – J. Lodwick, *Running to Paradise*, p.358, 1943

Tord Grips

noun

a woman’s nipples [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *nips*. < Swedish football manager Tord Grip (b.1938).

- Look at her Tord Grips. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th January 2002

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
 · Nah! She's definitely a Shaken not Stirred, I've seen her Tord Grips and her Sigourney Weaver. – *Southport Forum*, 2nd August 2008

torn thumb

noun

rum [UK]

Probably an alteration of TOM THUMB.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960
 · Used to be a lot of fun in the old days. Before the war, when the blokes would come in and order a pig's, two torn thumbs, a lincolns[.] – *The Windsor Star*, Windsor, Ontario, 29th August 1978

Torquay in Devon

noun

in bingo, the number eighty-seven [UK/IRELAND]

< Torquay, a seaside town in the county of Devon, in the south-west of England.

· – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February 2002
 · – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, 2004
 · – H. Norris, *Chambers Factfinder*, p.594, 2006
 · – *www.ballsupbingo.co.uk*, 13th April 2011
 · – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
 · – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

Torquay United

adjective

excited [UK]

< Torquay United, a football club based in Torquay, Devon, in the south-west of England.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

torrid zone

noun

a telephone [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Torvill and Dean; torvill

noun

1 a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *queen*. Always used in full. < English Olympic ice-dancing champions Jayne Torvill (b.1957) and Christopher Dean (b.1958).

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003
 · He's a right old torvill. – *A(.com)*, 15th December 2006

2 a queen [UK]

· Was it not our very own Torvill (& Dean – Queen) Elizabeth the Geoff (Hurst – 1st) who said her coronation was to be in English, so the entirety of her people could understand the Weaver's Chairs (prayers) they were hearing? – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March 2012

Torvill and Dean; torvill

adjective

keen [UK]

< English Olympic ice-dancing champions Jayne Torvill (b.1957) and Christopher Dean (b.1958).

· Torvill and Dean. She's a bit torvill on my mate Barry. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th December 2006

Torville and Deans; torvilles

noun

beans [UK]

< English Olympic ice-dancing champions Jayne Torvill (b.1957) and Christopher Dean (b.1958).

· In 2008 they made a comeback for TVs *Dancing on Ice* and a new expression was heard in a Greenwich café, 'torvilles on toast'. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

toss the caber

noun

a neighbour [UK: SCOTLAND]

< *toss the caber*, a reference to the traditional Scottish sport of tossing the caber, in which competitors throw a long, heavy wooden pole as far as they can.

· Ah, we're very lucky tae hiv such guid toss the cabers. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

total wreck

noun

a cheque [US/AUSTRALIA/UK]

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
 · – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
 · – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977
 · – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, 1990

tottie peeling

noun

▶ see TATTIE PEELIN

tottie scone

noun

a telephone [UK: SCOTLAND]

A perfect rhyme for those speakers who pronounce *scone* with a diphthong. < *tottie scone*, the Scots form of English *potato scone*, a type of scone popular in Scotland. *Tottie* is a West Central Scots variant of *tattie* 'potato'.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994

touch and tap

noun

a cap [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

touch-me-on-the-nob; touch me on the knob;

touch-my-nob; touch-me

noun

a shilling [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on the slang *bob*. *Touch-me-on-the-nob* is recorded in both locations of use. According to the available evidence, *touch me on the knob*, *touch-my-nob* and *touch-me* are exclusively British.

· Paid twenty-seven touch-me-on-the-nob for 'em. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

- “Touch me,” a common term for a shilling, is also derived from the same source, it being short for “touch-me-on-the-nob,” which is rhyming slang for “bob” or shilling. – J.C. Hotten, *SD5*, p.63, **1874**
- This particular coin is always designated as “touch-me,” short for “touch-me-on-the-nob” (“bob”)[.] – *The London Figaro*, 26th November **1898**
- **Touch-my-nob**, *subs.* (rhyming). – A shilling[.] – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1904**
- He borrows a ‘touch me’ from a pal, however. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**
- [A] shilling is known as “og” and “touch-me,” the latter short for “touch me on the nob,” the rhyming slang for bob. – *Aberdeen Press and Journal*, 14th October **1925**
- Rhyming slang turns the useful coin into “Abraham’s willing” and also “touch-me-on-the-nob,” often shortened into “touch-me.” – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 30th April **1937**
- Not long ago I heard a shabby gent recounting his experiences to a pal. Moaned he: “An’, s’elp me, I’d ’ardly got a touch-me in my sky, much less an amesjay to pay for me saint an’ sinner!” – J.B. Booth, *Sporting Times*, p.89, **1938**
- Here we give some common examples of those mysterious phrases which have been spoken in London, and elsewhere, for generations. [...] A touch me. – *Evening Despatch*, Birmingham, 23rd December **1940**
- Touch Me on the Knob [...] Bob (Shilling). – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- Some of us had to be content with just a bob or two made up of an Oxford scholar and a touch-me-on-the-nob and a few tanners. – *John O’London’s Weekly*, 7th September **1945**
- The trouble and strife kept touching me for a touch me when I couldn’t get a rub-a-dub-dub. – *Books of the Month* magazine, London, March **1960**

tough Bristol Cities; tough bristols

noun

- bad luck or unfortunate circumstances [AUSTRALIA/UK]
- A rhyming equivalent of *tough titties*. Formed on *Bristol Cities*, the plural of BRISTOL CITY. Often used exclaimatorily to express a lack of sympathy towards the misfortunes of others.
- The Democrats either directly or by surrogate have every right, indeed duty, to go after Sarah Palin. If Bristol Palin gets hurt in the process, that’s just tough Bristols. – *larvatusprodeo.net*, blog, 2nd September **2008**
 - Ha ha ha sugar and spice try! But tough Bristol cities, so get a Porridge Knife and stop bein’ a lil’ tell Alderman’s Nail moaner and winger, me profile will stand. – *My-FinePix UK* forum, 14th October **2009**
 - [T]hey’re currently into me for £20,650. And, as it’s a tacit agreement, it’s completely lawful, non-negotiable, un-rejectable, etc. Tough Bristols. – *Get Out of Debt for Free* forum, 3rd April **2012**

- You have to list a manager on the lineup card for each match. And on that day, it wasn’t Martin Jol. Tough Bristol Cities. – *Friends of Fulham* forum, 4th May **2012**
- If the other teams didn’t want to test then that’s tough bristols. – *Autosport* forum, 8th June **2013**

to Waterloo

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-two [UK]

A reference to Waterloo station in London.

- – *www.bingocalls.org*, accessed 15th October **2013**

tower

noun

a good look [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *eyeful* and *Eiffel*. < *Eiffel Tower*, the most recognisable landmark in Paris. Used in the phrase *have a tower!*.

- – *www.london slang.com*, June **2002**

· – *Through the Looking Glass* forum, 22nd November **2004**

Tower Bridge; tower

noun

a fridge [UK]

< Tower Bridge, a major London landmark. Both forms are first recorded in 1992.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

· Get a pigs ear out the tower. – *twitter.com*, 19th December **2014**

Tower Hill

verb

to kill [UK]

< Tower Hill, an area of London.

· Slow down or we’ll all be Tower Hilled. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

town

noun

a pre-decimalisation halfpenny coin [UK]

A slang rhyme on *brown*, from the copper colour of the coin.

- – J.R. Ware, *Passing English*, **1909**

town crier

noun

a liar [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, **1995**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

town hall

noun

1 a cricket ball [AUSTRALIA]

· They’ve propped for a while because the town hall, when it landed, came down fair on the skull of a charlie

wheeler and she's out like a flamin' light. – *The Sunday Times*, Perth, 6th February 1955

2 football [IRELAND]

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, 1974

town halls; toon halls; towns; townies

noun

1 the testicles [AUSTRALIA/UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*. Spelt and pronounced *toon halls* by speakers from the Tyneside area in the north of England. The reduced variant *townies* is exclusively Irish.

▶ see DOG'S TOWN HALLS and ORCHESTRA HALLS

· [H]e regularly used rhyming slang but denied pulling out his pants in front of a woman and asking: "What do you think of these town halls?" – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 19th April 1991

· It was hairy from the age of nine, Moby's dick. Not just his towns and that, by the way. The whole package. – K. Sampson, *Outlaws*, p.12 [2002], 2001

· [E]ven though I can't actually see him, I know that as he's saying this he's, like, eyeing up one of the secretaries and scratching his town halls. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.158, 2005

· And getting a kick in the townies. – *Thumped* forum, 16th August 2005

· I have been booted in the toon halls and it makes childbirth feel like a mild cold. – *Overclockers UK* forum, 6th February 2006

· Oh and for the record i dint get burnt but did nearly rip my little finger off and also hit myself in the toon halls with the cage when i tried to change direction! – *Detailing World* forum, 3rd November 2010

2 basketballs [AUSTRALIA]

Only recorded in the form *town halls*.

· Or I might say to some of the kids 'go and get the town halls' ... in reference to the basket balls. – *Sydney Morning Herald*, 19th April 1991

3 ■ make a town halls of (something) to spoil or make a mess of (something) [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *balls*, used in the phrase *make a balls of (something)*.

· Big bad news I'm afraid, I made a right town halls of it. – *Morrissey-solo* forum, 28th January 2002

· Well now that Fredrico has made a town halls of the pedalling task his odds have got to shorten. – *Boards.ie* forum, 28th May 2003

· [T]ry and oppress my freedom to make a Town Halls of everything I touch. – *The City State of Q102* forum, 8th August 2006

· Make a "town halls" of my drive and hacked my way up to the green. – *Sunday Tribune*, Dublin, 14th June 2009

· Need to ensure we qualify on thursday and win at Sunderland on sunday, and not make a town halls of it. – *Mancifyfans.net* forum, 24th August 2010

· This absolutely reeks of interference from people who have already made a right town halls of appointing a new manager. – *Reissued* forum, 13th May 2014

towns and cities

noun

a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *titties*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

· – P. Fryer, *Mrs Grundy* [1965], p.291, 1963

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.16, 1973

· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.52, 1987

Toxic Hell; Toxic Smell

nickname

Taco Bell, an American-owned Tex-Mex restaurant chain

The earliest form is *Toxic Hell*, which Barry Popik (www.barrypopik.com, 30th March 2011) dates from at least 1990. According to Popik (www.barrypopik.com, 10th December 2012), *Toxic Smell* has been used since at least 1994. Other nicknames for this restaurant chain are TACO HELL and TACO SMELL.

· Does anyone share my opinion that Taco Bell (Toxic Hell) employees are the most unintelligent fast food service persons in all of the world? – www.barrypopik.com, 30th March 2011: *alt.peeves*, *Google Groups*, 10th December 1990

· Nearby fast-food restaurants are *Toxic Hell* for 'Taco Bell' and *Pizza Slut* for 'Pizza Hut'. – C. Eble, *Slang & Sociability*, p.128, 1996

· Toxic Smell aka Taco Bell. – *alt.cooking-chien*, *Google Groups*, 13th July 1998

· You want pizza or Toxic Hell for supper? – *UD(.com)*, 9th December 2003

· Ah, and in my town, Taco Bell is generally referred to by the much more charming "Toxic Hell". – *The Other Side* forum, 6th June 2010

toy

noun

a boy [US]

A slang rhyme.

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

toy dolls; toys

noun

the testicles [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Depends on the Northern Irish pronunciation of *dolls* rhyming on *balls*. A vernacular coinage or a post hoc rhyming interpretation of the Scottish slang *toy dolls*, also used in this sense. Synonymous with AUGHNA-CLOYS.

· – M. Munro, *Pardon*, pp.144/249, 2007

Toys R Us; toys

noun

a bus [UK]

< Toys "R" Us, a leading American toy retailer.

- – CPFC BBS forum, 16th April **2007**
- Just leaving work to catch the toys home! – *Charlton Life* forum, 19th June **2007**

toy tank*noun*

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

- [S]ounds better than having a toy tank which is what I thought you meant. – *Mumsnet* forum, 15th June **2007**
- [R]hyming slang, favourites. – toy tank. – surely it's jodrell bank? – *RTG Sunderland*, 14th March **2012**

TR*noun*

▶ see TEXAS RANGER

Trafalgar Square; trafalgar*noun*

a chair [UK]

< Trafalgar Square, a major London landmark. The short form is given by Puxley (1998).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.30, **2011**

Traff*nickname*used as a substitute for the name *Mark* [UK: MANCHESTER]A shortening of *Trafford Park*. < Trafford Park, an industrial estate in Greater Manchester, England.

- – *www.bbc.co.uk*, 6th November **2002**
- – C. Brook-Chorlton, *Manchester Dialect*, p.21, **2014**

trainspottin'*adjective*

very bad [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *rotten*. < *Trainspotting*, a 1993 novel by Scottish writer Irvine Welsh.

- He's been completely trainspottin' the night. He's hardly touched the baw. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

train tracks*noun*

a toilet [IRELAND]

Rhymes on the Irish slang *the jacks*.

- [O]ff to the train tracks for a Forrest Gump and Paddy Power then the Maggie Thatcher for me... – *twitter.com*, 13th April **2010**

train wreck*noun*

the neck [US/UK]

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.57, **1973**

traitor's head*noun*

a bed [UK]

- So he goes back to his 'Charley Wiggins' (diggings), winds up his 'three of Scotch,' and after blowing the 'Harry Randle' out, he jumps into 'traitor's head,' and is soon 'bo-peep'. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

trams and trains; trams*noun*

1 intelligence [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *brains*.

- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- You don't get far not using your trams 'n' trains – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.88, **1995**
- Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhyming slang which would have been better off forgotten. Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. [...] trams and trains – brains[.] – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March **2004**
- [S]urely the main players at the club would be disappointed with the incident and dont need riff raff like you to come on here and criticize the whole club for a kid who has no trams and trains... – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th July **2007**
- If ya haven't any trams in your loaf, your onkas won't work. – *Cyburbia* forum, 1st July **2008**
- [I]ts the poms who have no trams and trains – like to blow of the north and south and bloody well never take a now is the hour!! – *Sennadar* forum, 7th January **2009**
- [I]s it me or do you still have no trams and trains... – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 3rd November **2009**
- 2 drains [AUSTRALIA]
- Only evidenced in the full form.
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

trap and mouse*noun*

a house [US]

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

Travis Tuck*noun*

1 something of no value [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fuck*. < Australian Rules footballer Travis Tuck (b.1987), son of Michael Tuck. Used in the phrase *not give a Travis Tuck* 'to not care at all'. Synonymous with MICHAEL TUCK.

- i don't think North would give a 'Travis Tuck' for anything else but pick 9. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 9th September **2009**
- 2 a person viewed as a sex object [AUSTRALIA]
- Rhymes on *fuck*.

- Last weekend I cruised the streets of St Kilda looking for a Travis Tuck. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 15th October **2009**
- ③ an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on *fuck*. Synonymous with MICHAEL TUCK.
- – *Bomberblitz* forum, 5th October **2015**

tray bits*noun*

▶ see TREY BITS

traysalties*noun*

a woman's breasts [UK]

A covert pun on TREY BITS, rhyming on *tits*. < *tray salties*, an equivalent of *trei bits* 'threepence'; formed by the combination of the slang words *tray* (also spelt *trei*) 'three' and *saltie* (also spelt *salty* or *saltee*) 'a penny'.

- If we saw a good-looking girl coming down the street we would say, '*Varda the bona palone wiv the bona traysalties ya jags.*' And that meant, 'Look at that lovely girl wiv the nice breasts.' – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.13, **1983**

treacle tart; treacle*noun*

① art (as part of an educational curriculum) [UK]
Schoolchildren's slang. Always used in full. ▶ see APPLE TART and FART

- – I. Opie and P. Opie, *Lore and Language*, p.173, **1959**

② a fart [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

③ a sweetheart, often specifically a woman [UK]
Suggested by the metaphorical notion of sweetness, but also influenced, at least in part, by *tart* 'a woman'. Also used as a term of endearment, usually in the form *treacle*. In this use, however, *treacle* may be a shortening of *treacle tart*, a metaphor or both things at a time.

▶ see TREACLE WORLD CUP

- But look at this place, treacle. – G. Bushell, *The Face*, p.118, **2001**
- You're MY treacle tart! – *www.styleslicker.com*, 4th April **2011**
- LEBS!!! How are you treacle tart? Set up the charity to bring me back to Southy yet? – *twitter.com*, 15th November **2012**
- I'd probably make her Secretary of State for Treacles, as I think she would make a good voice for women. [...] Treacle: Treacle tart – sweetheart (used as a term for a woman) – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, pp.268/293, **2015**
- Do yourself a favour, treacle, and jog on. – *Gotham: Rise of the Villains*, US TV: Fox, 12th October **2015**
- Orwright, treacle, you bought your saucepan to see me, 'ave you? – *Viz* comic, December **2016**

treacle tart*verb*

to fart [UK]

- I always seem to have really bad guts on a plane and much as i love treacle tarting try to restrain myself in this confined space. – *ShrimperZone* forum, 21st September **2007**

· Judging by the elevation of the aforementioned's nose, it would appear that HRH had 'treacle tarted!' – *Burnham-On-Sea* forum, 8th November **2009**

treacle toffee; treacle*noun*

coffee [UK]

- [T]he 'treacle' ('treacle toffee'–coffee) was stone 'Harry' ('Harry Gold'–cold). – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

Treacle World Cup*nickname*

the FIFA Women's World Cup [UK]

- Formed from *treacle*, a shortening of TREACLE TART. Coinage is credited to Cockney actor Danny Dyer (b.1977).
- Not gonna lie.....more excited about the treacle World Cup....you can bet ya bollocks England have got more heart and spirit than the men. – *twitter.com*, 6th June **2015**
- His bird is in Canada fot treacle world cup, wonder if he's tagged along. – *Footymad* forum, 1st July **2015**
- Even in this odd year, we have had an under-21's international tournament and the Treacle World Cup (© Danny Dyer). – *sabotagetimes.com*, 16th July **2015**

· During treacle World Cup, I loved cheering on the team through Twitter, having people come back to me, all that. – D. Dyer, *The World According to Danny Dyer*, p.138, **2015**

treasure hunt; treasure*noun*

① the vagina [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

② a contemptible fool [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*.

- The next time someone calls you a 'treasure', make sure they're smiling. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- **treasure** c*nt (cockney rhyming slang: "treasure hunt"), specifically person who acts like a c*nt[.] – *UD (.com)*, 11th May **2004**
- He sounds like he hasn't a clue what he's on about this Koontz chap. What a treasure hunt. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 23rd October **2008**

treat 'em mean; treat me mean*noun*

in bingo, the number thirteen [UK]

< *treat 'em mean, keep 'em keen*, a sexist adage that a man should never be too kind to a woman if he wants to keep her interested in him.

- Bingo call for number 13. Treat me mean. Unlucky for some. – *www.onlinebingo.net*, 22nd July **2008**

· **13**: treat 'em mean. – www.bingocalls.org/funny-bingo-calls, accessed 15th October **2013**

treble chance

noun

a dance [UK]

< *treble chance* 'a type of football pools'.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

treble two's

noun

the police [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *screws*.

- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

tree and sap

noun

a tap (for water, etc.) [AUSTRALIA]

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· **Tree and sap / Tree 'n' sap** – tap (faucet). – *rudocs.exdat.com*, 6th January **2002**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Trevor Gripper; gripper

noun

a slipper [AUSTRALIA]

< Zimbabwean cricketer Trevor Gripper (b.1975).

· Trevor Gripper – slipper. “Jump into the grippers for me”. – *Cricket Web* forum, 18th August **2006**

Trevor Giles

noun

haemorrhoids [IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < Irish Gaelic footballer Trevor Giles (b.ca 1975).

- – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

Trevor Morley

adjective

unwell [UK]

Rhymes on *poorly*. < English footballer Trevor Morley (b.1961).

- – www.bbc.co.uk, 29th October **2014**

Trevor Nunn; trevor

noun

a 2:1 ('two-one') honours degree [UK]

< English theatre and film director Trevor Nunn (b.1940).

· But now there is a Geoff (as in Hurst) for first, a 2:1 is a Trevor (Nunn) and a third is a Douglas (Hurd). – *Daily Mail*, London, 8th December **2000**

· [O]thers will receive a Trevor Nunn (2:1) or a Desmond, as in the Archbishop Desmond Tutu (2:2). – www.telegraph.co.uk, 8th December **2000**

· My sister just messaged me to let me know she got a Trevor Nunn (2:1) for her finals at university. – martin-little.com, 24th June **2004**

· This year I scored a Trevor. For me the difference between a Damien and a Trevor means restructuring my

habits and methods. – londonexternal.wordpress.com, blog, accessed 19th April **2013**

Trevor Sinclair; trevor

noun

a nightmare [UK]

< English footballer Trevor Sinclair (b.1973).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 19th October **2002**

· That would be a total bloody Trevor. – www.therakeandherald.tv, 11th August **2012**

T Rex

noun

sex [UK]

< T. Rex, originally named Tyrannosaurus Rex, an English rock band of the 1960s and 1970s. The band's name was officially shortened to T. Rex in 1970.

· A predatory term from the would-be sexual athlete who goes out on the pull in search of a 'bit of T Rex'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· I'm a pot and pan and I need my T-rex. – *OkCupid* forum, 27th April **2010**

· Everyone loves a bit of T Rex, SEX, of course you do! – twitter.com, 29th August **2012**

trex bits; tray bits; treys

noun

1 a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tits*. < *trex bit* (also spelt *tray bit*) 'in pre-decimalisation currency, a threepenny piece'. Hence TRAYSALTIES. Recorded in the forms *trex bits* (Baker 1953; Simes 1993; Peterkin 1999) and *tray bits* (Richter 1987). *Tracy bits*, listed in some dictionaries, seems to be a ghost word originating in Franklyn (1961). This author claims that *tracy bits* is recorded by Baker (1953), but Baker gives *trex bits*, not *tracy bits*.

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: **1950**

· – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.135, **1953**

· – A. Richter, *The Language of Sexuality*, p.52, **1987**

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.24, **1999**

2 diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the trex bits* 'to make someone angry or annoyed'.

· “Found anything?” he inquired. “No,” Evans replied. “Oscar’s got a touch of the treys, but.” – T.A.G. Hungerford, *Ridge*, p.24, **1952**

· “Found anything?” “No,” Evans replied. “Oscar’s got a touch of the tray bits.” – *The Sunday Herald*, ‘The Ridge and the River, Second Episode of an Australian Commando’s Prize-Winning Novel’, 29th June **1952**

· **trex bits**: the shits. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· What I find amazing is that I taught meditation as part of a ‘natural magick’ class and it is failing me. That gives me the tray bits. – blogs.theage.com.au, blog, 16th March **2007**

· **trex bits** 1. Rhyming slang for the shits. 2. Rhyming slang for tits. – J. Miller, *LD*, **2009**

· Had a real dose of the “tray bits” last Friday... – *HuntingNut* forum, 7th April **2010**

trilby hat; trilby

noun

1 a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *prat* and *twat*. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 16th November **2008**

2 a rat [UK]

· As heard by a nightfisher on the towpath at Ham a while back.... “I’m getting out of here, bloomin’ place is running with TRILBYS!” – *Griffin Park Grapevine* forum, 14th November **2008**

Tristram Hunt; tristram

noun

1 an obnoxious or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. < English historian and Labour politician Tristram Hunt (b.1974).

· What a Tristram! – *histomatist.blogspot.com*, blog, 21st May **2006**

· What a bunch of Tristrams. – *order-order.com*, blog, 3rd April **2010**

· He... is a Tristram Hunt. – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd November **2010**

· That bloke is a bit of a “Tristram Hunt”. – *twitter.com*, 7th January **2014**

· The Labour chap is being a right Tristram Hunt already! – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 5th February **2015**

2 a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing; a foul-up [UK]

Rhymes on *cunt*. Used in the phrase *make a Tristram Hunt of (something)* ‘to mess up, ruin, spoil’.

· Do you think Labour will make a ‘Tristram Hunt’ of electing a new leader? – *www.facebook.com*, 13th May **2015**

· Put your hands up and admit you made a Tristram Hunt of it last night. – *PistonHeads* forum, 22nd August **2015**

trizzy bits

noun

diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < *trizzy bit*, an Australian slang term for an old (pre-decimalisation) threepenny piece.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

trolley and tram; trolley

noun

ham [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

trolley and truck; trolley

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

· Then there are *Friar Tuck*, and *trolley and truck*, where the last word of the rhymers means copulation. – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.87, **1973**

· – J. Holford, *Gallop Your Maggot*, p.139, **2005**

· What’s a gel gotta do to get a trolley round ‘ere? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Trolley (trolley and truck) – yes you guessed it... used in the verb sense of fornicating[.] – *www.businessballs.com*, accessed 10th February **2009**

trolley and truck

verb

to have sex (with someone) [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

trombone; trom

noun

a telephone [UK]

· [A] phone can be either “trombone” or “Eau de Cologne”[.] – J. Gosling, *Squad*, p.24 [1960], **1959**

· Get me on the trombone if you’ve anything to report—anything understand?—but be careful what you say. – D. Warner, *Death of a Snout*, p.27 [1974], **1961**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.45, **1973**

· I can’t wait to see Daley’s boat. He’ll be on the old trombone in two seconds. – A. Masters, *Minder – Back Again*, p.131, **1984**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· And sling that trom – I’ll get you another one. – J.J. Conolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.112, **2011**

· – B. Hawkins, *The Complete ‘Minder’*, p.111, **2014**

tropical birds; tropics

noun

in cricket, the third senior team within a club [UK]

Rhymes on *the thirds*.

· Tropical birds – thirds: as in “I’m playing in the Tropics this weekend”. – *www.googliesandchinamen.com*, April **2003**

tropical fish; tropie

noun

an act of urination [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *pish*, the Scots form of *piss*.

· Sorry, Vaughan, ah wis burstin for a tropical fish, eh. – I. Welsh, *Ecstasy*, p.184 [1997], **1996**

· I’m off for a tropie. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· Aye if Im with geraldine I wont say ‘Im away for a pish (pee)’ I’ll just more appropriatley say ‘Im away for a tropical fish’ ... – *Goonersworld* forum, 2nd October **2008**

trot and pace

noun

the face [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

trot and paces

noun

horse races [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

trouble and drummer

noun

a plumber [UK: NEWCASTLE]

· Also in geordie land, a ‘trouble and drummer’ is a plumber, ‘apples and pears’ are a variety of cider, ‘dog and boulder’ = shoulder. – *www.hintsandthings.co.uk*, 3rd December 2009

trouble and fuss; trouble

noun

a bus [UK]

· As its so ‘Arry I gets on a *trouble an’* when I gets ‘ome I find the *plates* is out ‘aving a *butcher’s* round the *rub-as* for me and the *cherry*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, 1969

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – *kl2.lang.art*, *Google Groups*, 15th May 1994

· On this particular day he went up to the main road as usual and waited half an hour for the bendy *trouble*, which was late as usual. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.148, 2011

trouble and strife; trouble

noun

1 a wife or female partner [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

Thus OLD BUBBLE.

· ‘Ria, it appears, has become the “trouble and strife” (wife) of a coster, who though admiring her beauty cannot stand her temper[.] – *The Era*, London, 4th December 1897

· Hello, old pot-and-pan, how is your trouble-and-strife? – *New Statesman*, London, 25th August 1917

· Hello, old pot and pan, how is your trouble and strife? – *The Age*, Melbourne, 3rd July 1920

· I’ve got me trouble and strife and me god-fer-bids to look after. – *The Evening News and Southern Daily Mail*, Portsmouth and Southsea, 29th August 1933

· My old trouble-and-strife is head chambermaid here, sir. – J. Bridie, *Marriage*, I.ii, p.26, 1934

· [I]t turned out to be Mrs. Bondon, you know, Harry Bondon’s trouble. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.14, ca 1937

· My wife he always called the trouble and strife, my mate was my tin plate, the road was the frog and toad and he never went up the hill. – F.W.G. Miller, *Gold in the River*, p.37 [1969], 1946

· [A]nd then I tell you I’d just as soon walk into a dug-out full of Jerries meself, with the little old trouble-and-strife down there pullin’ beer. – D. Cusack and F. James, *Come in Spinner*, p.307, 1951

· And six months ago she became my trouble an’ strife. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983; H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; ante 1965

· Before long I became all too familiar with the two crosses he had to bear. The first was his ‘trouble’ which for a long time I took to mean some internal complaint, but which of course was his trouble and strife–wife. – J. Pudney, *Book of London*, p.15, 1965

· So I said to the trouble and strife that I had a few barney dillons in me dean’s grange[.] – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.8, 1966

· TROUBLE-AND-STRIFE *n.* Wife[.] – D. Looser, *Boob Jargon*, p.36, 1999; Christchurch Women’s Prison, September 1997

· She became his trouble, and soon gave birth to their currant. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.46, 2001

· I must’a bin ‘bout 21... just afore I got hitched with me first trouble. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November 2005

· I just went hame to the trouble and strife. – *Talkin’ Rhymin’ Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, 2010

· I should’ve just bid a little more but the old trouble and strife was watching! – *OZBMZ–Old School BMX Australia* forum, 13th September 2011

· Harold was born in the U.K. That is obvious from his mixed up British accent and from the way that he refers to his wife of forty plus years as The Missus, The Old Lady and sometimes even The Trouble. – *The Bulletin*, Kimberley, BC, 25th February 2016

2 life [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· I shouted, ‘Your “bees”, or your “trouble and strife”!’ – D. Chiderdoss, ‘Penny Numbers’, *Sporting Times*, London, 11th July 1908

3 a knife [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.83, 1968

· ‘I’ve listed the various methods of death that could possibly be used. For example, balloons, trouble and strife, plug plug plug, Gardens of Babylon, and over here...’ ‘Hang on, hang on, what do those mean?’ ‘Oh, sorry, sorry about that, yes, of course, er... balloons means blowing up, blow up, balloon, you see?, er... trouble and strife, knife[.]’ – *The Two Ronnies*, UK TV: BBC1, 28th October 1972

troubles and cares

noun

stairs [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· There are several alternatives for the word “stairs”, including Fred Astaires, troubles and cares, and stocks and shares, but none have gained much traction or are in common usage today. – *CRS(co.uk)*, s.v. *Apples and Pears*, 24th May 2007

- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- – *www.lifedaily.com*, 15th May 2013

trouser snake; trouser
noun

- a break from work [UK: SUNDERLAND]
 < *trouser snake*, a slang term for penis.
 · [A]m off on me trouser (trouser snake – break)[.] – *Ultimatebuzz.net* forum, 16th August 2011

true till death
noun
breath [UK]

- A perfect combination of rhyme and reason.
 · – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

trunk and tree
noun

- the knee [UK]
 · – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

trunks of trees; trunks
noun

- the knees [UK]
 · – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.8, 1979

tube of glue; tub of glue
noun

- a clue [UK/SOUTH AFRICA]
 The variant *tub of glue* is exclusively British.
 · I dont have a tube of glue (clue) about how all of this works[.] – *Overclockers UK* forum, 21st April 2003
 · I feel even more lucky to have took my profits at 270p from 70p because I havn't a tube of glue (clue) where the sp will trade throughout the Summer[.] – *MoneyAM* forum, 28th April 2005
 · [H]avent got a tube of glue (clue) wots goin on!!! – *Metropower* forum, 14th February 2008
 · Admittedly, talking to Herman [Chalupsky] is an acquired taste and requires special skills. [...] So if you don't know that *one's 'n two's* are "shoes," *gun 'n trigger* is "figure," or *five-to-two* is "Jew," then as far as comprehension goes you're up the creek without a *tube of glue*– or "clue." – J. Glickman, *Fearless*, p.12, 2012
 · Having no experience of this sort of thing, I've not a tube of glue how long it's going to last?!!! – *UKCampsite.co.uk* forum, 28th September 2013
 · Not a tube of glue what I'm doing on here. – *twitter.com*, 4th November 2015
 · Theresa May is our new prime minister. How the Donald Duck did that happen? I haven't got a tub of glue. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolwoman80' on 16th July 2016

Tucker's Luck
noun

- an act of sexual intercourse [UK]
 Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Tucker's Luck*, a British children's TV series broadcast from 1983 to 1985.
 · – *TheForce.net* forum, 31st January 2004

Tucker's Luck yourself
exclamation

- used as an expression of dismissal [UK]
 A rhyming equivalent of *fuck yourself!*. From the noun TUCKER'S LUCK.
 · Away and Tucker's Luck yourself! – *b3ta* forum, 7th October 2004

Tufnell Park; tufnell
noun

- an enjoyable escapade; an amusing event; a prank [UK]
 Rhymes on *lark*. < Tufnell Park, an area of north London.
 · – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
 · Always one for a tufnell. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001
 · – P. Coppard, *Never a Dull Moment*, p.400, 2013

Tufnell Park; tuffers
adjective

- (of coffee) black [UK]
 Rhymes on *dark*. < Tufnell Park, an area of north London.
 · Tuffers is rhyming slang! "Kilroy in your Everton?" "No ta, I like mine Tufnell (Park)". – *twitter.com*, 19th June 2013

tug an' stickers
noun

- women's or girls' underpants [UK]
 Rhymes on *knickers*.
 · – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.95, 1981

Tugga; Tug
nickname

- Australian cricketer Steve Waugh (b.1965)
 Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Waugh* and *war*, the second part of the compound *tug-of-war*, often rendered colloquially as *tug-a-war*. ► see STEVE WAUGH
 · England might have hoped to be seeing the last of "Tugga" this summer. – *The Independent*, London, 16th March 1997
 · When I saw Steve Waugh the first thing I asked was, 'How's the back, Tugga?' – R. Steyn and D. Patta, *One Step*, p.70, 2000
 · Shane Warne was padded up and next man in. He didn't want to have to go out there. He grimaced and muttered, "Come on Tug ["Tugga" Waugh], come on!" – R. Perry, *Waugh's Way*, p.24, 2002

Tuggerah Lake
noun

- a lake [AUSTRALIA]
 < Tuggerah Lake, a large coastal lake in New South Wales.
 · – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

tulips and roses; tulips
noun

- multiple sclerosis [UK]

Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’.

· A: Sorry to hear that. What’s this new boyfriend of yours like then? B: Canary tulips. – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

· – *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**

· I am going to share with you an extraordinary Usenet posting about Cockney Rhyming Slang used among disabled Cockneys in East London: [...] Tulips and roses = multiple sclerosis. – *www.rogerebert.com*, 16th April **2005**

· – E.H. Thripshaw, *Tasteless Jokes*, p.141, **2010**

· – *www.thefanclub.com*, 15th July **2011**

· Tulips n’ Roses is a group for young people with MS (16-30-somethings). We meet monthly on the last Saturday of the month at 12:00-14:00 at a pub in Teddington, Surrey. ‘Tulips and roses’ is Cockney rhyming slang for multiple sclerosis. – *tulipsnroses.weebly.com*, March **2012**

· – *twitter.com*, 27th July **2012**

Tulsen Tollett

noun

a wallet [AUSTRALIA]

< English rugby league player Tulsen Tollett (b.1973).

· A couple of hours later I realised the mad Billy Moore had stolen my Tulsen Tollett. – *Talkin’ Sport*, Australian radio: 2SM, 29th September **2004**

· Tulsen Tollett, whose name still passes as rhyming slang for “wallet” in parts of western Sydney, toured Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand with the Lions in 1996. – *www.nrl.com*, 20th September **2011**

Tumble

nickname

English footballer John Dreyer (b.1963)

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the near-homophones *Dreyer* (pronounced *Drayer*) and *dryer*, the second element of the compound *tumble dryer*.

· But three new additions to the Handle Hall of Fame prove dressing-room wags are very much at work. Joining Choccy (McClair) and Juke Box (Durie), Tumble (Dreyer) and Zippity (Duda, Chicago Sting’s Pole who played alongside Dick Advocaat in ’78) are Snowy, Swinger and Ceefax. – *The Independent*, London, 5th March **1994**

· I have had many a chance to watch Tumble play for Bradford while at Uni there and he is a brilliant signing for us. – *www.cambridgeunited.com*, 18th July **2000**

· I got the winner at Sunderland, no matter what the record books say about John Dreyer scoring with a header. ‘Tumble’ might have knocked it down but the ball went in off my knee. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 11th December **2012**

tumble and trips

noun

the lips [us]

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

tumble down the sink; tumbledown; tumble

noun

a drink [uk]

Etymologically unrelated to the old Australian pidgin *tumble down* ‘alcoholic drink’ (itself a nominalised version of the pidgin *tumble down* ‘to die; to kill’), first recorded in 1827.

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.10, **ca 1937**

· ‘Come and have a tumble (from ‘Tumble down the sink,’ rhyming slang for ‘drink’). – F.D. Sharpe, *Flying Squad*, p.333, **1938**

· Not the blessed smell of a tumble-dahn-the-sink in the ’ole ’ouse. – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.94, **1943**

· He had heard one taxi-driver say to another – “All I had yesterday was a pair of carpet slippers and a tumble down the sink.” – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, 13th January **1945**

· There was everythink in it! – a *Cain* wiv three *Scotches*, a *la-di* over on one side wiv all the *tumbles* you could think off[.] – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.19, **1969**

· [H]e made his way to the rub-a-dub for a tumble down the sink, and indulged himself freely on the bottle. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – J. Morton, *Lowspeak*, **1989**

· [H]e’s got his pay cheque and is on his way to the pub for a beer or some other *tumble down the sink* (drink). – B. Rogers, *Say That Again!*, p.122, **1999**

· Fancy a tumbledown after work? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· A mate asked me if I fancied ‘a tumble’. – *CycleChat* forum, 5th September **2015**

tumble down the sink

verb

to drink [uk]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· You’ll ruin your cheerful giver if you carry on tumblin’ down the sink like this. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, s.v. *Cheerful Giver*, **2015**

Tung Chee Hwa; tung

noun

a bra [uk]

< Chinese businessman and politician Tung Chee Hwa (b.1937), the first chief executive (1997–2005) of Hong Kong under Chinese sovereignty.

· I'm off to buy a tung for the troubles birthday. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

· Blow me down with one, when she gits 'er Tung Chee Hwa off an' I clock those Bristols, I think I've died an' gone ta 'eaven. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· Tonight Liz got some new Tung Chee Hwas. – *www.mis-mikadodownthesidewalk.com*, 6th November **2010**

tuppence a pound; tuppence

noun

the ground [UK]

A variation of PENNY A POUND.

· I found it on the Tuppence. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd February **2007**

tuppenny bit; tuppenny bit; tupny bit; tuppenny

noun

1 a woman's breast; hence, in the plural, the female breasts or the male chest [UK]

Rhymes on *tit*. < *tuppenny bit* (also spelt *tuppenny bit*), a non-existent coin, formed on the model of *thrupenny bit*, a variant of *threepenny bit*. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *get on someone's tuppenny bits* 'to irritate someone intensely'. A variation of the earlier and more common *THREEPENNY BIT*.

· So she gets her tuppenny bits out... – *Digital Spy* forum, 11th July **2004**

· She has a fabulous pair of tuppenny bits. – *z6.invisionfree.com*, *Kate Garraway Unofficial Forum*, 18th May **2005**

· That bint on Househunters gets right on my tuppenny bits. – *Askaboutmoney* forum, 1st June **2006**

· Miss Piggy flashed her Tuppennies at them. – *FP Gaming Community* forum, 10th December **2010**

· But the singing stud, 24, can still have the last laugh as we're freezing our tuppenny bits off in dreary London. – *www.dailystar.co.uk*, 20th December **2011**

· "Tuppenny bits" is still occasionally used as rhyming slang to refer to the female boobage though. – *The Straight Dope* forum, 6th April **2012**

· [S]he called, demurely, and not a little drunkenly...as her dressing gown fell open, and showed her tuppenny bit... – *Planet Mondas* forum, 23rd August **2012**

· [I]t does get on your tuppenny bits somewhat. – *350z/370z UK Owners Club* forum, 7th January **2015**

· The wan with her tuppenny bits on display is Les Dawson's daughter. – *first-thoughts.org*, 7th May **2015**

2 excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· How to improve the working of toilets on trains, so that the tracks don't get covered with tuppenny? [...] I learned to use words like 'shit' and 'bum' instead of 'tuppenny' and 'BTM'. There's something to be said for the direct approach after all. And of course tuppenny is only rhyming slang, isn't it? 'Tuppenny bit' equals 'shit'. – A. Mars-Jones, *Pilcrow*, pp.156/182, **2008**

· Heard in a pub recently, excuse me while I go for a tupny bit... it really cracked me up! – *answers.yahoo.com*, 14th July **2014**

tuppenny bits

noun

diarrhoea [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < *tuppenny bit* (also spelt *tuppenny bit*), a non-existent coin, formed on the model of *thrupenny bit*, a variant of *threepenny bit*. Also used in the phrase *give someone the tuppenny bits* 'to make someone very angry or annoyed'. A variation of the earlier and more common *THREEPENNY BITS*.

· On a less happy note, I woke up with quite a bad case of the tuppenny-bits[.] – *ludicrousexploits.blogspot.com*, blog, 12th December **2006**

· [E]veryone gets the Tuppenny bits in India. – *Detailing World* forum, 30th December **2011**

· The unofficial (and probably more likely) reason was he was giving everyone the tuppenny bits and contributing to the falling ratings. – *West Sydney Football* forum, 13th February **2014**

turd

noun

a third-class university honours degree [UK]

A slang rhyme effected by metaphor. Possibly influenced by a jocular mock Irish pronunciation of *third*.

· For the record, a first is known as 'a Geoff' (Hurst), a 2.i is 'an Attila' (the Hun) and a third is 'a turd'. Don't blame *Push* if you get a third – we didn't invent the rules of Cocker-nee rhyming slang. – R. Bushi et al., *Push Guide*, p.754, **2005**

turds and winnits

noun

minutes (of time) [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce usage occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. < *turds and winnits*, a phrase that combines two scatological words: *turd* 'a piece of excrement' and *winnit* (also spelt *winnet*) 'a small piece of excrement that clings to hair around the anus'.

· The rub-a-dub's been open for ten turds and winnits. – *Viz* comic, April/May **1998**

Turkish bath; turkish

noun

a laugh [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney. Generally in the phrase *you're having a Turkish bath* or *you're having a turkish* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· Anyone having a 'Turkish' at your expense is on a wind-up or taking the wet stuff. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· You're 'avin a Turkish mate! – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**

· I couldn't believe my mice pies when I saw that. What a turkish bath. – *The Pogues* forum, 14th April **2006**

· [Y]ou're having a Turkish ain't ya. – *Wedding Ideas* forum, 11th October **2008**

· In college circles, the old "Turkish bath" or "bubble bath" for "having a laugh" was replaced by "bobble (hat and scarf)"[.] – *The Independent*, London, 1st April **2012**

Turkish delight; turkish noun

1 an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*. < *Turkish delight* 'a gelatinous confection of Turkish origin'.

· Turkish Delight is Cockney slang for Shite. – *CRS (co.uk)*, 21st April **2001**

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· I'm off for a Turkish delight. – *South Shields Sanddancers Forum*, 31st October **2003**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· "tom" (< Tom Kite) and "jimmie" (< Jimmie White) standing for "shite," the latter of which, when used in cursing or denoting an activity, can be "fly a kite," "shine a light" or "Turkish delight." – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· Pass me a copy of Razzle and the bong, Angelina, I'm off for a turkish, might be a while. – *UD(.com)*, 30th April **2008**

2 something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shite*.

· What a pile of *Turkish Delight* that music is. – *Grumpier Old Men* forum, 6th September **2005**

· I never drink in the Western, the beer's turkish delight. – *UD(.com)*, 30th April **2008**

· Yet another thing that has proven to be a load of "Turkish Delight"! – *www.nufcblog.com*, blog, 20th May **2009**

· Just a few days after watching the most expensive player on the planet and his colleagues serve up 90 minutes of Turkish Delight (rhyming slang) in the richest league in the world we were involved in a far more exciting spectacle[.] – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 29th October **2016**

Turkish delight hole noun

an unpleasant place [UK]

A rhyming equivalent of *shitehole*, formed by blending this word with TURKISH DELIGHT.

· [W]hat a turkish delight hole anfield is, it could do with a bit of paint, oh and oh and some atmosphere cos we outsung you for most of the game... – *soccerlens.com*, blog, 17th April **2008**

turn of the screw; turn on the screw; turn to the screw; turn the screw

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-two [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

The form *turn on the screw* is common in all three locations of use. *Turn of the screw*, *turn to the screw* and *turn the screw* have been recorded in British usage.

· *Turn the screw* 62 – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· No. 62.. Tickety boo / Turn on the screw. – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

· 62 turn of the screw. – *www.bingocalls.org*, accessed 18th October **2013**

turn-the-handle noun

a candle [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word coined by Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his 1968 novel *Enderby Outside*.

· Turn-the-handles lighted all about him in his best whistle. – A. Burgess, *Enderby Outside*, p.194, **1968**

Turpentine; Turps nickname

the Serpentine (a lake in London's Hyde Park) [UK]

A slang rhyme with comic intent.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· I overheard two old ladies in Hyde Park last year, looking at the lake... one said, knowledgeable to her friend: "That's the Turpentine that is." – *b3ta* forum, 7th July **2005**

· – G. Gates, *LTDS*, **2011**

· The men's 10,000-meter swim takes place at Hyde Park in the lake called the Serpentine, though the locals are fond of referring to it as the Turpentine for its murky appearance. – *The New York Times*, 10th August **2012**

turtle dove; turtle noun

1 used as a term of endearment [UK/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *love*. Suggested by the idea of the turtle dove as a symbol of affection and devoted love. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· [M]e ole turtle dove! – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· C'mon me turtle, give us an 'eavenly. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

· I've picked up a few British words along with the accent, such as calling people "love," and addressing my best friend as "turtle" (from the Cockney rhyme "turtledove = love"). – *www.deviantart.com*, 23rd August **2008**

· Oh Weeze, my turtle dove, I was temporarily disconcerted by all that digital eves dropping... – *blogs.smh.com.au*, blog, 14th October **2008**

2 love [UK]

· My stop-and-start just won't let me do it! My turtle dove for you is too blinkin' strong, innit? – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.22, **2001**

turtle dove adjective

in love [NEW ZEALAND]

Suggested by the idea of the turtle dove as a symbol of affection and devoted love. Prison use.

- There are many examples of rhyming slang in use at Parapara: **Al Capone, dog and bone**, and **eau de cologne** for the telephone, [...] and **turtledove** for 'in love' (turtledoves are a traditional symbol of fidelity). – D. Looser, *Investigating Boobslang*, p.2, **1999**
- *x* has got a new missus and he's **turtledove**. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

turtle dove; turtle

verb

to love [UK]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- One of the main things that caused problems at home was that Jacob turtled Joseph much more than all 'is other currants. [...] Don't you turtle me? – M. Coles, *Bible*, pp.25/53, **2001**
- Despite the fact that she cheated on 'im and became a blinkin' prostitute, Hosea still turtle-doved 'er and 'e bought 'er back to be his trouble-and-strife again. – M. Coles, *More Bible*, p.21, **2002**
- I turtle dove you. – *Paradigm City* forum, 18th December **2004**

turtle doves; turtles

noun

gloves [UK/US/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

- – D. Anglicus, *VT*, **1857**
- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- I'm just going back to my dressing-room for a second, I've forgotten my turtle doves. – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 10th November **1923**
- Turtles ... gloves. – *The Sunderland Echo and Shipping Gazette*, "Got Him Banged to Rights". Police Solved Thieves' Slang', 2nd October **1931**
- The feeling of security given by the possession of a coat is conveyed by "I'm afloat," and the rare and somewhat effeminate possession gloves by "turtle-doves." – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- [S]he was a bona looking polone and I'm not sprucing. Made up like a prize rabbit in a lovely fur I'm-a, some fur turtles and one of the latest tit-fors[.] – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, **ca 1937**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- I think I'll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat[.] – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July **1942**
- One young militia lad surprised a W.V.S. worker in a canteen by saying "I've lost me turtle-Myrtle!" [...] Gloves are always "turtles." – *The Sunday Post*, Glasgow, 15th October **1944**
- Their conversations were often unintelligible to the ordinary men of England. [...] Abraham's willing for a lean and fat, two rogues and villains for German flutes and a castle rag for a cherry ripe." "No." "An Egyptian Hall?

Two turtle doves?" – *The West Australian*, Perth, 20th May **1950**

- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.45, **1972**
- Freezing. Should have put me turtles on. – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.164, **1976**
- Sure enough, there he was, turtles on the melodies, sky-rockets full of charlie, elephant all over his oedipus[.] – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**
- – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**
- Even beneath my turtles the feel of the highly polished skin said there was more than a fold of flyers inside. – T. Broadbent, *Smoke*, p.28 [2005], **2002**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

tweak of the thumb

noun

in bingo, the number fifty-one [UK/IRELAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang.

- – B. Schott, *Original Miscellany*, p.15, **2002**
- – www.whichbingo.co.uk, 1st June **2004**
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**
- – www.stmarksgaa.ie, **2012**
- – www.bingo-lingo.net, accessed 19th August **2013**

tweed

noun

marijuana [NEW ZEALAND]

A slang rhyme on *weed*. Prison use.

- – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

Tweedledee; tweedle

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < Tweedledee, twin brother of Tweedledum in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass* (1871). Carroll took Tweedledum and Tweedledee from a 1727 satirical poem by John Byrom, who used these names to refer to composers Bononcini and Handel: 'Some say, that Signor Bononcini, / Compared to Handel's a mere ninny; / Others aver, that to him Handel / Is scarcely fit to hold a candle. / Strange! that such dispute should be / 'Twixt Tweedledum and Tweedledee'.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Tweedledum

noun

semen [UK]

Rhymes on *come* (sometimes spelt *cum*). < Tweedledum, one of the twin characters in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass* (1871), themselves named after the characters in a 1727 satire by English poet John Byrom; hence the phrase *Tweedledum and Tweedledee* 'a pair of people or things that are difficult to tell apart'.

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Twelfth Street Rag

noun

a cigarette [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fag*. < ‘Twelfth Street Rag’, a ragtime piece composed by Euday L. Bowman in 1914.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

twenty-foot rope; 20-foot rope

noun

the Pope [UK: SCOTLAND]

· – *www.bebo.com*, 26th February 2006

twenty-to-one

noun

fun [UK]

Coined by English writer Anthony Burgess (1917–93) in his dystopian 1962 novel *A Clockwork Orange*.

· [N]ow I was ready for a bit of twenty-to-one. – A. Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*, p.12 [1965], 1962

· It’s a Saturday night and the time feels right / For a little bit of twenty-to-one. – *Moustaches, Aftershave & Fights*, lyric, Schwartzenggar, 1994

· I’d consider it, were it not for all the dirty twenty-to-one. – *twitter.com*, 16th May 2011

twerk

verb

to work [IRELAND]

A slang rhyme. < *twerk* ‘to dance in a sexually provocative or imitative style’, itself perhaps an alteration of *work*, its fanciful make-up reflecting the influence of the verbs *twist*, *twitch* and *jerk*. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established Irish usage.

· I’m twerking in the morning. – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December 2013

twicer

noun

a very impudent person [UK]

Formed on the model of ONCER, itself based on ONCE A WEEK, rhyming on *cheek*.

· [A]n extra cheeky person is a ‘twicer!’ – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, s.v. *once a week*, 1990

twiddle and twank

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – *h2g2 forum*, 18th March 2005

Twin Towers

noun

flowers [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the ‘Cockney Wanker’ strip in the British comic *Viz*. < Twin Towers, the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, destroyed by a terrorist attack on 11th September 2001.

· ‘Ere, mavvah!...Ar’ve got the andertakah on the blow-ah! He wants to know watcher favourite Twin Towers are. – G. Dury et al., *The Council Gritter*, p.98, 2009

twist and shout

noun

1 a German [UK]

Rhymes on *Kraut*. < ‘Twist and Shout’, a song written by Phil Medley and Bert Russell, first recorded by the Top Notes (1961) and later popularised by the Isley Brothers (1962) and the Beatles (1963).

· The Twist and Shout’s have beaten us to the sun loungers again! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th April 2002

· Yer honour, a couple of twist and shouts said something about the Queen, so I glassed them. – E. West, *CCRS*, 2006

2 gout [UK]

· [A]s I was off to Kariba early and, sometimes, red wine triggers a gout attack and, as I hadn’t been able to source special muti for several (thankfully gout-free) months I was worried about getting the old twist-and-shout and hobbling around Kariba painfully for the weekend. – *The Standard*, Zimbabwe, 31st May 2008

twist and twirl; twist

noun

a girl or young woman [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/US/CANADA]

It is generally believed that *twist* is the reduced version of *twist and twirl*, yet the opposite direction of development is also possible: *twist and twirl* may well have arisen as an elaboration of *twist* ‘a woman’ (perhaps specifically ‘a promiscuous woman’), a word whose use dates back at least to the 17th century. It occurs, for example, in the following verse from ‘Chippis of the Old Block; or, Hercules Cleansing the Aугаean Stable’, an English ballad originally printed in 1659: ‘*Harry Martin never mist-a / To love the wanton Twist-a, / And lustfull Aretines bawdy Leaves / Are his Evangelist-a*’ (Anon. 1662: 15). Several 20th-century American authors point to the use of *twist* to refer to a promiscuous woman. ► see *ISTTWAY*

· They tell me that he’s lost his raspberry tart to a twist and twirl on all the rage. – T. Haydon, *Sporting Reminiscences*, p.132, 1898

· If the advocate of such a foolish fancy / Were accepted as the suitor of a girl, / He would never mention her as his fiancee, / But “Twist and twirl.” – *New Zealand Truth*, Wellington, 4th September 1909

· A girl is a twist and twirl; abbreviated, a twist. – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August 1915

· It’s the rhyming slang [...] Twist an’ twirl, that’s a girl[.] – *The San Francisco Call and Post*, T.A. ‘Tad’ Dorgan, 30th August 1919

· In San Francisco this slang is shortened down to one word, as “twist” meaning a girl, and “strife” meaning wife. – *The Washington Times*, 5th November 1920

· – G.H. Lawson, *DAWT*, ca 1924

· The old twist and twirl (girl) doubted me word. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February 1924

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, 1928

· Ten years ago not one person out of a thousand knew what a “twist” was, but today the word is used without quotes by any number of humorous writers, and understood by nearly all their readers. – R.J. Tasker, *Grimhaven*, p.181, **1928**

· TWIST.—A woman, especially one with loose or “twisted” morals. It is not far from “twist and twirl,” rhyming slang for girl, to this shorter, more definite explanation. – G. Irwin, *ATUS*, **1931**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· **Twist**, a female (isttway). [...] **Twist and twirl**, a girl. – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· I think this style of slang was also helped along by the many coster comedians who followed Chevalier, but the most persistent user of it that I ever knew was a Kalgoolie barman who had never seen the Army and never knew England. “Look at the little twist and twirl getting on the near and far”[.] – *Nottingham Evening Post*, 7th June **1935**

· There are a few bits of rhyming slang that are more or less known in this country, such as “twist and twirl” meaning girl[.] – *Indiana Evening Gazette*, 16th November **1938**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· TWIST (N) A woman of loose morals; a girl[.] – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**

· We drove about ten miles to his place and he introduced me to his cheese an’ kisses and four tin lids, two mothers joys and two twist and twirls. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – M.M. Orkin, *Speaking Canadian English*, p.222, **1971**

· TWIRL—a girl who loves dancing. An alternative word with the same meaning is a ‘Twist’. – R. Peters, *Frank Sinatra*, p.73, **1984**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· In the high times of the ‘70s the Penthouse becomes world-famous as a club of very classy professional working girls, rumoured to go as high as 80 to 100 girls (‘twist-and-twirls’) a night, often fresh-faced office girls moonlighting (‘swinging-doors’) a couple of nights a week to stay well-dressed. – K. McKellar, *Neon Eulogy*, pp.30–31, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Twitter

noun

the anus [UK]

A slang rhyme on *shitter*. < Twitter, a microblogging service that allows users to send and read messages of up to 140 characters.

· Paris Hilton takes it up the Twitter. – *twitter.com*, 24th June **2009**

· My new boyfriend’s hopeless at rhyming slang, so when he said that he wanted to have a go with my Twitter, I passed him my laptop. It wasn’t until he’d bent me

over the sofa, lifted my skirt, pulled my knickers down and rammed his cock up my Gary Glitter, that I realised what he meant. – *www.sickpedia.org*, 7th July **2010**

· Have you seen her picture? I wonder if she takes it up the twitter? – *Liverpool FC forum*, 26th January **2011**

two and eight; 2 and 8

noun

1 an agitated, confused, chaotic or generally bad condition [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *state*. Possibly suggested by *sixes and sevens*, used in the colloquialism *at sixes and sevens* ‘in confusion or disorder’. ▶ see TWO AND SIX

· ‘Listen, Kid,’ he said quietly. ‘Give us a handout, will you? I’m in a right two and eight.’ – J. Curtis, *They Drive by Night*, p.78 [2008], **1938**

· He flies into a two-and-eight now if anybody so much as looks at the land. – H.E. Bates, *The Nature of Love*, p.50, **1953**

· [T]hey had it off up against the wall, like animals, CHRIST! They weren’t half in a two and eight. – F. Norman, *Stand on Me*, p.130, **1959**

· If one came in through the Rory O’Moore and sat down to dine with one’s trouble and strife at the Cain and Abel, one would be in a proper two and eight if one found there was no Uncle Fred, wouldn’t one? – *The Spectator*, London, 2nd October **1959**

· Considering by this ‘bird’ we were in a bit of a ‘two and eight’ and nearly all ‘solo’ we should have packed it in. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.71, **1973**

· His arsehole’s in a right old two an’ eight. – *Viz comic*, February/March **1990**

· The whole consumer-shopper spiv genre is in a bit of a two-and-eight at the moment. – *The Sunday Times*, London, 23rd August **1998**

· Peggy Mitchell’s explosive return to EastEnders will leave Chrissie in a right two-and-eight – when she ends up in a grave with her dead husband. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 16th July **2005**

· **Two and eight** In a state (of agitation). – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· This is turning into a right 2 and 8. – *Bluemoon forum*, 25th August **2009**

· Yea my curry better be delivered or i will be in a right two and eight! – *Boards.ie forum*, 8th January **2010**

· Look at the 2 and 8 of you lot! – *twitter.com*, 12th March **2013**

· [T]he two and eight of the bird with the silly haircut and tatts scared me silly. – *Styleforum forum*, 10th July **2013**

2 a friend [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *mate*.

· How’s it going, my old two and eight? – *Talkin’ Rhymin’ Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**

two and eights

noun

straits (a narrow sea passage) [UK]

· I was awoken this morn by the sound of foghorns emanating from the Dover Straights. Looking out of my top floor window I couldn't see the flagpole in front of Quack Towers let alone the Dover two & eights! – *justindequack.com*, blog, 30th April **2014**

two and four

noun

a whore [UK]

· Members of the unfortunate class are referred to as Jane Shores or twos and fours, so that Slap Bang is frequently an attempt at euphonism. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

two and six

noun

an awkward or difficult situation [UK]

Rhymes on *fix*. Synonymous with SEVEN AND SIX.

· Shane and Dwayne can't come! Dwayne says Shane's in a right two and six! – *www.desandmick.co.uk*, **1999**

· I'm in a right Two and Six. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th August **2004**

· England is in a "right two and six". – *www.odt.co.nz*, 29th February **2008**

two and three

noun

a key (for operating locks) [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

two beehives

noun

in darts, a double five [UK]

Rhymes on *two fives*. ▶ see BEEHIVES

· "22" is often called "Plenty too!" – an example of Darts' rhyming slang of which "Two Beehives" ("double 5's") and "Two Jews" ("double 2's") are others. – E. Hoyle and L. Dawson, *Hoyle's Games Modernized*, p.465, **1950**

· Innumerable words and phrases of Cockney rhyming slang are utilised in the language of darts, including 'Two Bee-Hives' (two fives), 'Two Hens (two tens) and 'Plenty Too' (twenty-two). – *www.patrickchaplin.com*, July **2012**

two bob bit; two bob

noun

■ a stupid or ineffectual person; a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *tit*, *twit*, *git* and *shit*. < *two-bob bit*, a colloquial name for a two-shilling coin (the notional equivalent of the ten-pence coin), more formally known as a *florin*, which was withdrawn from circulation following British decimalisation in 1971. Probably based on a folk-etymological interpretation of the slang adjective *two-bob* 'inferior, useless, cheap', as used in such phrases as *two-bob muppet* and *two-bob dickhead*.

· Don't mac me off like a two bob. – *Love, Honour and Obey*, UK film, script by Dominic Anciano and Ray Burdis, **2000**

· A two bob bit = a tit = an idiot. – *www.bletherskite.net*, 4th June **2009**

· I am in no doubt there will be some distasteful chants from some knuckledraggers – There were last week in Manchester and a few guys made a total two bob bit of themselves however they were soon dealt with. – *BBC 606 forum*, 12th August **2009**

· Sat in the middle of a shopping centre dressed in orange hi vis, feel a right two bob bit! – *twitter.com*, 24th February **2014**

■ excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Puxley (1992) notes a related sense of 'a fart', which he illustrates with the sentence 'Who's dropped a two bob bit?'. This usage, however, is not recorded elsewhere.

· Two Bob Bit is Cockney slang for Shit. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· **two-bob bit** bowel movement (vulgar slang **shit**). – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· More than just about any other body part or product, our anus and our faeces have been wittily transformed by rhyming slang. [...] Two bob: two-bob bit: shit. – P. Silverton, *Filthy English*, p.124, **2009**

· Sat on the bog for a Two bob bit a good 5mins before I realised the horror! – *twitter.com*, 5th September **2011**

· Need a two bob bit. – *Volkszone forum*, 1st November **2014**

■ something worthless; rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. Probably figurative in origin, and therefore likely to derive from the slang *two-bob* 'inferior, useless, cheap' and the colloquial phrases *not be worth two bob* and *not be worth a two bob bit* 'to be of little or no worth'. Often used in the phrase *not give a two bob bit* 'to not care at all'. Only recorded in the full form.

· Couldn't give a two bob bit what you lot think about Magners. – *The Shed End forum*, 27th July **2008**

· Two bob bit = shit. They are shit. – *Charlton Life forum*, 1st September **2014**

· [H]e just doesn't give a two bob bit. – *www.tor.com*, blog, 31st October **2014**

two bob bit; two bob

adjective

inferior, of poor quality [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < *two-bob bit*, a colloquial name for the old two-shilling coin. Probably figurative in origin, and therefore likely to derive from the slang *two-bob* 'inferior, useless, cheap'.

· This was the Battle of Britain – it did not need a two-bob band from the 1990s to create an atmosphere. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 22nd November **2006**

· Bryan Robson is two bob bit as a manager. – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 24th June **2008**

· Doesn't look like Sion have a leg to stand on really, but it's quite embarrassing that you need a two bob Swiss

team to be kicked out so you can progress. – *Betfair Community* forum, 26th August **2011**
 · Finally getting the international recognition they truly deserve.....and they didn't need a two bob TV 'talent' show either!! – *www.facebook.com*, 16th April **2012**

two bob bits; two bobs

noun

1 diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < *two-bob bit*, a colloquial name for the old two-shilling coin. First recorded in the form *two bob bits*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Andy was in bed with the two bob bits and delhi belly the night we met Tanya and her friends. – *www.hitshed.co.uk*, 15th June **2001**

· That roller-coaster ride gave Fred the two bobs. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Home-made Goan vindaloo will give me the two bob bits... eaten less than 30 minutes ago, it already wants to leave me! – *Corsa-C/UK* forum, 11th July **2009**

· I've heard of "two bob bits" the morning after some disagreeable food. – *CRS(co.uk)*, blog, 23rd November **2011**
 · The Aztec Two Step. The Two Bobs. The only thing worse than soiling yourself in an enormous Amex toilet queue would be soiling yourself on a really busy train full of football fans. – *brightononlyathome.wordpress.com*, blog, 10th November **2013**

· Roy Hodgson Has The Two Bob Bits After Eating A Curry With Gerrard. – *www.youtube.com*, 18th June **2014**

· Saveloys give me the two bobs. – *CVG* forum, 31st July **2014**

2 a woman's breasts [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*. Only recorded in the form *two bob bits*.

· I've seen pics of Imogen in a sheer type blouse/shirt where you can see her two bob bits[.] – *Digital Spy* forum, 5th June **2006**

· My aunt Carolyn has a sweater with ten buttons, but her two bob bits are so big she can only fasten eight! – *UK-Saabs* forum, 10th October **2014**

3 ■ **get on someone's two bob bits** to annoy or exasperate someone [UK]

Rhymes on *tits*, used in the phrase *get on someone's tits*.

· [T]hat's what gets on my two bob bits. – *AwayGoalsRule* forum, 14th December **2009**

· If a particular member is really getting on your two-bob-bits, DO go to their profile and add them to your ignore list. – *Not606* forum, 20th July **2011**

· [H]e used to get on my two bob bits after watching him for a while[.] – *Steptoe and Son (albertandharold.couk)* forum, 13th August **2014**

two by four

noun

1 a whore [US]

< *two-by-four* 'a length of finished wood that nominally measures two inches by four inches in cross section'.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· If she's not a "two by four" she'll probably come with me to my "shovels abd broom"[.] – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

2 a door [IRELAND]

· [S]ome of the older words still remain. *Corn-Beef – Chief; Bit-an-Brace – Face; Mince Pies – Eyes; Two-by-four – Door*[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

· – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, 'Everyday English and Slang in Ireland', **1997–2005**

· – G. Coughlan and M. Hughes, *Irish Language and Culture*, p.182, **2007**

3 marijuana [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *draw*.

· Where can I score some Two by Four? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th September **2003**

two-cent stamp

noun

a lamp [US]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Lamp, Two-Cent Stamp. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October **1929**

Two Dogs Fighting; Two Dogs Fightin'; Two Dogs

nickname

Huyton, a town in Merseyside, on the outskirts of Liverpool, England

Relies on the colloquial pronunciation of *Fighting* as *Fightin*. < 'Huyton, Huyton, two dogs fightin', one's a black 'un, one's a white 'un', a popular taunt at people from this town.

· A local term for Huyton is 'Two Dogs'. – *everything2.com*, 19th June **2002**

· This training ground is barely a stone's throw away from Huyton, where he grew up. It's a hard place – known in rhyming slang as 'Two Dogs Fightin' because of its reputation. – *Evening Standard*, London, 3rd September **2006**

· Carra and Stevie G. were born in Bootle and 'Two Dogs' respectively[.] – *Sofia News Agency* forum, 27th June **2007**

· Huyton – dubbed "Two-dogs fightin'" by locals – has been plagued by gang violence and has also seen some shocking murders[.] – *Daily Star*, London, 4th January **2009**

· Huyton, in the L36 postcode district of Liverpool, was such a tough area, the locals used to reckon that even dogs would hang around in pairs! In fact, Huyton was

also known as ‘Two Dogs Fighting’. – M. Ward, *Hammered*, p.2, **2010**

- The settlement of Huyton dates back to the 7th century, and the area is sometimes referred to as ‘Two Dogs Fighting’. – *www.nokturnis.net*, accessed 22nd January **2013**
- Next stop, two dogs! – *twitter.com*, 21st March **2016**

two eyes of blue

adjective

too true [UK]

▶ see EYES OF BLUE

- Two eyes of blue it is, mate! – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

two fat hens

noun

▶ see TWO HENS

two fleas

noun

in darts, a double three [UK]

A slang rhyme on *two threes*. Also based on a visual resemblance between the number 33 and two fleas.

- – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

two foot rule; two-foot

noun

1 a fool [UK/US]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, **1859**
- – J.S. Farmer and W.E. Henley, *SA*, **1904**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – *The Sweeney*, p.8, **1976**

· Better ter keep your norf and souf shut and let every-one fin’ you’re a two-foot rule... – *Digital Spy* forum, 11th January **2003**

2 a young offenders’ institution [UK]

Rhymes on *school*, used in the compound *approved school*, an old expression for this type of institution.

- [“]It’s even easier to laugh at the forces of law and order. I can do that. Have done, lots of times. I only just missed the two-foot myself.” (He used the cockney rhyming slang for an approved school. Two foot rule, school.) – R. Croft-Cooke, *Thief*, [2011], **1960**

two foot rule

verb

to fool [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Functionally shifted from the noun. A nonce usage found in *Confessions from a Health Farm* (1974), one of a series of humorous erotic novels written by English author Christopher Wood (1935–2015) under the pen name Timothy Lea.

- ‘You don’t normally speak like that.’ ‘Oh yes I bleeding do. Don’t let the posh rabbit two foot rule you. I bubble and squeak just like my old man.’ – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.97, **1974**

2GBs

noun

fleas [AUSTRALIA]

< 2GB, a Sydney radio station.

- Wot’s da matter Ragged. Da 2GB’s givin’ ya a snip? – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.127, **1968**

two hens; two fat hens

noun

in darts, a double ten [UK]

A slang rhyme on *two tens*. Also as HENS.

- It is only in London too, that darts and crib are played to a running commentary of rhyming slang. “Two Jews” (double two), “two Tom Mix’s” (double six) and two fat hens (two tens) are heard among dart players every day in London’s four-ale bars. – *The Economist*, London, 8th May **1937**

· A hundred is a ‘ton’, of course, all over England. Two twos is Jews and two fours is two whores and two tens is two hens and so on. – J. Moore, *Brensham Village*, p.96 [1948], **1946**

- Two hens – Double ten. – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

two Jews

noun

in darts, a double two [UK]

A slang rhyme on *two twos*. ▶ see JEWS

- It is only in London too, that darts and crib are played to a running commentary of rhyming slang. “Two Jews” (double two), “two Tom Mix’s” (double six) and two fat hens (two tens) are heard among dart players every day in London’s four-ale bars. – *The Economist*, London, 8th May **1937**

· “22” is often called “Plenty too!”—an example of Darts’ rhyming slang of which “Two Beehives” (“double 5’s”) and “Two Jews” (“double 2’s”) are others. – E. Hoyle and L. Dawson, *Hoyle’s Games Modernized*, p.465, **1950**

2KY

noun

1 the eye [AUSTRALIA]

Usually in the plural. < 2KY, a Sydney radio station.

- – Z.L. Polin and S.G. Gattwart, *Other Side*, p.50, **1996**
- [G]ive us a butchers hook at your 2ky. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- 2kys = eyes. – *Mk3 Caddy 2k Forum*, 19th February **2012**

2 a tie (a necktie) [AUSTRALIA]

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

3 a lie [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

4 a pie [AUSTRALIA]

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

two little fleas

noun

in bingo, the number thirty-three [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Partly based on the visual resemblance between the number 33 and two fleas.

▶ see ONE LITTLE FLEA

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

two Piccadilly whores; two piccadilly's; two picadillies*noun*

in darts, a double four [UK]

Rhymes on *two fours*. < *two Piccadilly whores*, an evocation of Piccadilly, a major street in central London, once known as a centre for prostitution. Perhaps an elaboration of TWO WHORES.

· “What’s ‘two Piccadilly’s?’” one of them asked. “Two fours–Piccadilly whores, see?” – W. Frischauer and R. Jackson, *The Altmark Affair*, p.54, **1955**

· I’ve always referred to Double 4 as Two Picadillies[.] – *Darts Forum*, 14th August **2012**

twos*noun*

shoes [US]

A slang rhyme or a shortening of the rhyming slang ONES AND TWOS.

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

Two Sticks an’ a’ Apple*nickname*

St Mary Matfelon church in Whitechapel, east London

[LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *St Mary’s, Whitechapel*, the popular name for this church. A nonce word coined by English poet David Jones (1895–1974) in *The Anathémata* (1952). < ‘Two Sticks and an Apple, / Say the bells of Whitechapel’, two lines from the traditional English nursery rhyme ‘Oranges and Lemons’, first recorded in the 1740s.

· From the Two Sticks an’ a’ Apple to Bride o’ / the Shandies’ Well over the Fleet; from Hallows-on-Wall to / the keel-haws; from the ditch without the Vicinal Gate to / Lud’s Hill; within and extra the fending circuit, both banks / the wide and demarking middle-brook that waters, from the / midst of the street of it, our twin-hilled Urbs. – D. Jones, *The Anathémata*, p.127 [1965], **1952**

two tears in a bucket*noun*

something worthless [US]

Functionally shifted from the interjection. Generally in such phrases as *not worth two tears in a bucket* ‘without value’ and *not give two tears in a bucket* ‘to not care at all’. Also as a TEAR IN A BUCKET.

· Talking shit here isn’t worth two tears in a bucket. – *Carolina Hondas* forum, 15th June **2008**

· I vowed not to give two tears in a bucket about what people think of me, feel I should be doing or how I should be living. – *letsbehonestdho.blogspot.com*, blog, 27th December **2009**

· You know this is why men today aren’t worth two tears in a bucket. – D. Cantrice, *When Emotions Lie*, p.35, **2010**

· I’ve been told that auto’s don’t give two tears in a bucket about the lighting schedule[.] – *Rollitup* forum, 6th July **2014**

· [C]ouldn’t care two tears in a bucket about me. – *www.wattpad.com*, 4th February **2016**

two tears in a bucket*exclamation*

expressing resignation at the inevitability of misfortune [US]

Rhymes on *fuck it*. < “Two tears in a bucket, motherfuck it”, a quotation from the film *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (1997), directed by Clint Eastwood, with a screenplay by John Lee Hancock and based on the best-selling book of the same title (1994) by John Berendt.

· Hell, I could get good at this really fast! Two tears in a bucket, girls.....I’m gonna go find Cheech and get to bed, lol! – *POZ* forum, 16th July **2007**

· I HAD to follow through.sigh..... hence the delay in posting, I guess? Well ‘two tears in a bucket!’ I say! – *www.carlateneyck.com*, blog, 25th January **2010**

· I contacted a certain fellow at Cervelo with a pretty unique problem that he didn’t need to even respond to. Had he not I would have said ‘oh well two tears in a bucket’ and went on my way. – *Slowtwitch* forum, 24th October **2012**

two-thirty*adjective*

[1] unclean [UK]

Rhymes on *dirty*.

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· He’s that two-thirty you don’t like to go near him[.] – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.77, **1973**

· When we get through the door, the smell of fat nearly makes the contents of my Derby Kell play ring-a-ring-a-roses on the two thirty Rory (two thirty: dirty; Rory O’More: floor. Ed). – T. Lea, *Long Distance Lorry Driver*, p.92, **1975**

· [B]eing too poor to purchase any Cape of Good Hope, his bushel and peck was extremely two-thirty. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· How you can get so two thirty when you’re just supposed to be in the choir, I will never know. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· If it gets two-thirty I’ve got some band of hope in my bag. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

[2] lewd or obscene [UK]

Rhymes on *dirty*.

· I might be a bit two-thirty. I’ll play the Henry Neville. But, these two are James Dean and not ‘ot cross buns neither, and I don’t want to end on me Jack Jones tonight. – *Toytown Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· If she likes to take two-thirty pictures with husband Harry starring in them, I’m not complaining. – *Elite Porn Forum*, 3rd January **2012**

2UEs; Two UEs*noun*

fleas [AUSTRALIA]

< 2UE, a Sydney radio station.

- – J. Meredith, *DAS*, **1991**
- – www.oocities.org/knightshade3/cockney.html, 1st February **2001**

two-wheeler*noun*

a girl or woman [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sheila*.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- You're a two wheeler, go and get us a dog's eye and dead horse. – M. Balwyn, *Survival Guide*, p.143, **2007**

two whores*noun*

in darts, a double four [UK]

A slang rhyme on *two fours*. Synonymous with ALDERSHOT LADIES, EUSTON ROAD and JERMYN STREET.

▶ see OLD WHORE

- A hundred is a 'ton', of course, all over England. Two twos is Jews and two fours is two whores[.] – J. Moore, *Brensham Village*, p.96 [1948], **1946**
- – B. George and P. Chaplin, *Scoring for Show*, p.14, **2011**

Tyne and Wear*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Tyne and Wear, a metropolitan county in north-east England.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th January **2010**
- He's a bit Tyne and Wear. – *Betfair Community* forum, 29th July **2010**

typewriter*noun*

a fighter; a prizefighter [UK]

- Fighter ... Type writer. – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**
- Fighter ... Typewriter. – P.P., *RS*, **1932**

· [T]his particular Jack the Giant Killer won fame as a prize-fighter (or a typewriter as we should say in modern rhyming slang) more than 100 years ago. – Anon., *DRSI*, p.3, **1941**

- Jack's the boy for the shop-steward's job—he's a typewriter, he is. – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- Anyone who keeps going through adversity is said to be 'a real typewriter'. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.68, **2011**
- – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Tyrannosaurus rex; tyrannosaurus*noun*

sex [UK]

- There was too much Tyrannosaurus in it for my liking. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Tyrone Power; tyrone*noun*

a shower (for washing the body); hence a wash in a shower [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American actor Tyrone Power (1914–58). According to Puxley (2003), the term was used in Britain in the 1950s to refer to a shower of rain.

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- I got out of the **roses**, leapt into the **Tyrone**, put on the **bag of fruit** and the **Nazi spy**[.] – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**
- [A]fter a day in the sun, you might go home and step into a cold Tyrone Power[.] – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**
- Seating seamen on passenger ships took regular 'Tyrones'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- [T]hey had a Dad 'n' Dave and a Tyrone Power. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 17th October **2009**

U

udgefay

noun

a judge [US]

A pig Latin version of FUDGE.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

Ugly Doris

nickname

▶ see DORIS DAY

ugly sister

noun

a blister [UK]

< *ugly sister*, one of Cinderella's ugly stepsisters in pantomimes based on the classic fairy tale.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· I got an ugly sister on my foot. – *julien.court.free.fr*, August 2005

· – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005

ugs

noun

▶ see HUGS AND KISSES

Uma Thurman; Uma

noun

a German [UK]

< American actress Uma Thurman (b.1970).

· We've got to get to the pool before the Uma's... translation: Uma's = Uma Thurman = Germans. – *MacRumors* forum, 30th May 2005

· – *The Word* magazine, London, March 2009

umbrella

noun

a man, especially a husband or boyfriend [UK]

Rhymes on *fella*, a colloquial form of *follow*.

· 'How's your umbrella these days?' 'All right as long as he don't leak.' – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – 'Ave you met me umbrella? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

un-adam-and-eveable

adjective

unbelievable [UK]

A derivative of ADAM AND EVE.

· EastEnders is totally un-Adam-and-Eveable. – *The Sun*, London, 13th April 1994

· [I]ts so easy its un-adam and eve-able! – *ZAM* forum, 15th March 2007

· An un-Adam-and-Eve-able tour de force to prove that the British zombie flick is very far from brown bread. – *www.fact.co.uk*, review of *Cockneys vs Zombies*, October 2012

unavoidable wreck

noun

the neck [US]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

uncle and aunt

noun

a plant [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Uncle Ben

noun

1] in bingo, the number ten [UK/IRELAND]

Continuing use may be suggested by the food brand Uncle Ben's.

· 'Ten' is sometimes 'ten,' but more rarely 'Cock and Hen' or 'Uncle Ben'[,] – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.85, 1943

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.183, 2007

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

2] a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· Lend me an Uncle Ben will you? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th June 2007

Uncle Bert; uncle

noun

a shirt [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – L. Lilley, *A-Z of Cockney*, 1990

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· You're to wear sandals, and you ain't to carry an extra Uncle Bert. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.81, 2001

· I've got to press my uncle. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December 2006

· And do your Uncle Bert up, for fuck's sake, and put your weasel on. – T. Denby, *Spoilt*, 2007

· What have you done with my clean uncle? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· Go and get your Uncle Bert, Jeremy, because you look ridiculous. – *www.facebook.com*, 28th June 2013

Uncle Bertie

adjective

angry, ill-tempered or argumentative [UK]

Rhymes on *shirty*.

· What are you getting all Uncle Bertie about? – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· That's when he got all *uncle bertie*. – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.63, 2011

Uncle Billy*adjective***1** (of weather) chilly [UK]

A variation of UNCLE WILLY.

• – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April **2000**• – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001****2** (of a person) silly [UK]• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008****Uncle Bob; uncle***noun***1** the penis [UK]Rhymes on *knob*.• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**• 'e's a bit proud of his Uncle Bob. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**• I pissed off my wife so she slammed my Uncle in the door. – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**• – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**• – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.109, **2011****2** a job [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

• Then she got an Uncle Bob. VDU operator, learned it school or somewhere. Good wedge. – J. Cameron, *Vinnie*, p.133, **1995**• Noreen was ready for going off to her Uncle Bob, got a number doing computers for British Airways up the West End. – J. Cameron, *Hoe Street*, p.14, **2002**• The unemployed seek work at the 'Uncle Bob centre'. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**• 'So what's your Uncle Bob then?' [...] 'He means job, you know, rhyming slang?' – *www.fanfiction.net*, 27th June **2012****3** a stupid person; an obnoxious fool [UK]Rhymes on *knob*. Only evidenced in the full form.• Are you trying to give us all heart attacks Knickerbocker, you great uncle Bob? – P.G. Jones, *Prince Crapian*, p.93, **2007****Uncle Buck***noun***1** an act of sexual intercourse [UK]Rhymes on *fuck*. < *Uncle Buck*, a 1989 film directed by John Hughes.• – CRS(*co.uk*), 26th February **2002**• 'Ello darlin' fancy an Uncle Buck, gor blimey guvnor[.] – *British Comedy Guide* forum, 25th August **2008****2** something of no value [UK]Rhymes on *fuck*. Used in the phrase *not give an Uncle Buck* 'to not care at all'.• i couldnt give an uncle buck what they fink. – *Digital Spy* forum, 16th May **2008**• When we win our 1st 10 games I won't be giving an Uncle Buck about pointless friendlies. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 12th July **2011**• Because counsellors don't give an uncle Buck. – *twitter.com*, 14th February **2014****Uncle Buck off***verb*

to go away [UK]

Rhymes on *fuck off*. Formed on an unrecorded verb version of UNCLE BUCK.• Galloway is a charing crosser and should uncle buck off back over the border. – *The East London Forum*, 23rd October **2009****uncle bucked***adjective***1** broken, ruined, spoilt [UK]Rhymes on *fucked*. Formed on an unrecorded verb version of UNCLE BUCK.• My computer is completely Uncle Bucked so I was gonna re-install Windows and start from scratch again. – *Hi-beesBounce* forum, 14th April **2008**• I cant imagine your motor is uncle bucked, it pulls like a train. – *LocostBuilders* forum, 17th September **2011**• I dropped the phone and it's Uncle Bucked[.] – *www.hopmonster.co.uk*, 28th September **2012****2** completely exhausted, beaten, bewildered, wretched, thwarted, done for [UK/AUSTRALIA]Rhymes on *fucked*.• The second I found out his brother was World 'Keepy-up' Champion, I knew we were Uncle Bucked. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 29th July **2011**• Ok dont laugh but i did a spin class today. [...] Really a good ergo session. I did them at what felt to be over ftp. I was uncle bucked at the end. – *Transitions.org.au* forum, 3rd February **2012****Uncle Chester; chester***noun*

a male child molester; hence often used as a name or tag [US/AUSTRALIA]

< Chester the Molester, a comic strip character created by Dwaine Tinsley in 1976 for *Hustler* magazine. The strip, featuring a middle-aged man interested in pre-pubescent girls, ran until 1989, when Tinsley's teenage daughter accused him of sexual abuse. The figure of the uncle is a nod to the idea that child abuse is often perpetrated within the child's family or social circle. Also as *Uncle Chester the Child Molester*, *Uncle Chester the Molester* and *Chester the Molester*.• Mommy, mommy, please don't leave, / Cuz Chester's got something up his sleeve, / And if you leave, then I can't sleep, / Cuz Chester's gonna put his hands on me. – *Chester*, lyric, Dana Dane, **1995**• The cops picked up the school janitor today. They had evidence he was Uncle Chester. – *UD(.com)*, 5th December **2003**• The child's parents figure something is going on and set a trap for uncle Chester (hidden video cam, maybe) and supply the justice system with irrefutable proof of Chester's actions. – *Home of Poi* forum, 5th June **2007**

• – I have many gay friends and NONE of them were abused as children, that is the biggest canard. Sexual

abuse is not what causes homosexuality. [...] – I bet you got an uncle chester in your own family. – *Vanguard News Network Forum*, 4th July **2008**

· Uncle Chester obviously needs some serious help. [...] I don't know what they can do to cure someone who likes the idea of sex with children apart from a bullet but theres still a chance I suppose. – *blogs.news.com.au*, blog, 23rd April **2009**

· I never knew Uncle Chester had any kids. Is what he saying true? Is Chester really my daddy? This is some sick shit. [...] If what this guy is saying is true, Uncle Chester probably raped my mother the same way he did me. – B. Yarbrough, *Karma*, p.161, **2010**

· [I]f indeed your son is with a bunch of chesters you need to get him to speak for his self and to get his self out of that house[.] – *answers.yahoo.com*, 10th January **2010**

· Get Your Hands Off the Kids, Uncle Chester. – *mansambition.blogspot.com*, blog, 30th November **2011**

· I think the guy down the street might be an Uncle Chester. – *Nameberry* forum, 24th November **2013**

· OP needs to at least make it very clear to her sister that the niece shouldn't be anywhere near "Uncle Chester." – *www.reddit.com/r/TwoXChromosomes*, 7th August **2014**

Uncle Dick; uncle

adjective

ill, unwell; sick, nauseous; shocked, disgusted, disappointed, angry [UK]

Rhymes on *sick*. Perhaps suggested by the adjective *dicky* 'weak or unsound'.

· We therefore offer a First Prize of ONE GUINEA and a Second Prize of HALF-A-GUINEA for the best list of six examples of new rhyming slang submitted. Existing examples: Bread = baby's head; sick = Uncle Dick[.] – *The Week-end Review*, London, 23rd April **1932**

· – J.H. Wellard, *Understanding the English*, p.138, **1937**

· – Sir St V. Troubridge, *Some Notes*, p.46, **1946**

· One girl began to speak and then after a few words, said "Oh golly, I feel Uncle Dick!" She was hurried from the room. – W. Macqueen-Pope, *The Footlights Flickered*, p.76, **1959**

· I'm feeling a bit uncle. I think it must be those radishes. – T. Lea, *Health Farm*, p.94, **1974**

· After about six months I felt a bit Uncle Dick and Mumsy took me off to the doctor. Dr Baxter diagnosed hepatitis. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.12, **1986**

· I've just remembered (for some unknown reason) that my dad used to say that ill people were "feeling uncle dick". – *b3ta* forum, 3rd October **2004**

· Steve, your Avatar is making me feel Uncle Dick. Isn't it time for a change? – *FLYER* forum, 18th October **2006**

· No just walking quickly up my drive, very loud pop then lots of pain and feeling uncle dick. – *Throttlejockey Bikers* forum, 18th February **2007**

· Lousy presentation! Made me feel Uncle Dick. – *Britany Life Online Forums*, 11th March **2007**

· Lots of talk about fat, hidden fat, visceral fat, tit for tat. Making me feel Uncle Dick. – *twitter.com*, 9th January **2011**

· Mentioning mojito and Havana in the same sentence is making me feel uncle dick! – *Bonygraph* forum, 17th August **2011**

· If the glasses make me feel uncle dick when I wear them, I wont be a very happy bunny! – *www.theanswerbank.co.uk*, 19th March **2013**

· Dad said that anyone who was Uncle Dick (that's rhyming slang) was driving the porcelain bus. – B. Conaghan, *Mr Dog*, p.279, **2014**

Uncle Dick; uncle

verb

to steal [UK]

Rhymes on *nick*.

· – J. Gash, *Faces in the Pool*, p.200, **2008**

Uncle Doug; uncle

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *tug*. < Uncle Doug, one of the self-given pet names of Australian radio personality Douglas John Mulray (b.1951).

· Having an Uncle Doug. – *aus.jokes*, *Google Groups*, 28th August **1995**

· Let's not forget Uncle Doug (tug) in all of this. – *Big-Footy AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

· So he was probably just taping some hot chicks so he could go home and have an uncle doug. – *Boostcruising Australia* forum, 12th July **2003**

· Have an Uncle Doug and you'll sleep fine. – *www.iorr.org*, forum, 29th January **2008**

· The more demented types also have an "Uncle Doug"[.] – *Jazz Fest Forum*, 6th November **2010**

· Among the cognoscenti a phrase such as that above would normally be shortened to "having an Uncle" which would translate into "having a xxx". – *Green and Gold Rugby* forum, 21st April **2012**

Uncle Fester; fester

noun

a male child molester [UK/IRELAND]

< Uncle Fester, a member of the comedy-gothic Addams Family, created by American cartoonist Charles Addams (1912–88) in the late 1930s. The name *Uncle Fester* first appeared in the television series *The Addams Family* (1964–66).

· Keep away he's a Fester! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 13th January **2003**

· You want to keep the god forbids away from 'im – 'e looks a right uncle fester. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Did you 'ear about ol' Keith? Yeah... turns out the filthy git's an Uncle Fester, 'e's been done for feelin' up some schoolie. – *UD(.com)*, 16th October **2007**

· – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**

· He's a bit of an Uncle Fester. – *A(.com)*, accessed 5th October **2012**

Uncle Fred

noun

1 bread [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· A piece of stand at ease would turn out to be cheese, nicer with some Harvey Nichol to go with it, so long as it were accompanied by a slice of Uncle Fred well spread with stammer and stutter! – *The Unesco Courier* magazine, May **1956**

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· Go and buy food: a loaf of Uncle Fred and a pound of stand at ease. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Are we gonna have to spend two hundred silver coins on Uncle Fred in order to feed this lot? – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.83, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Would you like some John Cleese with your Uncle Fred, or just a little bit of talk and mutter? – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 25th July **2012**

2 a person's head [AUSTRALIA]

· In the course of dressing, he dons his “almond rocks,” “dicky-dirt,” “bag of fruit,” “evening news,” among other items of clothing, then clamps his “barrel of fat” firmly on his “Uncle Fred” and sets out for work. – *The Argus*, Melbourne, 13th June **1952**

· A few of the top of my uncle fred (head)[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October **2001**

Uncle Gus

noun

a bus [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· So you'll understand yer nit, dere's an Uncle Gus leavin' in an hour. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.98, **1968**

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

· Let's catch the Uncle Gus. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 27th June **2004**

· I'm gonna go sit on the Uncle Gus wiv me loaf in me brass band. – *www.impstalk.co.uk*, **2008**

· On that I'd better shut my north and south, get my bricks and mortar out of bed, and put on my Looby Lou's as we have an Uncle Gus to catch. – *Opal Auctions, Gem Rock Auctions and Coins Auctioned Forums*, 2nd September **2008**

· If you're a bit Peter Purvis (*Nervous*) about taking a Bowl of Chalk (*Walk*) around London then jump in your Kareem Abdul Jabbar (*Car*) or catch an Uncle Gus (*Bus*) from any Little Jack Horner (*Corner*). – *Gallery* magazine, Guernsey, July **2012**

· He's good on the Uncle Gus* because he can sit on my lap, but the tube is confusing and I always seem to get lost. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 14th January **2014**

Uncle Lester

noun

a male child molester; hence often used as a name or tag [UK/US]

Suggested or reinforced by the idea that child abuse is often perpetrated within the child's family or social circle. Also as *Uncle Lester the Child Molester*, *Uncle Lester the Molester* and *Lester the Molester*.

· – J. Green, *CDS*, **1998**

· – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.111, **2002**

· Finally found you. Don't you remember me? Alone, in the basement. Sure you do, you remember... ME! It's your old Uncle, Uncle Lester! We're on very familiar terms now, though, aren't we? – *misc.fitness.weights*, *Google Groups*, 26th April **2010**

· Incest repellent! Brilliant! Although, I'd change the name to 'Fuck off' Now available in Uncle Lester's extra strength formula! – *jensspaghettiblog.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th May **2011**

Uncle Mac

noun

1 heroin [UK/US]

Rhymes on the slang *smack*. < Uncle Mac, the broadcasting name of English radio presenter Derek McCulloch (1897–1967), who was the host of *Children's Hour* from the early 1930s to 1950 and frequently presented *Children's Favourites* in the 1950s and 1960s. Thorne (1990) notes that the term has been used in British slang since the late 1970s.

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, **1990**

· – J.B. McCleary, *The Hippie Dictionary*, **2002**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· For example, there are a couple of Cockney rhyming slang phrases for “smack”. These include “wellies and mac” and “Uncle Mac”. – *www.helium.com*, ‘Heroin Drug Slang’, 21st April **2009**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.59, **2011**

2 a violent slap or blow made with the open hand [UK]
Rhymes on *smack*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

3 a doctor [UK]

Rhymes on *quack*.

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Uncle Merv; Uncle Merve; uncle

noun

a look of sexual desire or interest; a look of interest or fascination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *perve*. Often in the phrase *have an Uncle Merv(e)* (or *have an uncle*) ‘to have a good look’.

· – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 11th January **2004**

· I'm going to have an uncle merv at the parts manual and confirm next visit to my dealer[.] – *Peugeot 206 GTI*, *Yahoo! Groups*, 22nd February **2005**

· When I switch the tele on, I wanna have an Uncle Merv at ripper sorts almost starkers, like in Summer Bay (still, I'll turn it up if I ever get a gander at Alf Stewart in his

budgie-smugglers). – *The Guardian*, London, 14th July **2005**

· I pull up to the traffic and some have a long uncle merv at it because its something you dont see much. – *FordForums.com.au*, 5th August **2006**

· I think we need to get you round for a barbie where we can have a bit of skippy, sink a few tinnies and have an uncle merv at the sheilas. – *Binarysleep* forum, 13th September **2007**

· **Uncle Merv – perve** [...] Sometimes abbreviated to *uncle*, as in ‘Have an *uncle*.’ – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Having an Uncle Merve out the window. – *twitter.com*, 12th January **2013**

· Come and have a chat with fellow Turbo202 members and an uncle merv’ at each other’s rides, followed by a cruise to and around the Melbourne GP track in full race trim before it closes for practice sessions. – *Turbor202.com.au* forum, 26th February **2013**

Uncle Ned; uncle

noun

1 bread [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· If you are asked have you any ‘Uncle Ned,’ is have you any bread[.] – *The Kapunda Herald*, Kapunda, South Australia, 6th March **1894**

· – *T.P.’s & Cassell’s Weekly*, London, 3rd May **1924**

· [I]n the battalion in which I am now serving, porridge is always “burgoo” and jam is “pозzie,” but instead of “rooty and muckin” for bread and butter we hear of “Uncle Ned” or “strike me dead” and “roll-in-the-gutter”. – A.W. Boyd, *Country Diary*, p.226, 1946: *The Manchester Guardian*, October **1940**

· [W]ade through half a dozen dishes of scran that we used to dream of when we were on the track, then finish up with Uncle Ned and roll me in the gutter. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

2 a bed [UK/IRELAND]

In Irish English, only recorded in the full form.

· I inquired after his bath bun, who, it seems, had been sent to Uncle[.] – *The Bookman’s Journal and Print Collector*, London, 26th March **1920**

· The old function of rhyming slang as a thieves’ code has lapsed, and it has long become no more than a Cockney form of verbal wit. Duchess of Fife, for wife, or Cain and Abel for table, or uncle Ned for bed, would do little to help the modern smash and grab expert against the flying squad. – *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds, 18th July **1932**

· Among taxicab drivers I have heard rhyming slang used to such an extent that their speech would be quite incomprehensible to the stranger. [...] “Stairs” becomes “Apples and pears,” bed “Uncle Ned”[.] – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, 29th September **1933**

· The sooner you’re in your Uncle Ned, the sooner I’ll get me own loaf on the weeping willow. – A. Bracey, *Public Enemies*, p.206, **1934**

· [I]n a few minutes I was well away on the old Uncle. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.14, **ca 1937**

· Up the apples to you, and into the Uncle Ned and put your loaf on the weeping willow and off to Bo Peep. – R. Fabian, *Fabian of the Yard*, p.204, **1950**

· The gaff is shut for the night and the Greeks ’ave gone to Uncle Ned. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.167, **1957**

· [Y]ou can go up to Uncle Ned (bed), lie on the weepin willow (pillow) and have a bo-peep. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

· So I get up the *apples* an’ into the ol’ *uncle* and when she comes in, there I am wiv me *loaf* on the *weepin’*, readin’ the *linen*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, **1969**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· Before you knew it, they were in Uncle Ned making love! – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.45, **2001**

· There he cleaned him up, took off his whistle, dicky and daisies, carried him up the apples, put him into his own uncle and looked after him until he was better. – *The Northern Echo*, Darlington, England, 6th March **2002**

· – M. Ó hAodha, *Parley with Me*, **2006**

· – D. Bolger and C. O’Neill, *Dodgems*, dance drama, O’Reilly Theatre, Dublin, 25th September **2008**

· Coz when I’m in me Uncle Ned / feeling a bit Punch and Judy, / they flash upon my Bacon Rind / which is what being on yer Toblerone’s all about. – *www.argotistonline.co.uk*, **2011**

3 the head [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Head–Uncle Ned or lump of lead. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· Stick yer “tit fer” on yer “Uncle Ned” and come to the “rat and mouse” for “Tommy Tucker.” – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· I wasn’t ’arf glad ter get up the apples an’ pears an’ put me Uncle Ned upon the weary willow. – *Wodonga and Towong Sentinel*, Victoria, 23rd July **1937**

· These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] head (Uncle Ned); mouth (east and south); eyes (mince pies); boots (daisy roots). – *Bristol Evening Post*, Bristol, England, 21st January **1939**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.38, **1974**

· There’s a bit of grey matter in the old Uncle Ned after all, eh? – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.108, **1983**

· Len covered Twigg’s Uncle Ned with extraordinary spikes of coloured hair! – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.90, **1986**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Kept sticking their Uncle Ned’s up, but hardly budged. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 21st April **2014**

Uncle Ned*adjective*

dead [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- These are some examples used by myself sixty years ago:– [...] Dead (Uncle Ned); up the pole (silly, up the sausage roll)[.] – *Bristol Evening Post*, 21st January **1939**
- Surveying the room, the Wrecker accurately stated: ‘Ya’d think someone’d put a bomb under da joint. Dey sure is Uncled Ned.’ Ruffy added: ‘Dey’re dead all right, dead as a Sunday School picnic.’ – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.59, **1968**

Uncle Reg*noun*

vegetables [UK]

- Rhymes on *veg*.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- Everyday I always eat 5 fruit and Uncle Reg. – *tvfillers.coi.gov.uk*, 12th July **2004**
- [Y]ou are not to leave until you’ve had your Uncle Reg young man! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**
- He’s giving you a quick word in your King Lear about eating more fruit and Uncle Reg because you’ve got to look after the strawberry tart. – *The Independent on Sunday*, London, 20th April **2008**

Uncle Sam*noun*

lamb (meat) [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

uncles and aunts*noun*

1 trousers [US]

- Rhymes on *pants*.
- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**
- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- I think I’ll toss my turtle doves into my ball and bat, take off my bag of fruit, drop my Charley Hocks into my ones and twos, wash my plates of meat, hang my uncles and aunts on the roses red, lay my lump of lead on the weeping willow and plow the deep ... – D.W. Maurer, *American Notes & Queries*, July **1942**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

2 plants [UK]

- “Uncles and aunts – plants,” says one, drawing attention to the ecology that’s going to be found in the sedum roof (whatever that is). – *The Daily Telegraph*, London, 7th November **2005**
- I’m just going up the allotment to water me uncles and aunts. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Uncle Sham*noun*

the government or citizens of the United States

A slang rhyme on *Uncle Sam*.

- “Not Uncle Shylock,” repeated the boy, looking innocently at him. “Just Uncle Sham.” – O. Wister, ‘Safe in the Arms of Croesus’, short story, in *Harper’s Magazine*, October **1927**

• – K.L. Gauba, *Uncle Sham*, **1929**

- “Shame, Uncle Sham!,” they chanted outside the offices of the American Institute in Taiwan. – *China News*, Taipei, 11th May **1999**

• Uncle Sham’s tactics against his Canadian neighbours are much more subtle than those used on other foreign targets[.] – *Times Colonist*, Victoria, BC, 5th November **2001**

• – J.B. McCleary, *The Hippie Dictionary*, **2002**• – A. Westbrook, *Hip Hoptionary*, **2002****Uncle Silly***noun*

the penis [UK]

- Rhymes on *willy*.
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**
- – *ScoobyCity* forum, 22nd November **2008**

Uncle Ted*noun*

a bed [UK]

- Go up the apples and pears to your old Uncle Ted. – E. Swain, *David Edgar*, p.93, **1986**
- I’m off to Uncle Ted. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 25th October **2002**
- – *blog.theoddballenglish.com*, blog, 4th August **2012**

Uncle Toby*noun*

a mobile phone [UK]

- Rhymes on *moby*.
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December **2001**
- Get off your Uncle Toby and drive, moron! – *www.thebullsheet.com*, 31st March **2004**
- From today, gadget loving car buyers all over the UK are being encouraged to ditch their Bernard Langer by using their Uncle Toby or pistol and shooter to get the best jellied eel on their La-Di-Dah or jamjar. – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December **2005**
- He leaves and I tell him to get on the dog and bone if he gets lost. Phone, I say. Then add: “Or use your Uncle Toby.” – *The Guardian*, London, 28th October **2015**

Uncle Wilf*noun*

the police [UK]

- Rhymes on the slang *filth*, pronounced *filf* in Cockney and popular London speech.
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Let’s scarper before uncle wilf gets here. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- I’m in trouble with the Uncle Wilf. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Uncle Willy*noun*

a silly person [NEW ZEALAND]

Functionally shifted from the adjective form. Only used in the phrase *don't be an Uncle Willy*.

- – D. McGill, *DKD*, 1989
- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

Uncle Willy; Uncle Willie; uncle*adjective*

1 (of a person) silly [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH AFRICA]

In Australian and New Zealand usage, only used in the expression *don't be Uncle Willy!* (or *don't be uncle!*).The short form *uncle*, recorded by Meredith (1984), is exclusively Australian. ▶ see AUNTIE and AUNTIE WILLY

- [“]Well, they don't intend to let the ladies have a monopoly of hen parties evidently.” “Don't be Uncle Willy. It's a good thing.” – *Maryborough & Dunolly Advertiser*, Maryborough, Victoria, 14th September 1917
- – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, 1931
- – Anon., *DRSI*, 1941
- Don't be Uncle Willy. I'm all right. – T.A.G. Hungerford, *Ridge*, p.129, 1952
- Ar, don't be Uncle Willie! You've got to be invited first! – *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, 17th January 1954
- **Norah**: You like her better than me. **Skully**: Don't be Uncle Willy. You're my starlight, Norah. – J.K. Baxter, *Cage*, act I, p.8, 1959
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960
- – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLIII, 1967
- The terms for this state of intoxication are transferred to describe anybody who, normally, appears to be slightly *mugu* (African origin “moegoe?” = mad) – anybody who is *dicky*. Such a one, by rhyming slang, becomes *Uncle Willy* – and, in a state of high tension, lack of control or when apparently suffering the effects of too long a stay, is said to be *boop-happy*. – Anon., *Gaol Argot*, p.12, 1974
- – J. Ramsey, *CS*, 1977
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

- Don't be Uncle Willy. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

- This is a bit uncle willy, and some of these jocks are billy hunts[.] – *CTA Games* forum, 25th February 2007

- – N. Kelly, *DSNZ*, 2015

2 (of weather) chilly [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Terrible Sentimental (4) below, and Uncle Willy (5) on deck. – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, 2012

uncouth*noun*

a young man [UK]

Rhymes on *youth*.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

under beneath; under beneaths*noun*

the teeth [US/UK]

Under beneaths is recorded in both locations of use. *Under beneath* is exclusively American. The latter form is found in a vocabulary compiled in the early 1960s by Frank Prewitt and Francis K. Schaeffer while serving sentences in the California Medical Facility, a state prison in Vacaville.

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, 1928
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
- – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.49, 1989

under the tree*noun*

in bingo, the number seventy-three [UK/IRELAND]

- – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.120 [2012], 2010
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012
- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August 2013

unicorn; uni*noun*

an erection [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*. An obvious visual metaphor.

- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Union Jack; union*noun*

the back [UK]

< Union Jack, the common misnomer for the Union Flag, the national flag of the United Kingdom.

- I'm sorry I can't lift that, I've got a dodgy Union. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- I've still got a lot of Michael Caine in my union though[.] – *Acne.org* forum, 16th March 2006
- I'm having real trouble with me Union just lately. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008
- Watch yer Union Jack. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.428, 2011

unscheduled meeting*noun*

a beating [UK]

- Shut up or there would be an unscheduled meeting. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 24th August 2009
- This Geoff Hoon walks up and tells me he thinks I'm Behind with the Rent. I suggested that we step outside for an unscheduled meeting! – *The Steampunk Forum*, November 2010

up and down*noun*

a town [US/UK]

Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little

vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Town, Up and Down. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**
 · – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
 · Away from the up and down, we can stop at a bath for a Dame Edna and a potter’s. [...] potter’s (potter’s wheel = meal). – *americasright.com*, 26th August **2006**

up and down

adjective

brown (especially applied to brown ale) [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

up and under

noun

an act of vomiting [AUSTRALIA]

- Compounded rhyming slang on CHUNDER. < *up and under* ‘a type of kick in rugby’.
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- Now I’m out in the **soldiers** feeling very **butchers** after a couple of **up and unders**. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, back cover, **1997**
- Mick’s in the bog having an up and under. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- PSHAW, youve been having an up and under so regularly lateley that Nicole Richie is getting jealous... Ive read that pushing yourself to the point of having a technicalor yawn regularly is not beneficial... – *Cycling Forums*, 29th July **2007**
- What is another word for throw up? – Having an up and under. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 15th February **2008**

up a tree

noun

- 1 in bingo, the number three [UK]
- Number three, up a tree, she’s got me on the run[.] – *Bingo! (I’m in Love)*, lyric, Dave Carey, **1961**
- – P. Wright, *British Industry*, p.89, **1974**
- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, **1981**
- – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, **2007**
- 2 in bingo, the number fifty-three [UK]
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**

upay anday ownday

noun

a town [US]

- A pig Latin version of UP AND DOWN.
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

up in heaven

noun

- in bingo, the number seven [UK]
- Bingo – as it used to be called in England. [...] Up in Heaven - 7. – *www.keypoint.com.au*, accessed 21st October **2013**

up in smoke

noun

cocaine [UK]

- Rhymes on *coke*. Influenced by *Up in Smoke*, a 1978 stoner comedy directed by Lou Adler and starring Richard ‘Cheech’ Marin and Thomas ‘Tommy’ Chong.
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

upper-class snob

noun

an act of fellatio [UK]

- Rhymes on *blow job* and other *job* compounds such as *head job* and *knob job*.
- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

upper deck; upper

noun

the neck [US/UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form is exclusively British.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, **1968**
- – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**
- **Upper:** neck (short for “upper deck”)[.] – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.129, **2007**
- I was happy to get away from Newcastle’s cold water and looking forward to long, lazy days on the beach and swimming in surf that didn’t send my “Niagara Falls” up to my “upper deck” (think rhyming slang). – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 9th March **2007**

upper notch

noun

Scotch whisky [UK]

- Gold Watch – Scotch [also Upper Notch – Scotch]. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March **2012**

uppers and beneath

noun

the teeth [US]

- Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Teeth, Uppers and Beneath. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, ‘Runyon Says’, 24th October **1929**
- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**
- – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*
- I gave her hook with my left “german band” and knocked out her “uppers and beneath”. – L.M. Blum-

berg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968: J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

uppers and lowers

noun

the molars [US]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Perhaps an alteration of the earlier UPPERS AND BENEATH.

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *The Joint*, p.539, **1984**

upside down

noun

a clown [UK]

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.45, **1973**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – *Genes Reunited* forum, 7th April **2005**

up to his tricks

noun

in bingo, the number six [UK]

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, **2006**

up to tricks

noun

in bingo, the number forty-six [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

· – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**

· – *www.whichbingo.co.uk*, 1st June **2004**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

Uriah Heep; uriah

noun

a contemptible or unpleasant person [UK]

Rhymes on *creep*. Suggested by the figurative use of the word to mean ‘a despicable, obsequious type of person, a toady’. < Uriah Heep, the fawning, cadaverous clerk and moneylender in Charles Dickens’s *David Copperfield* (1849).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· He said, ‘Fancy a *melvyn*?’ instead. She looked him in the eye and said, ‘Not with you, *Uriah*.’ – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.134, **2011**

Uriah Heeps; uriahs

noun

a feeling of nervousness or dread [UK]

Rhymes on *the creeps*. < Uriah Heep, a character in Charles Dickens’s *David Copperfield* (1849).

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [T]his slimy character may give you the ‘uriahs’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Uri Geller; Uri Gella; Yuri Geller; Yuri Gella; Uri; Yuri

noun

Stella Artois lager [UK]

< Israeli-British magician and psychic Uri Geller (b.1946).

· Or a Pint of Uri Geller. – *North Stand Chat* forum, 16th January **2004**

· – “I’ll have a Mick Jagger please.” – Make mine a Yuri. – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February **2004**

· A pint of Uri Geller? – *Soccer AM*, UK TV: Sky Sports 1, April **2005**

· And if you’re in the East End, it’s a “pint of Yuri Geller” or they get confused[.] – *T2W* forum, 11th January **2006**

· I love a good pint of Yuri. – *NUFC* forum, 27th July **2009**

· “‘Ere, bruv,” he says, “get a couple Uris down your neck.” – *The Sun*, London, 22nd February **2010**

· £3.80 for a pint of uri gella in the Kings Head!! – *PomsInOz* forum, 21st April **2012**

· [G]ot a pint of yuri gella and the BBQ is about to be started, you beauty!!!! – *twitter.com*, 27th May **2012**

· Renus had spoken highly of a blond-haired, blue-eyed Kraut who was as cool as a can of Uri Geller fresh out the fridge. – C. Blaney, *The Undesirables*, p.237, **2014**

· Have you really never fouled your Bills in the back of a Joe after a Ruby and eight Uris? – *Liverpool Way* forum, 29th January **2015**

U2

noun

flu [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

Popney rhyming slang. < Irish rock band U2.

· My Axl Rose (nose) has been running since I caught the U2 (flu) riding my George Michael (cycle) in the rain. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 20th March **2001**

· Don’t disturb her – she’s in bed with U2. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I think I’m coming down with the U2. – *The Irish Echo*, New York, 16th February **2011**

V

Valentine Dyalls; valentines

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Rhymes on *piles*. < English actor Valentine Dyall (1908–85).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August **2014**

Vale of Kent

noun

corrupt [UK]

Rhymes on *bent*. < Vale of Kent, a valley in Kent, in the south-east of England.

- If you ain't got the agent and solicitor seriously Vale of Kent you can end up getting seriously nicked. You can't even pay off a large credit card bill in cash anymore. – J.J. Connolly, *Viva La Madness*, p.32, **2011**

Val Quirk

noun

a shirt [AUSTRALIA]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Melbourne boxing referee Val Quirk, who was active from the mid-1910s until the early 1930s.

- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

Vancouver

noun

a vacuum cleaner [UK]

Rhymes on *hoover*, originally an American trademark and now a generic British term for a vacuum cleaner.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- You hurry to get the “Vancouver”. – *The Vancouver Sun*, Vancouver, BC, 4th November **1995**

van gogh

noun

▶ see VINCENT VAN GOGH

van gogh

verb

▶ see VINCENT VAN GOGH

van gogh

adverb

▶ see VINCENT VAN GOGH

vanilla fudge; vanilla

noun

a judge [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, < *vanilla fudge* ‘a type of confectionery’; in British English, < Vanilla Fudge, an American rock band of the mid- to late 1960s. The short form has been recorded in British usage.

- He had been for a chow feed and had decorated the slapsie with a technicolour yawn. The vanilla fudge had

hit him up for fifty Oxford scholars. – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.10, **1983**

· It's into court in front of the old vanilla fudge and Billy Fury. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

· [T]he accused stands before the ‘vanilla’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – *www.englishproject.org*, ‘A Glossary of HMP Winchester Lingo’ by Christopher Mulvey, 2012: October **2010**

· [T]he real perk of the Vanilla Fudge's job: getting to bang his gavel. – R.O. Smith, *As Thick as Thieves*, p.176, **2013**

vanilla ripple

noun

a disabled person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *cripple*. < *vanilla ripple* ‘a type of vanilla ice cream’. A variation of RASPBERRY RIPPLE.

- – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.51, **1983**

Vanity Fair

noun

1 a chair [UK]

< *Vanity Fair*, a novel by William Thackeray published between 1847 and 1848.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

2 the hair [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]

- – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972**

· I'm just off to sort out my Vanity Fair. – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 4th January **2011**

3 an electric chair [UK]

- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

vapour rub; vapour

noun

a pub [UK]

< *vapour rub* ‘a decongestant and cough suppressant ointment originally manufactured by Richardson-Vicks (now part of Procter & Gamble)’.

- I mean, how would you react if someone said “Ah've just been down the vapour to give the geezer the sausage for the haddock?” This rather alarming statement translates so: “I've been down to the pub (vapour rub) to give the man (geezer) the cash (sausage and mash) for the motor (haddock and bloater)”. – *South Wales Echo*, Cardiff, 24th October **2014**

varicose vein

noun

in pre-decimalisation currency, a ten-shilling note or the sum of ten shillings [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *sane*, itself perhaps an anglicisation of the German numeral *zehn* ‘ten’.

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

varicose veins*noun*

young children [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *weans*, the plural of the Scots and northern English word *wean*, itself a contraction of *wee ane* 'little one'.

· As the doctor examines him he asks: "Have you ever had varicose veins?" "Aye," says the man: "Two boys and a lassie." – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 12th February 1993

· – M. Munro, *CPI*, 1996

· How are the Varicose Veins doing at school? – *www.bubblews.com*, 15th October 2014

Vasco de Gamas; vasco's*noun*

problems [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dramas*. < Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama (ca 1469–1524). Generally used in the phrase *no vasco's*, the direct equivalent of the colloquialism *no dramas* 'no problem'. Synonymous with DALAI LAMAS, DROMANAS and WES NAIQAMAS.

· [N]o Vasco's. – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

Vatican Cities; vaticans; vats*noun*

a woman's breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Possibly enhanced by the architectural similarity of breasts and domes.

· **titties** [...] **Vatican Cities** (Vaticans). – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, 2001

· Nice Vatican Cities[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 8th October 2001

· [T]he coach was trying to take his gaze away from one particular lemonade and sars with vatican cities to match. – *Beemaster.com* forum, 4th December 2009

· Another one was 'vats' for 'breasts.' – *neworleans.livejournal.com*, blog, 6th February 2010

· [S]he flashes her vatican cities, and then covers them up. – *guesshermuff.blogspot.com*, blog, 26th July 2012

Vauxhall Cavalier*noun*

a male homosexual [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Vauxhall Cavalier, a popular family car manufactured by Vauxhall Motors from 1975 to 1995. Possibly influenced by 'the Vauxhall' (the Royal Vauxhall Tavern), one of the oldest and best-known gay venues in London.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd August 2006

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October 2007

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· I was in there last night, teaching them rhyming slang. They reckon 'Vauxhall Cavalier' = queer. – *WestHam Online.net* forum, 9th November 2012

Vauxhall Cavalier*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Vauxhall Cavalier, a popular family car manufactured by Vauxhall Motors from 1975 to 1995. Possibly influenced by 'the Vauxhall' (the Royal Vauxhall Tavern), one of the oldest and best-known gay venues in London.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd August 2006

· – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October 2007

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – Oh yes it is. That is your perception/perspective. Not mine. – Well not unless you are Vauxhall Cavalier. – *Personal Development for Personal Success* forum, 7th April 2009

· – *WestHamOnline.net* forum, 9th November 2012

Vauxhall Novas*noun*

Jehova's Witnesses [UK]

< Vauxhall Nova, a popular car model manufactured by Opel from 1982 to 1993.

· [H]im & his cronies hang around p like a pack of wolves & p adores him, but those vauxhall novas r just hangers on. – *prince.org* forum, 28th November 2007

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· – *answers.yahoo.com*, 13th March 2012

veal and ham*noun*

a tram [UK]

· The expert educated in rhyming slang would not think of saying, "My wife went on the tram to save her feet" when he can mystify listeners with "My trouble and strife went on the veal and ham to save her plates of meat." – W. Price, *Roaming Britain*, p.197, 1958

velvet coat; velvet*noun*

the throat [UK]

· Me velvets (velvet coat = throat) not so sore now its all on my left side of me Gregory (Gregory Peck = neck) but I'll stand in the shower (cont). – *twitter.com*, 12th July 2012

venetian blind; venetian*noun*

the mind [UK]

Often in the phrase *out of one's venetian* 'mad', the direct equivalent of *out of one's mind*.

· Honestly, he must be out of his venetian, gawping at pin-up pictures like a sex-starved sailor. – *Three Hats for Lisa*, UK film, script by Leslie Bricusse and Talbot Rothwell, 1965

· You must be out of your tiny Venetian. – R. Puxley, *Brit-Slang*, 2003

Vera Lynn; vera*noun*

1 gin [UK/US?/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

< Vera Lynn, the stage name of English singer Vera Margaret Lewis, neé Welch (b.1917), known from World

War II as ‘The Forces’ Sweetheart’. The only record of this usage in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962; there the word is listed as *Vera Lynn*, but its origin and authenticity are unclear. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, the *Vacaville Vocabulary* includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain or Australia, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE3*, 1949: *Weekly Telegraph*, 6th April **1946**

• When we win and they say what are you going to have, don’t just say a half of mild. Say a gold watch or a vera lynn. – A. Burgess, *The Doctor is Sick*, p.95 [1972], **1960**
 • – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

• ‘Anyhow,’ says I, when I’ve recovered a bit and had another go at my vera, ‘he had this specimen note, did he?’ – R. Cook, *Crust*, p.49, **1962**

• I thought we’d order a crate of light ale, and a crate of brown ale, and a crate of Tom Thumb, bottle of Tom Thumb, and a bottle of gold watch, and a bottle of Vera Lynn, in case the vicar comes. – *Steptoe and Son*, UK TV: BBC1, 24th December **1973**

• – L. Lind, *Sea Jargon*, **1982**

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.51, **1983**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, **1997**

• Then perhaps drink a cool Vera Lynn and Philharmon-ic. – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**

• [T]hey’ve only large bottles a Harp left so I get one and a Vera Lynn and supersonic for Breda. – E. O’Brien, *Eden*, p.26, **2001**

2 the chin [UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Only recorded in the full form.

• – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.43, **1972**

• – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, **1976**

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.51, **1983**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• – *CRS(co.uk)*, 17th March **2007**

• Audley won, but Barry McGuigan was reluctant to gush. “He’s not strong around the old Vera Lynn,” he said of Audley, which we took as a bad thing. [...] Hopkins might, then, have been humming as he left Las Vegas, but if he loses again in Cardiff he’ll just have to take it on the Vera Lynn. – *The Irish Times*, Dublin, 21st April **2008**

• [H]e thinks his vera lynn (chin) will hold up to anyone’s punches. – *East Side Boxing* forum, 29th March **2010**

• [I]t hit him on the Vera Lynn (chin). – *manchesterexboxers.co.uk*, accessed 29th April **2013**

3 a cigarette paper [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *skin*. Usually in the plural.

• Has anybody got any veras? – *Ebenezer Goode*, lyric, *The Shamen*, **1992**

• vera lynns: skins[.] – *www.irishslang.co.za*, G. Coughlan, ‘Everyday English and Slang in Ireland’, **1997–2005**

• The Vera Lynns (skins) are vital for joint rolling[.] – A. Shulman, *The Style Bible*, p.260, **1999**

• It was a case of me salvaging the best bits of tobacco I could from my douts and rolling them into a decent sized 3 skinner (lucky I had some Vera Lynns). – *MPFS News* forum, 27th November **2003**

• Vera = Cigarette Paper (Rhyming Slang, Vera Lyn = A Skin). – *www.englishproject.org*, ‘A Glossary of HMP Winchester Lingo’ by Christopher Mulvey, 2012: October **2010**

• i was gonna ask if you have any vera lynns!!!!!! – *answers.yahoo.com*, 30th December **2010**

4 a rubbish bin [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

• The most illuminating part of the documentary was a visit to the rear of Buckingham Palace to empty the Queen’s Vera Lynns, and my slits narrowed to mere eyes as I thought about the thrilling possibility of Benjy the Bin Man (whose life story will be on your screens next month) audaciously penetrating Her Majesty’s back passage. – *Evening Standard*, London, 16th November **2000**

5 heroin [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. Only recorded in the full form.

• I only did Vera Lynn a couple of times when I was young, and I’ve never liked Gary Abletts[.] – *Toytown Germany*, 18th November **2005**

• – D. Pickering, *Perfect Pub Quiz*, **2007**

6 a cigarette [UK]

Metonymically extended from sense 3. Only recorded in the short form.

• I was born and bred in London, and whilst I don’t really use slang (certainly not Cockney rhyming!) I’ve always called a cigarette a “Vera” which is slang for a fag. – *Airliners.net* forum, 11th July **2007**

7 in scaffolding, a round metal bar with two holes through each end used to join tubes coaxially [UK]

Rhymes on *pin*, an elliptical form of *joint pin*, itself a synonym of *spigot* (hence LESTER PIGGOTT). Only recorded in the full form.

• – *Scaffolders forum*, 6th November **2012**

ver-Channing-Tatum

adverb

verbatim [IRELAND]

An imperfect rhyme on *ver-fucking-batim*. < American actor and producer Channing Matthew Tatum (b.1980). The word *Channing* underlines the archness of the construction and serves as an intensifying infix. Probably a nonce word, rather than an established usage.

• That’s what I said – ver-Channing-Tatum! – *www.youtube.com*; Foil, Arms & Hog, *Modern Rhyming Slang*, comedy sketch, 19th December **2013**

Vernon Kay*adjective*

(of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *gay*. < English radio and television presenter Vernon Kay (b.1974).· henryoid is a bit vernon kay. – *NuSkoolBreaks.co.uk* forum, 17th January **2006**· Look at that guys long hair and pretty boy looks he's so vernon kay... – *UD(.com)*, 29th November **2006****Veronica Lake; veronica***noun***1** a steak [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American actress Veronica Lake (1919–73). Only recorded in the full form.

· ‘Tell da bait layer dat he wants da biggest Veronica Lakes wot he's got,’ ordered the Wrecker. – J. Alard, *Shoots Last*, p.74, **1968**· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**· I remember my uncle in the Cafe at Llanwit Major beach asking for 2 cups of you and me and a slice of Veronica Lake. – *Cardiff City Online* forum, 22nd June **2012**· Do you fancy Veronica Lake and chips for tea? – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015****2** a snake [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· Percy peeled like an old Veronica Lake shedding its skin! – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.88, **1986****3** a brake [UK]· – *www.dailymail.co.uk*, 21st September **2006**· Hit the Veronica, you slag! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th July **2009****very best***noun*

the chest [US/SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**· – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, **1942**· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**· – V.J. Monteleone, *CSVUL*, **1949**· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**· – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, **1963**· – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.50, **1989****Vespa scooter***noun*

the nose [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *hooter*. < Vespa, a popular Italian make of motor scooter.· [Cut oot two enormous lines above the dashboard n take them up the Vespa scooter. – I. Welsh, *A Decent Ride*, p.200, **2015****Vesta Tilley; Vesta Tilly***noun*

the penis [UK: NEWCASTLE]

Rhymes on *willy*. < Vesta Tilley, the stage name of English male impersonator Matilda Alice Powers (1864–1952).· Vesta Tilly = Willy = Male private parts! – *www.geordie-times.com*, 4th April **2011****Vesta Tilley; Vesta Tilly; vesta***adjective***1** silly [UK]

< Vesta Tilley, the stage name of English male impersonator Matilda Alice Powers (1864–1952).

· A little unflattering is “Don’t be so Vesta Tilley” for “silly,” and a little obscure, “Harry Randall” for “candle.” – *The Bookman*, London, October **1934****2** (of weather) chilly [UK: NORTHERN ENGLAND]· I’m 42 yet I use many phrases and words that should long since become redundant or irrelevant. I dont see many phrases lasting in the way that they have for my generation things like, “Its a bomber’s moon tonight” (Full, bright moon in a clear sky) “It’s a bit Vesta tonight” (Vesta Tilly = Chilly). – *MCFC Forum*, 28th September **2012**· Morning from a canny afternoon weather – wise, bit vesta tilley but not ower bad and we got no snow yet[.] – *www.top-greetings.com*, forum, accessed 1st February **2013****Vicar of Bray***noun***1** a tray [UK]

< ‘The Vicar of Bray’, an 18th-century satirical ballad about a parson who, in order to keep his position, changed his faith to suit whatever monarch was on the throne

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.85, **1973**· Eight apple fritters an’ a Vicar of Bray squire. – *Courage Best Bitter* beer mat, **1980****2** the number three [UK]Rhymes on the slang *trej*.· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960****vicar’s daughter; vicar’s***noun*

a quarter of an ounce of a drug, especially cannabis [UK]

▶ see DAUGHTER

· An oz can be split into “halves”, “quarters” (vicar’s daughter), “eighths” (a Henery – so called after Henery VIII) and “sixteenths” (a Louie – after Louie XVI). – *UD (.com)*, s.v. *9 bar*, 15th December **2003**· Great tell him i need a vicar’s! – *PsyMusic UK* forum, 29th April **2005**· You got a Vicar’s of that skunk mate? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st September **2009**· I grew up with vicars daughter (quarter), Henry (eighth), a wizard or a tin of paint (ounce)[.] – *THCtalk.com* forum, 3rd December **2012****Vic Damone***noun*

a loan [AUSTRALIA]

< Vic Damone, the stage name of American crooner Vito Rocco Farinola (b.1928).

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Vickers Gin

noun

a sin [AUSTRALIA]

< Vickers Gin, a brand of London dry gin.

• – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Victoria Beckham

nickname

Peckham, an area of south London

< English singer-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham (b.1974), who came to prominence as a member of the all-girl pop group Spice Girls, where she was known as ‘Posh Spice’; she is married to English footballer David Beckham. ► see DAVID BECKHAM

• What, down in Victoria Beckham do they really go out for a couple of games of George and Ringo[?] – *The Sunday Times*, London, 14th January 2001

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

Victoria Monk

noun

1 semen [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*. < English music-hall singer Victoria Monks (1884–1927), famed for the song ‘Won’t You Come Home, Bill Bailey’.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• “Victoria Monk” She was once famous for singing ‘Won’t You Come Home, Bill Bailey’ and then ended up as a ‘reproductive fluid’. – *Black Cat Bone* forum, 26th August 2014

2 courage and determination [UK]

Rhymes on *spunk*.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, 1960

• – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Victoria Monk

adjective

drunk [UK]

< English music-hall artiste Victoria Monks (1884–1927).

• – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.134, 1977

Victoria plums; victorias

noun

drums [UK]

< *Victoria plum* ‘a popular type of English plum’. Musicians’ slang.

• – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August 2003

• – *twitter.com*, 25th June 2015

Victor McClaggin

noun

sexual intercourse [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *shaggin*. An altered form of *Victor McLaglen*. < English actor Victor McLaglen (1886–1959).

• I liked that one with all the victor mcclaggin in it (ken what I’m sayin?... a bit of willie thorne). – *www.bebo.com*, 25th June 2007

Victor Trumper

noun

1 a cigarette butt [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *bumper*. < Australian cricketer Victor Trumper (1877–1915).

• – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 a jumper (a pullover) [AUSTRALIA]

• [T]hink I’ll wear my Victor Trumper. – *jendi.bowmeow.com.au*, accessed 5th February 2002

3 a jumper (a person or animal that jumps) [AUSTRALIA]

• Fortunately for me as I adjusted my Reg Grundies with my Onkaparingas, I saw a Norman Von Nida which turned out to be quite a Victor Trumper. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

Victory V

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < *Victory V*, a reference to the hand sign popularised by Winston Churchill or a well-known brand of liquorice-flavoured cough lozenges.

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

Vijay Singh

noun

a ring (for the finger) [IRELAND]

< Fijian golfer Vijay Singh (b.1963).

• – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June 2006

village bike

noun

a lesbian [UK]

Rhymes on *dyke*. < *village bike*, a slang term for a promiscuous woman.

• – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

Vince Cable; Vince

noun

a piece of faeces [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *cable*, often found in the phrase *lay a cable* ‘to defecate’, and *Cable*. < English Liberal Democrat politician John Vincent ‘Vince’ Cable (b.1943), who has been Business Secretary since 2010.

• – I need a poo. Trevor. – You mean you need to lay a Vince. – *Bike Magic* forum, 27th February 2009

• **Vince 1. n. rhym. slang.** An excreta. – *Roger’s Profanisaurus: Das Krapital*, 2010

• Now, with that slice of Stanley-sharp political commentary done, I’m off to lay a Vince Cable. – *iamdaveknockles.wordpress.com*, blog, 7th February 2011

· Henceforth I shall refer to ‘taking a number two’ as ‘laying a Vince.’ – *The Register* forum, 13th September **2011**
 · Laying a Vince (Cable) Having a pool.[.] – *nobbilydictionaryandphrasebook.blogspot.com*, blog, 22nd February **2014**

Vincent

noun

a price [UK: SCOTLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *price* and *Price*. < American actor Vincent Price (1911–93).

· I mean, ‘ave you clocked the Vincent of a pint of Mick at the near-and-far? – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

Vincent Price; vincent

noun

ice [UK]

< American actor Vincent Price (1911–93).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [S]he’s on a Brixton riot (diet), so for her it’s just a cow and calf (half) of fisherman’s daughter (water) with Vincent Price (ice). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Vincent’s and Bex; Vincents and Bex

noun

sexual activity, specifically sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *sex*. < Vincent’s and Bex, two old brands of headache powder. Probably also suggested by the widespread belief, especially among men, that sex is a good remedy for headaches. The spelling with no apostrophe is given by Spilsted (1997).

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

· – E. Spilsted, *GASB3*, **2001**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Vincent van Gogh; van gogh; vincent

noun

1 a cough [UK]

< Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh (1853–90). The form *Vincent van Gogh* is listed by Puxley (2008) and Tibballs (2008), but Puxley notes ‘[y]ou either have a “vincent” or a “van gogh”, never the full monty’.

· That’s a nasty Vincent you’ve got there. – *www.london-slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**

· – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· I can’t talk much, I’ve got a really bad Vincent. – *rachaelloxston.hubpages.com*, 16th February **2014**

2 the act of leaving a place [UK]

Rhymes on *off*. Occurs in the phrase *do a vincent* ‘to leave; go away, get out of here’, which is often used

imperatively as an expression of frustration or anger, synonymously with *fuck off*. Always shortened to *vincent*.

· I’m gonna do a Vincent now. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 20th November **2003**

· [D]o a vincent! – *listserv.linguistlist.org*, 16th August **2006**

· [W]hat the fuck is all that cockney rhyming slang all about, most of you sound retarded enough without having to come up with some shit that everyone laughs at you about. – Go do a Vincent. – *The Dugout Football Manager Community* forum, 24th June **2007**

· [D]o you wanna do a Vincent? – *www.moove2london.co.uk*, 16th April **2010**

· – Barman: that will be a monkey to you, prices have just gone up and i need to make up for the trade i am losing.

– Mr R: there will be no money for my ruby murray later - Thats a curry to you. – Barman: Do a vincent mate. – *Volkszone* forum, 9th January **2011**

Vincent Van Gogh; van gogh

verb

to go away [UK]

Rhymes on the second element of such verbs as *fuck off*, *sod off* and *bugger off*. < Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh (1853–90).

· The remaining drunk pulls out his phone and rings the police, as the two girls and the ‘scroat’ all Van-Gogh down the road. [...] I decide to Van Gogh before Old Bill arrives. – R. Rooney, *A Year on the Streets*, pp.312/383, **2012**

· As far as they’re concerned the rest of us can Vincent Van Gogh. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by ‘wolvoman80’ on 16th July **2016**

Vincent Van Gogh; van gogh; vincent

adverb

off, away from a place [UK]

Used in the phrase *be Vincent Van Gogh* (often shortened to *be van gogh* or *be vincent*) ‘to leave, to depart’.

< Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh (1853–90).

· I could also have said “I’m Vincent,” as in “I’m Vincent Van Gogh = I’m Off”. – *Peoples Republic of Cork* forum, 8th November **2007**

· The dumplings went down a treat. Now I’m Van Gogh... Off! To St James to watch Ben Arfa turn @rioferdy5 inside oot! – *twitter.com*, 7th October **2012**

vindaloo; vinda

noun

1 a clue [UK]

< *vindaloo* ‘a highly spiced Indian curry’.

· He hasn’t got a bloody vinda. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June **2001**

· The Chicken farmers run the club from India and haven’t got a Vindaloo about football. – *www.theargus.co.uk*, 9th January **2013**

2 an act of defecating [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*, with a pun on *in the loo* ‘in the toilet’; also suggested by the inevitable associations of this dish with defecation, both as visual metaphor and in its practical outcome.

· I had a vindaloo last night and three vindas this morning. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

vindaloo

verb

to defecate [UK]

Rhymes on *poo*, with a pun on *in the loo*. < *vindaloo* ‘a highly spiced Indian curry’; hence also a figurative association with defecation.

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

Vintcent van der Bijls

noun

haemorrhoids [UK]

Relies on the Anglicised pronunciation of *van der Bijls* to rhyme with *piles*. < South African cricketer Vintcent van der Bijl (b.1948). Recorded in use among cricketers.

· Vintcent van der Bijls, nautical miles, Graham Miles, Nobby Stiles, John Steinbecks (the Grapes of Wrath), Emma Freuds ... whatever cricketers call haemorrhoids, they definitely aren’t a laughing matter for those suffering with them. – D. Whiting and L. Kenna, *Cricket Banter*, p.47, 2013

violet crumble

verb

to understand [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tumble*. < Violet Crumble, a chocolate-covered honeycomb bar first manufactured by the Melbourne-based company Hoadley’s Chocolates in 1913.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· OH, NOW I VIOLET CRUMBLE! – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.92, 1999

virgin bride; virgin

noun

a ride (on horseback, in a car, etc.) [AUSTRALIA/UK]

In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· [A] heavenly plan with a big charming mottle of O-my-dear sticking out of his sky-rocket fancy-sashed the girl-abductor on his bundle-of-socks with it cos he wouldn’t let him have a virgin-bride for nothing. – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.269, 1945: *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January 1902

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.50, 1973

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

virgin brider

noun

a horse rider [UK]

A derivative of VIRGIN BRIDE.

· Out they came—all except “Lucky Jim”. He dug his ‘plates’ into the ‘penny a pound’ and threw his ‘virgin

bride (r)’ over his ‘bushel’ and refused to start. – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.70, 1973

virgin child

noun

mild ale [UK: MANCHESTER]

· You don,t hear it much today but in my youth Manchester had its own form of cockney rhyming slang. [...] Mild was virgin child. – *Knowhere Guide/Gorton* forum, 29th April 2012

Virginia McKenna; virginia

noun

a ten-pound note or the sum of ten pounds [UK]

Rhymes on *tenner*. < English actress Virginia McKenna (b.1931).

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, 2008

Virginia Wades

noun

sunglasses [UK]

Rhymes on *shades*. < English tennis player Virginia Wade (b.1945).

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 1st December 2011

Vita Brits; Vitabrits; vitas

noun

1 the female breasts [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *tits*. < Vita Brits, a brand of breakfast cereal manufactured in Australia. The short form is recorded by Factor (2000) as children’s slang. ▶ see SMALL VITAS

· Nice vitas. – J. Factor, *Kidspeak*, 2000

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

· Vitabrits = tits. – www.messandnoise.com, 2011

2 diarrhoea [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *the shits*. Always used in full. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the Vita Brits* ‘to make someone angry or annoyed’.

· If anything give me the VITA BRITS are people who will go to any length to try and discredit some one who has the knowledge to ask the right questions. – *Fishnet.com.au* forum, 20th October 2005

· [I]t was all giving me the “Vita Brits” so one day, backed with a degree of confidence that “I did know what I knew but that was all I knew”, the leap was made from the precipice of a comfortable, stable, guaranteed income producing lifestyle and we stepped in to the world of the totally unpredictable state of living “outside the system”. – *RaceRate.com*, 2012

Vitus Geralitis; vitus

noun

arthritis [UK]

< American tennis player Vitas Gerulaitis (1954–94), influenced by the song ‘Outbreak of Vitas Gerulaitis’ (1991) by Half Man Half Biscuit. Used primarily by those with disabilities. In private correspondence (dated 20th November 2014), Sarah Hartwell states that her list of ‘Disability Rhyming Slang’, published

on *messybeast.com* (2001), was ‘compiled sometime between 1996 and 2000, though the terms are obviously older’.

- A: Your mum? How’s she keeping lately? B: Thomas, mutton and vitus these days. – *messybeast.com*, 1st February **2001**

Vivien Leigh; vivien

noun

urine; an act of urinating [UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. < English actress Vivien Leigh (1913–67).

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Vladimir Ashkenazy; Vladimir Askenazi; vladimir; vlad

noun

a toilet [UK]

Rhymes on *khazi*. < Russian-born Icelandic pianist and conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy (b.1937). Musicians’ slang.

- Vladimir (Askenazi) – khazi (arabic for toilet). – *www.alecdankworth.com*, 15th August **2003**
- ‘Where’s yer Vlad, Martin?’ Keith asked, draining his glass after another expletive-strewn tour of the political horizon. I looked blank until the pianist whispered: ‘Keith wishes to visit your cloakroom. Vlad, Vladimir Ashkenazy, khazi’. – *The Spectator*, London, 14th March **2007**

Vladimir Smicer; Vladi Smicer

noun

1 a teacher [UK: LIVERPOOL]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < Czech footballer Vladimír ‘Vladi’ Šmicer (b.1973), who played for Liverpool from 1999 to 2005. Only recorded in the form *Vladi Smicer*.

- Depends on how you pronounce the name as well but I tell people that my bro is a Vladi Smicer (teacher). – *Red and White Kop* forum, 8th June **2006**

2 a pizza [UK]

Only recorded in the form *Vladimir Smicer*.

- An 11inch Vladimir Smicer. – *twitter.com*, 10th October **2011**
- Would love a Vladimir Smicer. – *twitter.com*, 20th October **2013**
- I fancy a Vladimir smicer tonight. – *twitter.com*, 18th January **2014**

vocal norfolks

noun

the vocal cords [UK]

Formed on NORFOLKS. Musicians’ slang.

- As lead vocalist in the band the rehearsal period was a concentrated challenge on the old vocal Norfolks

(chords) as we are singing and playing pretty much all day, every day. – *graeatheatrecompany.wordpress.com*, blog, 13th February **2012**

voda

noun

soda water [UK]

A slang rhyme. < *Voda*, a shortening of *Vodafone*, a UK-based telecommunications company mainly known as a mobile network operator.

- – J. Ayto, *ODRS*, p.159, **2002**

von Trapp; von Trap

noun

a person’s mouth [UK/IRELAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *trap* and *Trapp*. < von Trapp, the surname of the singing family in the 1959 play and 1965 film *The Sound of Music*, itself based on *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (1949) by Maria von Trapp.

- Shut your von trapp. For Julie Andrews, the hills are no longer alive with the sound of music. If she can’t sing, argues Zoe Williams, she should get off the screen. – *New Statesman*, London, 21st January **2002**
- Honor wakes up and suddenly storts getting really, like, distressed, obviously picking up that her mother’s upset, but I keep the old Von Trapp shut. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Champagne Mojito*, p.28, **2007**
- Keep your von trapp shut. – *twitter.com*, 12th April **2013**
- I’m thinking, yeah, no, you’re the one who opened your big Von fucking Trap in the first place. – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Seedless*, p.34, **2015**

von Trapp

noun

excrement; nonsense, rubbish [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < von Trapp, the surname of the singing family in the 1959 play and 1965 film *The Sound of Music*, itself based on *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (1949) by Maria von Trapp.

- – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**
- [O]ff for a von trapp. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**
- Rumour has it the producers heard someone say they saw him in *Peak Practice* and it was complete von Trapp[.] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 8th November **2006**
- The Sound of Music, with singing nun, opened on Broadway tonight in 1959. Most critics liked it, though one called it a load of von Trapp. – *twitter.com*, 16th November **2010**

W

wack i the doo

noun

an act of sexual intercourse [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *screw*. < *wack i the doo*, a Scots phrase that translates, word for word, as ‘whack of the dove/pigeon’. Suggested by a metaphor of the penis as a bird.

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

wagon shunter; wagon

noun

a gambler [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *punter*.

· [A] wagon shunter on the john wayne tsd. – *Betfair Community* forum, 3rd July **2011**

· wagon shunter = punter. It’s derogatory in this context, suggesting that the punter is merely guessing and has no expert knowledge. [...] Our job as punters is to identify occasions where they deviate towards splitting the money. They may do this deliberately as they are busy charging the wagons a bad price and nobody is playing on the +ev side of the wager. – *Blonde Poker* forum, 26th September **2012**

· – L. O’Brien, *What Are the Odds?*, **2014**

WA Inc

noun

a commotion or fuss [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *stink*. < *WA Inc*, the name given to a series of political and financial scandals that swept through Western Australia in the late 1980s.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

wait and linger; wait

noun

a finger [UK]

The plural of the full form is *waits and lingers*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Who knows where points the fickle ‘wait’ of fate. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

walk in the lobby

noun

an act of defecation [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *jobbie*. Used in the phrase *go for a walk in the lobby* ‘to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation’.

· If it’s number 2s we say “I’m going for a walk in the lobby” which is rhyming slang for *jobbie*. – *Queenzone* forum, 17th February **2008**

walk the plank

verb

to masturbate [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *wank*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, **2003**

walk the pony

verb

to go to the toilet for the purpose of defecation [UK]

Formed on *pony*, the short version of PONY AND TRAP. Synonymous with TAKE THE PONY FOR A WALK.

· – G. Tremlett, *Little Legs*, p.198, **1989**

Wallace and Gromit; wallace

noun

1 vomit; an act of vomiting [UK]

< Wallace and Gromit, two clay animation characters created in 1989 by English animator Nick Park.

· I feel awful, I think I’m going to have a Wallace. – *The Independent*, London, 5th June **1998**

· – C. Lewis, *DPS*, **2003**

· [Y]ou might need a Wallace (and Gromit) after overindulging. – *Evening Standard*, London, 10th November **2006**

· I was so drunk that I woke up covered in me own Wallace. – *twitter.com*, 1st February **2013**

· Ewww careful not to step on that wallace. – *UD(.com)*, 19th June **2013**

2 a comet [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Recorded in the full form.

· They’ll want to get out on Saturday to see this Wallace and Gromit. – *The Fair Intellectual Club*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 17th November **2016**

Wallace and Gromit; wallace

verb

to vomit [UK/AUSTRALIA]

< Wallace and Gromit, two clay animation characters created in 1989 by English animator Nick Park. The reduced version *wallace* is exclusively British. The gerund of the full form is *wallace and gromiting* or *wallacing and gromiting*.

· You make me Wallace! – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· [T]hey Wallace and Gromit all over your new Claire Rayners and down your John Prescott. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· Eurgh, that’s disgustin’ – I think I’m going to Wallace. – *h2g2* forum, 30th July **1999**

· I mean, what kind of saddo are you? You make me want to Wallace and Gromit. – *The Guardian*, London, 24th March **2001**

· It was so disgusting that it almost made me wallace. – *www.fool.co.uk*, 30th January **2002**

· – C. Lewis, *DPS*, **2003**

· Frankly, you feel a bit Moby Dick and fear you might Wallace and Gromit. – *Evening Standard*, London, 18th August **2003**

· Sorry mate, I’ve just wallaced in the back of your cab... – *Cook’d and Bomb’d* forum, 2nd March **2006**

· i was wallace and gromiting for a few days and just felt worn out for a good wk and half. – *Breast Cancer Care* forum, 3rd October **2006**

· Take it easy on the green tea, if you have too much you will be wallace and gromiting up alongside him! – *The Addiction Recovery Guide* forum, 27th January **2007**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· Feeling rather unfit after two weeks of glorious french wine and food! Going to be wallacing and gromitting tonight after training[.] – *twitter.com*, 15th August **2012**

· I wallaced everywhere last night. – *UD(.com)*, 19th June **2013**

Wallace and Weir; wallace

noun

beer [UK]

Probably < Wallace and Weir Ltd, a now defunct clothing manufacturer.

· Have a Wallace. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.84, **1968**

Wallace Beery; wallace

noun

in a betting shop, a claim or dispute over a bet [UK]

Rhymes on *query*. < American actor Wallace Beery (1885–1949).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

Wall Street Crash; wall street

noun

an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*. < Wall Street Crash, the 1929 collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, which eventually led to the Great Depression of the 1930s.

· Wall Street Crash = slash ('Jesus Christ, I'm bustin' for a Wall Street'). – *Betfair Community* forum, 30th July **2010**

wally

noun

▶ see WHALLEY RANGE

wally dug

noun

a fool, a gullible person [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *mug*. < *wally dug* (the Scots form of *wally dog*), a Staffordshire pottery representation of a spaniel dog, usually one of a pair, which is used as an ornament on mantelpieces.

· Another of his casual jobs, he told me, was looking out for 'wally duggs' (mugs) who could be 'taken' by confidence tricksters. – A. Mackie, *Talking Glasgow*, p.26, **1978**

wally duggs

noun

the female breasts, especially large ones [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *jugs*. < *wally dug* (the Scots form of *wally dog*), a Staffordshire pottery representation of a span-

iel dog, usually one of a pair, which is used as an ornament on mantelpieces.

· Ma new girlfriend's a smasher by the way, and she's got a rare set o' wally duggs oan her. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Wally Grout; wally

noun

1 one's turn to buy a round of drinks [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *shout*. < Australian cricketer Alexander Wallace 'Wally' Grout (1927–68).

· Stick yer onkas in yer sky-rocket, grab some rifle-range and get a couple of red-hots – it's your Wally Grout! – L. Johansen, *DD*, p.508, **1988**

· This reviewer can remember when trousers were referred to as petrols, short for petrol bowsters, when change was Kembla after Kembla Grange and a shout was a Wally Grout. – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 2nd April **1988**

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· It's your wally, mate. – *webspaces.webring.com*, 1st February **2001**

· For Poms heading to the Ashes, Kevin Mitchell, who grew up in Oz and is *The Observer's* Chief Sports Writer, explains what to do, what to say, and why you must never forget your Wally Grout. – *The Observer*, London, 19th November **2006**

· You can get your onkaparingas out of my skyrocket, it's your Wally Grout. – *Sked*, newsletter of the Kettering Yacht Club, Kettering, Tasmania, June **2008**

2 gout [AUSTRALIA]

· [G]ot a case of the old wally. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· At a tender 27 pushing 28, I suffer sporadically from The Wally. [...] A number of blokes my age or thereabouts fight outbreaks of The Wally in secret shame. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 20th March **2004**

· Genuine concern usurped my stock-standard flippancy in February when I was besieged by the worst "Wally Grout" attack in the history of humankind. – *The Herald*, Newcastle, NSW, 7th April **2007**

· King James 1 of England died of the old Wally Grout... – *Australian Surf Rowers League* forum, 20th November **2008**

3 the nose [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *snout*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

· **Wally Grout**. Shout, as in *It's your Wally*. Depending on context, it could also mean stout or snout. – *goaustralia.about.com*, accessed 30th November **2012**

4 stout (beer) [AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – J. Blackman, *AS*, **1998**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

5 a trout [AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· – Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, *Port Sayings – What We Heard in Bay Street*, 3rd edn, copyrighted in 1999, uploaded on www.pmhps.org.au on 2nd December 2013

Wally Grout

verb

to shout [AUSTRALIA]

< Australian cricketer Alexander Wallace ‘Wally’ Grout (1927–68).

· [“]You know I’ve been having trouble with my ‘mud pies’,” I Wally Grouted back. – *The Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, 16th December 2011

Wally’s scarf; wally

noun

a laugh [UK]

Occurs in the phrase *you’re having a wally* (with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you’re having a laugh* or *you’re joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting.

· Wally’s Scarf. Laugh. He’s having a wally. – *A(.com)*, accessed 9th June 2001

wally the monk; wally monk

adjective

drunk [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of MOLLY THE MONK.

· **Wally the Monk** Drunk[.] – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, 1983

· You had to be careful, though; after too many shouts, you could also become Wally Monk[.] – *The Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, 2nd April 1988

· **drunk** [...] **Wally the monk** – E. Spilsted, *GASB2*, 1998

walnut whip; walnut

noun

1 sleep; a sleep [UK]

Rhymes on *kip*. < Walnut Whip, a chocolate confection manufactured by Nestlé.

· To get a few hours’ walnut is to rest your noddle for a while. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

· ‘Walnut Whip’ is rhyming slang for ‘kip’ (sleep), ‘the snip’ (vasectomy) or ‘trip’ (acid / ecstasy). – *No Smoking Forum*, 1st September 2010

2 a vasectomy [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *snip*. Suggested or reinforced by a pun on *get* (or *have*) *one’s mts whipped off*.

· – *Roger’s Profanisaurus*, 1999

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, 2003

3 a drug trip [UK]

· Walnut Whip is Cockney slang for Trip (acid / ecstasy). – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th June 2002

· – Zebedee & Chris Liberator at squat parties around Hackney and Stoke Newington.

· London Acid Techno. Not forgetting D.A.V.E the Drummer. – Wow. Those were the days! I hold these guys re-

sponsible for me loosing 20 IQ points. Walnut whips a plenty. – *PistonHeads* forum, 17th October 2008

4 a trip [UK]

· And as 1500 Jacks prepare to take the Walnut Whip to London Beach the rest of us will be glued to the Roger Mellie waiting for news from Sky Sports. – *Planet Swans* forum, 10th November 2005

· [I]t will be good to see you both when PF gets back from his walnut whip. – *British Sea Power Forum*, 1st February 2007

walnut whip; walnut

verb

to perform a vasectomy [UK]

Rhymes on *snip*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

· “The cat’s a tom, right? So has he been walnutted or do we need to watch out for him?” He was in receipt of eleven uncomprehending stares. “Walnutted,” Basher repeated impatiently. “Walnut whip. Snip.” – *www.fan-fiction.net*, 30th September 2011

Walter Joyce

noun

a voice [UK]

Probably < English actor Walter Joyce, who had some success in the late 19th century.

· And the ‘Walter Joyce’ was Tottie’s / With the golden ‘Barnet Fair.’ – J.S. Farmer, *Musa Pedestris*, p.183, 1896: Dagonet [G.R. Sims], ‘Tottie’, *The Referee*, London, 7th November 1887

Walter Mitty; walter

noun

1 a woman’s breast [AUSTRALIA/UK/IRELAND]

< *Walter Mitty* ‘a person who indulges in daydreams of personal triumphs’; ultimately based on the name of the meek, daydreaming hero of the short story *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (1939) by American writer James Thurber (1894–1961).

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, 1983

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, 2003

· I forsee me cracking off many a ham shank over her walter mittys in the next 8 weeks. – *MX Trax* forum, 28th May 2005

· She looks unbelievable in this, like, tight black top that does a great job showing off her Walter Mitties[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Sydney Parade*, p.210, 2006

· It gets on my walters bigstyle when i hear all this BS from people[.] – *BoxRec* forum, 24th August 2008

· Has she got a nice pair of walters? – *PistonHeads* forum, 5th August 2010

2 in gambling, a pool of money; savings [UK]

Rhymes on *kitty*.

· Who’s got the Walter? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd July 2002

· How much bread is left in the Walter? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

waltz me around*noun*

a pound sterling [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, 1983**wanker***noun*

a banker [UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme. Also used in the compounds *investment wanker* and *merchant wanker*. ▶ see **BANKER**· Lloyd's, merchant bankers (merchant wankers)[.] – P. York, *Style Wars*, p.69, 1980· [Y]ou and five or six other young accountants and merchant wankers crew for him every weekend. – A. Barr and P. York, *Sloane Ranger Handbook*, p.125, 1982· [A]nd fuck the city wankers (thats London bankers not MCFC) because I just don't care enough anymore. – *alt.sports.soccer.manchester.united*, *Google Groups*, 17th July 1999· ive just written the first letter to lloyds, not heard back yet. ANYONE ELSE HAD LUCK WITH LLOYDS WANKERS? – *Dogs On Acid* forum, 25th May 2006· Natwest wankers closed my accounts causing me no end of financial probs[.] – *Volkszone* forum, 26th September 2009· According to KB – all bike shops are run by rip-off merchant wankers... – *Kiwi Biker* forum, 10th January 2011· The “Wall Street” protesters in the UK should be happy as the base salary of investment wankers increased 12 percent to £83,000 in average[.] – *blog.thelordoftrading.com*, blog, 22nd November 2011· She had a similar low opinion of the financial community, which she referred to as ‘merchant wankers’. – A. Palmer, *Introduction to Marketing*, pp.33–34, 2012· [B]y the time ya paid Allied Irish Wankers their cut, twas even worse. – *Biker.ie* forum, 11th March 2013· In all seriousness it's actually a great place for bars/restaurants that aren't full of Deutsche/Goldman/Macquarie wankers. – *SFCU.com.au* forum, 15th March 2013· Who has Parliament been working for, then? The CIA? Brussels? Their own sticky little fingers? Obviously, a few City wankers (only in the Guardian do we have to maintain the courtesy of aspirating that word into a “b”)... – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 19th September 2014**wanstead flat***noun*

a cat [UK]

< Wanstead Flats, a large area of open grassland in east London.

· Among taxicab drivers I have heard rhyming slang used to such an extent that their speech would be quite incomprehensible to the stranger. [...] “Stairs” becomes “Apples and pears,” bed “Uncle Ned,” a cat a “Wanstead Flat”[.] – *Courier and Advertiser*, Dundee, Scotland, 29th September 1933**Wanstead Flats***noun*spats (short gaiters covering the instep and ankle) [UK]
< Wanstead Flats, a large area of open grassland in east London.· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**war and strife***noun*

a wife [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS2*, 1930· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960**warb***noun*

a Jew [AUSTRALIA]

Clipped from *warby*, a slang rhyme on *forby*, itself a curtailed version of **FOUR-BY-TWO**. < *warby*, an Australian slang term for ‘shabby, decrepit’.· In Melbourne a Jew is a warb, which is short for warby, which rhymes with forby, which is short for four-by-two. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 2nd November 1974**Warrenpoint and Omeath***noun*

the teeth [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

< Warrenpoint, a town in County Down (Northern Ireland), and Omeath, a nearby village in County Louth (Ireland), both linked by a passenger ferry.

· – *Belfast Forum*, 12th October 2006· JAMES DEANED MY WARRENPOINT AND OMEATH. – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April 2007**warrior bold; warriors bold***noun*

a cold [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992**warrior bold; warriors bold***adjective*

cold [UK]

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: reported by R.A. Hadrill, **ca 1955****Warwick Capper; warwick***noun*

a toilet [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *crapper*. < Australian Rules footballer Warwick Capper (b.1963).· Going to the Warwick Capper to hang a Jimmy Hird. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 10th January 2004· [S]pent some time in the warwick today. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January 2004**Warwick Farm; warwick***noun*

the arm [AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND]

< Warwick Farm, a racecourse in Sydney.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.271, 1945· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· For instance, she told herself, she had always known, somehow, that when William spoke of his warwicks he was referring to his Warwick Farms, or arms[.] – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 13th October **1981**

· God, a bit whiffy under the old warwicks. – K. Lette, *Girls' Night Out*, p.170 [1993], **1987**

· – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, **2001**

· Me warwick farm's killing me. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 12th January **2004**

· [O]ne of my Warwick Farms is bigger then your legs put together[.] – *twitter.com*, 17th April **2012**

· – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

Wash

nickname

French footballer David N'Gog (b.1989), who played for several British clubs from 2008 to 2014

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the similar-sounding *N'Gog* (pronounced with a silent *g* at the end) and 'n' Go, from *Wash & Go*. < Wash & Go, a brand of hair-care products owned by American company Procter & Gamble.

· [Y]ou can hardly use those stats to say Wash is a goal machine. – *SixCrazyMinutes* forum, 23rd September **2009**

· If Wash is going to Bolton, then I can't see him getting any game time, so perhaps we'll see Morgan. – *Est1892* forum, 21st August **2011**

· David N'gog gets Wash (Wash n' Go shampoo), Everton striker Stuart Barlow was Jigsaw (goes to pieces in the box), Jonathan Woodgate earned the tag of Village (idiot) while Fitz Hall being known as One Size is such a gem. – *The Sun*, London, 12th November **2012**

wash-house ghost

noun

toast (toasted bread) [UK]

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

wasp and bee

noun

1 tea [AUSTRALIA]

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

2 an amputee [UK]

The plural form is *wasps and bees*.

· – *www.bbc.co.uk/ouch*, blog, **2005**

· – E.H. Thripshaw, *Tasteless Jokes*, p.141, **2010**

· – *www.thefanclub.com*, 15th July **2011**

3 an act of urination; urine [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*.

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

watch and chain; watch

noun

the brain [UK]

· Of a dullard it may be said, 'His watch needs looking at,' or 'His watch is slow.' [...] 'Why don't you use your watch and chain once in a while?' – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – L. Szachnowski and G. O'Connell, *The London Guidebook*, p.86, **1996**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.103, **2011**

· If this is too much and taxing your watch and chain (brain), then I'll just end with my favourite ... – *www.johnwinter.net*, blog, 25th September **2015**

water blister; water

noun

a sister [UK]

· 'Cheerio, Tom,' said Mark. 'Look after me water.' 'Water?' 'Water blister, sister.' – D. Nobbs, *Reginald Perrin*, [2013], **1975**

Waterbury watch

noun

Scotch whisky [UK]

< *Waterbury watch*, a reference to the first mass-produced, low-priced pocket watch; it was made by the Waterbury Watch Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, which operated from 1880 to 1898.

· – I. Phillips, *DoRS*, **1931**

· – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

watercress; water

noun

a dress [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

watercress; water

verb

to dress [UK]

· watercressed 'dressed'. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

waterfalls

noun

the testicles [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *balls*. A nonce word occurring in an unpublished version of a poem by English-born poet W. H. Auden (1907–73).

· At nights I weep and cannot sleep / Moonlight to me recalls / I never saw her waterfront / Nor she my waterfalls. – J. Whitehead, *Auden: An Early Poetical Notebook*, p.87, 1965: W. H. Auden, notebook, **ante 1935**

waterfront

noun

the vagina [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *cunt*. A nonce word occurring in an unpublished version of a poem by English-born poet W. H. Auden (1907–73).

· At nights I weep and cannot sleep / Moonlight to me recalls / I never saw her waterfront / Nor she my Waterfalls. – J. Whitehead, *Auden: An Early Poetical Notebook*, p.87, 1965: W. H. Auden, notebook, **ante 1935**

water hose*noun*

the nose [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

· – *Belfast Forum*, 10th April 2007**Waterloo***noun*

stew [UK]

< Waterloo station, a major rail terminus in London, ultimately based on Waterloo, a small village south of Brussels, where the British and their allies defeated Napoleon's army in 1815. A variation of the earlier BATTLE OF WATERLOO.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – D. Smith, *Language of London*, p.40, 2011**Water o' Leith***noun*

the teeth [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Water of Leith, a river that runs through the centre of Edinburgh.

· Water O' Leith – Teeth. – *North American Hibernian Supporters Club* forum, 10th May 2007

water tank*noun*

an American [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

Rhymes on *Yank*. A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*.

· An' as for the way these water tanks tawk, I didn't understand a fackin' Thora Hird anyone was Darren fackin' Dayin'. – *Viz* comic, February 2004

Watery Farts*nickname*

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

Rhymes on *Hearts*, a popular nickname for this club.

A derogatory nickname mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC. They also refer to them derogatorily as *the Scum*, *the Scumbos*, the FARTS, the JAM FARTS, the SMELLY FARTS and the WET FARTS.

► see JAM TARTS

· A dressing room revolt, unrest among the punters and even a few wee whispers of discontent from within Mad Vlad's inner circle had succeeded in pushing the Watery Farts off the straight and narrow path, all of which should have been to our advantage. – *FollowFollow.com*, 20th November 2006

· Supported Team(s): The Hearts, the Jam tarts, the watery farts. – *EastFootball* forum, February 2009

· – Good to see you guys knowing so much about Hearts, i couldnt tell you much about saints as your team are fairly insignificant. – You couldn't even tell us much about the watery farts earlier either. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 17th October 2010

· Good bit of business for Hearts, Zander will be a great asset to them – a real live donkey to join the LSC. I sure as hell hope that the watery farts keep their hands off oor clangers[.] – *AFC Chat* forum, 2nd March 2011

Watford Gap; watford*noun*

1 rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *crap*. < Watford Gap, a motorway service station in Northamptonshire.

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th December 2001

· Some historians, however, think this theory is a load of Watford (Gap). – J. Scroggie, *Tic-Tac*, p.193, 2008

· If the rhyming slang ATMs are a hit, next up could be Brummie, Geordie and Scouse. Genius, or a load of Watford Gap? – *www.theguardian.com*, 25th August 2009

· What a load of Watford Gap. – *alt.sports.spurs, Google Groups*, 10th September 2010

2 a slap [UK]

· I'm gonna give you a Watford 'round yer chevy. – *A(.com)*, 8th December 2006

· If he carries on like that he's going to get a Watford Gap. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

3 a map [UK]

· The Watford Gap has been the butt of jokes, some pretty unsavoury as I have discovered; it is evidently Cockney rhyming slang for "map" as well as other things I will not mention[.] – *www.northamptonchron.co.uk*, 9th June 2008

wattle and daub; wattle*noun*

a dirty or unkempt person [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *warb*. The short form is recorded by Baker (1959).

· – G. Simes, *DAUS*, 1993: 1950· – S.J. Baker, *The Drum*, p.155, 1959**Wayne Bridge***noun*

a fridge [UK]

< English footballer Wayne Bridge (b.1980).

· Let's raid the Wayne Bridge (fridge). – *The Sun*, London, 1st September 2003

Wayne Fontana*noun*

a banana [UK]

< Wayne Fontana, the stage name of English pop singer Glyn Ellis (b.1945), who came to prominence in the mid-1960s.

· She took the stage name Gertie Gitana on account of her supposed Gypsy origins and 'Gitana' was adopted to mean 'banana' in cockney rhyming slang. When Gertie's fame faded, the 60s pop singer Wayne Fontana briefly took her place in the cockney fruiterer's lexicon. – *hid-den-london.com*, 4th February 2013

Wayne Fontanas*adjective*

mad [UK]

Rhymes on *bananas*. < Wayne Fontana, the stage name of English pop singer Glyn Ellis (b.1945), who came to prominence in the mid-1960s. A nonce coinage.

· It's enough to drive a copper completely Wayne Fontanas. – M. Stutter, *Getting Nowhere Fast*, UK radio: BBC Radio 4, 21st May **2004**

Wayne Rooney; wayne

noun

1 university [UK]

Rhymes on *uni*. < English footballer Wayne Rooney (b.1985). Only recorded in the full form.

· So here's our first stab at possible entries for a 2006 Dictionary of Rhyming Slang. [...] Wayne Rooney – uni. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 3rd June **2006**

· Thread: Southern slang/phrases – wayne rooney = uni[.] – *Old Skool Anthems* forum, 2nd October **2006**

2 a mad or stupid person [UK]

Rhymes on *loony*.

· He's a complete Wayne. – *www.absoluteradio.co.uk*, 29th September **2006**

· Don't go near that Geezer, he's a bit of a Wayne Rooney. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 28th October **2006**

· Darren, you're such a Wayne Rooney[.] – *myspace.com*, **2007**

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

· He's a bit of a Wayne[.] – *britgalusa.blogspot.com*, blog, 1st July **2008**

3 a deliberately provocative display of the naked buttocks [UK]

Rhymes on *moonie*. Only recorded in the full form.

· He's pulling a Wayne Rooney[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 3rd July **2012**

Wayne Rooney

adjective

mad or stupid [UK]

Rhymes on *loony*. < English footballer Wayne Rooney (b.1985).

· What a Wayne Rooney bunch of septics (septic tanks) they are!! – *www.theguardian.com*, 18th March **2010**

wear an' tear

noun

the hair [LITERARY/CREATIVE ARTS]

A nonce word occurring in the 'Cockney Wanker' strip in the British comic *Viz*. Recorded in the phrase *keep yer fackin' wear an' tear on* 'don't lose your temper', the direct equivalent of *keep your fucking hair on*.

· – *Viz* comic, February **2004**

wearing the smalls

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. *Smalls* is a British colloquialism for underwear.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

weary willow

noun

a pillow [UK]

· I wasn't 'arf glad ter get up the apples an' pears an' put me Uncle Ned upon the weary willow. – *Wodonga and Towong Sentinel*, Victoria, 23rd July **1937**

weasel and stoat; weasel

noun

1 a boat [UK]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· Our guests, if they are seeking to go places by "boat," must learn to understand that we call it a "weasel-and-stoat," and an "aeroplane" a "sunshine-and-rain." – *The Times*, London, 17th June **1957**

2 a coat; an overcoat [UK]

· weasel and stoat – overcoat. – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· It's a bit parky – I'll put on me weasel. – J. Jones, *RCS*, **1971**

· It seems there was a Cockney technician on the film set of *Diamonds Are Forever*, who was forever muttering things like "It's a bit taters in here, I must get me weasel. – *The Windsor Star*, Windsor, Ontario, 29th August **1978**

· One day, Jacob gave a beautiful, decorated weasel to Joseph as a present. – M. Coles, *Bible*, p.21, **2001**

· And do your Uncle Bert up, for fuck's sake, and put your weasel on. – T. Denby, *Spoilt*, **2007**

weaver's chair; weaver's; weavers

noun

a prayer [UK]

Also used in the phrase *not have a weaver's chair* (or *not have a weavers*) 'to have no chance at all of succeeding'.

· You 'aven't got a weavers! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· [Y]ou ain't got a weaver's, mate. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Was it not our very own Torvill (& Dean – Queen) Elizabeth the Geoff (Hurst – 1st) who said her coronation was to be in English, so the entirety of her people could understand the Weaver's Chairs (prayers) they were hearing? – *cippenhambaptistchurch.com*, blog, 11th March **2012**

· Say a weaver's for me. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

wedding ring

noun

a king [UK]

· Here's some slang from Stepney that new Guy Ritchie plastic Cockneys normally overlook [...] king – wedding ring[.] – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

Wee Cock and Hens

nickname

▶ see COCK AND HENS

Wee Georgie Wood; Georgie Wood; wee georgie; georgie

adjective

good [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< Wee Georgie Wood, the stage name of English music-hall entertainer George Bramlett (1895–1979), who specialised in 'little boy' characters because of his stunted height. Chiefly used in the phrases *any Wee Georgie Wood?* and *any Georgie Wood?* (or in shortened form *any wee georgie?* and *any georgie?*).

· If small boys, and their elder brothers too, desire to bestow praise upon some idol of the playing fields they shout a raucous query at the sky. “Is he any good?” they ask of nobody in particular. It is their way of saying he’s a “bonza.” [...] Nowadays it is “Is he any plum pud?” or “Georgie Wood”? The professors of this weird (s)language omit the last word. “Is he any plum?” or “Is he any Georgie?” is enough for them. – *The Mail*, Adelaide, South Australia, 16th February **1924**

· WEE GEORGIE, ANY: Any good. – S.J. Baker, *PDASI*, **1941**

· To be enshrined in Cockney rhyming slang, like *Harry Tate* ‘late’, *Tom Mix* ‘fix’, *Naughton and Gold* ‘cold’ or the Australian actor *Wee Georgie Wood* ‘good’, must be for a stage personality the summit of lasting fame. – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.95, **1981**

· **Wee Georgie Wood Good** [...] generally shortened to ‘Wee Georgie’ as an alternative to ROBIN HOOD (qv). – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· **any Wee Georgie Wood?** rhyming slang for ‘Any good?’ – J. Lambert, *MASD*, **2004**

· [T]hat was wee georgie, I thought. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Any wee Georgie Wood, eh? – www.macquariedictionary.com.au, accessed 23rd April **2014**

weegie rag

noun

a woman with low moral or sexual standards [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *slag*. < *weegie rag*, formed on the Scots colloquialism *weegie* ‘Glaswegian’ and the English *rag* ‘a low-quality newspaper’ or *rag* ‘a flag’.

· She’s a right Weegie Rag. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

wee jimmy

noun

an act of masturbation [UK: SCOTLAND]

A shortening of *Wee Jimmy Krankie*, rhyming on *wankie*, itself an affected embellishment of *wank*. < *Wee Jimmy Krankie*, a comedy character played by Scottish actress Janette Tough (b.1947). ▶ see JIMMY KRANKIE

· – Where’s Fred? E’s havin’ a J. Arthur... – and should Fred the cockney find himself north o’ the border, he could indulge in a wee Jimmy... – *Charlie Gillett* – *The Sound of the World* forum, 14th November **2008**

Wee Jimmy Krankies

nickname

▶ see JIMMY KRANKIES

weekend pass; weekend

noun

a drinking glass [UK]

Probably of military origin.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· [A] weekend’s leave would have seen more than a few raised ‘weekends’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

weekend passes; weekends

noun

a pair of glasses [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Spectacles – ‘weekends’ for weak eyes. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

weep and wail; weep

noun

1 a tale; specifically, a sob story told by a beggar [UK]

· He’s got such a lovely weep that he can trap lolly from the copper who tells him to take a penn’arf! – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

· That Fred can spin a wonderful weep. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· “Tell me a weep” means “tell me a tale”[.] – Bathroom Readers’ Institute, *Bathroom Reader*, p.129, **2007**

2 a jail [US]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· One day he showed up at the visiting yard, clearly high, jabbering prison rhyming slang. “Weep and wail” means jail. – *Los Angeles Times*, 30th November **2008**

weeping willow; weepin’ willer; weeping

noun

a pillow [UK/AUSTRALIA/US/IRELAND]

The variant *weepin’ willer* is recorded by Wright (1981).

The short form is exclusively British.

· I have been told, though I have never heard the expression myself, that often when a man is ready to retire to rest, he will inform his mates, “That he’s done his lot for the day, and is goin’ to lay his pen’oth o’ bread (head) on the weeping-willow (pillow), and do a little bo-peep” (sleep). – D.W. Barrett, *Navvies*, p.43, **1880**

· [T]here isn’t awful-doom enough for me to get my rosy-red down onto the weeping willow. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 18th January **1902**

· “So I took a flounder to the pope, laid my lump on the weeping, and did a plough.” That is quite a normal remark in any public bar. – *Punch* magazine, London, E.V. Lucas, ‘Rhyming Slang’, 26th November **1913**

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· – E. Booth, *The Language of the Underworld*, p.80, **1928**

· – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.288, **1928**

· **American “Slanguage.”** [...] As though to help us over initial difficulties, the “Manchester Guardian” published on Thursday an up-to-date list of current words and phrases, taken from the pages of “Transition,” an American magazine published in Paris. [...] “Weeping willow” is given for “pillow,” for instance[.] – *The Burnley News*, Burnley, England, 21st September **1929**

· – M.H. Weseen, *DoAS*, **1934**

· – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· I’ll bet that in three minutes I’ll be up the apples, in the Uncle Ned and fast a-bo-peep on the weeping willow. – S. Lester, *Vardi the Palarey*, p.13, **ca 1937**

· Incidentally, your readers may be interested to know that in those days [1898] the bushmen used as general conversation a type of slang sometimes heard these days. [...] Here's an example: 'I put on my this and that (hat), and went for a buttered roll (stroll) down the frog and toad (road), and met the cheese and kisses (missus) under the goose and gander (verandah) of the rubberdy dub (pub), and had a piping hot (pot) of oh my dear (beer), and then to ancient Rome (home), and sank my lump of lead (head) on the weeping willow (pillow), and went to plough the deep (sleep).' – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 17th August **1943**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· [Y]ou can go up to Uncle Ned (bed), lie on the weepin willow (pillow) and have a bo-peep. – J. Kelly, *Ben Lang*, p.10, **1966**

· When I get “elephants trunk” all I want to do is lay on “the roses and red”, put my “lump of lead” on the the “weeping willow” and “weep in the deep”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968; J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

· So I gets up the *apples* an' into the ol' *uncle* and when she comes in, there I am wiv me *loaf* on the *weepin'*, readin' the *linen*. – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.16, **1969**

· – I. Cardozo-Freeman, *Western Prison*, p.305, **1978**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

weep in the deep

verb

to sleep [US]

A variation of the earlier PLOUGH IN THE DEEP, perhaps influenced by WEEPING WILLOW.

· When I get “elephants trunk” all I want to do is lay on “the roses and red”, put my “lump of lead” on the the “weeping willow” and “weep in the deep”. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.102, 1968; J. Herman, letter, 27th March **1968**

Wee Willie Winkie; Wee Willie Winky; Wee Willy Winky; Willy Winky; wee willie

noun

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chinky*. < Wee Willie Winkie, a character in a Scottish nursery rhyme written by William Miller in 1841. The forms *Wee Willie Winky* and *Willy Winky* are listed by Wilkes (2004) and Bronson (2008) respectively. The short form is given by Puxley (2003).

· That's whit we're gaunnae huv ower here whin Hong Kong goes back tae China. He let out a long exhalation of breath. – Two million Wee Willie Winkies, he mused. – I. Welsh, *Trainspotting*, p.251 [1994], **1993**

· – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Anyway she's a wee willie winkie and even the fat ones have nae tit on thum, likesay. – *b3ta* forum, 14th July **2005**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

· [Y]our the wee willy winky. – *twitter.com*, 3rd February **2013**

weigh anchor

noun

a contemptible person [UK]

Rhymes on *wanker*. Probably based on a phonetically disguised form of the target word (*way-anker*).

· What a weigh anchor. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· [W]eigh anchor good bit of rhyming slang for you and your idiocy. – *British Democracy Forum*, 19th May **2009**

· [A]lways thought they were a bunch of weigh anchors!! – *TruckNet UK* forum, 28th September **2009**

· [W]hat a weigh anchor i am at times. – *Betfair Community* forum, 25th February **2013**

weight for age

noun

a page [AUSTRALIA]

< *weight for age* 'a calculated set of criteria in horse racing'.

· – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Weller

noun

▶ see PAUL WELLER

well hung

adjective

young [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

well I declare

noun

a chair [UK]

▶ see I DECLARE

· He pulls his “well I declare” (chair) up to the “Cain and Abel,” and then the fun begins. – *Penny Illustrated Paper*, London, 20th August **1910**

wellies and mac

noun

heroin [UK]

Rhymes on *smack*. < *wellies and mac*, a binomial phrase combining two common British colloquialisms: *wellies*, a shortening of *wellington boots*, and *mac*, the cut-down version of *mackintosh*.

· For example, there are a couple of Cockney rhyming slang phrases for “smack”. These include “wellies and mac” and “Uncle Mac”. – *www.helium.com*, ‘Heroin Drug Slang’, 21st April **2009**

well I never

noun

weather [UK]

A perfect rhyme in Cockney.

· – *news.bbc.co.uk*, 10th October **2002**

· Conversations about the weather (or in the locals' language the ‘chamois leather’/‘hell for leather’/‘birds of a feather’/‘pigeon feather’/‘well I never’) could no longer

rely on the ‘captain’s log’[.] – T. Thorne, *Jolly Wicked, Actually*, pp.144–145, **2009**

wellington boot; wellington; wello; welly

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Rhymes on the slang *root*. Shortened as *wellington* and *wello* in Australian usage. The latter form is given by Ramsay (1977). In British usage, always used in full.

• – J. Ramsay, *CS*, **1977**

• – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, **1983**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• Look Ron, if we weren’t on sacred ground, I’d give youse a ‘Wellington’ on the spot, so help me! – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.105, **1988**

• – K. Allen, *China Plate*, p.93, **1995**

• – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• In other states a “Ronnie Coote” is known as a “Wellington”. – *League Unlimited* forum, 9th October **2002**

• Of course a ‘wellington boot’ is well known Australian rhyming slang for a root (fuck) so if our good moderatorship were found astride a young wench, he could be said to be having a gumboot... and we’d all know what was inferred. – *SciForums.com*, forum, 29th September **2008**

• A wellington boot = Root. – *www.answerbag.com*, 2nd February **2009**

2 a fruit [UK]

Shortened as *wellington*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Fresh ‘wellington’ may go down well after the ‘waterloo’[.] – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

3 a male homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *fruit*. Shortened as *welly*.

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• How a homosexual becomes a ‘welly’. – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

wellington booted

adjective

1 totally exhausted; frustrated; thwarted [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *rooted*. An adjectival adaptation of WELLINGTON BOOT.

• I doubt I’ll make lunch in the Cricket. I’m Wellington Booted. – *ExplorOz* forum, 14th August **2005**

• It’s called “Rhyming slang”... the poms are real good at it, but us ozzies aren’t too bad either... Go for a snakes hiss = piss. [...] Wellington booted = rooted. – *Patrol 4x4* forum, 22nd July **2010**

• Even though this race was only 6 post billets, I was wellington booted. – *ArborisSite.com* forum, 18th September **2012**

2 broken, ruined, spoilt [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *rooted*.

• I simply gave the Redarc a solid tap with a tent peg and immediately the aux batt was showing 13+ volts. Is it “Wellington Booted”? – *ExplorOz* forum, 2nd October **2006**

• [W]hen we went for the recharge lantern the battery was wellington booted. – *ExplorOz* forum, 10th October **2008**

Wentworth Falls

noun

the testicles [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *balls*. < Wentworth Falls, a waterfall in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, and the eponymous nearby town. A variation on the term is *Wentworth’s Balls*, recorded by Partridge (1984).

• – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, **1970**

• [W]e’ve got him by the wentworth falls. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

• – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Werris Creek; werris

noun

1 a Greek [AUSTRALIA]

< Werris Creek, a small town in New South Wales.

• – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLIII, **1967**

• – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

• He’s a Werris, but he’s not a bad bloke. – R.G. Barrett, *Dead for Quids*, p.101 [1986], **1985**

• – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

• He once confounded all when he blithely said he was going to “take a magic to a gay at the Werris”. This was finally translated as taking a “magic wand” (blonde) to a “gay and hearty” (party) at the “Werris Creeks” (Greeks) – the home of his Greek-born friend Spiro Petalis. – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 29th June **2009**

2 an act of urination [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *leak*. Hence JASON FERRIS.

• **Greek [...]** **Werris Creek**. Can be used for ‘leak’ – urinate. – E. Spilsted, *GASB1*, **1997**

• [M]ust have been in the toilets at the time inspecting his dashing new haircut or having a werris because he completely lost the plot with his judgement on this one. – *australianidol.proboards.com*, forum, 3rd August **2004**

• [H]ave a werris[.] – *Fasterlouder.com.au* forum, 13th March **2008**

• By the time we got up to Medlow Bath I was busting for a Werris but the Hydro Majestic is a building site with real workers there so no chance. – *The Hub* magazine (Renault Car Club of Australia Inc.), September/October **2009**

• Well, I’m off for a Werris Creek... bloody hell! Someone’s on the thunder box! I’ll have to find a tree. – *Cruiser.MottoTribe.com* forum, **2010**

• I sold my first painting as a ‘professional’ at a school charity art show. It was a beach scene with sky, water and sand with a fishing rod upright in the sand. I called it ‘Gone for A Werris’. – *www.roberthagagan.com*, accessed 8th February **2010**

Wesley Snipes

noun

pipes (for smoking tobacco or other substances) [UK]

< American actor Wesley Snipes (b.1962)

· It's not just frogs and toads making their way into the 'cockney' lexicon now, it's celebs as well. [...] Gary Ablett – *tablet (E)* Wesley Snipes – *pipes* Leo Sayer – *all dayer*. – *The Drum Media* magazine, Sydney, 17th June **2010**

Wesley wowsers

noun

trousers [AUSTRALIA]

A variation of DEAD WWSERS. < 'Wesley wowsers wet their trousers', an old schoolchildren's taunt aimed at the students of Wesley College, Melbourne.

· [Y]ou can bet your Wesley wowsers on that. – *The Sunday Mail*, Brisbane, 8th January **1989**

Wes Naiqamas

noun

problems [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dramas*. < Australian rugby league footballer Waisale 'Wes' Naiqama (b.1982). Generally in the phrase *no Wes Naiqamas*, the direct equivalent of the colloquialism *no dramas* 'no problem'. Synonymous with DALAI LAMAS, DROMANAS and VASCO DE GAMAS.

· – *www.facebook.com*, 11th May **2012**

· An office favourite: "Easy done mate, no Wes Naiqamas". – *www.sportsbet.com.au*, blog, 19th July **2013**

west Beirut

noun

a male homosexual [UK: NORTHERN IRELAND]

Rhymes on *fruit*.

· – *Crystal Palace Football Club* forum, 6th January **2009**

West End shows; west enders

noun

the toes [UK]

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.203, **1983**

West End thespian

noun

a lesbian [UK/NEW ZEALAND]

Imperfect rhyming slang. ▶ see THESPIAN

· – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· Still, if they're West End Thespians, I'm game. – *Toy-town Germany* forum, 15th November **2005**

· I met a friend of yours at the local, her name is BIG Lola, and I think she's a West End Thespian... eh... nudge, nudge[.] – *radiopescado.blogspot.com*, blog, 13th October **2006**

· Bisexual chic is by no means a new thing, but it wasn't until the nineties that the male ambisexual glam rockers moved aside for the West End thespians. – *Salient*, Victoria University magazine, Wellington, 10th March **2012**

· I wanted to slap you again, not because you're gay, a lesbian, a queer, a West End Thespian[.] – *archiveofourtown.org*, 31st December **2012**

West End thespian; west end

adjective

lesbian [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. ▶ see THESPIAN

· Lesbian. West End Thespian. She's a lovely girl but she is west end you know. – *A(.com)*, accessed 10th February **2001**

· Yeah, you'll be back, you'll be back, you'll be back, you'll be back, unless you've gone west end. – *Sold*, lyric, Fishinabox, 28th August **2013**

western front

noun

▶ see ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

west ham

noun

nerve, impudence [UK]

A shortening of *West Ham reserve*. < West Ham Reserves, the second team of West Ham United, a football club based in Upton Park, east London.

· I'm there, ain't I, you know, mindin' me own, when, bang, bang, bang, in burst the filth and start fitting me up with the naughties. Well, what a west ham, eh? – *Alas Smith and Jones*, UK TV: BBC2, 31st January **1984**

West Ham Reserves; west hams

noun

nerves [UK]

< West Ham Reserves, the second team of West Ham United, a football club based in Upton Park, east London.

· Waitin' abaht 'ere gits on my West Hams it do, straight. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.81, **1973**

· – D. Powis, *The Signs of Crime*, p.207, **1977**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I 'ad a Vera and Phil this morning to steady the old West Hams[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 21st December **2000**

· [A] mug of Rosie Lee (tea) to calm the West Ham Reserves (nerves) and a round of Holy Ghost (toast). – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· The Mickey Mouser's getting on my West Ham Reserves. – *Digital Spy* forum, 11th January **2009**

· [Y]ou're getting right on my west hams. – *Betfair Community* forum, 11th July **2012**

West Highland Way

adjective

(especially of a man) homosexual [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *gay*. < West Highland Way, a long-distance footpath stretching some 95 miles from Milngavie, near Glasgow, to Fort William, where it reaches the foot of Ben Nevis.

· He must be West Highland Way right enough, dressed like that. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Westminster Abbey; westminster

noun

a taxi driver [UK]

Rhymes on the colloquialism *cabbie*. < Westminster Abbey, a major London landmark.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Why do we use the Cockney rhyming slang Westminster for taxi drivers? I know it refers to Westminster Abbey but why is it associated with cabbies? – *The Express*, London, 7th June **2001**
- – A.D. Mills, *DLPN*, p.xlii, **2010**

Westminster Abbey; westminster

adjective

shabby [UK]

< Westminster Abbey, a major London landmark.

- – Anon., *DRSI*, **1941**
- – J. Curtis, *Why Rhyming Slang?*, p.287, **1948**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**
- – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, **1972**
- – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.50, **1973**
- [H]is coat was very Westminster Abbey. – *The Two Ronnies*, R. Barker, UK TV: BBC1, 4th September **1976**
- The O's boss, whose Ling Dynasty is gathering momentum this season, was the first to admit his side's first-half display had been somewhat Westminster Abbey, while Bond was left to rue Cherries' profligacy. – *www.bournemouthcho.co.uk*, 9th September **2007**

Westminster Bank

noun

1 an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Westminster Bank, a British bank that operated from 1834 to 1970, when it merged with National Provincial Bank to form National Westminster Bank, now known as NatWest. ▶ see NATWEST BANK

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th June **2007**

2 rubbish; nonsense [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*.

- [Y]ou can understand all that westminister bank? – *GateWorld Forum*, 21st April **2008**

Weston-super-Mare; weston-super; weston

noun

a nightmare (in all its senses) [UK]

Perhaps pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *mare*, a clipped form of *nightmare*, and *-Mare*, the final part of the place name *Weston-super-Mare*. < Weston-super-Mare, a seaside resort in Somerset, in the south-west of England; *Mare* is derived from the Latin for 'sea'.

- – *The Mail on Sunday*, London, 8th February **1998**
- And as for the Mudlands, the whole place is a "Weston-Super-Mare" 'cos it's always "Boba Fett"[] – *B.I.R.D.* forum, 3rd January **2003**
- Mate, I'm having a Weston. The Mrs came around last night and found me in bed with her mum. – *UD(.com)*, 22nd October **2003**
- He has had an absolute Weston Super Mare. – *The Liverpool Way* forum, 23rd September **2005**
- Went for an interview yesterday – it was a total Weston-Super. – *A(.com)*, accessed 8th December **2006**

- Mate, last Sunday was an absolute weston. – *Football Manager 2010* forum, 12th November **2009**
- So the next time you hear a Tiger say 'I had a Weston', you know they've not had a good game. – *setigerscricketclub.blogspot.com*, blog, 23rd July **2013**

West Point

noun

in scaffolding, a joint [UK: MANCHESTER]

< West Point, a district of Manchester.

- – *Stormfront* forum, 19th November **2006**

West Sham

nickname

▶ see WET SHAM

wet and damp

noun

1 a homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the slang *camp*. Prison slang.

- – *csusap.csu.edu.au*, September **1990**

2 a tramp, a homeless person [UK]

- He's a bit of a wet n' damp? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 9th March **2002**

wet and wild

noun

a child [UK]

< Wet 'n' Wild, an international brand of cosmetics.

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 16th January **2002**

wet and wild

verb

styled (past participle of *style*) [UK]

< Wet 'n' Wild, an international brand of cosmetics.

- I've had my hair wet 'n' wild. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 2nd November **2000**

wet fart

noun

a supporter of Heart of Midlothian FC [UK]

From WET FARTS. Mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC.

- By this stage the Gorgie road was full of Wet farts heading home. – *www.ntvcelticfanzone.com*, 20th October **2002**

Wet Farts

nickname

Heart of Midlothian FC, an Edinburgh football team

Rhymes on *Hearts*, the traditional nickname for this club. A pejorative nickname mostly used by fans of Hearts' local rivals, Hibernian FC. They also refer to them derogatorily as *the Scum*, *the Scumbos*, the FARTS, the JAM FARTS, the SMELLY FARTS and the WATERY FARTS. ▶ see JAM TARTS

- That defeat will allow the Wet Farts to concentrate on their last big claim from Mad Vlad, that they are going to win a European Trophy. – *www.dailyrecord.co.uk*, 12th January **2011**

- It's no wonder he has fell on the side of the wet farts. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 9th September **2012**
- The wet farts losing a cup final on St Patrick's day is just great. – *Hibs.net* forum, 17th March **2013**

Wet Sham; West Sham; Wet Spam*nickname*

West Ham United FC, a football team based in Upton Park, east London

A slang rhyme and, in the prevalent form, a simple anagram.

- **West Ham** Hamsters, Wet Sham. – *www.footballfans.census.com*, 'The Football Fans Census', 15th December **2003**

· He wouldn't be signing for West Sham just to get a (well deserved) pre match presentation from us when they come to the Bridge, would he? – *CFCnet* forum, 30th June **2005**

· Bloody cheats eh, West Sham, Wet Spam. – *www.hotuk-deals.com*, 4th September **2008**

· So when Wet Sham breaks this rule, can we assume that the unregistered doctor is giving illegal drugs to treat a player? – *Hob Nob Anyone?* forum, 9th October **2008**

· Derby 2 West Ham Utd 1: Ball proves too bouncy for novice West Sham defence. – *www.express.co.uk*, 1st January **2012**

· Also there is absolutely no chance Mata will start over Oscar against Wet Spam! – *Chelsea FC Forums*, 22nd November **2013**

· He won't pick QPR or Wet Sham over us at the moment. – *The Holmesdale Online* forum, 10th January **2014**

whale and gale*noun*

a jail [US]

- – *Detective Fiction Weekly*, New York, 21st April **1934**

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

whale and gale*adverb*

out of jail [UK]

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.104, **1981**

Whalley Range; whalley; wally*noun*

change (coins) [UK: MANCHESTER]

< Whalley Range, an area of Manchester.

· Wally: change (money). – R. Roberts, *Imprisoned Tongues*, p.214, **1968**

· [M]y old man was always using Whalley Range for 'change'[,] – *QLocal* forum, 31st August **2002**

· Change Whalley (Range – an area of Manchester). – C. Blaney, *Grafters*, p.161, **2004**

· “Pocket Full of Whalley” Whalley Range = Change[,] – *mancyrhymingslang.tumblr.com*, **2010**

· Examples of Manc Rhyming Slang: [...] Whalley = change/loose change (derived from Whalley Range). – *Bluemoon* forum, 14th September **2012**

what am*noun*

a ham [US]

▶ see ATWHAY AMAY

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

what's the score?*noun*

in bingo, the number forty-four [UK]

- – *www.playfreebingoonline.co.uk*, 'Bingo Calls (Part 1)', 28th January **2013**

Wheat and Barley*nickname*

used as a substitute for the pet name *Charlie* [UK: SUNDERLAND]

- – *RTG Sunderland* forum, 14th February **2013**

Wheezy Anna*noun*

a spanner or wrench [UK]

< 'Wheezy Anna', a 1933 song by English music-hall entertainer Leslie Sarony.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

where de ye bide*noun*

an act of sexual intercourse [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *ride*. < *where de ye bide?*, the Scots equivalent of the English *where do you live?*.

- I'm gettin a Where De Ye Bide. – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

Where's the goal*nickname*

English footballer Carlton Cole (b.1983)

- – [W]hats his name??? Thats it Carlton EEE AWWW Cole. – I've a few Hammers mates. As they like a bit of rhyming slang they call him "Where's the goal". – *Man-cityfans.net* forum, 16th October **2013**

where we meet*noun*

a street [UK]

- Slap Bang is largely used by the prize-ring, and by the chanters and patterers and hawkers, the "haristocrats of the streets," as they call themselves. Here are a few words taken at random: Boots, daisy-roots; lodger, artful dodger; street, where we meet[,] – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St Louis, MO, 'London Slang', 15th June **1893**

Whinny the Poo

noun

▶ see WINNIE THE POOH

whip and lash; whip

noun

a moustache [US/SOUTH AFRICA/UK]

In southern British usage, the rhyme is on *tash*. The short form is uniquely British.

- – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935
- If he grew whiskers, they would be brothers and sisters. His mustache, a whip and lash. – *The Milwaukee Journal*, ‘American Criminals Use Rhythmical Aussie Argot While on the Joe Growl’, 1st June 1936
- – L.V. Berrey and M. Van den Bark, *ATSI*, 1942
- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962
- – L.F. Freed, *Crime in South Africa*, p.106, 1963
- – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, 1968
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

whip and slash

noun

a moustache [us]

Blackmailers have a gibberish of their own—as outlandish and resonant as some African tribal tongue. Some of it comes from Australian underworld patois, a sort of rhyming slang. A few samples: Twist and twirl–girl; whip and slash–mustache[.] – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, 28th January 1931

- – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

whip and spank it; whip and spanket

noun

a blanket [us]

The form *whip and spank it* (spelt *whip and spank-it*) is given by Harris (1989). *Whip and spanket* is recorded in Flores (1998) and ‘The Gang Dictionary’ (2004).

- – J. Harris, *A Convict’s Dictionary*, p.42, 1989
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, 1998
- – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

whip and top; whip

noun

a temper or bad mood [UK]

Rhymes on *strop*. < *whip and top* ‘an old children’s game played with a wooden top and a stick with a piece of string or leather attached to it’.

- Your love and kisses is in a bit of a whip today. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

whip and top; whip

verb

to masturbate [UK]

Rhymes on *strop*. < *whip and top* ‘an old children’s game played with a wooden top and a stick with a piece of string or leather attached to it’.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

whiplash

noun

a rash (a skin condition) [UK]

- – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.105, 1981
- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

whiplash

verb

to urinate [UK]

Rhymes on *slash*.

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- – T. Nind, *RRS*, 2003

whip o’ will

noun

vomit [AUSTRALIA]

Perhaps formed as a rhyme on the first element of the phrase *spill one’s guts*. < *whip o’ will*, a variant of *whip-poor-will* ‘a North and Central American species of nightjar (*Caprimulgus vociferus*)’.

- Calling for Herb, see, that’s one of the many euphemisms for vomit, others include spue, burp, hurl, the big spit, the long spit, throw, the whip o’ will, the technicolour laugh and, in Queensland, the chuckle. – F. Hardy, *Billy Borker Yarns Again*, p.63, 1967

Whippit Quick

noun

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *prick* and *dick*. < Whippit Quick, a cat burglar character in Charlie Chester’s BBC radio show *Stand Easy* (1946–49).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

whipsnade

noun

a toilet [UK]

A shortening of *Whipsnade Zoo*, rhyming on *loo*. < Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire, England.

- [T]hen you’ll be off to the Whipsnade for a Johnny Cash[.] – *Charlie Gillett – The Sound of the World* forum, 2nd September 2008

whisky and soda; whiskey and soda

noun

☞ a mobile phone whose service is provided by Vodafone, a major mobile network operator [UK]

Rhymes on *Voda*, a common shortening of *Vodafone* (*mobile*). Only recorded with the spelling *whiskey and soda*.

- – CRS(*co.uk*), 21st April 2000
- – D. Nettles, *Cockney Rhyming Slang*, 2013

2 a Skoda car [UK]

First recorded with the spelling *whiskey and soda*.

· – CRS(*co.uk*), 15th February **2002**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

whisky galore

noun

a floor [UK; SCOTLAND]

< *Whisky Galore*, a 1947 novel by Scottish writer Compton Mackenzie and its 1949 film adaptation.

· Ah didnae ken if it wiz New York or New Year; ah jist ended up lying doon oan the whisky galore. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

whisper and talk; whisper

noun

a walk (an outing on foot) [UK?]

Only recorded in American sources, but their nature makes it impossible to determine its location of use. The earliest record of the word is from a 1949 magazine article on British and Australian rhyming slang by American journalist John Lardner. This article was republished in a 1951 anthology by the same author, itself the one source cited by Partridge (1984). The word is also listed in two glossaries (Wentworth and Flexner 1960; *The Instructor*, January 1979) containing a collection of terms used in Britain, Australia and America. Other items of uncertain origin and use first found in the same 1949 source are HAY LEE and LAUGHED AND SANG.

· Another student and I, with the idea of composing a textbook on rhyming slang for the use of American convicts (the Guggenheims never gave us a fellowship, so the thing fell through) once worked out a sample sentence. [...] The sentence was: “I took the trouble and the godfers for a whisper in the fields before Rosie.” In uncuttailed form, that would read: “I took the trouble-and-strife and the God-forbids for a whisper-and-talk in the fields-of-wheat before Rosie Lee.” Trouble-and-strife, we were going to tell our pupils, is wife. The rest of it would fall easily into place, as it does in the more unrefined parts of London: “I took the wife and kids for a walk in the street before tea.” – *Newsweek* magazine, New York, 31st October **1949**

· – H. Wentworth and S.B. Flexner, *DAS*, p.648, **1960**

· – *The Instructor* magazine, New York, January **1979**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

whisper in your glass of beer

verb

to go to the toilet for the purpose of urination [UK]

A euphemism based on GLASS OF BEER.

· ‘I must whisper in your glass of beer’, means the speaker must retire to urinate. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

whistle

noun

cocaine [UK]

A shortening of *whistle and flute*, rhyming on the slang *toot* ‘cocaine’, or perhaps a pun on the non-slang senses of the words *toot* and *whistle*.

· We’ve got a Junior-Yuppie-Mafia thang going down, living the life, with JPG suits, Suzuki jeeps, Champagne and whistle all the way. [...] My mouth’s dry like I’ve been chewing sand. I’ve crash-landed off the bitta whistle I had earlier, hit the side of a mountain. – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, pp.13/217 [2001], **2000**

whistle

verb

to inhale a powdered drug, especially cocaine or speed, from foil [UK]

A shortening of *whistle and flute*, rhyming on the slang *toot* ‘cocaine’, or perhaps a pun on the non-slang senses of the words *toot* and *whistle*.

· – A. Devlin, *PP*, **1996**

whistle and flute; whistle

noun

a suit (of clothes) [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

▶ see FLUTE

· WHISTLE AND FLUTE. –A suit (of clothes). – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· ‘Yes,’ he said looking down on his striped suit with obvious pride, ‘this whistle I got on’s a bit different from the old grey one they dish you out with back in the queer place.’ – J. Curtis, *The Gilt Kid*, p.13 [1947], **1936**

· Coo, I’ve been worrying about a whistle and flute all the week. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 27th March **1941**

· I was on’y arskin’ abaht yer whistle! – M. Harrison, *Reported Safe Arrival*, p.10, **1943**

· My rather threadbare civvy whistle felt rather cold after the thick nick uniform. – F. Norman, *The Guntz*, p.5, **1962**

· *Whistle and Flute* – Suit of clothes[.] – É. Mac Thomáis, *Me Jewel*, p.37, **1974**

· **whistle and flute, whistle:** a suit. – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· Well, I’ll tell you what, I’ll let you have a nice whistle and flute of my own – my second best. – P. Ableman and L. Griffiths, *Straight Up*, p.44, **1991**

· Why didn’t she tell us she was bringing home a nice little mother of pearl – I’d have put on me best whistle and flute! – L. Harry, *Corner House Girls*, p.172, **2000**

· I lashed some gel in the barnet and threw on me new bucket, whistle and rhythms. – *Boards.ie* forum, 9th November **2006**

· Who’s that geezer in the dodgy whistle? – J. Marriner, *Chelsea Headhunter*, p.6 [2014], **2009**

whistle and toot

noun

money [UK]

Rhymes on *loot*. Possibly a folk-etymological elaboration of TOOT, which is sometimes regarded as its short form.

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- Mix money and rhyming slang and you get East Endisms such as “Arthur Ashe” (cash), “whistle and toot” (loot), “Lady Godiva” (fiver), “Ayrton Senna” (tenner) and “bag of sand” (grand, or £1000). – *The New Zealand Herald*, 22nd June 2002

whistle me dog*noun*

a person of non-white ethnic origin [UK]

Rhymes on *wog*.

- We'll have to watch the rhyming slang now, Boysie. Lemonade, spade. Macaroon, coon. Whistle me dog, wog. Sounds different when it's one of your family, don't it? If someone called Liselle like that, I'd break their fucking necks. – M. Cole, *Goodnight Lady*, p.499 [2005], 1994

Whitby kipper*noun*

a striptease artist [UK]

Rhymes on *stripper*. < Whitby, a fishing port on the Yorkshire coast renowned for the quality of its smoked herrings.

- **Jemima – Strip Tease Artiste Extraordinaire** The ‘Whitby Kipper’ (Cockney rhyming slang) Evenings were popular fund raising events, booked through reputable agencies which supplied artistes accompanied by minders to ensure decency was observed. – *www.stocktonrugby.co.uk*, 2000
- [W]e're in Whitby, and “Whitby Kipper” is Cockney rhyming slang for... stripper! – *OSDir.com* forum, 19th July 2004
- – *Roger's Profanisaurus: Hail Swearly*, 2013

Whitechapel*noun*

an apple [UK]

< Whitechapel, an area of east London.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

white cliffs of Dover; white cliffs*adverb*

over, finished [UK]

< *white cliffs of Dover*, a reference to the chalk cliffs near the town of Dover in Kent, in the south-east of England, regarded as a national symbol and celebrated in the wartime song ‘The White Cliffs of Dover’ (1941), sung by Vera Lynn. Used in the phrase *be all White Cliffs of Dover* or *be all white cliffs* ‘to be over’. The short form is recorded by Puxley (1998).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998
- So in a bid to keep it going just a bit longer, Shannon Kyle picks out some of her favourites – new and old – to prove it ain't all White Cliffs of Dover yet ... – *The People*, London, 25th September 2005

Whitehall farce; whitehall*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK]

- Rhymes on *arse*. < *Whitehall farce*, a name given to any of a series of farces staged at the Whitehall Theatre in London's West End, and in particular to the ones presented by Brian Rix (1924–2016) in the 1950s and 1960s.
- I'd better get off my **Whitehall**[.] – *parslow.com/mornington*, 2005
- It's always amusing, as a Cockney born and dragged up, to witness people's belief that they understand our ‘slang’. [...] Whitehall (farce) a**e[.] – *archbishop-cranmer.blogspot.com*, blog, 20th November 2012

white mice*noun*

1 lice [AUSTRALIA]

- He was always coming home with some little boy, or old mate, down an out, needing a feed and somewhere to sleep. [...] She was always cleaning up after Charley's visitors. “They're so dirty, miss,” she'd say to me. “If only they wouldn't leave their white mice!” You know what she meant? It's the fashion up here to use a rhyming word rather than an unpleasant one. – K.S. Prichard, ‘Kiss on the Lips’, in *Kiss on the Lips and Other Stories*, p.58, 1932

2 dice [UK]

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970: *Picture Post*, London, 2nd January 1954

3 ice [UK/IRELAND]

- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000
- – *www.bebo.com*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October 2007
- Do you want white mice in your Scotch? – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008

white pork pie; white porky pie; white porkie pie; white porky; white porkie*noun*

a polite or harmless lie [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- A rhyming equivalent of *white lie*. Formed on PORK PIE. Often with the adjective *little*.
- [T]ells little white porkies to the customs men on your behalf[.] – *www.thebadlibrarian.com*, blog, 18th August 2007

· [S]ometimes when I ring them to get my overdraft charges back I'm telling the truth (like now), sometimes I might have to tell a little white porkie pie. – *Hexus* forum, 17th January 2008

- I think Ryokan's telling little white porkie pies in post number 13. – *International Skeptics Forum*, 7th June 2012
- I believe it just may have been the tiny, white porky pie that came blurting out of my mouth: ‘I have enormous yacht experience. I'm from Melbourne!’ – J. Allis, *The Secrets of my Success*, 2013

· [D]on't dare tell me any wee white pork pies because I'll be able to tell if you do. – J.F. Park, *The Tartan Detectives*, p.22, 2013

· Proof of experience is a doddle if you are or were military at a rank over private, honest.....you may have to tell a white porkie or two but everyone does. – *Army Rumour Service* forum, 6th March **2013**

· [A]lthough the camera never lies I think mine is telling little white porkies. – *dating.classicfm.co.uk*, 30th September **2015**

who dunnit; whodunnit

noun

a man's cap [UK; SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *bunnet*, the Scots form of *bonnet* (the sense 'a man's cap' died out in England before 1700). < *who dunnit*, the non-standard form of *who did it*, or standard English *whodunnit* 'a type of mystery' (itself derived from *who done it?*, the non-standard version of *who did it?*).

· *who dunnit* = *bunnet*, *bonnet*[.] – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

· Whodunnit ... Bunnet. – *Genes Reunited* forum, 3rd June **2008**

wicked blister

noun

a sister [AUSTRALIA]

· – *A Word in Your Ear*, Australian radio: 612 ABC Brisbane, 8th October **2015**

wicked rumours

noun

bloomers (loose knee-length knickers) [UK]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

widow

adjective

American [UK]

Functionally shifted from *widow*, the short version of the noun WIDOW TWANKEY.

· Pipe the widow ginger! – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, 1990: *London*, spoken, bookie's runner, **1958**

· 'Why's the Widow Ginger called the Widow Ginger when he's not a widow and he certainly isn't ginger? I've seen him and he's got fair hair.' [...] 'It's rhyming slang, Rosie love. Widow Twankey – you remember, like in *Aladdin* – means Yankee and ginger beer's, well, queer. So it means the, er, queer American, like he's a bit funny. You've noticed that yourself, I dare say.' – P. Granger, *Widow Ginger*, **2003**

widow's mite; widow's

noun

a light (for a cigarette, cigar or pipe) [UK]

Defined simply as 'a light' by Brophy and Partridge (1931); Franklyn (1960) specifies '[t]he term does not refer to luminosity, but to ignition[.]'. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.42, **1969**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

widow's wink; widow's

noun

a Chinese person [UK]

Rhymes on *Chink*.

· You look as if you can't make up your mind whether you're a *spotty* or a *widow's*. – R. Barker, *Fletcher's Book*, p.24, **1979**

· Among the racist dysphemisms of English, are: *mick* for Irish person (or in Australia, a Roman Catholic), *frog* (Cockney *jiggle and jog*) for a French person, *kraut* and *hun* for a German, *chink* (Cockney *widow's wink*) for a Chinese[.] – K. Allan and K. Burridge, *Euphemism & Dysphemism*, p.121, **1991**

· Ill bet you are either a *dusbin* lid, or a grocer's shop, or a four by two, or a jiggle and jog, or a silvery moon, or a *spotty* dog, or a *widow's wink*, or an orange pip, but definitely not an English man. – *Deja News*, Usenet archive, 9th July **1996**

Widow Twankey; widow

noun

1 an American [UK]

Rhymes on *Yankee*. < *Widow Twankey*, a character in the pantomime *Aladdin*. The short form is given by Thorne (1990) and Puxley (1992). Hence the adjective WIDOW.

· – T. Thorne, *DCS1*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

2 a handkerchief [UK]

Rhymes on *hanky*. The short form is given by Puxley (1992).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· Can I borrow your widow twankey? – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· I need a Widow Twankey. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, **2015**

Wigan Pier

noun

a homosexual, especially a man [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < *Wigan Pier*, an area on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in Wigan, Greater Manchester, widely familiar from George Orwell's 1937 book *The Road to Wigan Pier*.

· The landlord at the B&B who hilariously tried his Cockney rhyming slang on the Square's prat pack (Frog and Toad, Apples and Pears etc) obviously had no idea he'd taken in a pair of Wigan Piers. – *News of the World*, London, 1st September **1996**

· [W]e're hugging like a pair of wigan piers haha[.] – *twitter.com*, 22nd April **2012**

· Ashley Cole, married? Nah, he's a wigan pier in't he? – *RedCafe.net Wiki*, accessed 10th July **2012**

Wigan Pier*adjective***1** (especially of a man) homosexual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Wigan Pier, an area on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in Wigan, Greater Manchester, widely familiar from George Orwell's 1937 book *The Road to Wigan Pier*.

· Was he a bit 'Stoke on Trent'? As he certainly looked a bit 'Wigan Pier' ... – *MIG Performance Vauxhalls* forum, 28th September **2003**

2 strange, unusual [UK]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· “[T]hats a bit wigan” actually means “thats a bit wigan pier” or in english ... “thats a bit ‘odd’”[.] – *www.c4mbodia.com*, 20th March **2010**

3 slightly ill [UK: MANCHESTER]

Rhymes on *queer*.

· That last pint were dodgy, I came over all wigan pier right after[.] – *RedCafe.net Wiki*, accessed 10th July **2012**

Wilbur Wright; wilbur*noun*

a flight (air travel) [UK]

< American pioneering aviator Wilbur Wright (1867–1912), the elder of the brothers who made the first manned, powered flight in 1903.

· What time's your Wilbur? – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – R. Willey, *BDLPF*, **2009**

Wild West*noun*

an undershirt [UK]

Rhymes on *vest*.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

wilkie*adjective*

(of a material, surface, etc.) hard [UK]

A shortening of *Wilkie Bard*. < Wilkie Bard, the professional name of William August Smith (1874–1944), a popular music-hall entertainer.

· [T]he “Stockton” (cheese) is so “Wilkie” (hard) that he cannot get his “Hampsteads” (teeth) into it. – *Evening Telegraph and Post*, Dundee, 3rd August **1910**

Wilkie Bard; wilkie*noun***1** a playing card [UK]

< Wilkie Bard, the professional name of William August Smith (1874–1944), a popular music-hall entertainer.

· Proper names are always very popular (Martin Tupper = supper, Wilkie Bards = cards, Jeremiah = fire). – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 26th April **1924**

· **WILKIE BARDS:** A pack of cards. – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, **1925**

· [A]fter he had his *Rosie Lea* (tea) he took a *Martin-le-Grand* (hand) at *Wilkie Bards* (cards) and lost so heavily

that he had to put his *Dicky Dirt* (shirt) in *bullock's horn*[.]

– J. Franklyn, *The Cockney*, pp.293–294, **1953**

· A tosser on a Wilkie Bard, / A lord on a Charing Cross, / Is 'ow I fell, and it's bread-'n-lard / To bear my milkman's 'orse. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.103, **1981**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

2 a business card, especially an actor's professional card; hence any type of card [UK]

Also used in the phrase *on the* (or *one's*) *wilkie* ‘with complimentary admission to a theatrical performance as a professional courtesy on presentation of an actor's card’.

· I'd not even “try to get in on my Wilkie,” which, for an “old pro,” is saying something[.] – N. Jacob, *More About Me*, p.144, **1939**

· [T]here might be a matinee at the local theatre where the management invariably admitted you ‘on your Wilkie’ (rhyming slang for ‘going in on your card’ ... Wilkie Bard ... card!) – N. Jacob, *Me – Looking Back*, p.109, **1950**

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**

· – L. Lilley, *A–Z of Cockney*, **1990**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· The Wednesday matinée audience always contained lots of pros, because they could get in ‘on the Wilkie’. – R. Hudd, *Anecdotes*, p.10, **1994**

3 an amusing person [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *card*.

· Most buskers are *Wilkies*[.] – J. Hayward, *Woddee*, p.80, **1973**

4 at a race meeting, a racecard [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, **1984**

William Hague*adjective*

vague [UK]

< English politician William Hague (b.1961), who led the Conservative party from 1997 to 2001. In 2010 he became First Secretary of State and Foreign Secretary, thus giving a new lease of life to the rhyming slang term. ▶ see **WILLIAM VAGUE**

· It's all a bit William Hague really. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· Or they've been taking some Damon Hills for a nasty Darren Gough (not to mention a dose of the X Files), which made them feel a bit William Hague[.] – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th November **1998**

· Ah dont think ah'll go tae another H.G big night oot, it costs a fortune (ah could hiv bought a new tire fur whit ah spent) But ah think ah hid a good time the old memory is pretty William Hague though. – *Aspies For Freedom* forum, 5th September **2009**

· It seemed a be ‘William Hague’ [cockney rhyming slang], what was going on 2'000 feet below as the three intrepid aviators circled the group of pin stripped suited civil servants[.] – *www.bbc.co.uk*, blog, 7th March **2011**

William Hill; william*noun*

a pill, a tablet of a prescribed, illicit or recreational drug [UK]

< William Hill, one of the largest bookmakers in Britain.

· Dury's playing with his pills, which are scattered on the table. 'I've got 3,000 William Hills, here.' Antibiotics because he's caught a nasty coughy streptococcus. – *The Guardian*, London, 19th June **1998**

· William Hill's :p And some oats and barley and a bit of mickey duff. – *CPFC BBS* forum, 28th September **2006**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

· – Anybody happen to be from Liverpool and can enlighten me on some slang? – Beak - Coke. Garys - Ecstasy tablets (never MDMA) [...] – Heard williams off a scouser at a festival once, asin william hills > pills. – *www.reddit.com/r/Drugs*, 27th April **2016**

William Joyce*noun*

the human voice [UK]

< American-born Nazi propaganda broadcaster William Joyce (1906–46), commonly known as Lord Haw-Haw.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

William Pitt*noun*

1 excrement; a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*. < British statesman William Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham (1708–78), or his son (1759–1806).

· I'm off for a William Pitt. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 12th February **2002**

· – R. Ash, *Busty*, p.205, **2009**

· I'm off for a william Pitt nite nite all. – *twitter.com*, 23rd July **2011**

2 something worthless [UK]

Rhymes on *shit*.

· [I]t's a lie and merely an excuse for another lame gag, but I don't give a William Pitt. – *www.theguardian.com*, 26th February **2003**

· [N]one of us could give a William Pitt about the other fake tans. – *Conquer Club* forum, 8th May **2010**

· [T]hey couldn't give a william pitt about anyone but themselves. – *twitter.com*, 11th September **2013**

William Pitts*noun*

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < British statesman William Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham (1708–78), or his son (1759–1806).

· Don't take that out-of-date laxative, it'll give you the William Pitts. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· I have the william pitts big time and cant seem to shake it off. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 21st April **2009**

· Gives you the william pitts. – *Liverpool FC* forum, 21st March **2012**

William Plague*nickname*

English politician William Hague (b.1961). He was leader of the British Conservative Party from 1997 to 2001 and Shadow Foreign Secretary from 2005 to 2010, when he became First Secretary of State and Foreign Secretary under David Cameron's premiership. He served as Leader of the House of Commons between 2014 and 2015

A slang rhyme. ► see WILLIAM VAGUE

· Yes always thought William Plague was a bit of a faggot boy, sure him and Dick Clugg will have fum together. – *uk.social.msn.com*, 18th May **2010**

· William Plague is nothing short of contemptable. His government is as hypocritical as it can get. – *www.bbc.co.uk*, blog, 3rd June **2010**

· William 'Plague', you can feel this pricks bad energy just by watching him in 2D. – *Don't Start Me Off!* forum, 19th August **2012**

William Powell*noun*

a towel [UK]

< American actor William Powell (1892–1984).

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

William Russel Flint; Russel Flint*adjective*

penniless [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *skint*. < Scottish painter William Russell Flint (1880–1969).

· Ah'm sorry pal, ah cannyae lend ye a bean. Ah'm Russel Flint masel'. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

William Tell*noun*

1 a bell (for last orders at a bar) [AUSTRALIA]

< William Tell, the legendary Swiss hero, said to have lived in the late 13th and early 14th centuries.

· Just starting to forget the electric light bill when the barman rings the William Tell. – *The News*, Adelaide, South Australia, 11th July **1952**

2 a prison cell [US]

· – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**

· – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

· – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

3 a smell [UK]

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· Blimey, where's that William Tell comin' from? – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

William Tell*verb*

to smell strongly and unpleasantly [UK]

- < William Tell, the legendary Swiss hero, said to have lived in the late 13th and early 14th centuries.
- It don't half William Tell in here, somebody open a window. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992
 - – D.C. Perkins, *CRS*, 1995

William the Third; William III

noun

- 1 an obnoxious or unpleasant person [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on *turd*. < William III (1650–1702), also known as William of Orange, who was king of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1689 to 1702.
- What a nasty-minded, thoroughly suspicious little William the Third he is. – W.S. Ramson, *AND*, 1988: *Swag*, Sydney, iv, 1968
- 2 a piece of excrement; an act of defecation [AUSTRALIA]
Rhymes on *turd*.
- Flaming dogs have left so many William the Thirds on the footpath it's a wonder more people don't slip and break their necks. – *The Adventures of Barry McKenzie*, Australian film, script by Bruce Beresford and Barry Humphries, 1972
 - Now I know why them robbers always leave a helluva lot of 'William III' on the carpet when they've robbed some poor bastard's nice home. With all them coppers chasing me, I very nearly done an Edgar Britt in me strides, just then! – B. Humphries, *Barry McKenzie*, p.110, 1988
 - Now I've heard a theory that when you drop a William the Third, it contains a lot of heat and if you put it in your bed it will save electricity otherwise wasted on an electric blanket. Also saves water as you don't have to flush it. – *Overlander 4WD* forum, 5th March 2005
 - – J. Miller, *LD*, 2009

Williamstown piers

noun

- the ears [AUSTRALIA]
< *Williamstown piers*, a reference to the piers in Williamstown, a seaside suburb of Melbourne.
- – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988
 - – M. Pinkney, *GAS*, 1999

William Vague; William the Vague

nickname

English politician William Hague (b.1961). He was leader of the British Conservative Party from 1997 to 2001 and Shadow Foreign Secretary from 2005 to 2010, when he became First Secretary of State and Foreign Secretary under David Cameron's premiership. He served as Leader of the House of Commons between 2014 and 2015

A slang rhyme informed by the Haig whisky slogan 'Don't be vague – ask for Haig' – hence ultimately a covert pun on the homophones *Hague* and *Haig*. The slogan was launched in 1934 and continued into the 1970s. The *vague* theme features prominently in several other nicknames for William Hague, including *Vague Hague*, *Hague the Vague*, *DON'T BE VAGUE*, *KING WILLIAM THE VAGUE* and *MR VAGUE*.

- And later, to show some political balance, he dumped the false ears and transformed himself into William Vague. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 11th October 1997
- And now William Vague has re-shuffled his shadow Cabinet we know even more that there is a great opportunity awaiting us for some really lovely complacency. – *Birmingham Post*, 4th June 1998
- The hapless Tory leader has been lumbered with an image problem since he became his party's leader in June 1997 and was dubbed William Vague. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 18th November 1998
- He quickly picked up the nickname William Vague and was roundly thrashed in the next general election by Tony Blair. – *www.kiwiblog.co.nz*, blog, 28th January 2008
- Willy Hague (aka "William the Vague") seems to be a bit dense himself, indicating he'd like to see current law amended[.] – *jfffp.com*, 4th November 2010
- William the Vague really is a total prick even by Tory standards. – *VNN Forum*, 20th April 2011
- Tries to imagine William the Vague lecturing the Tottenham rioters and threatening to send a nuclear "gunboat" up the Thames to sort out the stropky natives. – *www.theguardian.com*, 7th August 2011

William Wallace

noun

- solace [UK: SCOTLAND]
< Scottish freedom fighter and national hero William Wallace (ca 1270–1305).
- Dinnae fret yersel' hen. Ye can take William Wallace in that ye're trying yer hardest. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, 2006

Willie Bauld; Wullie Bauld; Willie Bald; willie

adjective

- cold (not warm or hot) [UK: SCOTLAND]
Rhymes on the Scots *cauld*. < Scottish footballer William 'Willie' Russell Logan Bauld (1928–77). *Wullie* is a Scots variant of *Willie*.
- Rhyming slang is not that uncommon in Central Scotland. For example my grandfather always used to say "het's gye Wullie Bauld oot there" whenever the weather got perilous for brass monkeys. – *soc.culture.scottish*, *Google Groups*, 11th February 1996
 - It was a bit Willie Bauld when I tested the bike. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 19th December 1997
 - **Willie** [Edinburgh Rhyming Slang] cold – (Willie Bald = cauld). – *www.edinphoto.org.uk*, 30th December 2008
 - Bit Willie Bauld outside[.] – *twitter.com*, 11th December 2012
 - Good day if a bit Wullie Bauld. – *www.flickr.com*, 22nd December 2013
 - The lassie on the left is a bit Wullie Bauld. – *www.flickr.com*, 1st January 2014

Willie Thorne; Willy Thorne; Willie Thorn

noun

- pornography [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *porn*, with a pun on *willy* ‘the penis’. < English snooker player and sports commentator Willie Thorne (b.1954).

- Here’s some Willie Thorne to tide you over mate! – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 21st February **2006**
- [D]id you know that willie thorne was a snooker player and is ALSO rhyming slang for porn? – *Teenage Fanclub* forum, 28th February **2006**
- Fidel Castro and 96% of Republican America use the JFK footage as a bit of Willie Thorne. – *British Girls Adult Film Database* forum, 25th October **2007**
- I really like fast and the furious and bad ass movies with a bit of willie thorne on the side. – *www.bebo.com*, 1st April **2008**
- Watching Willie Thorne with a touchscreen... how cool is that? – *Tartan Army* forum, 28th October **2009**
- They should have to find their willie thorn the same way I had to as a youngster. – *Pie and Bovril* forum, 21st December **2010**
- A bit of Willy Thorne never hurt anyone. – *www.shropshirestar.com*, 31st May **2011**
- I know and you know you won’t be at Ibrox. You’ll be streaming the game from yer parents’ loft and watching Willie Thorne at half time ya skidmark. – *JA606* forum, 24th February **2012**

willie woofter; willie woofah; willie woofa

noun

▶ see WILLY WOOFTER

willing

noun

▶ see ABRAHAM’S WILLING

will o’ the wisp; will; willer

noun

a potato crisp [UK]

The form *willer* is given by Puxley (1992).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- ... and while you’re there, get a packet of wills. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

willow the weep

noun

a sheep [AUSTRALIA]

Shearers’ slang.

- Hey **Mark Foy** (boy), tell the **pitch and toss** (boss) that there’s a **willow the weep** (sheep) in my **nine and ten** (pen) with a **civil answer** (cancer) in his **I suppose** (nose). – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, p.91, **1997**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Will’s Whiff

noun

syphilis [UK]

Rhymes on *syph*. < Will’s Whiff, a brand of small che-roots.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Willy Lees

noun

fleas [AUSTRALIA]

- Gay Wallah, who has travelled more miles than a black-fellow’s dog has “Willy Lees”, finished third. – S.J. Baker, *Australia Speaks*, p.97, 1953: *Truth*, Sydney, 5th February **1950**

Willy Thorne

noun

▶ see WILLIE THORNE

willy wag

noun

a traveller’s or itinerant worker’s bundle of personal belongings [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *swag*. < *willy wagtail* ‘a common Australian flycatcher (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)’.

- But they left me my Willy Wag and gave me a bit of tucker. – J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.104, 1983: H.P. ‘Duke’ Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**
- – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.364, **1966**
- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

Willy Winky

noun

▶ see WEE WILLIE WINKIE

Willy Wonka; Willy Wonker

noun

a fool [UK]

Rhymes on *plonker*. < Willy Wonka, a character in Roald Dahl’s novels *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964), adapted into two films (1971, 2005), and *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* (1972).

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th January **2002**
- Note how he describes himself as Colonel on one of his ID cards: wot a willy wonker. – *Udontalk* forum, 20th February **2010**
- What’s the score, then? 4–0 to Germany, I think. Don’t be a Willy Wonka... – *digitaldetective.wordpress.com*, blog, 6th July **2010**
- [D]og knows a willy wonker when he spots one. – *PolishForums.com*, 27th January **2014**
- I’d forgotten to put my re-charged battery into the smudge box. What a Willy Wonka, innit. – *justindequack.com*, blog, 18th April **2014**

willy woof

noun

a homosexual man [UK]

Rhymes on *poof*.

- i dont wear a cap, nor will i ever as caps are for “WILLY WOOF’S” mate, end off!!! – *Cyprus Forum*, 7th January **2007**
- Grant is a willy woof! – *UD(.com)*, 19th July **2008**

willy wofter; willie wofter; willy woftah; willie woftah; willy wofta; willie wofta*noun*

a homosexual man [AUSTRALIA/UK/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

· This is very evident in NSW where the state parliamentary National Party nicknamed ‘one of its members ‘willy wofter’ because he had the temerity to suggest that they at least consider a bill concerning the rights of homosexuals before rejecting it. – R. Lucy, *The Australian Form of Government*, p.65, **1985**

· Willy Wofter: See Horse’s hoof. – *The Bulletin*, Sydney, 26th July **1988**

· ‘Nicky Poofter, a willie wofter!’ ‘Yehhhhh!’ ‘You bastards, you bastards! Who’s a poofter?!’ – D. Morrison, *Swallow*, pp.233, **1994**

· Well, you know, when it became obvious that Jeff was, well that way – I thought, well, his heart, his life and I’d never met any willie wofters, so I – sorry – gay persons and – not that I knew of, anyway, I thought ‘well I’ve gotta find out what this is all about’. – D. Stevens, *The Sum of Us*, p.34, **1995**

· He not know the meaning of Willy Wofter or Gender Bender[.] – R.T. Moss, *Cleopatra’s Wedding Present*, p.23, **1997**

· **willie-wofter** Male homosexual, an extension of ‘wofter’ to include the point of his exercise. – D. McGill, *RDNZS*, **2003**

· Sir Kenneth is a self confirmed willy woftah. – *BBC 606* forum, 21st September **2010**

· [N]o wonder Labor is full of willie woftas when they’ve been infiltrated by crafty people like Runfer & You. – *Thoroughbred Village* forum, 13th November **2010**

· Even if the other fella is a Willy Wofter I doubt he’d like a Ginger Ninjure. – *Biker.ie* forum, 25th March **2011**

· A foreign national willy wofta with UK state secrets!!! – *Fans Online.net* forum, 20th August **2013**

· Can’t that ‘Trekkie Willie Woftah’ wear a sanitary napkin to hide his Camel Toe? – *International Cannagraphic Magazine* forum, 10th May **2013**

Wilson Peck*noun*

the neck [UK: SHEFFIELD]

< Wilson Peck Ltd, a musical instrument company that used to have a shop in the centre of Sheffield. Noted as current in the 1970s.

· – *Personal correspondence*, 20th March **1995**

Wilson Pickett; Wilson Picket; wilson*noun*

1 in cricket, the wicket [UK]

< American soul singer Wilson Pickett (1941–2006). Only evidenced in the shortened form.

· – R. Digance, *Run Out*, p.203, **1983**

2 a ticket [UK/IRELAND]

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· So we hit the Savoy, roysh, and I grab three Wilsons for *Scooby Doo*[.] – R. O’Carroll-Kelly, *Curious Incident*, p.176, **2005**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**

· I’ve got a couple of Wilsons for the football (Wilson Pickets). – *www.noddleit.com*, 29th October **2009**

· Written in a uniquely demotic style with a liberal sprinkling of rhyming slang – ‘Fanny Craddock’ = paddock; ‘Rod Laver’ = saver; ‘Wilson Pickett’ = ticket; ‘eau de cologne’ = phone, etc. – the column pinpointed the value-for-money bet at the five-day stage of ante-post races[.] – J. Lambie, *Story*, p.546, **2010**

· Got me Wilson picket for the Michael Caine. – *www.facebook.com*, 23rd January **2014**

3 cricket [AUSTRALIA]

· Only recorded in the form *Wilson Pickett*.

· Even the national summer sport is known as Wilson Pickett[.] – *The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia, 5th November **1997**

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

Wilson’s den; old Wilson’s Den*noun*

in bingo, the number ten [UK]

< *Wilson’s den*, a reference to 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Harold Wilson (1916–95) during his two terms as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1964–70, 1974–76). Ultimately based on the bingo call *Downing Street* or, in full, *number ten, Downing Street*.

· Whether it was meant as a compliment to the Prime Minister or not I cannot say; but I discovered in Enugu that when they play Bingo in the First Division Officers’ Mess, the compere’s call for “number 10” is “Wilson’s Den”. – *West Africa* magazine, London, 4th January **1969**

· – E. Partridge, *DSUEZ*, **1970**

Wim Jansen; wim*noun*

the dance; a venue such as a dance hall or nightclub where the primary social purpose is dancing [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *the dancin*. < Dutch football player and coach Wilhelmus ‘Wim’ Jansen (b.1946), who managed Glasgow Celtic in the 1997/98 season.

· D’ye know if they’re going to the wim? – *Glasgow*, spoken, male, ca 50, May **1998**

· Ma mate nipped a total minger up the Wim Jansen. – *Erutufon* forum, 29th October **2003**

· Or going to the Wim Jansen (the dancin’). – *twitter.com*, 8th December **2013**

Winchcombe Carson*noun*

a parson [AUSTRALIA]

< Winchcombe, Carson & Co., an Australian wool-broking firm founded in 1889.

· I go to roll and lurch every Sunday, and the Winchcombe Carson reckons I’ve got a bosker lets rejoice[.] –

J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983: H.P. 'Duke' Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written later; **ante 1965**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

wind and kite

noun

a website [UK]

· – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June 2000

· Check out my new wind and kite. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 5th July 2000

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· – *M2 Presswire*, Coventry, 15th December 2005

· On this wind and kite (website), it is possible to influence the decision with the age-old system of voting. – *www.henleystandard.co.uk*, 2012

· I've got my own wind and kite. – S. Finch, *LBoCRS*, 2015

· These scratch and itch burning itches can attack my wind and kite as much as they like. – *www.liveleak.com*, video recorded and posted by 'wolvoman80' on 20th July 2016

wind and rain

noun

1 a train [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· According to Lynch the cockney on the south side of London has a rhyming type slang which baffles many of the English. A glass of water becomes a "jug of mother and daughter" and a beer is a "pig's ear," a train is the "wind and rain" and a taxicab is a "smash and grab." – *New York Age*, 10th October 1959

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, 1983

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

2 an aeroplane [AUSTRALIA]

· – R. Aven-Bray, *Oz Jack Lang*, p.52, 1983

wind do twirl; winds do twirl; wind do whirl; winds do whirl

noun

a girl [UK/US]

Wind do twirl and *winds do twirl* are listed by Hotten (1859) and Pollock (1935) respectively, both of whom define the word as 'a fine girl'. *Wind do whirl* and *winds do whirl* are recorded by Franklyn (1960). The latter variant is also listed by Maurer (1944) and Puxley (1998).

· – J.C. Hotten, *SDI*, 1859

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

windjammer

noun

a hammer [UK/AUSTRALIA]

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009

Windsor Castle; windsor

noun

the anus [UK]

Pronounced to rhyme with *arsehole* in Cockney and popular London speech in general, where the *h* in *arsehole* is not aspirated and the final *l* in *castle* and *arsehole* is vocalised. < Windsor Castle, an official residence of the British sovereign, in Berkshire, in the south-east of England. Hence BROWN WINDSOR and QUEEN'S GAFF.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992

wine grape; wine and grape; wine

noun

a Roman Catholic [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the slang *pape*. First recorded in the form *wine grape*. The short form is given by Crofton (2012).

· Celtic, founded by Irishmen, for the benefit of Irishmen in Scotland, is supported largely by "Wine-grapes". This is jargon for Papes, or Papists or Roman Catholics. [...] Well, when Rangers meet Celtic, either at Ibrox or Parkhead, the Wine-grapes go to one end and the Bluenoses go to the other. – C. Tully, *Passed to You*, pp.47/48, 1958

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985

· – L. Knight, *Glasgow Slang*, p.73, 1992

· – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994

· The "Wine and Grapes" (Papes) were in the majority. I witnessed many a battle re-asserting our national identity with English regiments and never once saw one concerning Religious sectarianism among the ranks. – Scottish Republican Forum, *Jacobites or Covenanters*, p.49, 1994

· As a product of a "mixed" marriage, my ain maw wis also a MacMillan and a Wine and Grape (Pape)[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 16th August 1999

· Wine and Grape – Pape – Papist. – *Scotland.com* forum, 27th March 2006

· – *Bushcraftliving.com* forum, 1st June 2009

· I went to Oakbank Primary School diagonally across from St Columbas. This was in the late 1930's. At play times we sometimes stood on the school boundary wall, held on to the railings and shouted at the Catholic kids, "Wine Grapes, Papes"! They would shout back, "Proddy Dogs"! [...] Some of us grew up together and seven of us Proddy Dogs and Wine Grapes played for Kelvindale United when we won the North West Secondary Juvenile football league championship in 1952 at Lochburn Park. – *Glasgow Guide* forum, 3rd July 2011

· – I. Crofton, *DSPP*, 2012

winners and losers; winners

noun

trousers [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scots *troosers*.

· His winners and losers were aw Craigendoran at the chorus and verse. – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, 1994: 1979

· – M. Munro, *Patter-1*, 1985

- I'm going up the apples and pears to change my winners and losers[.] – *The Herald*, Glasgow, 20th April **2000**
- I head into the trap nearest the wall, whipping down the winners and losers and the keks before I start dropping the contents of my guts. – I. Welsh, *Porno*, p.303, **2002**
- I had breeks as well but er another family word that we used at home er or my father would use was winners, because he was Glaswegian and used er a type of Glaswegian rhyming slang, so *winners and losers* were yer troosers. – *sounds.bl.uk*, 'BBC Voices', accessed 5th February 2015: *Portree, Isle of Skye*, spoken, female, 43, 10th March **2005**
- Coming back with grass stains on your winners and losers. – *Talkin' Rhymin' Slang Blues*, lyric, Bill Hill, **2010**
- You can stick on a nice shirt and you're best **winner's** (winners and losers) – *troosers[.]* – *Jambos Kickback* forum, 18th August **2010**

Winnie Mandela; Winnie*noun*

Stella Artois lager [UK]

- < South African politician Winnie Mandela (b.1936), the second wife of anti-apartheid activist and statesman Nelson Mandela (1918–2013).
- [S]inger songwriter is called James Blunt. Just as winnie mandela = stella. or hank Marvin = starvin. – *Stphenmalkmus.com* forum, 6th June **2006**
- i saw him at the bar asking for a pint of winnie mandela[.] – *RLFANS* forum, 14th February **2011**
- Golden shirts have been ironed (not by me, that would be absurd), flags have been cleaned (not by her, that would be absurd) and the beer bridge is full with tins of Winnie (that's Winnie Mandela... Stella... if you don't know!)[.] – *WFC Forums*, 11th June **2013**

Winnie the Pooh; Whinny the Poo; winnie*noun*

1 in bingo, the number forty-two [UK/IRELAND]

- < Winnie-the-Pooh, a teddy bear character in a series of children's books written in the 1920s by A. A. Milne and illustrated by E. H. Shepard; from 1977 on, he appeared in a series of animated films by Disney.
- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – M. Munro, *Pardon*, p.108, **2007**
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**
- 42. That famous street in Manhattan – Whinny the Poo. – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- 2 a shoe [UK]
- Recorded in the forms *Winnie the Pooh* and *winnie*.
- Nice pair of Winnie's. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 22nd November **2006**
- – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- ill just wear a pair of winnies to go over there. – *twitter.com*, 2nd October **2011**
- [S]til want another pair of winnie the poohs? – *twitter.com*, 17th September **2012**

winnypegs*noun*

the legs [UK]

- A convenient elaboration of the slang *pegs* 'the legs'.
- Arfter working him over they laid him down and the loory ran over his winnypegs. – H. Hollis, *Leicester Square*, p.144, **1983**

Winona Ryder; Wynona Ryder; winona; wynona*noun*

1 cider [UK/IRELAND]

- < Winona Ryder, the stage name of American actress Winona Horowitz (b.1971). Synonymous with STEVE RYDER.
- – *New York Post*, 7th June **2000**
- Can I have a pinta Wynona and half a Nelson. – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 28th July **2001**
- Fancy going down the battle for a couple of Britneys and a Winona[?] – *The Sun*, London, 7th November **2006**
- Having a pint of Winona Ryder. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**
- So... should I be able to turn up early to buy an album and get a wrist band, then bugger off for a few pints of Wynona Ryder then come back for the signing? – *Milburn Forum*, 10th September **2007**
- **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Well well... couple of large bottles of Winona Ryder under the heat of the currant bun & I'm a little Maria Monk... – *twitter.com*, 23rd May **2010**
- 2 in snooker, an elevated rest that supports an extended bridge for a player's cueing action [UK]
- Rhymes on *spider*. Only evidenced in the form *Winona Ryder*. Synonymous with STEVE RYDER. ▶ see GEORGIE BEST
- – *comeonjimmy.blogspot.com*, blog, 4th March **2009**

winter racket*noun*

a jacket [US]

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

wires and cable*noun*

a table [US]

- Some examples of rounder's slang: [...] Wires and Cable–A table. – D. Kling, *Biggest Little City*, p.203, **2000**

wise monkey*noun*

a condom [UK]

- Rhymes on *dunky*.
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

wish and hope*noun*

1 soap [US]

- – J. Harris, *A Convict's Dictionary*, p.42, **1989**
- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**

2 drugs [US]

Rhymes on *dope*.

· – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August **2004**

wish me luck

noun

roast duck [US]

· – A. J. Pollock, *US*, **1935**

wish me luck

verb

to dodge or evade (a duty or responsibility) [US/UK]

Rhymes on *duck*.

· – D. W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, **1944**

· – F. Prewitt and F. K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, **1961–1962**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

wish you're dead

noun

the head [UK]

· Whilst he is eating, his “north and south”–mouth–is too busily engaged for him to indulge in any “pickled pork”–talk– so that he can only nod his “wish you're dead”–head–and answer his wife's inquiries[.] – *T.P.'s & Cassell's Weekly*, London, 20th March **1926**

witches' cackle

noun

a man's genitals [UK]

Rhymes on *wedding tackle*.

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

witches' spell

noun

a bell [UK]

· – *h2g2* forum, 15th August **2002**

witchetty grub

noun

a member of the Cub Scouts, familiarly known as ‘the Cubs’, a junior section of the Scout Association [AUSTRALIA]

< *witchetty grub* ‘a large white grub or caterpillar, eaten as food especially by some Aborigines’. ▶ see BRUSSELS SPROUT

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

witch's 'at; witch's

adjective

fat [SOUTH AFRICA]

· “She's a bit witch's”. (From witch's 'at – meaning fat.) – *The Mercury*, Durban, 1st December **2016**

wizzard of oz; wizzard; wizard

noun

an ounce of marijuana [UK]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *oz*, the abbreviation for *ounce*, and *Oz*. < *The Wizard*

of Oz (1939), a popular musical film adapted from L. Frank Baum's fairy tale *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900). The forms with *zz* are recorded by Dalzell and Victor (2006, 2008), who note that, if this spelling is deliberate, it may be a pun on *whizz* ‘amphetamine’. The form *wizard* is recorded by Lillo (2006).

· – T. Dalzell and T. Victor, *CNPDSUE*, 2008: **2001**

· – A. Lillo, *Cut-down Puns*, p.43, **2006**

wobbly jelly

noun

television; a television [UK]

Rhymes on *telly*.

· In the Mickey Mouse (house), it's bird lime (time) for some wobbly jelly (telly)[.] – *Evening Standard*, London, 15th August **2001**

· – N. Edworthy, *Christmas*, p.98, **2007**

woe betide

noun

a concealed shelter for observing birds [UK]

Rhymes on *hide*. Birdwatchers' slang. Synonymous with JEKYLL and MOTHER'S PRIDE.

· The Woe Betide resembled a World War One bunker what with all the popping of the smudge boxes. – *justin-dequack.com*, blog, 22nd April **2014**

Wolfe Tone; wolfe

noun

▶ see THEOBALD WOLFE TONE

wolf halls

noun

the testicles [UK]

Rhymes on *balls*. < *Wolf Hall*, a British TV series first broadcast in January 2015 and based on Hilary Mantel's historical novels *Wolf Hall* (2009) and *Bring Up the Bodies* (2012).

· What a kick in the wolf halls. – *members.boardhost.com*, *Everton Forum*, 11th February **2015**

Wolfstone

noun

a telephone [UK: SCOTLAND]

< Wolfstone, a popular Scottish Celtic rock band.

· Get him on the Wolfstone and tell him tae get o'er here pronto. – R. Laidler and M. Harvey, *JRS*, **2006**

Wolver

noun

the penis [UK: MIDLANDS, NORTHERN ENGLAND]

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *hampton*, the short form of HAMPTON WICK. < Wolverhampton, a city in the West Midlands.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE7*, 1970: reported by R. Hjort, **1967**

Won't-work

noun

a Turk [AUSTRALIA]

· The Won't-works was comin' at us good an' strong[.] – *Northern District Standard*, Victoria, 5th August **1915**

wood and screw*noun*

a Jew [UK]

· – *Ummah* forum, 24th November 2006**wood, coal and coke***noun*

a cigar, cigarette or pipe [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *smoke*.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**wood, coal and coke***adjective*

penniless [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *broke*.· – G. Seal, *DEDH*, 2009**wooden leg***noun*

an egg [UK]

· [A] couple of wooden legs on toast. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998· I'd like two wooden legs, sunny side up. – *home.ubalt.edu*, accessed 2nd April 2013**wooden pews***noun*

news; the news [UK]

· Did you see the wooden pews last night? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th April 2002· [H]elpful in case someone asks if you “saw the wooden pews [news] last night.” – J. Laredo, *Living*, p.385, 2004· [F]irstly many thanks for spreading the **wooden pews** regarding our Inaugural Gala tomorrow night. – *Gate-World Forum*, 25th February 2005· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, 2008**wooden plank***noun*

an American [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *Yank*.· Everyone knows the Americans are often referred to as Yanks, / But here in London town, my son, we call them *wooden planks*. – R. Kray, *Book of Slang*, p.63, 1989; P. Manning, ‘Slang’, 1989· During the Gulf War of 1991 taxi drivers were seen crying into their cocktails over ‘the lack of wooden planks in town’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, 1992· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001· If I listen to a phone-in there’s hardly ever a Manc accent to be heard. Although if you go to Old Trafford then you do actually hear some. Unless they’re wooden planks/Yanks just pretending. – *Thai Visa* forum, 29th May 2009· **Dub Slang** @Dubslang Don’t like the look of the Wooden Planks here... – *twitter.com*, 12th June 2010· In the UK one sometimes hears citizens of the United States referred to as ‘wooden planks’[.] – *www.librarything.com*, 17th May 2012· – *www.slang.ie*, accessed 10th June 2013**wooden spoon; wooden; woodener***noun*

1 a one-month sentence of imprisonment [UK]

First recorded in the form *wooden*, which in turn yielded *woodener*. This suggests that *wooden spoon* may have arisen as a folk-etymological elaboration by virtue of the rhyme on *moon*, a criminal slang term for a prison sentence of one month. In fact, the currently available evidence makes it impossible to determine whether *wooden spoon* has ever had a real existence in the language or is no more than an etymology. The earliest known use of this expression is by Partridge (1937), who gives it as a hypothetical immediate etymon of *wooden*: ‘Prob. abbr. of postulated *wooden spoon* = *moon* = month’. Less explicitly, a rhyming link is hinted at by Tempest (1950) in the entry for *woodener* ‘a man doing one month’s imprisonment’: ‘There is also a rhyming connection between three words connected with a month’s sentence: “woodener”–one who uses a wooden spoon–“moon”, and “spoon”’. The authenticity of *wooden spoon* as an existing usage may only be inferred from its inclusion in Puxley’s *Fresh Rabbit* (1998), where it is given headword status. In his later *BritSlang* (2003), however, Puxley’s definition could be interpreted to suggest that *wooden spoon* is a reconstructed form of *woodener*. The entry reads ‘Moon Heard in prison, where a “woodener” is a month’s “porridge” (qv)’.

If *wooden spoon* is not in evidence beyond the pages of dictionaries, then perhaps there is no reason to regard *wooden* and *woodener* as rhyming slang. The latter word, first recorded in the sense ‘a prison sentence of one month’ in the 1990s, may well be either a metonymic extension from the sense given by Tempest (1950) or a variation of *woodman*, itself perhaps a notional relic from the days when prisoners slept on bare boards for the first month (Gosling 1959 [1960]: 25).

· The fair-people referred to three months’ imprisonment as “a carpet”; a month’s as “a wooden” or “a moon”; and twelve months as “a stretch.” – P. Allingham, *Cheapjack*, p.245, 1934

· **woodener** 30 day sentence. – A. Devlin, *PP*, 1996

· **Wooden Spoon Moon** Heard in prison as a reference to a month’s stir. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

2 a black person [UK]

Rhymes on *coon*. Recorded in the forms *wooden spoon* and *wooden*.

· Wooden Spoon and Blue Lagoon, I had to be told, were rhyming slang for ‘coon’ and four by two meant Jew. – T. Cohn, *Sticks and Stones*, p.8, 1987

· Hoxton Tom (a very name from the past) was on there claiming Kev as having the best soul voice that wasn’t a wooden. [...] wooden spoon = coon. – *ilXor.com* forum, 5th February 2004

· Wooden spoon is rhyming slang for coon, you know! – *Stormfront* forum, 26th May 2007

· Coon is another that's harsh, or wooden spoon, that always makes me laugh. – *evenews24.com*, blog, 3rd April 2014

wooden spooner

noun

a schooner (a tall beer glass) [AUSTRALIA]

< *wooden spooner* 'an individual or team that receives 'the wooden spoon', a notional or actual prize awarded to the competitor that comes last'.

· – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September 2012

woodrow

noun

1 a diet [UK]

Shortened from *Woodrow Wyatt*. < English politician and journalist Woodrow Wyatt (1918–97).

· “Woodrow’s working.” Thinking he means the late chairman of the Tote, I inform Couch that Woodrow is dead. Couch is, not unusually for him, speaking in rhyming slang. Woodrow means diet. Wyatt - diet, get it? I got it. I have indeed lost a stone and a half in the last month. – *The Racing Post*, London, 2nd December 2004

· She ate so much, she went straight on a Woodrow the next day. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 26th March 2008

2 on the woodrow secretly [UK]

Shortened from *Woodrow Wyatt*, rhyming on *quiet*. An equivalent of *on the quiet*.

· I got told on the Woodrow that he was jealous. – *answers.yahoo.com*, 26th March 2008

woof

noun

a homosexual man [UK/AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme on *poof*.

· – T. Thorne, *DCSI*, 1990

· Woof (n); horse’s hoof (n): homosexual (rhyming slang derived from *poof*, derived from *poofster*). – *Toronto Star*, Toronto, Ontario, ‘Oz Lingo’, 14th October 1995

· – A.D. Peterkin, *Bald-Headed Hermit*, p.68, 1999

woofster; woofteh; woofa; woofder; woofdah

noun

a homosexual man [UK/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *poofster* or *poofdah*. Thus BERTIE WOOFSTER. The variants *woofder* and *woofdah* have been recorded in British usage. In Australian and New Zealand English, *woofster* has yielded the adjective *woofsterish* ‘indecisive, ineffectual, unconvincing’.

· The headshrinker had been reduced to a nervous wreck, and was prepared to dismiss the rabidly heterosexual Tynan as a woofteh. – *OED2*, 1989: *Private Eye* magazine, London, 8th July 1977

· Voyeur or woofteh? (The latter is a charming bunk-up generation noun, much nicer than ‘queer’ or ‘gay’, and it should gain wider currency.) – *The Spectator*, London, 4th October 1980

· Another recently popular equivalent [of *poof*] among UK males is ‘woofster’[.] – B. McConville and J. Shearlaw, *The Slanguage of Sex*, 1984

· They must have looked a right load of woofsters in khaki and big fluffy mits. – J. de Villeneuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.2, 1986

· **woofster** 1. (rhyming slang) poofster; a homosexual man. – L. Johansen, *DD*, 1988

· Rana Watai, the fat, lazy ex-cop who rants on about “woofsters” and abolishing the bills of rights in his Sunday newspaper column and has fights with his duvet in Australian hotel rooms. – *www.nznews.net.nz*, 18th July 1997

· You’re not going to find one in here, Bridget, they all look like woofsters to me. Bent as a ten-bob note! – H. Fielding, *Bridget Jones*, p.156 [2001], 1999

· Rugby is for pink headband wearing woofsters. – *Vorb.org.nz* forum, 10th June 2006

· Ya big woofster! Jaysus Micko your more gay than me! – *Gaire* forum, 29th January 2007

· Piss off woofteh!!!! – *Skylines Australia* forum, 5th August 2007

· Not like in times past, when if a man didn’t take a wife, everyone would say was a woofster. – M. Keyes, *This Charming Man*, p.97, 2008

· In the process of attacking homosexual stereotypes, the Neanderthal coppers refer to fairies, queens, ponces, wooftas and poofas, plus a few unprintable descriptions. – *The Times*, London, 6th March 2008

· Don’t fancy wearing it as jewellery as I always think men with necklaces are poncy woofdahs. – *Audio Asylum* forum, 23rd April 2008

· Proven fact closet woofster. – *RealSurf Surfers’ Forum*, 7th December 2008

· The Irish all like wee Eoghan even though he is a woofster. – *Escort Ireland* forum, 20th December 2008

· No, you are right, he is a fucking hermaphrodite woofster and a prixe prickified pillock with a pathetic patter. – *Peoples Republic of Cork*, 20th March 2009

· TV3 news director Mark Jennings calls everyone “poofsters” and “woofsters”. – *www.stoppress.co.nz*, blog, 24th September 2009

· Yiz are all fungin’ woofas with yer dedicated graphics processors[.] – *Biker.ie* forum, 22nd July 2011

· That bloke is deffo a woofder! – *The Ford RS Owners Club* forum, 27th September 2011

· [D]iscard the wooftahs and the anti brits and we’d be perusing some 60/70 interesting posts. – *Politics.ie* forum, 13th March 2013

woofster; woofteh

adjective

(of a man) homosexual; relating to or used by homosexual men [UK/IRELAND]

A slang rhyme on *poofster*.

· [H]e had come back into the room to listen to some terrible story about a woofteh ballet dancer and the least

interesting member of the Royal Family. – M. Bragg, *Crystal Rooms*, 1992

· Or Robbie Fowler's on-field taunting of Graham Le Saux (who wasn't actually gay, but had been to university, read the *Guardian* and expressed a fondness for collecting antiques, all of which qualified as raging-woofter behaviour as far as large parts of the football world were concerned). – *caledonianmercury.com*, 26th January 2011

· Is the York still a woofter pub? – *Wanderers Ways* forum, 9th November 2012

· Have you ever been tried up, or chatted up by a gay, and what was your reaction? [...] Anyone else's got any woofter attacks to share with fellow CS users? – *Connecting Singles* forum, 8th December 2012

Woolen Tweed

noun

a Swede [us]

· Jock Malone, the old middleweight gladiator out of St. Paul, who has been knocking around the west coast for some time, and going good, too, has compiled a little vest pocket dictionary of some of the slang for my benefit, and I pass it on to you, with certain additions and corrections that I made myself. [...] Swede, Woolen Tweed. – *The Evening News*, Harrisburg, PA, D. Runyon, 'Runyon Says', 24th October 1929

Woolloomooloo

noun

a row; an altercation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian English *blue*. < Woolloomooloo, a suburb of Sydney.

· A Woolloomooloo became a blue, which is rhyming slang for a brawl. – P. Conrad, *Lingo and Literature*, p.53, 2001

Woolloomooloo pier

noun

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *queer*. < Woolloomooloo pier, a pier in Sydney Harbour.

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 18th September 2005

woolly bobble hat and scarf; woolly hat and scarf; woolly

noun

a laugh [UK]

Usually in the phrase *you're having a woolly bobble hat and scarf* (also *you're having a woolly hat and scarf* or *you're having a woolly*, with grammatical variations), the equivalent of *you're having a laugh* or *you're joking*, used idiomatically to express disbelief about something that seems ridiculous or insulting. Also as BOBBLE, HAT AND SCARF and HAT AND SCARF.

· Woolly Hat and Scarf is Cockney slang for Laugh. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April 2000

· It's only bit of a woolly after all. Still baffled? *Woolly bobble hat and scarf* = 'a laugh'. – P. Seddon, *Football Talk*, p.115, 2004

· What, am I having a woolly hat and scarf?! – M. Obiora, *Black Shoes*, p.172, 2009

woolly boof

noun

a male homosexual [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *poof*.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

woolly bull

noun

an act of masturbation [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on the Australian slang *pull*.

· – E. Spilsted, *BAS*, 2003

woolly hat and scarf

noun

▶ see WOOLLY BOBBLE HAT AND SCARF

woolly jumper

noun

in surfing, a large wave that breaks with great force, causing surfers to fall [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *dumper*.

· Then, bugger me, I came up from under a woolly jumper and there was the bloody southern cross, right in me Peyton. – *staffordray.blogspot.com*, blog, 15th February 2010

woolly mitten

noun

a kitten [UK]

Usually in the phrase *as weak as a woolly mitten* 'very weak', the direct equivalent of *as weak as a kitten*.

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

woolly rugs; woollies

noun

drugs [NEW ZEALAND]

Prison slang.

· I'm in the woolly rugs business. – D. Looser, *Boobslang*, 2001

woolly vest

noun

an annoying person or thing [UK]

Rhymes on *pest*.

· It's a woolly vest when you have a sneezing attack on a Monday instead of achoosday. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, 2001

· That Fred's proposed three times; he's a right woolly vest. – I. Wilkes, *LR*, 2004

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 7th March 2011

woolly woof

noun

a homosexual man [NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *poof*.

· ‘They’re especially out to get you! They’re going to get everyone who’s going with the poofers and they especially want you. Just stay away from them and don’t say anything.’ This didn’t sound right either. Mata was going with one of the woolly woofs himself, so I didn’t see how he could be involved. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.132, **1982**

· It’s a fine line men walk between doing the right thing by a girl and being branded a woolly woof. Just the other night, a female friend of mine was lamenting the fact that the guy she was on date with hadn’t tried anything on. – *blogs.smh.com.au*, blog, 10th August **2006**

woolly woofter; woolly woofteh; woolly woofter; woolly noun

a homosexual man [NEW ZEALAND/UK/AUSTRALIA/IRELAND]

Thus the adjective *woolly woofterish*, used in New Zealand and Australian English to mean ‘indecisive, ineffectual, unconvincing’. According to the available evidence, the shortened form *woolly* is exclusively British.

· WOOLLY WOOFTER (n) Passive homosexual. – G. Newbold, *The Big Huey*, p.255, **1982**

· Of course, there were woolly woofers at Vidal’s as well. The tinter was a queen called Laurence. – J. de Ville-neuve, *An Affectionate Punch*, p.22, **1986**

· **woolly woofter** (rhyming slang) poofter[.] – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**

· [I]f I were to go down the pub and tell my friends I was taking months off to bring up the kids they would dismiss me as a mop-wielding woolly woofter. – *The Guardian*, London, 30th September **1994**

· Harry Mitchell is a Sydney ferryboat captain and who lives with his 24-year-old son Jeff, a plumber and a devoted “footie” player. Harry, in a hoarse aside, lets us know his son is gay, a “woolly woofter.” – *Toronto Star*, Toronto, Ontario, 24th March **1995**

· [A] ‘woolly’ or a ‘woofter’[.] – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· He’s a man’s man. He’s a real man. I’m not saying all actors are woolly woofers or big girls’ blouses – they’re not. But he certainly is very much a, um, a hetero, a strong guy, in every sense. – *The Times Magazine*, London, 21st February **1998**

· I also take very seriously the effect of degrading, abusive language. Terms like “woolly-woofter” are amongst the terms I find degrading, because homosexual men, and particularly homosexual boys, are denigrated as somehow less than human. – *www.parliament.nz*, ‘Hansard (New Zealand Parliamentary Debates, House of Representatives)’, 2nd March **2004**

· Woolly woofteh with kids? – *The Spectator*, London, 16th December **2006**

· Not all figure skaters are “woolly woofteh”. – *Whirlpool.net.au* forum, 3rd June **2011**

· Yep my nan still calls black people “nig-nogs” and gay people “woolly woofteh” we all just cringe a little inside

and raise our eyes to the heavens. – *Boards.ie* forum, 1st May **2012**

· You woolly woofteh or what? – *www.motoroo.com.au*, blog, 21st December **2013**

woolly woofter

adjective

(of a man) homosexual; relating to or used by homosexual men [AUSTRALIA/UK]

· The last thing that Howard is going to be doing is pondering the oeuvres of Strauss, Nietzsche, Heidegger or any other woolly-woofter intellectual who might be big in the prescribed reading stakes on campus. – *clubtropo.com.au*, blog, 28th February **2005**

· Heathrow is in hounslow, isn’t viaduct a woolly woofter pub[.] – *twitter.com*, 21st July **2012**

Woolwich and Greenwich

noun

spinach [UK]

< Woolwich and Greenwich, two areas of south-east London.

· A Putney greengrocer sold the present reviewer a pound of Woolwich and Greenwich in 1938. – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961: *The Times Educational Supplement*, 25th March **1960**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

· – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**

· [T]he Spanish waiters were coalman’s and the Woolwich and Greenwich wasn’t worth the bread. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, p.240, **2008**

Woolwich ferry

noun

sherry [UK]

< the Woolwich Ferry, a free river service, now run by Transport for London, that transports vehicles and pedestrians across the Thames between Woolwich and North Woolwich.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

· – A.D. Mills, *DLPN*, p.xlii, **2010**

· – D. Smith, *The Language of London*, p.58, **2011**

Woolwich Pier; woolwich

noun

the ear [UK]

< Woolwich Pier, probably a reference to the now disused North Woolwich Pier in the south-east of London.

· I have also learned from these coffee stall conversations that ‘The Duke of Kent’ means rent, and that ‘Barnet Fair’ means hair, ‘Oxford scholar’ collar, ‘Chalk Farm’ arm, ‘Charley Prescott’ waistcoat, ‘Woolwich Piers’ ears, and ‘frog and toad’ road. – *The Northern Daily Mail*, West Hartlepool, 28th November **1927**

· *Woolwich piers* = ears. – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.84, **1968**

· [T]he teeth of the wind get sharp enough to bite your Woolwiches off. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

wooly West*noun*

the breast or chest [US]

< *wooly West*, a shortening of the phrase *wild and wooly West*, used with reference to the uncivilised West of frontier days.

- – M.C. Sharpe, *Chicago May*, p.287, **1928**
- – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

working class*noun*

a drinking glass [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

working classes; workings*noun*

a pair of glasses [UK]

The short form is given by Puxley (2008).

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

worm and snail; worm*noun*

a fingernail [UK]

Usually in the plural. Also used idiomatically in the phrase *cling on by one's worms and nails* (or *cling on by one's worms*) 'to just manage to cope with a situation', the direct equivalent of *cling on by one's fingernails*.

- **Worm(s) & Snail(s) Nail(s)**. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- Worms and Snails Fingernails. – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.208, **2008**
- I'm just going to trim me worms. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**
- At the time of writing this The Secretary of State for Culture and Rhyming Slang is clinging on by his worms (**worms and snails....nails, keep up!**)[.] – *www.nitro.co.uk*, blog, 27th April **2012**

Wormwood Scrubs*noun*

a pub [UK]

Imperfect rhyming slang. < HMP Wormwood Scrubs, a prison in west London. ► see RUB-A-DUB-DUBS

- Comin down the Wormwood Scrubs? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 10th May **2006**
- Now just chill out the revenge talk, get yourself a Richard Gere out of the mountain ridge or head down the Wormwood Scrubs and have quite a few Ray Mears. – *www.peterdavid.net*, blog, 12th January **2009**

worry and bother*noun*

a mother [UK]

An eye rhyme.

- "Worry and bother" as a name for a mother is not as undutiful as it sounds, nor does it really represent the eternal revolt of youth against the last generation. – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, **1922**

worry and strife; worry*noun*

a wife [UK]

- I left me worry-and-strife across the didn't oughter. – *The Hutchinson News*, Hutchinson, KS, T. Burke (London), 'Learning One Thing', 3rd June **1918**
- I told the worry and the godfer that I wouldn't be home till gypsies. [...] Worry and Strife, Wife. – *Salina Evening Journal*, Salina, KS, T. Burke (London), 'The Secret Language', 15th August **1918**
- Well, old pot, let's go and have a skating. I told the worry I should be water. – T. Burke, *The Outer Circle*, p.210, **1921**
- WENT DOWN THE FROG AND TOAD WITH THE WORRY & STRIFE TO THE RUB A DUB DUB[.] – *gardentenders.com*, blog, 6th June **2008**

worse or better*noun*

a letter [US]

- – R.D. Flores, *GS*, **1998**
- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

worse or better*verb*

to write [US]

Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

Worzel Gumidge; worzel*noun*

a rummage [UK]

< Worzel Gumidge, a scarecrow character created by English writer Barbara Euphan in 1936 and portrayed by Jon Pertwee on television in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

- Have a Worzel in that box. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st January **2007**
- Now you're sitting at your pistol and shooter, sipping a cup of Rosie and having a bit of a Worzel around facebook[.] – *www.facebook.com*, 30th April **2012**

wow and flutter*noun*

butter [UK]

< *wow and flutter*, a phrase denoting two types of frequency variations caused by fluctuations in tape speed and tension in analog recording and playback devices. Used by musicians and recording technicians.

- Is there any 'Wow and Flutter'? – *The Steel Guitar Forum*, 12th September **2007**

Wrigley's gum; wrigley's; wrigleys*noun*

a person's buttocks or anus [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *bum*. < Wrigley, a well-known chewing gum manufacturer.

- A shapely backside may be known as a ‘Wrigleys’[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**
- She deserves a slap on the Wrigley’s. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 15th August **2007**
- – *www.bebocom*, male from Ballinteer, South Dublin, 25th October **2007**
- She likes it up the Wrigley’s! – *The Caffeine Machine* forum, 18th October **2009**
- We should just roll over & take it up the Wrigley’s just so you think you’ve somehow got one over on the Prime Minister. – *m.dailyecho.co.uk*, 9th December **2011**
- – *www.4manchesterwomen.co.uk*, 27th June **2012**
- She’s a right bit of crackling crumpet... such amazing thrupenny bits. And her Wrigley’s gum ain’t bad either. – *banniNation* forum, 19th October **2013**

Wullie Bauld*adjective*

▶ see WILLIE BAULD

Wu-Tang Clan*noun*

a Transit van [E-ANGLOSPHERE]

- Popney rhyming slang. < American rap group Wu-Tang Clan.
- [N]ow Lil’ Kim means hymn and Wu-Tang Clan means transit van. – *www.widemediamedia.com*, 12th January **2001**
- [N]ipping out in your Wu Tang Clan – Transit van – for a Jay Kay – takeaway. – *www.mcarchives.com*, 14th January **2001**

wuthering*noun*

a light (for a cigarette, etc.) [UK]

- Probably a nonce word coined by English singer Ian Dury (1942–2000). Formed on a shortening of *wuthering height*. < *Wuthering Heights*, an 1847 novel by Emily Brontë.
- I was once in the local with Lee Brilleaux when he [Ian Dury] got out a cigarette and asked whether anyone had a Wuthering. – *Charlie Gillett – The Sound of the World* forum, 2nd September **2008**

wutherings*noun*

tights [UK]

- A shortening of *Wuthering Heights*. < *Wuthering Heights*, an 1847 novel by Emily Brontë.
- His Status Quo bandmate Rick Parfitt bends down but admits he can’t tell whether she’s wearing Alans,

Wutherings or I Hear You’s. – *The Sun*, London, 25th February **1999**

- – G. Bushell, *Two-Faced*, p.xviii, **2004**

Wyatt*nickname*

applied to a person who belches loudly in public, usually for fun [UK]

A shortening of the noun WYATT EARP.

- Some ignoramuses think it hilarious to burp at a high rate of decibels. Such people are sometimes nicknamed ‘Wyatt’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Wyatt Earp; wyatt*noun*

1 the penis [UK]

Rhymes on the slang *curp*, a backslang version of *prick* (via the form **kcirp*). < American lawman and gunfighter Wyatt Earp (1848–1929). In this sense, only evidenced in the full form.

- – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

2 a belch [UK]

Rhymes on *burp*.

- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – *www.london slang.com*, accessed 10th June **2000**
- Gawd, Didn’t I let this great big Wyatt out. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 23rd January **2004**

Wyatt Earp*verb*

to belch [UK]

Rhymes on *burp*. Functionally shifted from the noun form.

- All I can do is Wyatt Earp. – *F150online* forum, 7th February **2002**
- [T]his stuff makes you wyatt earp. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Wyatt Earps*noun*

turpentine [UK]

Rhymes on *turps*. < American lawman and gunfighter Wyatt Earp (1848–1929). Painter-decorators’ slang.

- – *Painters Pit Stop* forum, 7th November **2013**

Wynona Ryder; wynona*noun*

▶ see WINONA RYDER

X

Xerox copy

noun

a red poppy worn to commemorate Remembrance Day (11th November) [AUSTRALIA]

< *Xerox copy* 'a copy made on a xerographic copying machine', formed on *Xerox*, a generic trademark.

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

X-files

noun

haemorrhoids [UK/IRELAND]

Rhymes on *piles*. < *The X-Files*, an American television series broadcast from 1993 to 2002, and its cinematic offshoots *The X-Files: Fight the Future* (1998) and *The X-Files: I Want to Believe* (2008).

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

· – *The Free Kick* forum, 16th June **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

X-rayed

verb

paid [UK: LIVERPOOL, NORTHERN IRELAND]

Used as a past participle in the phrase *be* (or *get*)

X-rayed.

· Avyer bin X-rayed yet? – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.15, **1972**

· – *Our Wee Country* forum, 30th August **2010**

x-ray specs; x-ray

noun

sex [UK]

< X-Ray Spex, one of the early English punk bands; ultimately from *X-ray specs* 'a novelty toy that was advertised in comic books and offered the promise of sexual thrills'.

· – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

Y

yabba-dabba-doo's; yabba's

noun

shoes [UK]

< *yabba-dabba-doo!*, the catchphrase of Fred Flintstone, a character created by Hanna-Barbera for the TV cartoon series *The Flintstones*, originally broadcast between 1960 and 1966.

• Nice pair of yabba's mate. – *A(.com)*, accessed 20th December **2006**

• – *Slyck* forum, 30th June **2008**

• PUT ON YOUR YABBA-DABBA-DOO'S & WIGGLE YOUR HÄAGEN-DAZS. – Greetings card by The London Studio, London, **2011**

Yackandandah; Yakadanda

noun

a look [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *gander*. < Yackandandah, a town in north-east Victoria. The variant *Yakadanda*, recorded in 2012, may reveal the influence of or confusion with the similar-sounding place name *Yakadanda*.

• Gone to Yackandandah. gone to take a gander (take a look!). – *darkangelbattalion79309.yuku.com*, forum, 17th November **2000**

• – *www.krackatinni.net.au*, accessed 21st September **2012**

Yagoona

noun

a schooner (a tall beer glass); hence, a glass of beer, beer [AUSTRALIA]

< Yagoona, a suburb of Bankstown in Sydney, NSW. Hence BANKSIE.

• – *groups.yahoo.com*, 'Wilson's Almanac', 29th October **2002**

• If Australian English is dead, I think I'll "chuck it in for the day, head down to the rubidy dub for a yagoona or 2. It's my wally grout". – *www.smh.com.au*, 9th January **2004**

Yank

nickname

used as a substitute for the name *Frank* [UK: LIVERPOOL]

A slang rhyme.

• – B. Minard, *LYS3*, p.38, **1972**

Yankee Clippers

noun

slippers [UK]

< *Yankee Clippers*, a reference to the fast sailing ships of the 19th century.

• – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Yankee Doodles; yankees

noun

noodles [UK]

< 'Yankee Doodle', a popular song thought to have been first sung by British soldiers to mock the New Englanders with whom they served in the French and Indian War (1754–63).

• Confuse a Chinese waiter, ask for crispy 'yankees' with GOLDIE HAWNS. – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

Yannick Noah

noun

a telephone [UK]

Rhymes on *blower*. < French tennis player-turned-singer Yannick Noah (b.1960).

• i call my phone my Yannick Noah[.] – *twitter.com*, 29th July **2016**

yard of silk

noun

a pint of milk [UK]

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – E. Nicholson, *On Tenterhooks*, p.58, **2009**

yard of tripe

noun

a tobacco pipe [UK/US?]

The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by 'learned outsiders'. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

• Splodger, will you have a Jack-surpass of finger-and-thumb, and blow your yard of tripe of nosey me knacker, and have a touch of the broads with me and the other heaps of coke at my drum. – *The Morning Chronicle*, London, 'Labour and the Poor', unsigned article by Henry Mayhew, 31st January **1850**

• – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary, 1961–1962*

• – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

Yarmouth bloater; yarmouth

noun

a car [UK]

Rhymes on *motor*. < *Yarmouth bloater* 'a type of smoked herring'.

• – J. Franklyn, *DRSI*, **1960**

• – L.M. Blumberg, *Rhyming Slang*, p.99, **1968**

• – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

• – B. Aylwin, *Cobblers*, p.45, **1973**

- – L.R.N. Ashley, *Rhyme and Reason*, p.139, **1977**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- For the meantime, I'm off outside to nob up my Yarmouth. – *The Independent*, London, 15th July **2000**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- Seen my new Yarmouth? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 8th April **2002**

Yasmine Bleeth; yasmin; yasmynes; jasmines*noun*

the teeth [IRELAND]

- yasmin bleeth – teeth[.] – *www.bebo.com*, 25th October **2007**

· It's only when she opens her mouth to ask where the changing rooms are that I cop the gap between her Yasmine Bleeth and realize straight away that it's Keelyn Errity, a bird I knew from UCD back in the day. [...] She laughs. That gap in her Jasmines again. – R. O'Carroll-Kelly, *Delusion*, pp.17/39, **2010**

Yaumatei ferry*noun*

a virgin [HONG KONG]

Rhymes on the slang *cherry*. < *Yaumatei ferry*, a reference to the ferry service in the Yau Ma Tei area of Kowloon in Hong Kong. Recorded in a 1993 article by British-born, Hong Kong-based artist Arthur Hacker (1932–2013).

- – *The Correspondent* magazine, June **1993**

yeahs and nays*noun*

trays [US]

- – *publicintelligence.net*, 'The Gang Dictionary', 25th August **2004**

yehudi*adjective*

genuine [UK]

- A shortening of *Yehudi Menuhin*. < American-born British violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin (1916–99).
- – T. Thorne, *DCS2*, **1997**

yellow pages; yellows*noun*

wages [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *CCR*, **2008**

yellow silk*noun*

milk [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**

yet-to-be*adjective*

free [UK]

Also used as a noun.

- On the Johnny Horner I must stand / In this land of the yet-to-be, / 'Olding out my Martin's-le-Grand / For the price of a Rosie Lee. – G. Kersh, *Fowlers End*, p.292, **1957**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

yid*noun*

a sovereign (a former gold coin nominally worth one pound sterling) [AUSTRALIA]

A slang rhyme on *quid*. < *Yid* 'a Jew', reinforced by a stereotypical view of the relationship between Jews and money. Hence *half a yid* 'a half-sovereign (ten shillings or half a pound)'.

- I got up then and pulled out half a sovereign and threw it into the ring. [...] There was another shower of coins after my half a yid[.] – D. Stivens, *Jimmy Brockett*, p.62 [1961], **1951**

- – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, **1961**

- 10s. – [...] *half a flag, half a toad, reddie, ten holes and half a yid* (the last is a rhyme on *quid*). – S.J. Baker, *The Australian Language*, p.115, **1966**

ying yang*noun*

the penis [UK]

Rhymes on *wang*. < *yin yang* 'in Chinese philosophy, the two complementary forces (darkness/light, femaleness/maleness, etc.) at work in the cosmos'.

- – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

Yogi Bear; Yogi*nickname*

the DC3 and Vickers Viscount aircraft operated by the airline Gibair from Gibraltar to Tangier

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on *Gibair* (also spelt *GibAir*), a blend of *Gibraltar Airways*, and *-gi Bear*, the final part of the name *Yogi Bear*. Originally a pun perpetrated in the late 1960s by someone who daubed the letters *YO* on the fuselage of one of the planes (*YO-Gibair*). < *Yogi Bear*, an animated cartoon character created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera in 1958. The nickname, usually used in full, was current from the late 1960s until the late 1980s, when *Gibair* transferred to London and was renamed *GB Airways*.

- Scheduled flights are operated out of London by **British Airways**, **Air Europe**, and **Gibraltar Airways** (*Gibair*), which also provides service to Tangier. Don't be surprised if you hear the plane making that trip referred to as "Yogi Bear," as this is the affectionate name Gibraltarians have for their air link with Morocco. – D. Porter, *Frommer's Spain & Morocco*, p.382, **1987**

- Poor old Yogi Bear, I have often wondered what became of her. – *PPRuNe* forum, 1st August **2006**

- Both the Dak and it's successor Viscount were known affectionately as Yogi Bear after the name of the airline – *Gibair*. – *PPRuNe* forum, 4th March **2008**

- "Yogi Bear first came out in the 1960s," writes David Clemow from Papakura. "While I was in a hangar at an English airport in 1966, a Gibraltar Airways DC3 was being checked over. The aircraft was painted GibAir on either side. One of the engineers painted Yo in front of the lettering. The result: YoGibAir. I don't know how long it lasted." – *www.nzherald.co.nz*, 14th January **2011**

· [D]o you have any photo's or know of anyone who might have a picture of an aeroplane that used to fly from Gibraltar to Tangiers several times a day. It was nicknamed Yogi because of the operator 'Gibair' [.]. – *Key Publishing Ltd Aviation Forums*, 6th March **2011**

2 used as a substitute for *Gibair*, the name of a Gibraltar-based airline that operated from 1947 to 1989

Extended from the previous sense.

· My time working for Yogi Bear airlines. – *The Olive Press*, Arriate, Malaga, 26th July–8th August **2012**

Yogi Bear; yogi

noun

1 in prison, an inmate who dresses flashily and shows off [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *lair* 'a flashy show-off'. < Yogi Bear, an animated cartoon character created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera in 1958. First recorded in Sydney's Long Bay Gaol in 1960. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – *Australasian Post*, Melbourne, 17th November **1960**

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

2 a chair [UK]

· [F]or a while people were 'pulling up a Yogi' to watch him on TV. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

3 the hair [UK/IRELAND/AUSTRALIA]

No evidence of use in the short form.

· Brush your Yogi Bear. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th July **2009**

· After having a David Gower (shower) and doing the yogy bear (hair) you start to contemplate about having a few more drinks[.] – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 25th November **2009**

· Desperate for my yogi bear cutting aswel! – *twitter.com*, 30th June **2011**

· [G]et yer bleedin Yogi bear cut. – *www.slang.ie*, 13th October **2012**

Yogi Hughes

noun

alcoholic drink [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *booze*. < Scottish footballer John 'Yogi' Hughes (b.1943).

· Too much Yogi Hughes means you might wake up the next Muriel Gray, feeling not so Graeme Dott. – *Daily Record*, Glasgow, 11th November **2006**

Yorkshire Bank; yorkshire

noun

an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Yorkshire Bank, a major British bank.

· A "Yorkshire Bank" is a particularly obvious rhyming euphemism for what happens to several male supporters after standing too close to the One Call models. – *Viking Supporters Co-operative* forum, 22nd September **2015**

· I'm having a vigorous 'yorkshire' looking at Bonzos pics. – *UK-Muscle Bodybuilding Community* forum, 19th July **2016**

Yorkshire banker

noun

a stupid or obnoxious person [UK]

Rhymes on *banker*. < Yorkshire Bank, a major British bank.

· "He hits grannies for fun!" "what a yorkshire banker!" – *UD(.com)*, 19th September **2006**

· Later in the game the lads duly got the equaliser and KD decided this was it. Up on the concrete crash barrier giving it "You Yorkshire bankers, swivel on that", etc, etc accompanied by various finger expletives. – *www.nufc.com*, 24th June **2009**

Yorkshire blues

noun

shoes [UK]

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.106, **1981**

Yorkshire Penny Bank; yorkshire penny

noun

1 an act of masturbation [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. < Yorkshire Penny Bank, a bank founded in Halifax, in the north of England, in 1859; in the late 1950s Penny was dropped from the name.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

· Subject: RE: What is a 'furtive Jodrell'? [...] Also known in northern (England) parts as a 'Yorkshire Penny' or ham shank. – *The Mudcat Café* forum, 25th June **2003**

2 something of little or no value [UK]

Rhymes on *wank*. No evidence of use in the short form.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: R. Daniells, letter, **1980**

Yorkshire Ripper; yorkshire

noun

a slipper [UK]

< Yorkshire Ripper, the nickname of serial killer Peter Sutcliffe (b.1946), who terrorised the north of England in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.204, **2008**

· Chickens (dippers) or Yorkshires (rippers) – slippers. – *londontopia.net*, 13th December **2014**

Yorkshire tyke; Yorkshire tike; yorkshire

noun

a microphone [UK]

Rhymes on *mike*. < *Yorkshire tyke* 'a person from Yorkshire'. The forms *Yorkshire tike* and *yorkshire* are given by Partridge (1961); in the eighth (1984) edition of his dictionary, he also gives the spelling *Yorkshire tyke*.

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE5*, 1961: reported by D. Bower, **1957**

· – S.T. Kendall, *Up the Frog*, p.43, **1969**

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, **1972**

Yosemite Sam

adverb

on the run, escaping from justice [US]

Rhymes on *lam*, used in the slang phrase *on the lam*. < Yosemite Sam, an animated cartoon outlaw created

by Friz Freleng (1906–95) and first introduced in the 1945 *Merrie Melodies* short *Hare Trigger*.
 · – *publicintelligence.net*, ‘The Gang Dictionary’, 25th August 2004

Yosser

noun

a contemptible person [UK]

A slang rhyme on *tosser*. < Yosser Hughes, the tragicomic anti-hero of Alan Bleasdale’s TV series *The Boys from the Blackstuff* (1982), played by English actor Bernard Hill (b.1944).

· Now that departing Forest boss Ron has time on his hands, he might reflect on the thin line between a Tom Tit (wit) and a Yosser. – *Daily Mirror*, London, 1st May 1999

you and me; you

noun

1 tea [UK/AUSTRALIA]

The short form has been recorded in British usage.

· Therefore I was not much interested when the children gave me such words as “needle and thread” for bread, “you and me” for tea[.] – J.W. Horsley, *I Remember*, p.253, 1911

· ‘Ave a cup of you-and-me? – T. Burke, *Twinkletoes*, p.36, 1917

· – W.McG. Eagar, *The Cockney Tongue*, p.367, 1922

· – E. Fraser and J. Gibbons, *SSWP*, 1925

· Ole Gutsache’ll send a boy for ‘is tea like this: ‘e’ll say: “Gemme a you ‘n’ a strike,” meaning a Cup of You-and-Me and a Slice of Strike-Me-Dead, or bread ‘n’ butter. – G. Kersh, *They Die with Their Boots Clean*, p.129, 1941

· What’s in the Aristotle? The ole you and me? (tea). – N. Jacob, *Me – Looking Back*, p.202, 1950

· Aincher got any you-and-me? – *The Sunderland Echo and Shipping Gazette*, 15th March 1954

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – J. Jones, *RCS*, 1971

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· Let’s have a cup of you and me. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· [W]hat would you prefer, coffee or You and Me? – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, 2008

2 the sea [UK]

Only recorded in the full form.

· We even revived that rhyming slang which once (for some odd reason) was a tradition of camp. So we called the sun “the old currant bun”, and the sea the “you and me”[.] – *The Methodist*, Sydney, G.H. Vallins, ‘Time ... Lets Part Abide’, 2nd January 1954

3 urine; an act of urination [AUSTRALIA/US?/UK]

Rhymes on *pee* and *wee*. First recorded by Franklyn (1960) as an Australian usage. Only evidenced in the full form. The only record of this word in America is in a vocabulary compiled in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville between 1961 and 1962. According to etymologist Peter Tamony, this vocabulary includes

a number of terms that may have been either picked up from written sources or reported by ‘learned outsiders’. The inclusion in the rhyming slang section of some items that are not recorded in other American sources, but are known to have been used in Australia or Britain, clearly indicates that the material therein should be used with caution.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

· – M. Dodson and R. Saczek, *DCSRS*, 1972

· – J. Ramsay, *CS*, 1977

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, 1984

· I’m going for a you and me. – E. Spilsted, *GASBI*, 1997

· ‘Let’s you and me go for a you & me’ Sounds like one for the ladies, who tend to water the plants in tandem. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

· Australians have pinched a lot of expressions from the “Old Country” and we have our version of Rhyming Slang which I use a lot myself like going to the dunny for a you and me or a tom tit. – *The Skeptics Society* forum, 22nd December 2009

4 a pea [AUSTRALIA/UK]

Only evidenced in the full form. First recorded by Franklyn (1960) as an Australian usage.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, 1960

· – *Kings Cross Whisper*, Sydney, no. XLIII, 1967

· Fresh, frozen, tinned or dried and blown through a shooter. They’re all ‘you & mes’. – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

5 a flea [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form. Remembered by one of Franklyn’s informants as in use around 1900.

· – J. Franklyn, *DRS2*, 1961

· – R. Barnes, *Coronation Cups*, p.208, 1976

· – R. Puxley, *FR*, 1998

6 in bingo, the number three [UK/IRELAND]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· – P. Wright, *Cockney*, p.109, 1981

· – *www.philbrodieband.com*, 2006

· – M.H. Manser, *Buttering Parsnips*, p.182, 2007

· – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, 2012

· – *www.newstalk.ie*, 25th June 2013

7 in bingo, the number twenty-three [UK]

Only evidenced in the full form.

· The Walters fall to their cards, frantically marking their numbers as they’re called: [...] Twenty-two, me and you. Twenty-three, you and me. – M. McGrath, *Silvertown*, p.219 [2003], 2002

you know

noun

cocaine [US/UK]

Rhymes on *snow*.

· – A.J. Pollock, *US*, 1935

· – D.W. Maurer, *Rhyming Argot*, p.195, 1944

· – F. Prewitt and F.K. Schaeffer, *Vacaville Vocabulary*, 1961–1962

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**
- – C. Bronson, *Loonyology*, p.205, **2008**

you must

noun

bread crust [UK]

Probably < *you must eat your (or the) crust*, a common household injunction.

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – Anon., *BRS*, **1975**
- – *CRS(co.uk)*, 21st April **2000**
- – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

young and frisky

noun

whisky [AUSTRALIA]

· I can go into a rubbyity dub and have a lemonade, breast-
ing the near an' far with booze hounds drinking Tom
Thumb, young an' frisky, oh my dear, Mother's Ruin[.] –
J. Meredith, *Duke of the Outback*, p.105, 1983; H.P. 'Duke'
Tritton, letter dated 3rd March 1905, but surely written
later; **ante 1965**

- – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

young and keen

noun

in bingo, the number fifteen [UK/IRELAND]

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.118 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.onlinebingosleuth.co.uk*, 11th June **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

young and old

adjective

cold [AUSTRALIA]

- – L. Johansen, *DD*, **1988**
- Australian Lingo has absorbed a lot of Cockney rhym-
ing slang which would have been better off forgotten.
Mostly used for comic effect in Pubs. [...] young and old
– cold. – *Antimoon* forum, 26th March **2004**
- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**
- [A] Young and Old Kitchen Sink[.] – *allpoetry.com*, 5th
June **2012**

you're doing fine

noun

in bingo, the number twenty-nine [UK]

- – *www.ildado.com*, 1st February **2002**
- – *www.bestbingo.me.uk*, blog, 28th August **2008**
- – *bingo.vernons.com*, accessed 27th September **2013**

you're poor

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-four [UK/US]

- – *freebingomoney.blogspot.com*, 19th November **2007**
- – *oliviategnelizbucketlist.weebly.com*, November **2008**
- – *www.twolittlefleas.co.uk*, 11th April **2011**

you're the one

noun

a nun [AUSTRALIA]

- – G. Seal, *DEDH*, **2009**

you're very posh

noun

money [UK: SCOTLAND]

- Rhymes on *dosh*.
- – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

your face is dirty

noun

in bingo, the number thirty [UK/IRELAND]

- – B. Schott, *Sporting, Gaming & Idling Miscellany*, p.66, **2004**
- – Foxy Bingo, UK TV advert, **2008**
- – M. Toseland and S. Toseland, *365 Family Games*, p.119 [2012], **2010**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**
- – *www.bingo-lingo.net*, accessed 19th August **2013**

your place or mine?

noun

in bingo, the number sixty-nine [UK/IRELAND]

- < *your place or mine?*, a set phrase often used when
agreeing the venue for a sexual encounter; an underly-
ing suggestion of soixante-neuf is irresistible.
- – *QI* forum, 24th January **2004**
- – *www.bingobingo.me.uk*, 17th February **2011**
- – *www.stmarksgaa.ie*, **2012**

yours and mine

noun

in bingo, the number nine [UK]

- – R. Puxley, *FR*, **1998**

yours and ours

noun

flowers [UK]

- – J. Brophy and E. Partridge, *SSBS3*, **1931**
- – J. Franklyn, *DRS1*, **1960**
- – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**
- – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**
- – *The People*, London, 25th September **2005**

Yo-Yo Ma; yoyo

noun

a car [UK]

- < French-American cellist Yo-Yo Ma (b.1955).
- Have a butcher's at me new yoyo! – *CRS(co.uk)*, 30th
July **2002**
- Hey Jeff, let's go for a cruise in the yo yo! – *UD(.com)*,
25th February **2010**

Yul Brynner; yul

noun

dinner [UK/AUSTRALIA]

- < Russian-born American actor Yul Brynner (1920–85).
In Australian English, only recorded in the full form.

· [Y]ou always break for your ‘Yul Brynner’. – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

· Mahjong being a sort of Chinese backgammon, and on which the Chinese will gamble everything from a poxy Yul Brynner to entire restaurants[.] – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.118 [2012], **2004**

· No time to chat tho, I’m away to get my Penelopes into my Yul Brynner. – *kingdomcat.wordpress.com*, blog, 4th December **2009**

· – *Betfair Community* forum, 28th July **2010**

· [G]oing for some Yul (Brynner). – *twitter.com*, 6th November **2012**

· Get the Yul Brynner on the Clark Gable ‘cause I’m Lee Marvin. – *Breakfast with Frank and Ox*, Australian radio: 1116 SEN (Melbourne), 9th May **2016**

Yuletide log

noun

a dog; specifically, a racing greyhound [UK]

· – E. Partridge, *DSUE8*, 1984: D. Hillman, letter, 15th November **1974**

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· – I. Wilkes, *LR*, **2004**

Yuri Geller; Yuri Gella; Yuri

noun

▶ see URI GELLER

Yvonne Goolagong

noun

a kind of water pipe used for smoking cannabis [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *bong*. < Australian tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley (b.1951).

· Then there’s some slang which I believe (could be wrong) is very localised to Melb’s Western Suburbs. Smidge – speed Dan Milecki – ecstasy tablet (ecstasy eccy) Yvonne Goolagong – Bong. – *BigFooty AFL* forum, 27th February **2015**

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Zachary Scotts; zacharys

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the trots*. < American actor Zachary Scott (1914–65).

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· I'm just off to the Kermit cos I've got a touch of the Zacharys. – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

· Ooh I had a bad case of the Zachary Scotts last week. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 3rd May **2014**

Zane Grey

noun

pay, wages [AUSTRALIA/UK]

< American writer Zane Grey (1872–1939).

· – J. Meredith, *LTOJL*, **1984**

· – G. Seal, *The Lingo*, p.90, **1999**

· – B. Kirkpatrick, *LBCRS*, **2001**

· I can't go out until Wednesday, when I get my zane grey. – J. Crozier, *SABR*, **2006**

· Can't buy much with the old Zane Grey these days. – *Teardrops n Tiny Travel Trailers* forum, 31st March **2006**

· – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

ZaSu Pitts; Zasu Pitts; zasu

noun

diarrhoea [UK]

Rhymes on *the shits*. < ZaSu Pitts, the stage name of American actress Eliza Susan Pitts (1894–1963). Also used idiomatically in the phrase *give someone the ZaSu Pitts* 'to make someone angry or annoyed'.

· – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

· Zasu [...] the shits. – *orion.math.iastate.edu*, **2002**

· – E. West, *CCRS*, **2006**

· The amount of time it usually takes for anybody to respond to my observations gives me the ZaSu Pitts[.] – *RedBubble* forum, **2008**

zeig heils

noun

▶ see SIEG HELLS

Zeta-Jones; zetas

noun

▶ see CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

zig

noun

■ **get the zig** to become annoyed or angry [UK]

Probably a shortening of *zig-zag*, rhyming on the slang *agg* 'serious trouble; a nuisance' (itself a clipping of *aggravation*) or a distorted abbreviation of *Sigmund Freud*, rhyming on *annoyed*.

· [J]ust 'cause you've got the zig about some penalty try against your team (Otago was it?) you are prepared to

write off one of the top three refs. – *rec.sport.rugby.union*, *Google Groups*, 16th April **1998**

· Some sloppy little teams got the zig cos we wouldn't trade with them[.] – J.J. Connolly, *Layer Cake*, p.20 [2001], **2000**

· I bowl in but already I've got the fucking zig. – H. Silver, *Judas Pig*, p.165 [2012], **2004**

· I'm nearly getting the zig! – *twitter.com*, 18th January **2012**

Zig and Zag

noun

1 an act of sexual intercourse [UK]

Rhymes on *shag*. < Zig and Zag, a double act of television puppets created by Ciaran Morrison and Mick O'Hara in 1987. Suggested by *zig-zag*, a common reduplicative conveying the idea of an in-and-out movement.

· I still feel like a bit of a Zig and Zag. – *F150online* forum, 7th February **2002**

· – B. Dark, *DCRS*, **2003**

· [F]ancy a zig and zag after a few britney spears?! – *www.knowhere.co.uk*, 14th October **2008**

· Any chance of a Zig and Zag? – *CRS(co.uk)*, 4th September **2009**

2 a cigarette [AUSTRALIA]

Rhymes on *fag*. < Zig and Zag, an Australian comedy clown duo formed by Jack Perry (1917–?) and Doug McKenzie (ca 1917–2004); they enjoyed TV success in the children's show *Peter's Fun Fair*, broadcast on HSV from 1956 to 1969.

· I admit that I like to light up a zig and zag as the sun sets but as the sun didn't look like setting for sometime I reached for my packet of Pall Mall Red. [...] the tobacco in my zig and zag was matured in the sunlight which gave it "more taste"[.] – *denisevans.com*, blog, 21st August **2009**

Zippity

nickname

1 Polish footballer Ryszard 'Richie' Duda (b.1945), who played for the Chicago Sting in the North American Soccer League in the late 1970s

Pseudo-rhyming slang punning on the homophones *Duda* and *Doo-Dah*. < *zippity-doo-dah*, a common variant of *zip-a-dee-doo-dah*, a nonsense word taken from the lyrics of a song in the Walt Disney film *Song of the South* (1946).

· Now the Chicago Sting of the NASL has a Polish midfielder named Richie Duda, whose soccer prowess remains to be seen but whose nickname ranks right up there with Duliba's. He's called Zippity. – *Sports Illustrated*, New York, 3rd April **1978**

· One who had done well, for Poland, was a lively midfielder called Rikki Duda. A team called 'Chicago Sting'

signed him up. So impressive was he in his first game that by the time they left the dressing-room for the second-half all his new team mates were referring to him as ‘Zippity’. – *The Spectator*, London, 10th November **1990**

• But three new additions to the Handle Hall of Fame prove dressing-room wags are very much at work. Joining Choccy (McClair) and Juke Box (Durie), Tumble (Dreyer) and Zippity (Duda, Chicago Sting’s Pole who played alongside Dick Advocaat in ’78) are Snowy, Swinger and Ceefax. – *The Independent*, London, 5th March **1994**

2 Polish basketball player Jacek Duda (b.1963), who played for Providence Friars in the 1980s

• – C. Wielgus et al., *From A-Train to Yogi*, p.87, **1987**

• Only one player, a forward at Providence during the 1980s named Jacek Duda, had made a mark in the U.S., and that was because teammates called him “Zippity.” – A. Wolff, *Big Game*, p.35, **2002**

Zippy and Bungle; zippy

noun

a jungle [UK]

< Zippy and Bungle, two puppet characters in the ITV children’s series *Rainbow*, broadcast from 1972 to 1992.

▶ see BUNGLE AND ZIPPY

• I’m lost in da zippy. – *CRS(co.uk)*, 14th October **2003**

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• [O]n my trekking trip I got lost in the Zippy and Bungle! – *www.londonolympicsguide.net*, **2008**

Zola Budd; zola

noun

1 the vagina [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on the Scottish slang *fud*. < South African-born British athlete Zola Budd (b.1966), who came to national prominence during the 1984 Olympic Games. Only recorded in the full form.

• – C. Macafee, *Traditional Dialect*, p.160, **1994**

2 a potato [UK]

Rhymes on *spud*.

• [A] pound of Zolas[.] – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

• Right, we’ll have two Princess Di’s (16) and two Richard Todds (17) with Zolas (18) and Uncle Fred (19). – T. Davison, *Skipper vs Crew*, p.25, **2012**

zorba’d

adjective

very annoyed [UK: SCOTLAND]

A shortening of *zorba the greeked*, rhyming on *leaked* (itself a punning variation of *pissed* in the sense of ‘pissed off’), or a figurative variation of ZORBA THE GREEK ‘sick’, extended here to ‘sickened’. < *Zorba the Greek*, a 1964 American film directed by Michael Cacoyannis and based on a 1946 novel of the same name by Nikos Kazantzakis.

• I’m fuckin Zorba’d Bruce. One thousand, two hundred and thirteen paying customers. I gave that fuckin club twelve years of loyal service. – I. Welsh, *Filth*, p.207 [1999], **1998**

Zorba the Greek; zorba

noun

1 an act of urination [UK]

Rhymes on *leak*. < *Zorba the Greek*, a 1964 American film directed by Michael Cacoyannis, itself based on a 1946 novel of the same name by Nikos Kazantzakis

• [T]his is always known as a ‘Zorba’. – R. Puxley, *CR*, **1992**

• Must dash, I need a zorba. – *The Observer*, London, 29th November **1998**

• – T. Nind, *RRS*, **2003**

• I’m going for a zorba the greek. – *UD(.com)*, 30th December **2004**

• – R.A. Baker, *Many a True Word*, p.119, **2013**

2 vomit [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *seeck*, the Scots form of *sick*.

• Gally’s scrapped maist ay the zorba oaf ehs T-shirt n zipped ehs bomber jacket up at the front. – I. Welsh, *Glue*, p.270, **2001**

Zorba the Greek; zorba

adjective

sick [UK: SCOTLAND]

Rhymes on *seeck*, the Scots form of *sick*. < *Zorba the Greek*, a 1964 American film directed by Michael Cacoyannis, itself based on a 1946 novel of the same name by Nikos Kazantzakis.

• Ah start tae feel a bit Zorba the Greek, buses dae that tae ays sometimes. – I. Welsh, *Glue*, p.204, **2001**

• [T]he smell ay the distillery made us totally fuckin Zorba. – I. Welsh, *Skagboys*, p.536, **2012**

Zsa Zsa Gabor

noun

a whore [UK]

< Hungarian-born American actress Zsa Zsa Gabor (1917–2016).

• – R. Puxley, *BritSlang*, **2003**

Zulu Dawn

noun

an erection [UK]

Rhymes on *the horn*. < *Zulu Dawn*, a 1979 American film directed by Douglas Hickox and based on a book by Cy Endfield. Triggered by the notion of a morning erection.

• – G. Tibballs, *UCGGRS*, **2008**

• Traditional Zulu extract used to make sexual impotence drug [...] Brings a whole new meaning to “Zulu Dawn”.... You’ll need more than a loin cloth if your going out shopping or to the pub though. – *general.narkive.com*, 23rd December **2011**

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